Ancient Traditions of the Inland Sea of Japan
Kyoto • Hiroshima • Miyajima • Matsue • Himeji • Osaka
including Gyeongju, South Korea

Aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship Five-Star Le Soléal
Accompanied by Joe Lurie, Executive Director Emeritus of UC Berkeley’s International House
May 19 to 30, 2020
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Lecturer Biography

Joe Lurie is Executive Director Emeritus of UC Berkeley’s International House, where he served for two decades. He has over four decades of intercultural teaching and training experience focused on Western and non-Western cultural contrasts at UC Berkeley, the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning, Road Scholar, the Fromm Institute at USF, the World Affairs Council, the Commonwealth Club of California and with various international organizations and businesses in the United States and abroad. A former director of semester and summer programs abroad for the School for International Training in France, Kenya and Ghana, Joe lived in Europe for four years and has traveled widely in Asia, including Japan and China as well as French Polynesia. Formerly Vice President for AFS Intercultural Programs in the United States, Joe holds an advanced degree and diploma in African Studies from the University of Wisconsin at Madison where he was recipient of an NDFL Fellowship in African Languages. His writings have appeared in Harper’s Magazine, US News and World Report and profiled on NPR. He was featured in a national PBS documentary about International House and is author of the award-winning "Perception and Deception – A Mind-Opening Journey Across Cultures" (perceptionandeception.com).

Cal lecturer’s participation cannot be guaranteed and is contingent on a minimum number of travelers.

Tour Highlights:
• Three nights in Kyoto, Japan’s spiritual and cultural capital, with visits to the mystical temples of Kiyomizu-dera, Kinkaku-ji and Ryoan-ji.
• Seven-night cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship Le SOLÉAL.
• Excursions to seven UNESCO World Heritage sites, including a special stop in Gyeongju, South Korea, the cradle of the former Silla Kingdom.
Japan’s unsurpassed natural beauty and fascinating way of life are found nowhere else in the world; here, centuries-old culture and belief systems echo throughout the nation, aglow with tradition, ceremony, and ritual. Ukiyo-e, a Japanese art form beloved by Impressionists, captures the “floating” natural world on woodblock prints.

A similar ephemeral style reverberates through a palette of garden types, all quintessentially Japanese: karesansui (dry landscape), strolling and tea gardens, which draw on the tenets of both Buddhism and Shinto. In Shinto’s animism, all natural forms—rocks, trees, sand, groves and mountains—are imbued with kami (ancestral spirits).

**Tradition, Ceremony and Ritual**

**U.S./Osaka, Japan/Kyoto**
**Tuesday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 20**
Depart the U.S. and cross the International Date Line. After arriving in Osaka, transfer to impeccably preserved Kyoto and check into the ideally located, deluxe Kyoto Hotel Okura. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Kyoto**
**Thursday, May 21**
Japan’s imperial capital from 794 to 1868, Kyoto remains the nation’s spiritual and cultural heart. Grand imperial castles, tranquil Zen gardens and graceful Shinto and Buddhist sites form the highest and purest expression of Japanese culture. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Kinkaku-ji Temple, the vaunted “Golden Pavilion.” Its two upper floors are entirely adorned with gold leaf, and their reflection in Mirror Pond, framed by luxuriant gardens, is one of Japan’s most enduring images.

Continue to peaceful Ryoan-ji Temple, another UNESCO-designated monument of Kyoto, originally constructed as an aristocrat’s villa during the Heian Period (794 to 1185). Ryoan-ji Temple’s legendary karesansui forms a mesmerizing expression of the harmony and purity of Zen Buddhism—it is said that only 14 of the 15 rocks contained within the rectangular garden can be seen at once, and only when one reaches peak enlightenment does the final stone reveal itself.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure and a Welcome Reception this evening.

**Kyoto**
**Friday, May 22**
Visit one of Kyoto’s most emblematic symbols, the UNESCO World Heritage-designated historic monument of Kiyomizu-dera (“Pure Water Temple”), built without a single nail on a wooded hillside above the Otowa Falls. Founded in 778 by the Hosso sect, the temple is celebrated for its spectacular overhanging veranda, supported by 139 pillars, which provided the stage for sacred dances and is now celebrated for its panoramic views of surrounding Kyoto. Experience the serenity of the temple’s monumental hondo (main hall) and visit Otowa Falls, where a sip of the “pure water” is reputed to bestow health, success or beauty.

This afternoon, learn more about shogun history firsthand at the opulent, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Nijo Castle, built for shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu. Constructed in the 17th century with double moats, colossal walls and protective watchtowers, the formidable castle was intended to convey the fortitude of the
shogun's new military government based in Edo (present-day Tokyo). The castle is built almost entirely of Japanese cypress and adorned with exquisite transom woodcarvings and shohekiga (room partition murals).

