

BONSAI NEWS UK



Editorial, January 2017:

Another year starts, the previous one ending with cold, frosty weather and night-time temperatures falling to around -6° C. Let's hope the next one is warmer. Bonsai continues to reflect a part of our everyday lives, and while trees might go into a period of dormancy, for their owners, the care and well-being of their trees still takes on significance, especially with the thought of those bonsai events taking place during the early months of the year.

Late February sees the Winter Image event, hosted by the Swindon Bonsai Society, and proving very popular. Prior to that however, is this year's "Noelanders' Trophy 2017" held at Genk, Belgium. This year's event, the 18th since the Trophy was initiated, runs alongside this year's European Bonsai Association Congress, hosted by the Belgium Bonsai Association, this combined event is the first of 2017's International bonsai conventions. Unlike previous Noelanders' events, this February's will have two exhibitions, the traditional Noelanders' Trophy and additionally a European Bonsai Association exhibition, comprising up to five trees from each of the nineteen members countries.

For the enthusiastic bonsai traveller, the second major international convention occurs in late April when Japan hosts the 8th World Bonsai Friendship Federation (W.B.F.F.) convention in Saitama, near Tokyo. WBFF, a worldwide organisation started by Saburo Kato following the 1989 Convention aims to stage a Convention and Exhibition every four years at different venues around the world. This year like the very first is in Japan. Over a four days there are demonstrations from a number of Japan's leading bonsai masters including Masahiko Kimura, Hiroshi Takayama, Kunio Kobayashi Taiga Uru-shibata and Sinji Susuki to name but a few. Further demonstrations are being given by leading bonsai artists from eight other regions of the world representing the regions of the World Bonsai Federation. As with all such events, there will be a trade fair together with other cultural activities. The Japanese can be guaranteed to put on an exhibition of their best and most prestigious trees. If this event proves to be anything like its forerunner, the 1st W.B.F.F. convention in 1989, then I can assure you, it will be very, very good.

Later this year the Friends of the National Bonsai Collection (F.N.B.C.) will be hosting a regional one-day event, "Bonsai for All" at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens in May will be an exhibition of trees from some of the many Midlands Societies together with traders.

As the year progresses we will continue to advise you of bonsai events taking place and I would ask all societies to please keep us informed of these events, both local as and regional.

Finally, a reminder that on the 12th March, the FoBBS and F.N.B.C. Annual General Meetings will be taking place at 11.30 am. following the 'Bonsai Boot Sale' at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Malcolm Hughes, Chairman FoBBS.

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SWINDON WINTER IMAGE SHOW

Grange Leisure Centre, Grange Drive, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN3 4JY 10....30am—4.00pm
12 Clubs/Societies exhibiting , alongside 15 Traders & over 14 Invited Guests . Entry £5.00

March 12th 2017

FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL M TOGETHER WITH FNBC ANNUAL BOOT SALE

Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Rd. Birmingham

Boot Sale from Annual General Meeting 11.00am

April 9th 2017

NORTH LONDON BONSAI GROUP'S SPRING 2017 SHOW 10am to 4pm at Capel Manor EN14RQ. Entrance to the grounds is £5.50, concs £4.50, and that includes the bonsai show.

April 23rd 2017

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May 1st 2017

Accrington & District Bonsai Society

Daisy Nook Garden Centre – Spring Show Monday 1st May

Stannybrook Rd. Failsworth Manchester M35 9WJ info l- 0161 681 4245

May 7th 2017

WESSEX BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

Kinson Community Centre, Bournemouth

May 14th 2017

NORTH DEVON BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW . Royal Horticultural Society Park , Rosemoor, North Devon

May 14th 2017

SURREY HEATH BONSAI SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW Pirbright Village Hall, Dawney Hill Road, Pirbright, Surrey, GU24 0JE 10am - 4pm. Adults £2, Advice and sales table operating all day.

info Chris Rhodes at Chairman@surreyheathbonsai.org.uk

May 21st 2017

BLACKMORE VALE ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION , British Legion Hall, Coppice, Street, Shaftsbury 11.00am – 4.00pm

Admission £2.00, Bonsai demos throughout the day. Info 01747 853475 www.blackmorevallebonsaigroup.co.uk

May 21st 2017

MIDDLESEX BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW 10.00am -4.00pm, Woodford Hall, Poplars Close, Ruislip ,Middlesex., HA4 7BU. Adults £2 children FOC Sales tables- advice on the day.

