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PHILIPPINES TO JAPAN CULTURAL DISCOVERY SMALL SHIP CRUISE

Join Swan Hellenic on a remarkable cultural discovery cruise from the vibrant shores of Manila to the historic city of Hiroshima. This immersive small-ship voyage offers a rare opportunity to explore the rich cultural tapestry of the Philippines, the Taiwan Strait, and southern Japan. Sailing through lesser-travelled waters, you'll uncover a fascinating blend of ancient traditions, spiritual heritage, and stunning natural beauty across East and Southeast Asia -- all during the calm, temperate days of early summer. From the emerald islands of the Philippines to the serene temples of Kyushu, each stop reveals a distinct layer of regional identity. Discover the Spanish colonial charm of Vigan, the unique island beauty of the UNESCO-listed Hundred Islands, and the timeless way of life in the remote Batanes and Sabtang Islands, where the Ivatan people maintain centuries-old customs. In Japan, explore sacred Christian sites in Sakitsu, stroll through the vibrant cityscape of Kagoshima, and reflect on history in the poignant setting of Hiroshima. Perfect for culturally curious travelers seeking depth, authenticity, and comfort, this Philippines to Japan cruise blends remote island exploration with meaningful heritage experiences. Onboard Swan Hellenic's elegant expedition ship, you'll enjoy expert-led insights, refined service, and unforgettable moments in places rarely seen by mainstream tourism. Discover Asia's cultural crossroads in signature Swan Hellenic style -- immersive, enriching, and elegantly adventurous.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Manila (Philippines)

Manila, the teeming, sprawling metropolis of the Philippines, is a city bursting with creative and exciting energy, and a vibrant showcase of Filipino cuisine and arts. Intramuros, the historic Spanish walled city at its heart, is home to Fort Santiago and

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San Agustin Church, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Popular museums include the National Museum Complex with the abundant collections of art, anthropology and natural history.

Day 2 Quezon Island, Hundred Islands (Philippines)

Hundred Islands National Park in the Lingayen Gulf of the Philippines has 124 islands known for their unique mushroom shapes, formed from ancient seabeds influenced by shifting sea levels. Conservation efforts like giant clam replanting aim to protect the marine environment, once traversed by Spanish galleons. Governor's Island has a deck with a statue of St. Joseph and is the jump point for the 546m island-to-island zipline.

Day 3 Salomague Harbour (Vigan) (Philippines)

Day 4 Batanes Island (Philippines)

Day 4 Sabtang Island (Philippines)

Day 5 Day at sea (At Sea)

Day 6 Naha, Okinawa Island (Japan)

Day 7 Naha, Okinawa Island (Japan)

Day 8 Amami Oshima Island, Naze (Japan)

Day 9 Sakitsu (Japan)

Day 10 Kagoshima (Japan)

Kagoshima, on the southwest tip of Japan's Kyushu Island, is home to several glassmakers and potteries where artisans specialise in making Satsuma pottery and delicately cut Kiriko

glassware. This city is a mix of classic Japanese architecture, modern high-rises and a spattering of Art Deco buildings. Observation points around the city provide dramatic views of Mount Sakurajima, an active volcano on a nearby island that regularly smokes.

Day 11 Uwajima (Japan)

Uwajima, a bustling coastal city, is anchored by the elegant Uwajima Castle, one of twelve Edo-period survivors, with spectacular cityscapes for hikers ascending to its keep. The Tensha-en Garden is a tranquil space with bamboo groves, towering culms and seasonal blooms. In the nearby village of Uchiko, the Old Quarter's streets are lined with well-preserved wooden houses and merchant buildings, frozen in time from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Day 12 Hiroshima (Japan)