Kyoto/Himeji  
Saturday, May 23  
Admire Japan’s most stunning and best-preserved feudal castle, UNESCO World Heritage-designated Himeji-jo, an exemplary 17th-century defense system centered on a complex of keeps, ramparts, moats and the donjon. A harmonious masterwork of form and function, the castle’s traditional wood construction is married with an elegant white plaster facade. This evening, embark the Five-Star Le Soleal.

Hiroshima/Miyajima  
Sunday, May 24  
On August 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb used as an act of war left only structural remnants of Hiroshima’s Genbaku Dome; today, this dome is the compelling Hiroshima Peace Memorial and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The solemn Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, its museum chronicling the history of Hiroshima and the poignant Children’s Peace Monument all invite visitors to contemplate the ever-modern need for nuclear disarmament amid stark reminders of war.

Go ashore to the enchanting island of Miyajima, “Shrine Island,” to tour the vermillion sixth-century Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage site set against a backdrop of forested hills where docile deer roam free. The shrine’s impressive Great Torii Gate—one of the largest in Japan at 54 feet tall—appears to float on water during high tide.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening.

Hagi  
Monday, May 25  
Tour Hagi’s 17th-century Toko-ji Temple and see its 500 moss-covered stone lanterns. Walk past dwellings that once housed samurai in the city’s old castle town—part of the Sites of Japan’s Meiji Industrial Revolution UNESCO World Heritage site—lined with 19th-century earthen walls, and visit the Kikuya House, one of the best-preserved examples of merchant-style architecture from the Edo period (1603 to 1868). Explore the Hagi Uragami Museum, with over 5000 Edo-period ukiyo-e woodblock prints and porcelain pieces.

Experience the beauty and culture of South Korea at Gyeongju’s Bulguksa Temple and Tumuli Park.

Walk through the elaborately decorated karamon (Chinese-style gate)—a symbol of authority and might—to enter Nijo Castle, one of 17 historic monuments in ancient Kyoto designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site.
Sakaiminato for Matsue
Tuesday, May 26
Tour the highly acclaimed Adachi Museum of Art, where 20th‑century and modern Japanese art coalesce with six perfectly landscaped gardens, regarded as “living paintings” when viewed through the museum’s vast windows. See Japan’s tallest feudal structure and one of its original castles, 17th‑century Matsue Castle, known as “Black Castle” for its dark roof.

Enjoy onboard lectures this afternoon while cruising.

Ulsan, South Korea, for Gyeongju
Wednesday, May 27
Take in rural Korea’s captivating scenery as you travel from Ulsan to the cradle of the Silla Kingdom (57 B.C. to A.D. 935) in historic Gyeongju. Visit the eighth‑century Bulguksa Temple, a material expression of Buddhist utopia on Earth and a UNESCO World Heritage site for its remarkable craftsmanship. Learn about the Silla Kingdom’s history in the Gyeongju National Museum, which houses over 30,000 artifacts. Enjoy a traditional dance performance during a specially arranged Korean lunch. Visit the striking, grass‑covered Royal Burial Mounds at Tumuli Park, where, in 1974, the fifth‑century, 43‑foot‑high Cheomchong (Heavenly Horse Tomb) was excavated, revealing over 10,000 royal treasures.

Moji, Japan, for Shimonoseki
Thursday, May 28
Visit the striking 12th‑century Akama Shrine, dedicated to the child emperor Antoku. Then, stroll through the Karato Fish Market, which specializes in the local delicacy of fugu (pufferfish) and serves sushi bento daily.

Enjoy the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board this evening.

Uno for Kurashiki and Okayama
Friday, May 29
From the port of Uno, enjoy a scenic drive to the Kurashiki Bikan District, where distinctive black‑and‑white latticed houses remain preserved from the Edo period. Walk through one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, beautiful Koraku‑en in Okayama. This strolling garden is unique for its large, open grassy areas and distinctive, wooden Ryuten, a pavilion with a stream running through it.

Osaka/U.S.
Saturday, May 30
Disembark and continue on the Osaka and Nara Post‑Program Option, or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Stroll through the renowned Koraku‑en Garden—graced with bamboo groves, pine and cherry trees, a small tea plantation and Edo‑period structures—as stately Okayama Castle seamlessly fuses with the verdant skyline.
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Five-Star, State-of-the-Art Small Ship
Join us aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star Le Soléal, where distinctive French sophistication meets innovative nautical design. The ship’s efficient electrical propulsion system and custom stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage.

Respect for the Environment
With advanced technology and the most environmentally responsible features built into its design and operations, the ship has earned the important “Clean Ship” distinction.

With Our Compliments
Indulge in these complimentary onboard amenities: alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise and in your Suite or Stateroom, minibar, Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting) and 24-hour room service.

Chic and Casual Dining
The stylish dining room and casual alfresco restaurant feature international and regional cuisine and serve continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in four courses or buffet. Wine is served at your table with lunch and dinner.

