

# JAPAN ASPAC BONSAI TOUR

Attend the Asia Pacific Bonsai Convention  
Explore: Takamatsu, Niihama, Omiya, Tokyo, Kyoto

With Wm. N. Valavanis & Kora Dalager

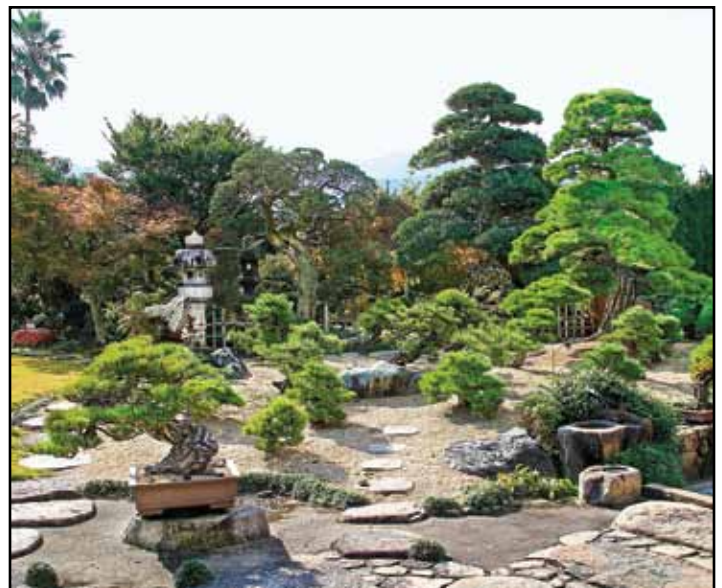
NOVEMBER 15-28, 2011

*Dear Friends,*

During the past 40 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 Asia Pacific Bonsai Convention 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 is the first time the ASPAC will be held in Japan and the bonsai growers in the Takamatsu area have prepared an exciting program. 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. Early registration is recommended to avoid disappointment. I look forward to exploring Japan with you . . . .

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# TENTATIVE JAPAN ASPAC BONSAI TOUR ITINERARY

## **Tuesday, November 15, 2011** **U.S.A./Osaka**

Leave your home city for flight connection to Chicago or San Francisco 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 at the Kansai Airport in Osaka on the next day.

## **Wednesday, November 16, 2011** **Osaka**

After immigration and customs clearance you will be assisted to your Kansai Airport Hotel for one night.

## **Thursday, November 17, 2011** **Osaka/Takamatsu**

This morning we will cross the scenic Inland Sea by motor coach as we travel to Takamatsu. We will enjoy spectacular views of small islands, several bridges and pine trees hanging off island cliffs, the inspiration for bonsai. Upon arrival in Takamatsu we will check into the hotel for the next five nights. Remainder of the day is free to explore the City of Takamatsu with several covered shopping areas.

## **Friday, November 18, 2011** **Takamatsu- ASPAC Convention**

This morning the opening ceremony for the Asia Pacific Bonsai Convention will begin the four day event. Convention registrants will enjoy lunch, stimulating demonstrations and a welcoming reception. Please see the attached ASPAC flyer for details on the convention. Registration is not included in the land arrangement cost, but may be paid at the same time for your convenience.

## **Saturday, November 19, 2011** **Takamatsu- ASPAC Convention**

The ASPAC Convention includes morning and afternoon demonstrations, lunch and excursions to the bonsai production areas nearby. Throughout the duration of the convention you can visit the two bonsai exhibitions in Tamano Park, adjacent to your hotel and at Ritsurin Garden, a beautiful classic stroll garden with tea ceremony house. A sales area is also near your hotel in the Multipurpose Plaza. In the evening you will enjoy a special illumination of Ritsurin Garden.

## **Sunday, November 20, 2011** **Takamatsu- ASPAC Convention**

The ASPAC continues today with demonstrations, optional bonsai and ikebana workshops, bonsai and suiseki lectures. Tours to several of the bonsai production areas and the two bonsai exhibitions are included. In the evening a exciting bonsai auction will be held. Optional cultural sightseeing tours are also available.

## **Monday, November 21, 2011** **Takamatsu- ASPAC Convention**

Today you will enjoy a special treat, a visit to Takasago-an Bonsai Garden in Niihama City. This is the personal garden of Daizo Iwasaki which is the largest and finest bonsai collection in Japan. Additionally, there is a spectacular stroll garden featuring superb garden trees, flower gardens, large koi pond and traditional tea ceremony house. Many of the finest bonsai in Japan can be enjoyed and studied as well as Mr. Iwasaki's growing area featuring thousands of bonsai. Although pine bonsai are featured, many species in all styles can be appreciated. A farewell party will conclude the 10th ASPAC in the evening.

