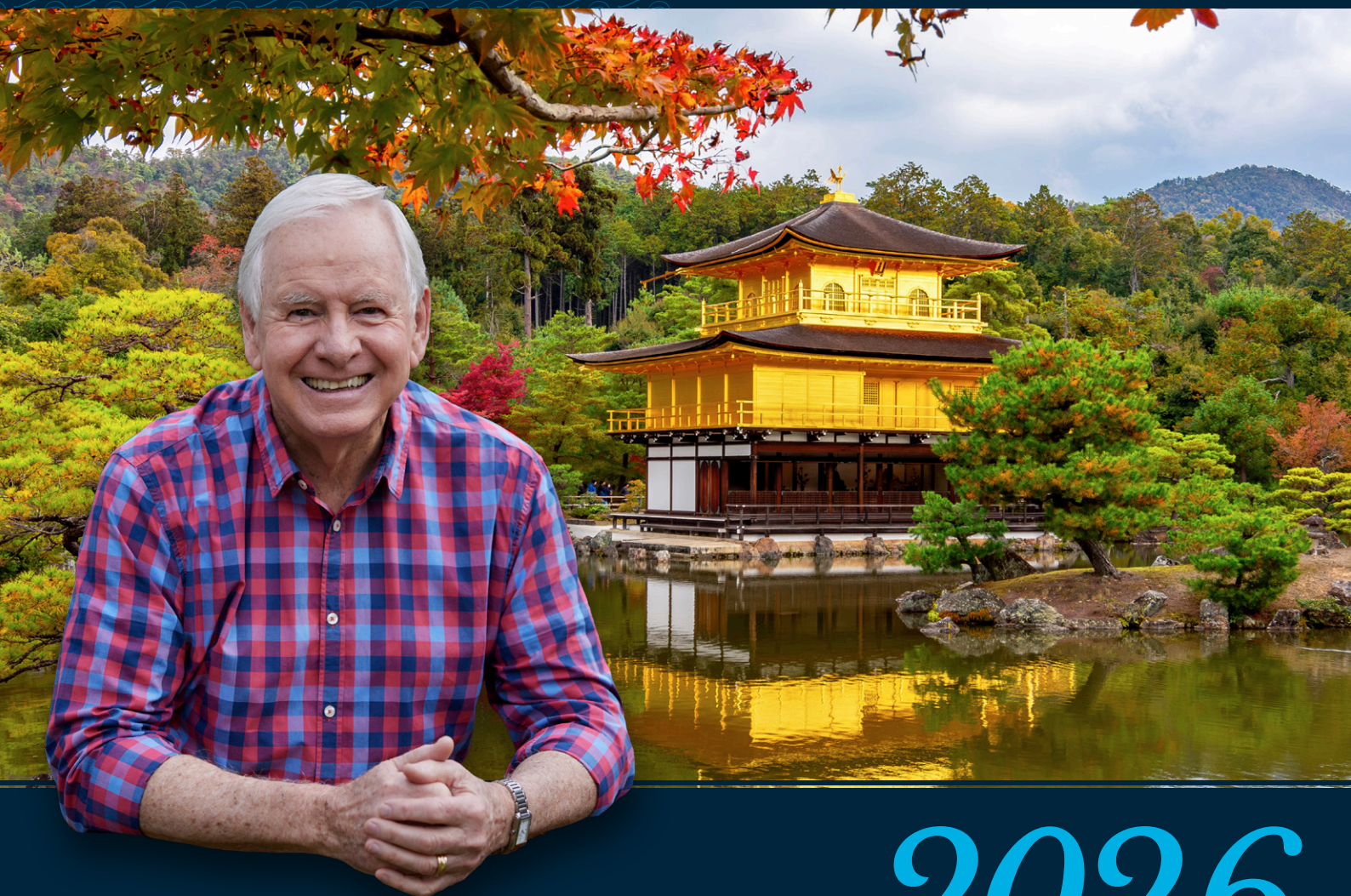


# JAPAN IN AUTUMN

ROSS TOURS  
*travel with friends*



8 - 22 NOVEMBER

2026

Autumn in Japan is full of richly coloured gardens and landscapes. We will take you to 'Master' gardens to appreciate exquisite design. Share ancient traditions on this journey; it's more than a holiday, it's the total Japanese experience.

*Colin Ross* AM



Traditional Japanese kimono



Shinjuku Gyoen Chrysanthemum Festival



Abundant autumn colours



## DAY 1 | SUN 8 NOV

**Arrive Tokyo**

Meet your Tour Leader Grahame Rowe at Sydney International Airport. Depart on our Qantas daytime flight to Tokyo. Transfer on arrival to the luxurious New Otani, featuring a beautiful 400 year old Japanese garden.

*New Otani Hotel, Tokyo*

## DAY 2 | MON 9 NOV

**Shinjuku Gyoen Chrysanthemum Festival**

This morning, visit the stunning chrysanthemum exhibition at **Shinjuku Gyoen**. Free afternoon to explore Tokyo or relax at the hotel. Welcome Dinner at our hotel tonight.

*New Otani Hotel, Tokyo*

## DAY 3 | TUE 10 NOV

**Rikugien Garden**

Visit **Rikugien Garden**, one of Japan's most famous strolling gardens to understand the elements of Japanese garden design. The forest of flaming maples along the river will set the scene. Return to our hotel with a free afternoon to relax or explore.

