

# **ROB CANDY**

## **JAPAN SKETCHBOOK 2**

Sketch and paint the wonders of Japan  
14 days tour 8 –22 June 2024



**Artistically capture the ancient capital Kyoto**  
**Sketch in the beautiful Japanese mountains**

**Explore the bustling city of Tokyo**  
**Experience a Japanese tea ceremony**

**Shop in the markets of Osaka**  
**Paint the magic of rural Japan**

**Visit the home of a shogun**

**Be mesmerised by the beauty of the Japanese gardens**  
**Fill your sketchbook and paint to your hearts content**

Tour includes

\* airfares from Syd,Melb,Bris, \* twin share 4 star hotel accommodation  
\*Daily breakfast and dinner \*Fully inclusive tour with English  
speaking guide and local guides, air-conditioned coach, train travel  
entrance fees, and tipping \*Rob Candy your art tutor

**\$7910**

twin share

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## Frequently asked questions:

### What is our artistic mission?

Like the watercolourists we admire of old, Turner, Sargent, Whistler, and the modern masters of the medium, we will follow the practice of working into our sketchbooks capturing the colour and movement of Japanese life. As well, we will have time for longer studies when we can set up our easels and take a more leisurely, considered look at the local scenery. The artist should leave Japan with sketches, paintings, photographs and memories sufficient to provide a wealth of artistic material to enjoy in their home studios.

### Who is our artistic tour leader?

Rob Candy is a leading watercolourist, and he has had numerous solo and group shows in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Tamworth, and Patonga. His love and passion is painting landscapes in watercolour whether it is a beach, harbour or outback. He was invited to become a member of the prestigious Australian Watercolour Institute in 2005. Rob is the past President of the Watercolour Society of Victoria. He regularly conducts workshops in watercolour and has judged many art competitions. He has been featured artist in the Australian Artist Magazine many times and is included in the book 'Australian Watercolours' 2007. He has led many watercolour and sketching tours along the Silk Road, China, Tibet, The Balkans, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Turkey.

For further details see: [www.robcandy.com](http://www.robcandy.com) portrait of Rob by Dee Jackson



### Where does the tour take you ?

The tour is designed for you to experience both the cultural and environmental beauty of Japan. We will start by basing ourselves in the historic capital Kyoto exploring ancient temples, stunning bamboo forests and a day trip to nearby Osaka. We will then travel north to the beautiful city of Kanazawa with its stunning gardens and historic geisha and shogun quarters. From there we will travel into the Japanese Alps at Takayama and a day visit to the UNESCO village of Shirakawa-go. We leave the Alps and travel to Tokyo to experience and paint in this amazing city. A day will be spent sketching and painting the wonders of Mount Fuji. We will fly back from Tokyo to Australia.

### Do I have to be an experienced artist?

Absolutely 'No' ! The tour is designed for artists of all abilities and media. Whilst Rob will demonstrate in watercolour, aspects such as subject choice, compositions, values and sketching techniques will be universal to all media. Many artists joining the tour, choose to just gather images either in a sketchbook or on a camera. Such source material is then available to be used for years to come!

### Do I have to be an artist?

Absolutely 'No' ! Many non-painters join our tour simply to see and experience such a wonderful region. There is a comprehensive non-painter's programme each day. While the artist is toiling away capturing the scene, non-painters and our guide will be visiting sights such as museums, galleries, cafes, markets and shops. They will have much to do. Many non-artists often decide to give a sketching a go with great results.

### Do I need a partner?

No . Many individuals join our tours to share the experience with other artists rather than travelling alone.



**8 June Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane ✈ Singapore**

Today you will fly Singapore Airlines flight **from Australia** to Singapore bound for Osaka Japan

**9 June ✈ Singapore ✈ Osaka Kyoto Meal: D**

Arrive in Singapore then connect to the flight onto Osaka, Arriving at Osaka International Airport in the morning. Upon arrival, met and transfer to your hotel in Kyoto. Today is at your leisure. Tonight we will have a welcome dinner in the hotel. Overnight in The Hotel Higashiyama by Kyoto Tokyu Hotel or similar

**10 June Kyoto Meal: B D**

We will begin our Japan art adventure in Kyoto by catching a train to Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine where we will spend the morning painting. After a café style lunch, we will visit Kinkaku-ji Temple a golden temple set in splendidly manicured gardens for a sketching experience. The remaining afternoon we will be a time to explore and paint along the Philosopher's trail.

[Overnight in The Hotel Higashiyama by Kyoto Tokyu Hotel or similar](#)



**11 June Kyoto Meal: B D**

Today we will paint in the Arashiyama district located 10 km west from the Kyoto city centre with its famous bamboo forest. After lunch we will visit Higashiyama district with its preserved historic neighborhood of narrow lanes and historic merchant shops. The Yasaka Pagoda is an iconic landmark of the area.

