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MUSIC CRUISE/TOUR

with Felicity Urquhart & Josh Cunningham
and The Humbuckin' Pickups (Mahney Cain & Ewan Cloonan)

aboard Sapphire Princess

16 April to 3 May 2027

Visiting Kyoto, Tokyo, Aomori, Muroran,
Hakodate, Sakaiminato, Busan (South Korea),
Nagasaki & Kagoshima

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The Japan Music Cruise/Tour will be a wonderful opportunity to visit Kyoto and Tokyo, and cruise around Japan and South Korea. The tour includes an exciting ride on the 'Bullet Train' (from Kyoto to Tokyo). The cruise is fully escorted and includes sightseeing tours at each port of call. Also included are special activities for members of our tour group. Best of all, the cruise includes 3 exclusive music concerts & 6 fun-filled pre-dinner drinks music sessions, featuring Felicity Urquhart & Josh Cunningham and The Humbackin' Pickups (Mahney Cain & Ewan Cloonan). We hope you can join us!



Felicity Urquhart & Josh Cunningham

Felicity Urquhart & Josh Cunningham unite world-class musicianship with heartfelt storytelling, blending folk, country, blues and roots into a sound unmistakably their own. The ARIA nominated duo first captivated audiences with their debut album, *The Song Club*, before taking home three Golden Guitars for their follow-up album, *Birdsong*. Their latest album, *Everything Around You*, debuted at #1 on the ARIA Australian Country Albums chart and explores themes of hope and resilience. With soaring harmonies and masterful guitar work, Felicity and Josh deliver live performances that are uplifting, intimate, and warm like a conversation with old friends.

Mahney Cain and Ewan Cloonan from The Humbackin' Pickups

The Humbackin' Pickups have steadily built a reputation for their authentic sound and engaging storytelling. With a string of awards, including the 2021 Troubadour Foundation Award and the Maldon Minstrel Award, and recognition as runners up in the 2023 Folk Alliance Australia People's Choice Award, the band continues to charm audiences with their melodically strong songwriting and dynamic live performances.



DAY 1 Friday 16 April, 2027

Departure

This evening we board our flight to Osaka, on Japan's main island (Honshu).

DAY 2 Saturday 17 April, 2027

Kyoto

Morning: We meet our guide and transfer to the city of Kyoto for a sightseeing tour. For over 1,000 years Kyoto was the capital of Japan. Kyoto is famous for its numerous classical Buddhist temples, as well as gardens, imperial palaces, Shinto shrines and traditional wooden houses. It's also known for formal traditions such as kaiseki dining (consisting of multiple courses of precise dishes), and geisha (traditional female entertainers). Visit the Philosopher's Path, a pleasant stone path through the northern part of Kyoto's Higashiyama district. The path follows a canal, lined with hundreds of cherry trees (cherry trees bloom in April). Also, visit the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple in northern Kyoto. We then visit the Ryoanji Temple, the site of Japan's most famous rock garden. Later we visit Gion, Kyoto's most famous geisha district. It is filled with shops, restaurants and ochaya (teahouses), where geisha and maiko (geisha

apprentices) entertain. Evening: Enjoy Commencement of Tour Dinner, including a few informal songs from Felicity & Josh, and Mahney & Ewan. Overnight: Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo, Kyoto. (D)

DAY 3 Sunday 18 April, 2027

Kyoto

Today we will visit Ginkakuji and Nanzenji temples. Ginkakuji (meaning Silver Pavilion) is a Zen temple in Kyoto's eastern mountains. It consists of the Silver Pavilion, half a dozen other temple buildings, a beautiful moss garden and a unique dry sand garden. Nanzenji Temple, located at the base of Kyoto's forested Higashiyama mountains, is one of the most important Zen temples in Japan. The history of Nanzenji dates back to the mid-13th century, when the Emperor Kameyama built his retirement villa there and later converted it into a Zen temple. Later we visit the Imperial Palace, which was the residence of the Imperial family until the capital was moved to Tokyo in 1869. Evening: Explore Kyoto's excellent live music/entertainment scene, with Felicity & Josh, and Mahney & Ewan. You may like to attend a traditional music, song, and dance performance, perhaps performed by geiko (as geisha are called, in Kyoto) and maiko. Such a performance might include Kyomai, the elegant style of Japanese dance developed in the teahouse parlors of Kyoto. Mahney will advise everybody on entertainment options for this evening. All entertainment tonight, and transport to and from venues, own expense. (B)

