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Orion's *Art of Japan* voyage – from Shinto shrine to Claude Monet

Orion Expedition Cruises has released details of an exclusive 8 night Orion II *Art of Japan* voyage featuring visits to some of the most culturally significant high points around the Inland Sea of Japan. The itinerary has been tailored especially for art lovers and those with a curiosity about Japanese art seeking to better understand and experience the breadth of art culture in Japan including some fine collections of Western art.

Developed in conjunction with the Art Gallery of NSW, this tour embraces ancient Shinto shrines, exquisite formal gardens, art complexes and museums, samurai culture, medieval castles and contemporary architecture. From the floating red shrine of Itsukushima to collections of Claude Monet, the formal gardens of Korakuen and the contemporary art of Tatsuo Miyajima, this *Art of Japan* voyage will be an unforgettable artistic revelation.

Join Jackie Menzies OAM, head curator of Asian art at the Art Gallery of New South Wales; Tony Bond OAM, Assistant Director at the Gallery and Anne Graham, Artist and Academic who has worked in Japan creating several permanent public art works. Onboard and ashore they will be joined by Dr Julian Droogan, a scholar of comparative religions, archaeology and material culture, for an Art Lecture Programme providing insight into Japan's proud ancient culture and its innovative embrace of the modern and contemporary.

Art of Japan - Voyage of Discovery

– 8 night voyage - Departure April 19, 2012

BUSAN , South Korea – Embark / SAKAI KO , Honshu Island / HAGI , Honshu Island / HIROSHIMA, Honshu Island & MIYAJIMA, Inland Sea / UNOKO , Honshu Island / NAOSHIMA, Honshu Island (overnight onboard) / TAKAMAT SU, Shikoku Island / **KOBE , Japan** – Disembark

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Fares from A\$6,365 (usually A\$7,490) per person, twin share for an ocean view Category B suite, subject to availability.

For reservations, or to obtain an Orion brochure featuring the *Art of Japan* and itineraries for 69 voyages to 17 countries and 174 destinations stretching from Antarctica to the Russian Far East, call Orion Expedition Cruises: 61-2 9033 8777 (Sydney callers) 1300 361 012 (regional and interstate) / 0800 444 462 (New Zealand) or see your travel agent. Email: info@orionexpeditions.com

Details of *Art of Japan* itinerary available at
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