EXAMINE KYOTO’S MAJESTIC TEMPLES and storied Nijo Castle in detail as part of a 2-night inland stay, one of the most popular destinations in the city. It’s a perfect journey for those who love Japan, and adventurous travelers who want to go further inland to explore the distinctive culture and history of Kyoto.

WHAT’S INCLUDED
• 2 hotel nights at Hilton Osaka or Kyoto Hotel Okura
• All transfer to and from the various included sites
• Admission fees to Kasuga Shrine, Todaiji Temple, Golden Pavilion, Nijo Castle, Kimono & Tea Tasting Experience
• Meals as indicated on day-by-day descriptions

DAY TO DAY – POST CRUISE

DAY 1 – Osaka
Disembark from your lovely ship and an English-speaking guide will be waiting to show you Osaka Castle, one of Japan’s most famous castles built in the late 1500s. This tour will be followed by Kasuga Shrine, which is Nara’s most celebrated shrine. After visiting Kasuga Shrine, you will enjoy Japanese cuisine at a local restaurant in Nara. Your next stop will be Todaiji Temple, one of Japan’s most famous and historically significant temples and a landmark of Nara. Finally, you will be driven to Intercontinental Osaka to check-in. Enjoy free time at your leisure for the rest of the day.
DAY 2 – Kyoto Half-Day Tour
Admire Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the Golden Pavilion, built in 1397. Positioned by a tranquil pond, the 3-story Chinese-influenced pavilion has the walls and eaves covered in shimmering gold leaf. Then continue to Nijo Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site adorned with wood carvings, artistically painted sliding doors and expansive tatami rooms. You will lunch at a local Kyoto restaurant before heading to a local machiya in Kyoto where, you can try on a kimono and attend a tea tasting ceremony. Learn the history of kimonos and then you will be transferred back to the hotel. Includes: breakfast and lunch.

DAY 3 – Transfers to the Osaka Airport
It’s the last day before returning home, so pack up your luggage, gather up your souvenirs and board a motor coach to the airport. It’s not too early to start planning your next trip back to this magical land. Includes: breakfast.