Contact roger.gibbs@talktalk.net www.middlesexbonsaisociety.weebly.com

May 21st. 2017

BONSAI FOR ALL, Exhibition of specimen trees from many Midland Societies. Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Rd. Birmingham. Trade and demonstrations throughout the day. Sponsored By Friends of the National Bonsai Collection

Info mandkhughes795@gmail.com

Glynderi Workshop with Kevin Willson

Kevin Willson travelled from Norfolk to our club in the Sirhowy Valley, where our club, Glynderi Bonsai, meet at the Oakdale community centre. The event took place on 12th and 13th of November. Kevin will teach no more than six students per day giving everyone a fair share of his time. We invited other regional clubs to join us on an advanced bonsai carving and styling weekend. There were 3 members from Glynderi club 2 from Dragon Bonsai Ammonford and 1 from South Worcester' Bonsai Club. We worked on hawthorn, pine, larch and cotoneaster and we had over forty visitors watching the proceedings.



Stourbridge Bonsai Society Winter Exhibition

Sunday, the 6th November saw an excellent exhibition of members' trees staged by the Stourbridge Bonsai Society. The event, held at the Bonded Warehouse adjacent to the canal in Stourbridge. A small society was able to put on a display of top quality bonsai. The display was enhanced by the excellent lighting that had been installed in an old building, dating back to 1779,

In addition to the exhibition, there was a demonstration on a twin trunk Scots pine by Mark Skan. There was also a talk and critique of the exhibited trees by George Bradley showing members how their trees can move on to the next stage.

No bonsai awards were offered on the exhibition day as over the last three years they are trying to support and encourage newer members to exhibit their trees at their exhibition. They feel that making the exhibition more competitive would not help.



Stourbridge Show pictures

**LEAMINGTON BONSAI STUDY GROUP CLASSES WITH NOBU KAJIWARA****Looking for new interested member: An ideal opportunity.**

A small group who meet on five Saturday's throughout the year at Cubbington Village Hall, Leamington Spa, Warks. for Bonsai workshops with Nobu Kasjiwara. All areas of Bonsai work are covered relevant to the time of year; pruning, repotting, styling, wiring, feeding, watering, etc.

With input into your own trees from Nobu at every workshop, plus time to work on your own, with him close at hand if needed. It is a relaxed, enjoyable and informal atmosphere without judgement on your trees, just honest good advice to improve your trees and further your knowledge.

Any level of tree is acceptable, from starter to specimen.

Cost is £260 per year payable in full in advance. This covers all costs including tea & coffee (9.30 -5.00); you provide your own lunch.

First class this year is **February 11th 2017.**

For any further information and confirmation of dates please contact Gavin Allen 07761 969229 or gavinjallen@gmail.com



European Bonsai Association

Convention 2017, Feb. 3rd. - 5th.

To be held courtesy of the Bonsai Association of Belgium at Noelanders XVIII

Each member Country is asked to stage an exhibit of 5 trees to represent that country.

We would like the exhibit for the U.K. to be representative of the best bonsai available in this country. To do this we ask you to submit pictures of your trees that you would consider suitable for this exhibit.

We have to exhibit 5 trees, and they must all be complete with stands and we ask you to offer accents or other companions, i.e. suiseki or bronzes.

All the member countries will be judged for the 'Presidents Award'; each exhibited tree will receive a certificate if the exhibit succeeds in winning.

We now have 4 trees selected to be taken to this event and it may well be too late to enter a further tree, as there are so many good trees out there.

As this year's event combines both the European Bonsai Association Convention and the 18th Noelanders' Trophy, there will be two exhibitions—the EBA Exhibition where a maximum of five trees are exhibited by each of the 19 member countries and the Noelanders' Trophy exhibition which is a display of individual trees, including shohin displays and suiseki.

The event begins on the Friday evening (3rd Feb.) with an Opening Ceremony from 18.00 hours at the Limburghal, Genk; the ceremony will comprise a musical introduction by Tataké-Taiko (Japanese drums).

