

Japan Tours: Gardens, Arts, and Traditions
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APLDWA members are invited to form a small group of up to 12 fellow travelers for a journey to Japan. This tour will be custom tailored to your interests. We'll spend a week in Kyoto, Japan's historic center of art and culture and travel afterwards to one other area of interest on Honshu, Japan's main island. It will include intimate visits to gardens in a variety of historic styles from Pond gardens, Karesansui (Zen gardens), Tea gardens, Daimyo Stroll gardens and the Contemporary prototype. You will learn about the evolution, principles, elements, and techniques of Japanese garden design. There will be an opportunity to meet Japanese landscape designers, visit stone yards and a bamboo warehouse. There will be time to explore a picturesque mountain village, lovely neighborhood back streets, and traditional shops of ceramics, paper, textiles and more. Delicious and imaginative Japanese cuisine will be enjoyed by all.

Escorts, Marilyn and Kazuo Tsuchiya have led six tours to Japan since 2006. Marilyn is a docent at the Japanese Garden in Seattle's Arboretum and a Kirkland based gardener with extensive knowledge of Japanese gardens, culture, and history. Escort, Kazuo Tsuchiya is a native of Japan and fluent in it language. Marilyn and Kazuo will meet with the group once it has formed to talk about our specific interests and the many options available to us.

This proposed 12-day tour will be in the autumn of 2015. For a preliminary itinerary and more information, please contact Marilyn at marilyntsuchiya@comcast.net.