*New Otani Hotel, Tokyo*

## DAY 4 | WED 11 NOV

**Omiya Bonsai Museum**

Travel to the ancient imperial retreat at Nikko. Stop at **Omiya Bonsai Village**, home to the finest bonsai. Check-in to the historic Nikko Kanaya Hotel for two nights. Dinner tonight at our hotel.

*Kanaya Hotel, Nikko*

## DAY 5 | THU 12 NOV

**Nikko**

Visit the World Heritage listed **Toshogu Shrine** and **Rinnoji Temple** today. See cryptomerias, the red Shinkyo Sacred Bridge across the Daiya River and giant lanterns wrapped in mountain mist. Walk through the **Imperial Villa**. Dinner included tonight in our hotel.

*Kanaya Hotel, Nikko*

## DAY 6 | FRI 13 NOV

**Nikko to Kanazawa**

Travel by bullet train across the spine of Honshu from Nikko to Kanazawa. Visit **Nomura Samurai House**. Check-in to the Nikko Hotel for two nights.

*Nikko Hotel, Kanazawa*

## DAY 7 | SAT 14 NOV

**Kenrokuen Garden**

Graham Ross' all time favourite garden today, **Kenroku-en**, one of Japan's finest! Free afternoon to check out Kanazawa's famous Kutani ware porcelain.

*Nikko Hotel, Kanazawa*

## DAY 8 | SUN 15 NOV

**Shirakawago Village**

Travel deep into the mountains today to the UNESCO listed **Shirakawago Village**. Stay overnight in a traditional ryokan with bath house, so make time for an onsen (hot spring). Dinner included tonight.

*Tsujinoya Hananoshio*

## DAY 9 | MON 16 NOV

**Nijo Castle**

The delights of ancient Kyoto awaits. Depart for Kyoto by train. Visit Nijo Castle, famous for its fortress-like interior and ingenious escape routes of the **Tokugawa Shogun**. A unique dinner tonight where we meet a **Maiko Geisha** and enjoy a traditional shamisen performance.

*Hotel Okura, Kyoto*

## DAY 10 | TUE 17 NOV

**Hakusa Sonso Garden**

Visit the **Silver Pavilion** (1489) and **Hakusa Sonso** (1915) to enjoy the garden, villa and museum created by the painter Kansetsu Hashimoto. A tea ceremony will be performed by a Tea Master. A traditional Japanese lunch is included.

*Hotel Okura, Kyoto*

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## DAY 11 | WED 18 NOV

**Ryoanji Temple**

Admire the reflection in the lake at **Kinkakuji** (Golden Pavilion). Ryoanji Temple is our next stop, renowned throughout the world as Japan's finest example of a rock and sand garden. Dinner tonight is Shabu-shabu at a nearby restaurant.

*Hotel Okura, Kyoto*

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## DAY 12 | THU 19 NOV

**Nabana no Sato**

Travel to Nagoya by train. Visit **Nagoya Castle**, walk through the ornate rebuilt **Hommaru Palace** and see the castle's spectacular chrysanthemum exhibition. Afternoon visit to **Nabana no Sato**, a huge horticultural park with dahlia and tuberous begonias in a giant greenhouse. Stay until dark to experience the light show, voted Japan's best illumination display. Dinner included tonight.

*Marriott Hotel, Nagoya*

(B/D)

## DAY 13 | FRI 20 NOV

**Tokyo**

We'll take the Shinkansen to Tokyo passing Mt Fuji. Our local guide will take us on a city tour then we'll check back into the New Otani Hotel. Farewell dinner tonight in the original **Samurai House** at our hotel.

*New Otani Hotel, Tokyo*

(B/D)

## DAY 14 | SAT 21 NOV

**Tokyo to Home**

Morning at leisure either to stroll down the famous **Ginza**, visit Hibiya Park, go shopping or enjoy the many temples this city has to offer. Late check-out is included today. Evening transfer to Haneda Airport for our flight home.

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## DAY 15 | SUN 22 NOV

**Arrive Home**

Morning arrival home.

## Details

- ✓ Tour escorted by Grahame Rowe
- ✓ Air-conditioned motorcoach
- ✓ Deluxe accommodation - 13 nights
- ✓ Breakfast daily (B), 2 Lunches (L), and 8 Dinners (D)
- ✓ Entrance fees to all gardens & sightseeing including Shinjuku Gyoen, Rikugien Garden, Nezu Shrine, Omiya Bonsai Museum, Kanaya Samurai Museum, Toshogu Shrine, Rinnoji Temple, Shinkyo Sacred Bridge, Tamozawa Imperial Villa, Kenrokuen Garden, Nomura Family Samurai House, Shirakawago, Nijo Castle, Ryoanji Temple, Golden Pavillion, Heian Shrine, Hakusa Sonso, Silver Pavillion, Nagoya Castle, Nabana no Sato.

## Price

- ✓ Twin Share land only \$17,995 pp
- ✓ Single Supplement \$3,695
- ✓ All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 15 passengers.
- ✓ Refer to Ross Tours standard terms and conditions.

## Discounts

- ✓ Earlybird - Pay by 17/7/26 \$300
- ✓ Previous Traveller \$100
- ✓ Garden Clinic Member \$50

## Tour leader



Grahame Rowe

Grahame Rowe, a passionate horticulturist, garden enthusiast and self-confessed plant-nerd with 30 years in Australia's garden industry, trained at Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens. He is a designer and project manager for Better Homes and Gardens.



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