This will be followed by welcome speeches from Marc Noelanders, President of the Belgium Bonsai Association, Christian Vos, President of the Federation of Belgium Bonsai Clubs, Reg Bolton, EBA President, Vito Di Venere of the European Suiseki Association (ESA) together with speeches from the Mayor of the City of Genk and a representative of the Japanese Embassy in Belgium.

These will then be followed by a promotional presentation of the forthcoming 8th World Bonsai Friendship Federation Convention, to be held in Saitama, Japan (27th - 30th April 2017) together with a presentation on behalf of the Italian Bonsai Federation (UBI) for the next EBA / ESA Convention, to be held in Arco, Italy in 2018.

At 20.00 hours there will be the Kagami Biraki (ceremony of opening a barrel of sake) when all present will have a glass of sake and Japanese starter before the official opening ceremony to the exhibitions.

The evening will conclude with all those attending having an opportunity of previewing the two exhibitions.

See you all at the event, blizzard conditions permitting!!!!

Club Activities

MIDLAND BONSAI SOCIETY

Meetings first Thursday of every month at Moseley Cricket Club, Streetsbrook Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3PE at 7.30 p.m.
Details: Richard Gilkes, 07803 593024

SOUTH STAFFS BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings - 3rd Tuesday
Walmley Community Hall,
Crawford Road, B76 1NP 7.30 pm
Meetings in the form of workshops with occasional speakers; beginners are welcome

REDDITCH BONSAI SOCIETY

A friendly society meets 3rd Thurs. Webheath Village Hall, Heathfield Rd, Webheath, Redditch, B97 5SQ.
Details Richard Gilkes, Secretary.
tel. 07803 593024.

STOURBRIDGE BONSAI SOCIETY

The members meet every second Sunday, January to November at the Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge, DY8 4LU. Prospective new members will be very welcome.
Info. Maurice on 07415 158167.
Next meeting Jan 8th 10.00 am

SALISBURY BONSAI SOCIETY

Venue: Laverstock Village Hall at 7.45pm
Meetings first Monday of month
www.salisburybonsaisociety.co.uk

BLACKMORE VALE BONSAI GROUP

Meetings second Friday each month, venue, Silver Band Hall, Bleke St, Shaftesbury.
From Jan 2017 subs. Will be £15.00 pa..
Plus £2.00 per meeting.
10th anniversary show May 2017
m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com
www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk

MIDDLESEX BONSAI SOCIETY

Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month 7.30pm
South Harrow Methodist Church, Walton Avenue, South Harrow, Middlesex. HA2 8QU.
Meetings include in-house workshop and visiting speakers. All are welcome.
email roger.gibbs@talktalk.net.
www.middlesexbonsaisociety.weebly.com

SWINDON AND DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings ,2nd Tues of month [ex. Dec.]
Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Swindon, Wiltshire. SN3 4AS
1930 hrs – 2200 hrs
paulbowerbank@lineone.net Tel. 07982 401103.

VALE OF CLWYD BONSAI SOCIETY

An active club, all things Bonsai related. With passion and a sense of fun, we believe in caring for our trees and one another in equal measure.
Meet 2nd Sunday of every month at:- Level Lane Community Centre, Level Lane, Hawarden, CH5 3SB.
New members and visitors are always welcome
Contact Mark: +44 7500 005337

SURREY HEATH BONSAI SOCIETY

Meets every first Tuesday of the month
7.30-10.00pm at Pirbright Village Hall, The Green, Pirbright, Surrey. GU24 0JE.
details Chris Rhodes 07740.307163
chairman@surreyheathbonsai.org.uk or ring

ASHFIELD BONSAI CLUB

Ashfield Bonsai Club is a hands-on club meeting twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thurs. (7.30 – 9.30pm) St Michaels & All Saints Church Hall, The Rectory Gardens, Church Street, South Normanton. On the Derby/Notts border 1 mile from Junc. 28 of the M1. Meetings take the form of workshops with occasional speakers.
Facebook: ashfieldbonsaiclub.blogspot.co.uk.