DAY 4 Monday 19 April, 2027

Tokyo

This morning we are transferred to the railway station for our exciting "Bullet train ride" on the famous Shinkansen train to Tokyo traveling up to 270 kmph. On the way we pass Mt Fuji and if the weather is good we will see it. Upon arrival we have an orientation tour of the city and see the famous fish market and the Asakusa district, well-known as a region of old Tokyo. We see the Asakusa Kannon Temple, a Buddhist temple also known as "Sensoji." The temple was built in 645 A.D with the



finest Japanese architecture. Later we are transferred to our hotel. Evening: Visit outstanding bluegrass venue, Rocky Top, in Tokyo's Ginza district. Bluegrass music is very popular in Japan, and there are many outstanding local banjo/fiddle/mandolin, etc., players. Rocky Top has been operating since the 1970s, & many famous American bluegrass/country musicians have played there, including Del McCoury, Tony Rice & John Denver. Tonight's entertainment, and transport to and from the venue, own expense. Overnight: Moxy Tokyo Hotel, Tokyo. (B)

DAY 5 Tuesday 20 April, 2027

Tokyo

This morning we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Tokyo. We visit the famous Ginza shopping district renowned as the most expensive real estate in the world. We then visit the Imperial Palace East Gardens, which is part of the Royal residence and a superb example of traditional Japanese landscape design. Afternoon: Free time. You may like to visit Harajuku, the Fashion district, famous for its bold street style, youth culture, and colourful boutiques along Takeshita Street (transport to & from Harajuku, 'own expense'). Evening: Explore Tokyo's excellent live music/entertainment scene, with Mahney & Ewan and Felicity & Josh. You may like to visit one of Tokyo's excellent jazz clubs, or a blues bar (e.g., Apollo blues bar), or a country music venue (e.g., Little Texas Bar 'n' Grill). Tonight's entertainment, and transport to & from venues, own expense. (B)



Sapphire Princess

A dazzling jewel of the seas, the Sapphire Princess invites you to experience unforgettable adventures in style. This elegant Grand Class ship, with 115,875 tons of refined luxury across 18 decks, offers over 700 private balconies for breathtaking ocean views. Indulge in world-class gourmet dining, sparkling pools, dazzling entertainment, and rejuvenating treatments at the Lotus Spa. With a warm crew of 1,100 dedicated to your comfort, every voyage on this timeless beauty feels like a personal escape.



Clothing on board Sapphire Princess

You will need casual shipboard attire for day wear and evening wear. For casual nights on board you will need a sports shirt and slacks and equivalent for the ladies. Informal nights require a jacket and tie for the gentlemen and equivalent for the ladies. For evenings on formal nights, a dinner suit or dark suit for the gentlemen and evening wear for the ladies is recommended. The self-service restaurants are casual.

Don't worry about coming alone

About a third of people on the cruise travel alone. We will match people up in twin-share cabins when available, saving you the single supplement. Mahney & Ewan (your tour managers) will be looking after you, to ensure you are not left out. There will be group activities every day.

DAY 6 Wednesday 21 April, 2027

Embarkation

The morning is free for individual sightseeing and shopping. Early afternoon we are transferred to the port of Yokohama to board Sapphire Princess. Make sure you're up on deck as Sapphire Princess slips her moorings and we start our cruise around Japan. Every evening, on board, enjoy high quality Sapphire Princess entertainment, including Broadway-style shows, comedy shows, etc. (B,D[OnTheShip])

DAY 7 Thursday 22 April, 2027

At Sea

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Today will be an excellent opportunity for you to explore the ship's fantastic facilities and many activities. Morning: Enjoy our 1st exclusive on-board concert, featuring Felicity Urquhart & Josh Cunningham. Afternoon: Enjoy an exclusive fun filled music quiz with excellent prizes for the winning teams. Evening: Enjoy an exclusive Welcome Aboard Drinks Party...an excellent opportunity for tour group members and our music cruise artists to meet and chat together. (B,L>WelcomeAboardDrinks,D)

DAY 8 Friday 23 April, 2027

Aomori

This morning we arrive in Aomori in the northernmost prefecture on Japan's main island Honshu. On our tour today we will visit Hirosaki, once the political and cultural capital of the Tsugaru Region, the western section of present-day Aomori Prefecture. The city remains one of the culturally richest cities in the northern Tohoku Region. We visit Hirosaki Castle, built in 1611. This three-storey building is widely considered to be one of Japan's most beautiful castles. Early evening: Back on board, enjoy our 1st exclusive Pre-Dinner Drinks music session, featuring entertainment by Mahney & Ewan. (B,D)



DAY 9 Saturday 24 April, 2027

Muroran

This morning we step back in time with a visit to Sapporo Historical Village, an open-air museum showcasing beautifully preserved buildings from Hokkaido's pioneering era. Wander through recreated streets and experience traditional architecture, local culture, and daily life from Japan's past. In the afternoon we will see the Hakucho Bridge and dramatic cliffs at Tokkarisho. Back on board, enjoy our 2nd exclusive Pre-Dinner Drinks music session, featuring entertainment by Mahney & Ewan. (B,D)