## **Tuesday, November 22, 2011** **Takamatsu/Tokyo**

This morning we will take an early morning bullet train crossing Japan with views of Mt. Fuji, bamboo forests and tea plantations. Upon arrival we will have an afternoon 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 pine and satsuki azalea bonsai can be enjoyed as well as an extensive antique Japanese and Chinese container collection. Bonsai tables, suiseki, books and containers are available for sale. After your visit you will be transferred to your Tokyo hotel for two nights. Remainder of the day at your leisure to explore Tokyo.

## **Wednesday, November 23, 2011** **Tokyo/Hanyu/Omiya/Tokyo**

Travel to Hanyu by private motorcoach to first visit the 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. Next we will travel to the private bonsai garden of Masahiko Kimura. New innovative bonsai designs as well as classical masterpieces can be seen in his garden featuring many bonsai with dead wood. 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. Remainder of the day at your leisure to explore the exciting City of Tokyo.



**Thursday, November 24, 2011**  
**Tokyo/Kyoto**

This morning we will take the bullet train and cross Japan again with view of Mt. Fuji as we travel to the Kyoto. Today we have an afternoon 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. We will then be transferred to our hotel in Kyoto for four nights. Remainder of the evening at your leisure.

**Friday, November 25, 2011**  
**Kyoto**

Today you will attend the opening ceremony of the Japan Grand-View Bonsai Exhibition (Nippon Bonsai Taikan-Ten), 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 26, 2011**  
**Kyoto**

This a free day to explore Kyoto, gardens, temples, shrines or other interesting historical areas on your own. You may return to the Taikan Ten Bonsai Exhibition to continue your study or shopping. The Choseki-kai Suiseki Exhibition will be held at a 800 year old temple with exquisite stones. and can also be visited. This special exhibit is arranged by Seiji Morimae and is unique.

**Sunday, November 27, 2011**  
**Kyoto**

Today you at your leisure to explore the exotic city of Kyoto, Japanese gardens or return back to the Grand View Bonsai Exhibition.

**Monday, November 28, 2011**  
**Kyoto/U.S.A.**

This morning at your leisure to explore Kyoto on your own or make a brief visit to the exhibition. 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.

**TOUR COSTS**

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS**

**Option 1** (Entire Tour- ASPAC, Tokyo, Kyoto) (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) **\$4,850**  
(SINGLE OCCUPANCY) **\$800**

**Option 2** (ASPAC & Tokyo) (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) **\$2,850**  
(SINGLE OCCUPANCY) **\$520**

**Option 3** (Tokyo & Kyoto) (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) **\$2,850**  
(SINGLE OCCUPANCY) **\$620**

*Land Arrangements Include:*

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

*Not Included:*

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

**ASPAC REGISTRATION**

- Before March 31, 2011 ¥32,000 (Approx. \$380)
- After April 1, 2011 ¥36,000 (Approx. \$430)
- Registration will be collected and forward to ASPAC

**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 15 people. There is a surcharge if less than 15 people participate
- Contact Kora Dalager for questions at:  
(510) 610-9064 or kora@ca.astound.net

**Ask About Extending Your Tour!**

**RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!**

*Space is limited for this special tour*

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

Cash and checks are accepted for land arrangement payment.  
Credit card payment preferred for airfare portion and  
trip cancellation insurance.



**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.

**CA Sellers Of Travel: CST: 2081121-40**

**CANCELLATION CHARGES**

Assessed as follows:

Prior to September 1, 2011  
September 1 to departure

Full Refund  
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.

**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.



Yes, please register the following for the **Japan ASPAC Bonsai Tour:**

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

	Deposit (payable to Bonsai Travel)	\$300	\$ _____
<b>Option 1 (Entire Tour- ASPAC, Tokyo, Kyoto)</b>	(DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)	<b>\$4,850</b>	\$ _____
	(SINGLE OCCUPANCY)	<b>\$800</b>	\$ _____
<b>Option 2 (ASPAC &amp; Tokyo)</b>	(DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)	<b>\$2,850</b>	\$ _____
	(SINGLE OCCUPANCY)	<b>\$520</b>	\$ _____
<b>Option 3 (Tokyo &amp; Kyoto)</b>	(DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)	<b>\$2,850</b>	\$ _____
	(SINGLE OCCUPANCY)	<b>\$620</b>	\$ _____

**ASPAC Registration** (Before March 31, 2011) (Approx. \$380) **\$380** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ASPAC Registration** (After April 1, 2011) (Approx. \$430) **\$430** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**AIRFARE**— Ask about departure cost from your city as fares change daily.

Ask for quote on Insurance Premium if desired

**Final payments due by September 1, 2011** (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 ■ Fax: (925) 459-2661**  
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