

# SHOHIN BONSAI 2020 JAPAN INTERNATIONAL BONSAI EXPLORATION

Visit The Best  
Shohin Bonsai  
Exhibition  
Collections &  
Japanese Gardens

With  
Wm. N. Valavanis  
& Kora Dalager



**JANUARY 5-13, 2020**  
**Optional Extension to Tokoname**



*Dear Friends,*

During the past 50 years I have made well over 50 trips to Japan and the Orient to view and study bonsai, gardens and other Oriental culture. This winter Kora Dalager, an experienced travel agent and bonsai teacher will join me in leading a special value-priced tour to attend the **Gafu Ten Bonsai Exhibition, Meifu Ten Bonsai Exhibition** in addition to Omiya Bonsai Village and Bonsai Museum. We will also visit Taisho-en Bonsai Garden featuring shohin bonsai and some of the finest private bonsai collections Japan has to offer. 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 . . . .

*William N. Valavanis*

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## **BONSAI TRAVEL**

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# TENTATIVE SHOHIN BONSAI 2020 JAPAN INTERNATIONAL BONSAI EXPLORATION

## **Sunday, January 5, 2020** **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, January 6, 2020** **Tokyo**

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

## **Tuesday, January 7, 2020** **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, January 8, 2020** **Tokyo/Shizuoka/Kyoto**

This morning we will enjoy a private visit to Shunka-en 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. We will make a stop at Taisho-en Bonsai Garden of Mr. Urushibata featuring shohin bonsai. Upon arrival in Kyoto we will be transferred to your hotel.

## **Thursday, January 9, 2020** **Kyoto**

Today we have a full day of sightseeing in this serene and historical city including visits to several Japanese gardens. For this special Winter 2020 tour we will be visiting gardens not normally seen in our Autumn Tours. Additionally we will visit Arashiyama, a district on the western outskirts of Kyoto featuring a bamboo forest, monkey mountain and historic temples and gardens. Tenryu-ji, one of the oldest Zen Buddhist temples was founded in 1339 will be explored.

## **Friday, January 10, 2020** **Kyoto/Gafu Ten Exhibition**

Today you will attend the opening ceremony of the Gafu Ten Bonsai Exhibition, the largest and most prestigious bonsai show featuring shohin and small size bonsai. Only the finest quality small bonsai are displayed along with an extensive bonsai container contest. 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, January 11, 2020** **Kyoto/Gafu Ten Exhibition**

Today you may return to the Gafu Ten Bonsai Exhibition to continue your study or bonsai shopping. This a free day to explore Kyoto, gardens, temples, shrines or other interesting historical areas on your own.

## **Sunday, January 12, 2020** **Kyoto/Nagoya/ Meifu Ten Exhibition/Tokoname**

This morning we will take the bullet train to Nagoya to visit the Meifu Ten Bonsai Exhibition, one of the oldest and finest bonsai exhibition in Japan. Many masterpiece bonsai created in the region will be displayed. Following your exhibition visit you will be transferred to your hotel in Tokoname.

## **Monday, January 13, 2020** **Tokoname/ 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.

### OPTIONAL TOKONAME EXTENSION

## **Monday, January 13, 2020** **Tokoname**

Today 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. Several of the top kilns featuring the best ceramic artists in Tokoname will be visited.

## **Tuesday, January 14, 2020** **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>\$2,950</b>
<b>Single Occupancy Supplement</b>	<b>\$550</b>
<b>Optional Tokoname Extension</b>	<b>\$175</b>

Taxi & Accommodations

### 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 November 1, 2019	Full Refund
After November 1, 2019	\$200 Penalty
December 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 **Shohin Bonsai 2020 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>\$2,950</b>	\$ _____
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	<b>\$550</b>	\$ _____
<b>OPTIONAL TOKONAME EXTENSION</b>	<b>\$175</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 December 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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