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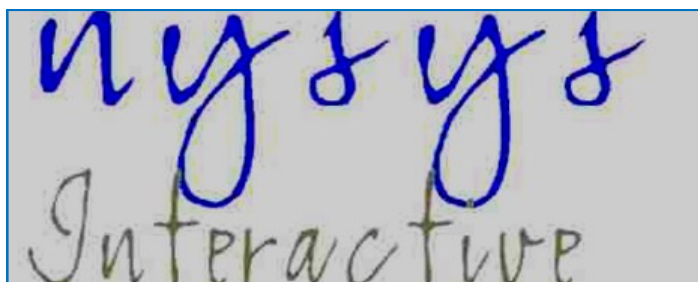
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Bonsai Tours of Japan
February 2017 - Tokyo - Kyoto - 10 days
October 2017 - Takamatsu - Shikoku Island - 10 days

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WESSEX BONSAI SOCIETY, PROGRAMME 2017		
Jan 10th	AGM	
Feb 14th	Malcolm Driffield	Repotting
March 14th	Rob Stewart	Little trees
April 11th	Chris Thomas	dead wood & carving
May 9th	Italo and Mike	raft & wrap around
June 13th	Ken Norman	maples
July 11th	Collette Harrison	azaleas
August 8th	Dean Kelly	styling
Sept 12th	Bill Baker & Roy	critique
Oct. 10th	David Giltrou	large collected trees
Nov. 14th	Club Auction	
Dec 12th	Christmas Social	
SUNDAY MAY 7TH	ANNUAL SHOW	Kinson CC
Sunday workshops 09:00 to 13:00 22 nd Jan, 26 th Feb, 26 th Mar, 23 rd Apr, 21 st May, 25 th Jun, 23 rd		
Wessex Bonsai Society meet at Kinson Community Centre, Pelhams Park, Millhams Road, Bournemouth BH10 7LH. Info		

BLACKMORE VALE BONSAI GROUP, PROGRAMME 2017		
Jan 13th	AGM	
Feb 10th	Deciduous	Repotting workshop
March 10th	Chris Thomas	Group planting
April 14h	Conifer s	Repotting workshop
May 12th		Workshop
May 21st	10th anniversary	Exhibition
June 9th		Workshop
July 14th		Workshop
Aug 11th		Workshop
Sept 8th		Workshop
Oct. 13th	10th anniversary	John Trott critique
Nov. 10th		Workshop
Dec 8th	Christmas Social	
Fridays, 7.30 Silver Band Hall Bleke St., Shaftesbury Info 01747 853475 email m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com http://blackmorevallebonsaigroup.co.uk		
Further workshops Feb 25th, Mar 25th, Apr 22nd, May 2tth, jun 24th, Jul 22nd, Aug 26th Sep 23rd, Oct 21st.		

SOUTH STAFFS BONSAI SOCIETY, PROGRAMME 2017		
Jan 17th	Talk Nat Bon Col	M and K Hughes
Feb 21st	Workshop	
March 21st	Corin Tomlinson	Demo
April 18th	Malcolm Hughes	Clump styles
May 16th	Clump style camel	Group Activity
June 20th	BBQ Woodlands	
July 18th	Workshop	
Aug 15th	Malcolm Hughes	Summer Maintenance
Sept 19th	Barry Walker	Bonsai Stands
Oct. 17th	Mark Bentley	Junipers
Nov. 21st	Mark Skan	Demo
Dec 18th	AGM and slides	
23rd April	Bonsai Traders Association Show	Ryton on Dunsmore, Coventry
21st May	Bonsai for All	Birmingham Botanical Gardens
11th June	Midland Bonsai Society Show SSBS display	Birmingham Botanical Gardens
14th –18th June	Gardeners World Live	NEC
17th Sept	South Staffs Show	Birmingham Botanical Gardens

SALISBURY BONSAI SOCIETY, PROGRAMME 2017

Jan 2nd	Geoff	Videos
Feb 6th		Workshop
March 6th		Workshop
April 3rd	Chris Thomas	Broadleaf bonsai
May 1st	Malcolm Driffield	Raft bonsai
June 5th	Ray Broughton	Pests and Diseases
July 3rd	Sale and Auction	
July 14th	Fordingbridge Show	
July 29th	Damerham Fair	
Aug 7th		Workshop
Sept 4th	Clive Knight	Demo and workshop
Oct. 2nd		Workshop
Nov. 6th	AGM	
Dec 6th	Christmas Dinner	
Laverstock Village Hall, SP1 1RQ info . Sec. 01722 500157 www.salisburybonsaisociety.co.uk		