[Overnight in The Hotel Higashiyama by Kyoto Tokyu Hotel or similar](#)



**12 June Kyoto-Osaka- Kyoto Meal: B D**

This morning we will travel to Osaka for a full day of sketching. Visit and paint the Osaka Castle and grounds. Restock at an amazing art store near Dotombori. We will have a short lunch at Kuromon Market and then a sketch in this busy bustling marketplace. In the evening drive one hour back to Kyoto.

[Overnight in The Hotel Higashiyama by Kyoto Tokyu Hotel or similar](#)



**Meal: B D**

After breakfast we will paint at one of the landmarks in Kyoto such as Kyoto Imperial Palace or Nijo Castle, This afternoon will be at leisure and an opportunity for you to visit the famous shopping precincts of Kyoto or enjoy soaking in a Japanese spa bath.

[Overnight in The Hotel Higashiyama by Kyoto Tokyu Hotel or similar](#)

**14 June Kyoto – Kanazawa Meal: B D**

After breakfast we will train to Kanazawa with its quaint old town known as Little Kyoto. After settling into the hotel we will paint and sketch in the beautiful gardens of Kenrokumachi with a view over the town.

[Overnight in Hotel Nikko Kanazawa](#)

**15 June Kanazawa**

**Meal: B L D**

After breakfast we will paint at Kanazawa Castle with its extensive gardens and moat. After a café style lunch we will visit Nagamachi, the Shogun's area which provides the artist with historic lanes lined with house once occupied by shoguns. During the afternoon we will visit a shogun house to understand their lives and lifestyles..

[Overnight in Hotel Nikko Kanazawa](#)

**16 June Kanazawa – Takayama**

**Meal: B L D**

Today we will travel into the Japanese Alps following the Shogawa River Valley. Have your camera ready for this most scenic valley as we journey to the old town of Takayama. After settling into the hotel we will visit the beautifully preserved quaint old town for a sketching and painting session along the river and streets.

[Overnight in Takayama Ouan or similar](#)



**17 June Takayama**

**Meal: B L D**

After breakfast we will travel (45mins) to Shirakawago (World Heritage Site) where we will spend the day filling our sketchbooks and painting this scenic and historic area. The Shirakawa-go and neighboring Gokayama regions were declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 1995. They are famous for their traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses, some of which are more than 250 years old. Enjoy great painting scenes of traditional Japanese houses and a rural way of mountain life.

[Overnight in Takayama Ouan or similar](#)

**18 June Takayama to 🇯🇵Tokyo**

**Meal: B D**

Travel to Tokyo, Upon arrival, transfer to hotel

Today is at leisure. [stay at Shinagawa Prince Hotel for 4 nights.](#)

**19 June Tokyo**

**Meal: B D**

After breakfast we will head to Ueno gardens where we will paint the stunning gardens and lakes. We will also have time to enjoy a guided tour of Tokyo's Museum of Western Art. After a brief lunch we will visit the Imperial Palace, Tsukiji, Asakusa, Tea Ceremony Experience, Tokyo Tower)

**20 June Tokyo**

**Meal: B L D**

Today we will have an opportunity to paint Mt. Fuji. In the morning we will paint Mt Fuji across Lake Kawaguchi. On the way to lunch, we will view Mt Fuji from a higher elevation. After lunch we will take a cable car up to Hakone where will spend the afternoon sketching and painting from this wonderful vantage point. In the late afternoon we will travel back to Tokyo.



**21 June Tokyo**

**Meal: B D**

Today is at leisure. Tonight we join together for our farewell dinner.

**22 Jun Tokyo ✈️Singapore ✈️Sydney Melbourne/Brisbane**

**Meal: B**

Today you will be transferred to Tokyo airport for the flights back to Australia





**Package Price: \$7910 per person Single Supplement: \$1475**

**Inclusions:**

1. Twin share room at 4 star hotels as mentioned on the itinerary or similar class
2. Economy class airfare including all taxes: Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane-Singapore-Osaka, Tokyo-Singapore-Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane
3. Fully inclusive tour with meals as per itinerary
4. All airport taxes and Fuel surcharge (subject to change without notice)
5. English speaking guides service
6. Air conditioned private coach transfers.
7. All Tipping
8. 4 star hotels below or similar  
 Kyoto: The Hotel Higashiyama by Kyoto Tokyu Hotel  
 Kanazawa: Hotel Nikko Kanazawa:  
 Takayama: Takayama Ouan  
 Tokyo: Shinagawa Prince Hotel

**Meal Code:**

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch,  
 D = Dinner, BD = Buffet dinner, WD  
 = Western Dinner



**Exclusions:**

Personal Expenses; travel insurance; meals not included in the itinerary

**Bookings and Enquires**

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send with deposit of \$500.00 per person to mail: [eric@cbtholidays.com.au](mailto:eric@cbtholidays.com.au)

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