

American Celebration of Music in

# Japan

*An exclusive concert series for performing ensembles*



Music Celebrations International  
*Concert Tours With Integrity*



# An Exclusive Concert Series

Municipal and cultural leaders in Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, and Hiroshima have invited Music Celebrations International to bring exceptional American bands, choirs, and orchestras to perform in some of Japan's most prestigious concert venues. This collaboration has led to the creation of the American Celebration of Music in Japan Concert Series — a performance tour that blends musical excellence with meaningful and insightful cultural discovery.

Japan is a land of striking contrasts — where ancient tradition harmonizes with bold modernity. From the serene shrines of Kyoto to the vibrant streets of Osaka, and from the peaceful torii gate of Miyajima Island to the poignant memorials of Hiroshima, every destination offers a chance to connect with Japan's deep history and dynamic present.

Your ensemble may perform in a state-of-the-art concert hall in Tokyo, a historic cultural site in Kyoto, a civic or church venue of cultural importance, or take part in a memorable musical exchange with local Japanese musicians. Audiences in Japan are known for their deep appreciation of the arts and warm reception of visiting performers — especially those sharing the power of live music.

Beyond the stage, the journey is unforgettable. Marvel at the majesty of Mt. Fuji, stroll through centuries-old gardens and temples, ride the famous Shinkansen (bullet train), and savor authentic Japanese cuisine — from sushi in Tokyo to street food in Osaka. Whether reflecting at Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park or taking in the iconic floating gate of Itsukushima Shrine, each experience brings Japan's spirit to life.

Music Celebrations International, in partnership with official Japanese municipal and cultural organizations, invites you to be part of this extraordinary musical and cultural experience. Share your music in a land where tradition and innovation coexist in perfect harmony — discover Japan.

*"Life-changing" is the expression our students are using to describe this trip. The energy of full houses and enthusiastic crowds in every venue, the enriching cultural learning experiences unique to each city, the jaw-dropping beauty everywhere we looked - two weeks full of one incredible moment after another. Not one of us returned unchanged. We see with new eyes, hear with new ears, love with new hearts. Thank you, MCI!*

Dr. Michael Moore  
Bob Jones University Symphony  
Orchestra





# The MCI Difference

Music Celebrations International (MCI) provides customized tours (stateside & abroad), festivals, collaborations, world-class clinicians, premier venues, and so many exciting possibilities to explore for your ensemble!

Partnering with MCI will provide you and your ensemble with:

- 30+ years of experience
- The best trained and most knowledgeable staff in the industry who have produced over 500 concert tours to Austria and over 1,600 concerts
- Dedicated Concert Managers who coordinate all the venues and promotion so you can focus on the music!
- Offices and personnel in Zurich, Prague, and Vienna
- Staff comprised of musicians, music educators, and travel industry experts
- FREE Director Preview Tours so you can experience Austria before you travel

*"We had a GREAT tour. I thought MCI was brilliant, from start to finish. The focus on music history was loved by the students, and I can't begin to tell you how many of them talked with me about how our visits to the various sites brought their understanding and appreciation of music history to a different place.*

Steve Zielke, Choir Director  
Oregon State University

*"I have had the pleasure of using MCI for a number of music performance trips with my jazz ensemble, and would not even think of using any other company. The folks at MCI have been amazingly professional at all times. You cannot go wrong with this company, first class all the way."*

JB Scott  
UNF Jazz Ensemble



# Sample Itinerary

8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS

## DAY ONE - DEPART FROM HOME

Depart via scheduled airline service to Tokyo, Japan. Your transpacific flight will include meal service and in-flight entertainment.



## DAY TWO - TOKYO

Afternoon arrival to one of Tokyo's international airports (Haneda or Narita). Meet your MCI full-time Tour Manager, who will remain with you for the entire duration of your time in Japan. Board your awaiting privately chartered motorcoach. Enjoy a short orientation tour of Tokyo. Visit the World Trade Center's Observation Deck for sweeping views of Tokyo Tower and the city skyline. Late afternoon hotel check-in with free-time to relax and freshen up. Dinner included and overnight in Tokyo.

## DAY THREE - TOKYO

Breakfast included at the hotel. Morning tour of Tokyo's highlights. Lunch, on own. Afternoon sightseeing and free-time for shopping. Enjoy the remainder of your afternoon and evening free at leisure. Dinner included. Return to the Tokyo hotel for overnight.

## DAY FOUR - TOKYO

Breakfast included at the hotel. Enjoy some free time at leisure. Lunch, on own. Visit Asakusa, home to Tokyo's oldest temple—Senso-ji. Also visit Nakamise-dori, the lively shopping street leading to the temple. Dinner included. *Concert or Clinic as part of the American Celebration of Music Concert Series in Japan.* Return to the Tokyo hotel for overnight.

## DAY FIVE - MT. FUJI / KYOTO

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out. Travel to Kyoto via a visit to the stunning Mt. Fuji. If time permits, enjoy a visit to nearby Lake Kawaguchi, known for its scenic beauty and reflection views of Mt. Fuji. Lunch, on own. Continue to Kyoto with evening hotel check-in with free-time to relax and freshen up. Evening dinner included. Return to the Kyoto hotel for overnight.

## DAY SIX - KYOTO

Breakfast included at the hotel. Enjoy an orientation walking tour of Kyoto, beginning with a visit to the Gion area. Lunch, on own. Attend a Miko performance. Dinner included. *Shared/exchange concert with a local ensemble as part of the American Celebration of Music Concert Series in Japan.* Enjoy the remainder of your evening free at leisure. Return to the Kyoto hotel for overnight.



## DAY SEVEN - HIROSHIMA / MIYAJIMA ISLAND

Breakfast included at the hotel. Excursion to Hiroshima via the bullet train and Miyajima Island via ferry. Reflect on a pivotal moment in world history with a visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Visit the famous Okonomi Village for lunch, on own. Enjoy a scenic ferry ride to Miyajima Island, one of Japan's most celebrated sites and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Late afternoon or evening return to Kyoto with the remainder of

your evening free at leisure with dinner included. Return to the Kyoto hotel for overnight.

## DAY EIGHT - KYOTO / NARA

Breakfast included at the hotel. Excursion to Nara – Japan's first permanent capital and explore its rich cultural heritage. Lunch, on own. Afternoon return to Kyoto. *Concert as part of the American Celebration of Music Concert Series in Japan.* Dinner included. Return to the Kyoto hotel for overnight.



## DAY NINE - KYOTO / OSAKA

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out. Morning transfer to Osaka. Enjoy an orientation tour of Osaka through some of its most vibrant neighborhoods. Lunch, on own. Enjoy some free-time with afternoon hotel check-in. Farewell dinner included. Return to the Osaka hotel for overnight.

## DAY TEN - OSAKA / RETURN HOME

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out. Time permitting, enjoy additional free-time in Osaka or a morning visit to the historic Osaka Castle. Transfer to the Kansai International Airport for your return flight home.

Scan to view the full sample itinerary



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