

TO DO LIST

1. **NOW**: Carefully read all documentation, particularly the Itinerary, Trip Notes and Booking Conditions. By booking with us and paying a deposit or full payment, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the Booking Conditions and agree to be bound by the Booking Conditions.
2. **NOW**: Secure your booking with a deposit of AU\$1500 per person. Please pay your deposit within 48 hours and email a copy of the transfer receipt to: retreatrecreate@gmail.com

<p>Banking instructions: travellers within Australia</p> <p>Payment to be made by direct deposit to:</p> <p>Bank: Westpac Account name: Susan Rees-Osborne Tours BSB: 733053 Account number: 676459 Reference: your surname</p>
<p>Banking instructions: travellers outside Australia</p> <p>Payment to be made via online funds transfer (eg. via Wise, XE, OFX etc) or international bank transfer</p> <p>Our preferred method for international payments is via online funds transfer companies such as XE, OFX or Wise, as these offer a better currency exchange rate than banks, and are fee-free or low-fee for both parties. You should be able to pay by credit card or direct from your bank account. If you pay via international bank transfer you will need to cover the bank fees. We prefer not to use PayPal due to the high fees incurred. If you wish to pay via PayPal, a 3% fee applies.</p> <p>Account name: Susan Rees-Osborne Tours BSB: 733053 Account number: 676459 Reference: your surname SWIFT code: WPACAU2S (for banks requiring an 11 character SWIFT code, use WPACAU2SXXX). Note, if your bank requires an IBAN or BIC code, use the SWIFT code.</p> <p>Payee recipient and address: Susan Rees-Osborne, 10A Walker St, Northcote, Victoria, 3070, AUSTRALIA Payee bank and address: Westpac Bank, 68-78 Main St, Greensborough, Victoria, 3088, AUSTRALIA. (Note, if the address defaults to the Westpac Bank Head Office in Kent St, Sydney, when entering the SWIFT code, please proceed with the Kent St address).</p>

3. **WHEN TOUR IS CONFIRMED AS PROCEEDING (and BEFORE JULY)**:
Book your flights - Our tour begins in Kyoto and ends in Osaka, so flights can be booked to arrive and depart from Kansai (KIX) or Itami (ITM) airports in Osaka. Please ensure you choose a flight that will allow you to arrive in plenty of time to complete check in and attend the briefing meeting on Day 1 at 5:00 pm (TBC) at our Kyoto hotel.
4. **Purchase travel insurance** (if you haven't already done so). Travel insurance is required for all participants. Please refer to the Trip Notes for minimum coverage requirements. As per the Trip Notes we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance at the time of paying your deposit. At the very latest you should do so as soon as you've booked your flights.
5. **BEFORE 1 JULY**: Complete and return the **Travel Details** form.
6. **BEFORE 31 JULY**: **Pay your tour balance.** Invoices will be issued once we receive your Travel Details forms with any requests for transfers and pre and/or post tour accommodation, and can thus calculate the amount owing.
7. **SEPTEMBER**: **Consult your medical professional or local Travel Doctor** for up to date advice re recommendations for travel vaccinations. Allow four to six weeks in case any vaccinations require two doses.
8. **OCTOBER**: Arrange your **phone and internet access** for while we're travelling. Leave yourself plenty of time to organise this, especially if you are purchasing an e-SIM or a portable device. Please read the Trip Notes regarding this requirement that you are contactable during the day when out and about. Please ensure you have arranged your phone and internet access well before departure.
9. **LATE OCTOBER**: **Download WhatsApp** to your phone. If you don't have WhatsApp already on your phone, please install it before leaving home as your regional App Store may not work outside your home country. We will start a WhatsApp chat group the week prior to the tour and use this as the communication tool throughout the tour to advise the group of morning start times, general reminders, and for contact in case anyone gets lost! Please ensure you have arranged this before Day 1.
10. **Pack!** There will be a suggested packing list on the tour page. (There is also a generic packing list on our website under 'Resources')