Hiroshima is a city of peace and resilience. The Hiroshima Peace Park and Museum, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, vividly portrays the aftermath of the atomic bombing. Designed by Kenz Tange and inaugurated in 1955, the museum serves as a global symbol of peace, featuring a solemn cenotaph bearing the victims' names and the Flame of Peace, lit in 1964. The Genbaku Dome stands as the sole original structure left at the blast site.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The 5 star elegant Scandi-design boutique ship offers you an intimate setting from which you will be fully immersed in all the sights and scenery of your voyage. Introducing SH Minerva Minerva has been designed to journey to off the beaten path destinations and remote polar regions in style and comfort. The ship incorporates a PC5 ice-strengthened hull combined with extra-large stabilisers to make your journey as smooth as possible. Sophisticated Elegance We know how important outdoor space is, so our spacious, relaxing public spaces provide wide open, unobstructed views throughout the ship. The destination will always be in view. Your Wellbeing The safety & happiness of the guests is paramount to the 120-strong crew on board as well as the passionate expedition team who'll be serving up thrilling shore excursions and lasting memories. Cabin Types The 76 cabins including 6 suites have all the amenities you will need to feel comfortable including dressing gowns, hairdryers, personal safes and minibars. The stylish cabins all have desks, a dressing area and comfy seating. En suite bathrooms all feature glass-enclosed rain showers. Wheelchair access Guests who use wheelchairs must bring their own, as we have only a small number of wheelchairs stored

onboard for emergencies. To ensure ease of movement on the ship, wheelchairs and mobility aids must be no wider than 65cm. All mobility or medical equipment brought on board must be capable of being carried safely and must be declared before sailing. To ensure that all guests can safely evacuate during an emergency, guests requiring a wheelchair can only be accommodated in our ADA-accessible cabins. There is an Oceanview stateroom on Vega which is specifically designed to be completely ADA compliant and have a fully operable wheelchair-access wet unit. Vega has two lifts, serving every passenger deck apart from the Stargazing top deck, which is, therefore, more difficult to access, as are the Aft Marina and Swan's Nest forward observation platform. Also, we don't have special equipment to access the swimming pool, jacuzzi, or sauna. Otherwise, the ship is entirely at your disposal. Many of the expeditions ashore in remote places are by Zodiac. Boarding these boats and returning aboard can present challenges for wheelchair users, as can navigating uneven terrain. These challenges are by no means always insurmountable, though, and our highly experienced crew is trained to provide reliable advice and assistance. They will make every effort to ensure wheelchair-using guests enjoy a memorable experience at each destination. Our general guidance, however, is to recommend wheelchair users travel with a companion for their ease and enjoyment. If you prefer to remain aboard, our panoramic interiors and ample open decks ensure an immersive, intimate experience of your inspiring

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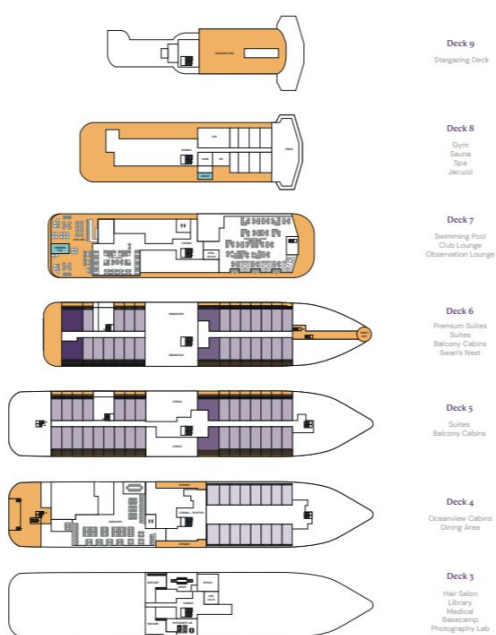
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Balcony D5



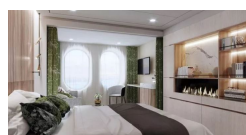
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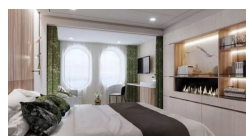
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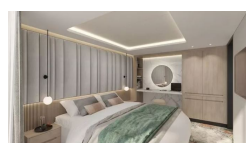
Oceanview D4



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Balcony D6	£10725 GBP pp
Balcony M5	£10289 GBP pp
Premium Suite	£17889 GBP pp
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