

# AUTUMN 2019 JAPAN INTERNATIONAL BONSAI EXPLORATION

Visit the  
Finest Private Bonsai  
Collections & Japanese Gardens

With Wm. N. Valavanis & Kora Dalager

NOVEMBER 17-24, 2019  
Optional Extension to Tokoname



Dear Friends,

During the past 49 years I have made over 50 trips to Japan and the Orient to view and study bonsai, gardens and other Oriental culture. This autumn Kora Dalager, an experienced travel agent and bonsai teacher will join me in leading a special value-priced tour to attend the Grand-View Bonsai Exhibition, Omiya Bonsai Village and Bonsai Museum and visit the finest private bonsai collections Japan has to offer. Japanese gardens featuring brilliant autumn color will be visited in Kyoto. **This year we will visit the bonsai at an ancient temple with outstanding bonsai collection.** A special optional tour extension to the city of Tokoname is also offered if you would like to see how containers are made and purchase for your bonsai. Ask about a personalized tour extension. If you have ever thought about traveling to Japan to see bonsai and to enjoy Japanese hospitality, here is "the" opportunity to do so in a small limited group. I look forward to exploring Japan with you . . . .

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## BONSAI TRAVEL

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# TENTATIVE AUTUMN 2019 JAPAN INTERNATIONAL BONSAI EXPLORATION

## **Sunday, November 17, 2019** **U.S.A./Tokyo**

Leave your home city for your flight for your adventure in Japan. You are about to enter a totally foreign culture with traditions thousands of years old. You will cross the International Date line and arrive in Tokyo on the next day.

## **Monday, November 18, 2019** **Tokyo**

After immigration and customs clearance you will be assisted to your hotel for two nights.

## **Tuesday, November 19, 2019** **Tokyo/Omiya/Hanyu/Tokyo**

Today we will first travel to the private bonsai garden of Masahiko Kimura by private motorcoach. New innovative bonsai as well as classical masterpieces can be seen in his garden. Afterwards you will explore Omiya Bonsai Village including the newly opened Omiya Bonsai Art Museum featuring bonsai from the famous Takagi Bonsai Collection as well as antique containers and wood block prints. Some of the finest bonsai in the world are created and maintained in Omiya Bonsai Village and you will visit the bonsai gardens of Kato, Takeyama, Yamada and Murata. Our final stop for the day is in Hanyu to visit S-Cube Bonsai Garden Uchiku-Tei of Seiji Morimae. His garden has thousands of bonsai for sale as well as containers, antiques and bonsai tables for sale.

## **Wednesday, November 20, 2019** **Tokyo/Kyoto**

This morning we will enjoy a private visit to Shunkaen Bonsai Museum of bonsai artist, Kunio Kobayashi. His museum features some of the finest bonsai in the world displayed in traditional Japanese alcoves of many different styles. Several of the top award winning bonsai can be enjoyed as well as an extensive antique container collection. Bonsai tables, suiseki, books and containers are available for sale. In the afternoon we will take the bullet train crossing Japan with views of Mt. Fuji, bamboo forests and tea plantations. Upon arrival in Kyoto we will be transferred to your hotel for four nights. Remainder of the day at your leisure to explore Kyoto.

## **Thursday, November 21, 2019** **Kyoto**

Today we have a full day of sightseeing in this serene and historical city including visits to many Japanese gardens: The Ryoanji Temple, noted for its quiet rock garden, the Golden Pavilion with a large pond and exquisite stroll garden up a hill and Daisen-in Temple with rock arrangements. Each of these sites played an important role in the history of this island nation as part of the ancient capitol of Kyoto. A complete list of specific gardens will be forthcoming.

## **Friday, November 22, 2019** **Kyoto/Taikan Ten Exhibition**

Today you will attend the opening ceremony of the Japan Taikan Ten Bonsai Exhibition, the largest bonsai show in Japan. This show features award winning bonsai, viewing stones and accessory plants of all sizes and species. Many of the displays feature the use of scrolls which is not often seen in Japanese shows. The extensive bazaar has bonsai, stands, tools, containers, viewing stones, scrolls and accessories from throughout Japan for sale in all price ranges. Rest of the day at your leisure to explore Kyoto on your own.

## **Saturday, November 23, 2019** **Kyoto**

This a free day to explore Kyoto, gardens, temples, shrines or other interesting historical areas on your own. Often there is a private suiseki exhibition in an old scenic temple. You may return to the Taikan Ten Bonsai Exhibition to continue your study or shopping.

## **Sunday, November 24, 2019** **Kyoto/U.S.A**

This morning at your leisure in the afternoon you will be transferred to Osaka for your flight home. As you cross the International Date Line you will arrive home on the same calendar day.

