

Japan Pottery Tour

24 September – 6 October 2023



Overview:

Join Marian Howell on a trip of a lifetime to explore some amazing traditional and contemporary Japanese ceramic techniques in 5 major ceramic centres, including Mashiko, Bizen and Shigaraki, a visit to spectacular Naoshima Art Island, and Nikko world heritage site, all the while enjoying Japanese food and culture!

Our 4 full day workshops combining hand building and throwing techniques in Mashiko and Bizen will include one day with internationally renowned master ceramic artist **Mr Ken Matsuzaki** and workshops with **Natsu Nishiyama, Hodika San** and **Kazuya Ishida**.

Workshops are strictly limited to 14 potters, although non potting partners or friends are welcome to join us, so if you are interested, please don't delay!

Price per person twin share (land only):

Potters: \$5,995

Non-potters: \$5,195

Single room supplement: \$595

Land Tour only, tour starts in Tokyo and finishes in Kyoto

Inclusions: 12 nights good standard accommodation including hot spring spa hotel in Mashiko; 7-Day Japan Rail Pass; daily breakfast, 4 dinners; admission fees to galleries and museums; chartered coaches while on the tour, Japanese guide on tour days and more.

Highlights:

- 3-day workshop in Mashiko plus free day to explore Shoji Hamada Memorial Museum and Mashiko Museum of Ceramic Art, galleries & Tool Shop, Saimyogi Temple
- One day workshop in Bizen with **Mr Kazuya Ishida** plus studio visit
- Sightseeing in World Heritage listed Nikko and visit the stunning Toshogu Shrine
- Visit Inbe pottery galleries and ancient kiln
- Appreciate Naoshima Art Island including the iconic ChiChu and Lee Ufan Museums
- Stroll through the Shigaraki Pottery Village
- Visit the famous Miho Museum designed by I.M. Pei
- Visit Korakuen Garden and Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter
- Explore Kyota's galleries, markets and temples including the inspiring Yayoi Kusama Museum and an informal talk by Robert Yellin in the Yakimono Gallery

This tour will be led by the well-known Australian Ceramicist, **Marian Howell** who will provide expert commentary on ceramics during the tour. Marian is a past president of the Australian Ceramics Association, former Head of Ceramics at the National Art School and Ceramics Design Studio, currently teaching Ceramics part time.