DAY 10 Sunday 25 April, 2027

Hakodate

Located on Japan's most northernmost island, Hakodate is one of the main cities on Hokkaido. On our sightseeing tour we see The Old Public Hall, Hakodate Park and the bustling morning markets. We visit the magnificent Goryokaku Tower; standing at 107 metres tall this tower provides a perfect view of the city and its mountain ranges. Evening: Back on board, enjoy fabulous Sapphire Princess dining & high-quality Broadway-style entertainment. (B,D)

DAY 11 Monday 26 April, 2027

At Sea

A relaxing day at sea. Morning: Enjoy our 2nd exclusive on-board concert featuring Mahney and Ewan. Afternoon: Enjoy a special Music Industry Forum (question & answer session). Our exclusive on-board musicians will answer your questions about their careers and the music industry in general. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 Tuesday 27 April, 2027

Sakaiminato

Today we visit the port city of Sakaiminato, and the nearby city of Matsue, on the northwest coast of Japan's main island. On the outskirts of Matsue, visit the Adachi Museum of Art, with captivating displays of traditional paintings and ceramics. Wander through its famed gardens, hailed as Japan's most exquisite. Visit historic Matsue Castle, a majestic fortress steeped in 500 years of history. Conclude our tour of the region with a visit to Mizuki Shigeru Road. Shigeru Mizuki was a Japanese manga writer and he was one of Japan's most renowned cartooning/comics/animation artists. Mizuki Shigeru Road has over 150 statues of his most famous comic characters. Evening: Back on board, enjoy fabulous Sapphire Princess dining, & high quality Sapphire Princess Broadway-style entertainment. (B,D)

DAY 13 Wednesday 28 April, 2027

Busan, South Korea

We call into the port of Busan, South Korea, where we have a sightseeing tour and visit the ancient Silla capital, Gyeong-Ju, a place UNESCO designated as one of the world's top 10 historic sites. We explore the royal tombs at Tumuli Park and then experience the serenity of an 8th-century Bulguksa Temple. Back on board, enjoy our 3rd exclusive Pre-Dinner Drinks music event with entertainment by Felicity & Josh. (B,D)

DAY 14 Thursday 29 April, 2027

Nagasaki

Today we arrive in the city of Nagasaki. Best known as the site of the second nuclear attack on Japan during WWII, we have a sightseeing tour of the city. We see the Peace Memorial Park located near Ground Zero, the centre of

the blast, which is home to a beautiful memorial fountain and the 9 metre-high Statue of Peace. We will also see other parts of the city that was for 200 years Japan's port to the outside world. This afternoon we will walk to the nearby Glover Gardens where we see early European settlers' houses surrounded by attractive gardens. Group members can explore at their own pace. Back on board, enjoy our 4th exclusive Pre-Dinner Drinks music event, with entertainment by The Meadows (Felicity Urquhart's daughters). (B,D)

DAY 15 Friday 30 April, 2027

Kagoshima

Today we visit Kagoshima (southwestern tip of Kyushu... Japan's large south island). Kagoshima is a subtropical city known as the 'Naples of the Eastern World', due to its climate, palm-lined streets, and active volcano – Sakurajima – in its bay. Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of Kagoshima. Visit Sakurajima Visitor Center, where we learn about the volcano. Visit Sengan-en Garden – a traditional garden & villa formerly owned by the Shimadze Samurai clan. Visit the Reimeikan Museum (offers extensive exhibits on the history, culture, & nature of Kagoshima prefecture). Have lunch (own expense) at a food court or eatery that allows us to try the unique local cuisine, and shochu (Kagoshima's favourite liquor, made from sweet potatoes). Back on board, enjoy our 5th Pre-Dinner Drinks music event, featuring entertainment by Mahney & Ewan. (B,D)



DAY 16 Saturday 1 May, 2027

At Sea

Another day at sea to explore the fabulous facilities of this magnificent ship. Morning: Enjoy our 3rd exclusive on-board concert, featuring Felicity and Josh and Felicity's daughters. The girls have a duo called "The Meadows" (guitar & fiddle). Enjoy our 6th & final Pre-Dinner Drinks music session, featuring Felicity, Josh, Mahney & Ewan, and some of our talented tour group members (B,L,D)

DAY 17 Sunday 2 May, 2027

Tokyo/Departure

This morning we arrive back in Yokohama and disembark the ship. We travel to Tokyo and visit Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. The shrine is a popular place for traditional Japanese weddings. We'll also visit the famous Tokyo Tower. Inspired by the Eiffel Tower, the Tokyo Tower stands at 333 metres tall and is the second tallest structure in Japan. Late afternoon we are transferred to the airport for our flights back to Australia. (B)

DAY 18 Monday 3 May, 2027

Arrive Australia
Tour members arrive in Australia and tour arrangements conclude.