### OPTIONAL TOKONAME EXTENSION

## **Sunday, November 24, 2019** **Kyoto/Nagoya/Okazaki/Tokoname**

This morning we will take the bullet train to Nagoya then take a private bus to visit the Shinpukuji temple to see their beautiful bonsai collection and have lunch in the temple compound. A delicious unusual luncheon of food made from bamboo is a special treat. After the visit we will be transferred to the nearby hotel.

## **Monday, November 25, 2019** **Tokoname**

This morning we will visit Tokoname, one of the ancient kilns in Japan. The finest bonsai containers are made in Tokoname where you will have the opportunity to see artists hand make bonsai containers and purchase containers. The top kilns in Tokoname will be visited. Afterwards you will stay in a nearby hotel for the evening.

## **Tuesday, November 26, 2019** **Nagoya/U.S.A.**

This morning at your leisure. In the afternoon you will be transferred to Nagoya for your flight home. As you cross the International Date Line you will arrive home on the same calendar day.

## INSURANCE

Comprehensive travel insurance, to protect you for cancellations due to medical reasons for you, members of your family or traveling companion, staying in the same room. Coverage for medical, baggage, baggage delay, travel accident, vacation delay and medical transportation is available and highly recommended please ask for quote. It is strongly recommended that you purchase this protection at the time of initial reservation payment. A pre-existing condition exclusion applies. If insurance is purchased within seven days of initial deposit, the pre-existing exclusion is waived. Insurance also protects you in the case of Default of Operator. If you purchase insurance and your traveling companion cancels, insurance will cover the cost for the single supplement. Each passenger must purchase his own policy in order to be covered. A complete Certificate of Insurance will be provided to you. It is your responsibility to understand the conditions of the insurance. If you have any questions needing clarification, please contact Trip Mate Travel Agency at 1-800-888-7292. Please contact Kora Dalager for other insurance options.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Bonsai Travel acts only as agent for the owners of contractors providing transportation or other services. All tickets are issued subject to any terms and condition under which these means of transportation or other services are provided. The issuance and acceptance of your tickets will be deemed to be the consent to the further condition that neither Bonsai Travel or its hosts will be liable or held responsible in any way in connection with transportation or other services or any loss however caused. The tickets and/or contracts in the use by the airlines, owners or contractor providing transportation or other services shall constitute the sole contract between themselves and the tour member. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour and/or make alterations in the itinerary, if found necessary, and to decline to accept any person as a member at any time. Host is based on minimum participation. Invoices are subject to corrections for error or adjustment for changes. Bonsai Travel is unable to provide a refund for any unused portion of the package. Package price is only guaranteed when paid in full, however, may be subject to change based on currency fluctuations or tax increases which are beyond Bonsai Travel's control.

## TOUR COSTS

### LAND ARRANGEMENTS

<b>Double Occupancy (Per Person)</b>	<b>\$3,375</b>
<b>Single Occupancy Supplement</b>	<b>\$750</b>
<b>Optional Tokoname Extension Taxi &amp; Accommodations</b>	<b>\$525</b>

### Land Arrangements Include:

- Hotel Accommodations
- Round Trip Transfers- Airport To Hotel
- Bullet train & Private Motorcoach Transportation
- Admission to Exhibition & Gardens ■ Taxes
- Porterage For One Piece Of Luggage

### Not Included:

- Airfare
- Gratuities & Items Not Specifically Described, Personal Items

### AIRFARE

*Since airfares fluctuate daily, ask for rate from your hometown  
All prices subject to change due to currency exchange*

- Minimum participation necessary.
- Prices listed are for 10 people. There is a surcharge if less than 10 people participate
- Contact Kora Dalager for questions at:  
(510) 610-9064 or kora@astound.net

### Ask About Extending Your Tour!

### CANCELLATION CHARGES

#### Assessed as follows:

Prior to August 1, 2019	Full Refund
After August 1, 2019	\$200 Penalty
September 1 to departure	NO REFUND

Fees assessed represent penalties charged by Bonsai Travel, hotels, tour companies and ground operators and under no circumstances can they be waived or reduced.

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Yes, please register the following for the **Autumn 2019 Japan International Bonsai Exploration:**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (EVENING) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit (payable to Bonsai Travel)	\$300	\$ _____
<b>Land Arrangements</b> (double occupancy)	<b>\$3,375</b>	\$ _____
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	<b>\$750</b>	\$ _____
<b>OPTIONAL TOKONAME EXTENSION</b>	<b>\$525</b>	\$ _____

**Airfare-** Ask about departure cost from your home city as rates change daily

Ask about quote on Insurance Premium if desired

**Final payments due by September 1, 2019** (Your balance will be billed later)

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate who you are traveling with if not included above: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) have read, understand and agree to the conditions as set forth in this flyer, especially those paragraphs relating to payments, cancellations, refunds, cancellations/default of operator insurance and responsibilities of Bonsai Travel Insurance.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed form and deposit to: **Kora Dalager ■ Tel: (510) 610-9064**

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