Elegant Suites and Staterooms — 95% Include Private Balconies
Each of the 110 ocean-view Staterooms and Suites range from 200 to 484 square feet, and most have a private balcony. All Five-Star accommodations feature individual climate control, two twin beds or one queen bed and a private bathroom with shower and luxurious hotel amenities, including flat-screen television, a safe, a full-length closet, plush robes and slippers.

Life on Board
Whether you seek educational and cultural presentations, panoramic views, nightly entertainment or quiet retreat, the ship’s spacious public areas can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy two lounges, a theater, library, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room and fitness room. The ship has three elevators.

World-Class Service
The highly trained, English-speaking crew are personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and nurse.
Included Features

In Kyoto, Japan
◆ Three nights in the deluxe KYOTO HOTEL OKURA.
◆ Full buffet breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception.

Transfer from Kyoto to Himeji, including lunch.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star Small Ship LE SOLÉAL
◆ Seven-night cruise from Himeji, Japan, to Osaka, including a port call in Ulsan, South Korea.
◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
◆ Visit to the Hagi Uragami Museum to see the famous craftsmanship of original ukiyo-e woodblock prints by renowned artists Hiroshige and Hokusai.
◆ Excursion to Matsue’s acclaimed Adachi Museum of Art, featuring modern Japanese works and the living art of perfectly landscaped gardens.
◆ Tour of Shimonoseki, featuring visits to Akama Shrine and Karato Fish Market.
◆ Time to explore Kurashiki, celebrated for its distinctive 17th-century merchant buildings.
◆ Visit to the famous Japanese strolling garden Koraku-en, located beside Okayama Castle.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights
◆ Visit to Kyoto’s renowned historic monuments of Kiyomizu-dera, Ryoan-ji, Kinkaku-ji Temples and the impressive Tokugawa-era Nijo Castle.
◆ Guided visit of the lush grounds surrounding Himeji Castle, the world’s finest surviving example of 17th-century Japanese castle architecture.
◆ Visit to Hiroshima’s compelling Genbaku Dome Peace Memorial, with a tour of the Peace Memorial Museum.
◆ Excursion on Miyajima (known as “Shrine Island”) to tour the sixth-century Itsukushima Shrine.
◆ Excursion to historic Gyeongju, South Korea, the cradle of the Silla Kingdom, with visits to Bulguksa Temple and the Royal Burial Mounds at Tumuli Park.
◆ Tour of Hagi’s old samurai district, one of the Sites of Japan’s Meiji Industrial Revolution.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your accommodations and on excursions.
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◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
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Beneath Tokyo's layers of thriving innovation and enthralling pop culture, you will find traditional wooden houses and secluded alleyway shrines—the cultural core of this vibrant capital city. Begin with a panoramic tour followed by a visit to the Tokyo National Museum, one of the largest art museums in the world with over 110,000 objects and 87 of Japan's treasures. Enjoy a full-day excursion to Hakone, home to iconic Mt. Fuji, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit vibrant Asakusa, the center of Tokyo's historic shitamachi district, and tour the seventh-century Senso-ji Temple. Travel aboard the high-speed shinkansen (bullet train) to Kyoto. Spend three nights in the Five-Star ANA InterContinental Hotel Tokyo.

In dynamic Osaka, visit the Osaka History Museum to learn more about the city’s merchant past and enjoy sprawling aerial views of the city from the Floating Garden Observatory. Spend a day among UNESCO World Heritage-designated monuments in serene Nara, Japan's oldest capital, where gentle sika deer roam Nara Park's rolling landscape. Visit the historically significant "Great Eastern Temple" of Todai-ji, rebuilt in the 12th century, and the Horyu-ji Temple, where a seventh-century, five-storied pagoda—considered one of the world’s oldest wooden structures—stands as a proud testament to Japan's history. Experience the ancient tradition of creating gripped sumi, or calligraphy inksticks, at the Kinko-en Workshop. Accommodations are for two nights in the Five-Star InterContinental Hotel Osaka.

Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Singles are available in category 6 at $14595* and in category 4 at $16495* on or before October 18, 2019.

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Per person, based on double occupancy

One large window, door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, Andromède, aft. (limited availability)

Category 7

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Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 4, Pégase, midship.

Category 4

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Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony. Deck 5, Equinoxe, forward.

Category 3

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Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, shower or tub/shower. Deck 5, Equinoxe, midship.

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Category 1

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Expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Solstice. (limited availability)

Deluxe Suite

$11995

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Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 5, Equinoxe. (limited availability)

Prestige Suite II

$12595

$13595

Two rooms, expansive sliding glass door, large private balcony, two bathrooms: tub/shower and shower, large sitting area with sofa, two closets. Deck 6, Solstice. (limited availability)

Prestige Suite I

$12995

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Two rooms, expansive sliding glass doors, large private balcony, one and a half bathrooms, separate tub and shower, sitting room with sofa, table and four chairs. Deck 6, Solstice. (limited availability)

Owner’s Suite

$14995

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* Taxes are an additional $455 per person and are subject to change.

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