JAPAN MUSIC CRUISE/TOUR 16 April to 3 May 2027

Included in the Japan Music Cruise/Tour:

- Economy-class air travel from Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane/Perth to Osaka and return from Tokyo.
- Travel on Sapphire Princess in the selected cabin category.
- All meals, entertainment, and service charges on Sapphire Princess.
- 3 exclusive on-board music concerts & 6 exclusive on-board pre-dinner drinks music sessions, featuring Felicity Urquhart & Josh Cunningham, and The Humbuckin' Pickups (Mahney Cain & Ewan Cloonan). Note: the pre-dinner drinks music sessions feature one of our exclusive country music acts (about 7 or 8 songs), followed by an informal singalong session, allowing our tour group members the chance to join in and perform.
- Exclusive Commencement of Tour Dinner, in Kyoto, with a few informal songs from Felicity & Josh, and Mahney & Ewan.
- Exclusive on-board Welcome Aboard Drinks Party, with our exclusive country music entertainers/tour managers.
- Additional exclusive music-related events, on board Sapphire Princess: Music Quiz (Day 7); Music Industry Forum (Day 11).
- 2 nights 4-star accommodation in Kyoto including breakfast.
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- Sightseeing tours of Kyoto, Tokyo, Aomori, Muroran, Hakodate, Sakaiminato, Busan, Nagasaki & Kagoshima.
- Tour management by Mahney Cain.
- Entrance to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the Day by Day itinerary, except for those marked 'optional', or 'own expense'. Please note: If the brochure says 'see' a sightseeing attraction, it doesn't mean we 'visit' it. If we are visiting an attraction, the brochure will make that clear.
- Taxes & port and handling charges on Sapphire Princess.
- Air taxes as of 1 April 2026.

Not included in the price:

- Travel insurance.
- Passport and visa fees.
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary. These will be quoted for separately.
- Drinks on board (except for the Welcome Aboard Drinks Party).
- Lunches, dinners, morning teas, afternoon teas, refreshments, when not on the ship (except for the Commencement of Tour Dinner [Day 2], which is included).
- Onboard gratuities.

Extending: You can stay longer in the Japan for minimal additional cost. *Please call for details on 1800 630 343.*

General Information and Booking Conditions

It is important that all tour participants have a basic level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. Sapphire Princess is operated by Princess Cruises Cruise Lines, and the Sapphire Princess fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Princess Cruises Cruise Lines 2027 brochure/website. All passengers must complete and sign a Travelrite International booking form.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. The passenger must also complete the Sapphire Princess online check in. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the Sapphire Princess fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments made by credit card.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	Loss of deposit
90 or less	100% of full fare
Nonappearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport with at least six months validity. If not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for a 23kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers

have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

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DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Travelrite International to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite International acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of

Per person in Australian Dollars		Early Bird Fare Limited Time		Standard Fare		
Cabin / Description		Deck	Twin -share	Single Fare	Twin -share	Single Fare
ID	Inside	10,11,12	\$ 9,995	\$ 14,350	\$ 10,895	\$ 14,350
IC	Inside	10,11,12	\$ 10,095	\$ 14,575	\$ 10,950	\$ 14,575
IB	Inside	8,9,10,11	\$ 10,195	\$ 14,750	\$ 11,050	\$ 14,750
OW	Ocean View Obstructed	8	\$ 10,450	\$ 13,450	\$ 11,450	\$ 15,560
OC	Ocean View	8	\$ 11,150	\$ 14,950	\$ 12,450	\$ 17,550
BD	Balcony	10,11	\$ 11,575	\$ 15,775	\$ 13,050	\$ 18,775
BC	Balcony	10,11	\$ 11,595	\$ 15,850	\$ 13,095	\$ 18,875
BB	Balcony	9,10	\$ 11,675	\$ 19,050	\$ 13,195	\$ 19,250
MD	Mini-suite	9	\$ 12,595	\$ 17,850	\$ 14,950	\$ 22,550
MB	Mini-suite	9,10	\$ 12,750	\$ 22,900	\$ 15,150	\$ 22,900
Air taxes as at 1 Apr 26 to be added to invoice			\$ 235	\$ 235		
Included port and handling charges			\$ 529	\$ 859		

Availability: All cabins are subject to cabin availability. *Please call for details, fares and information on other cabin categories on 1800 630 343.*

The advantages of John Howie's Japan Music Cruise/Tour

On-board, 3 fabulous music concerts plus 6 fun-filled pre-dinner drinks music sessions, **all available only to those who book on the Japan Music Cruise/Tour through Travelrite.** The cruise/tour is fully escorted and will be a great fun holiday with plenty of activities. Each evening you will dine with the group at our reserved tables. You will meet an interesting group of people and have a fabulous time.



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