SUSSEX BONSAI GROUP, PROGRAMME 2017

Jan 25th	AGM	
Feb 22nd	Ken Norman	Repotting demo
Feb 26th	Repotting workshop	
March 22nd	Corin Tomlinson	Demo
April 26th	Ann & Ken Norman & Alan Peacock	Demo
May 24th	Malcolm Stewart	Talk & slides
June 28th		Workshop
July 26th	Paul Caham	Demo pot making
July 29th		
Aug 23rd	Club Auction	
Sept 27th	Malcolm Driffield	Demo
Oct. 25th		Workshop
Nov. 22nd	Lee Verhorevoort	Demo
SHOWS		
April 22 & 23	South Downs Garden Centre, Hassocks	
May 13th	Plumpton College Day	
Aug 12& 13	Old Barn Garden Centre—A24 Dial Post	
Sept 9th	Wivelsfield Village Hall	
Meetings Wivelsfield Village Hall info Ray Brunsden Sec- 01444-244267 email ray.b@talktalk.net		



THE 8TH WORLD BONSAI CONVENTION, SAITAMA CITY

Invitation to all our Bonsai and Suiseiki friends

On behalf of The 8th World Bonsai Convention Executive Committee, I am pleased to invite you to The 8th World Bonsai Convention, that will be held from April 27 to 30th, 2017 in Saitama city, Japan.

An international World Bonsai Convention is sponsored and promoted by World Bonsai Friendship Federation once every 4 years. The first World Bonsai Convention was held in Saitama City (old Omiya City) in 1989. The WBC has contributed greatly to promotion of bonsai and international friendship. Now in 2017, for the first time in 28 years, The 8th World Bonsai Convention will be held in Saitama City, the birth place of the WBC. Over 300 splendid bonsai and suiseiki will be displayed for your pleasure, and world famous Bonsai Masters from in and outside of Japan will be giving presentations to share their knowledge and love for bonsai with you. (13 Japanese masters and 8 international masters will be demonstrating.)

You will also enjoy not only bonsai and suiseiki, but enjoy the beautiful city of Saitama in its best season. You may also enjoy peaceful walking in Bonsai Village, visiting The Omiya Bonsai Art Museum, Saitama. Also around the venue of WBC, there are many shops, restaurants and other places of interest

The registration for the 8th World Bonsai Convention starts May 9th, 2016. Please visit our website for more information.

<http://world-bonsai-saitama.jp/cn/index.html>

We are looking forward to having you, your friends and family register for the 8th World Bonsai Convention.

Respectfully Yours, The 8th World Bonsai Convention Executive Committee
Hatsuji Kato, Chairman of The 8th WBC

Naemi Iwasaki, Vice-Chairman of WBFF

Jiro Fukuda, Chairman of WBFF

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The 8th WORLD BONSAI CONVENTION, SAITAMA CITY

第1回 日本: さいたま市(旧大宮市)
第2回 アメリカ: オークランド
第3回 韓国: ソウル
第4回 ドイツ: ミュンヘン
第5回 アメリカ: ワシントンD.C.
第6回 エイペリコ: サンフランシスコ
第7回 中国: 会壇

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通常料金: 40,000円(税込み)

[Registration Fee]

Early Registration : 35,000 JPY (tax included)

※discount (until October 31)

Standard Price : 40,000 JPY (tax included)

メイン会場 Main Places

さいたまスーパーアリーナ Saitama Super Arena

大宮ソニックシティ Omiya Sonic City

パレスホテル大宮 Palace Hotel Omiya

サブ会場 Sub Places

武蔵一宮氷川神社 Musashi Ichinomiya Hikawa-Jinja Shrine

さいたま市大宮盆栽美術館 The Omiya Bonsai Art Museum, Saitama

大宮盆栽村 Omiya Bonsai Village

[Registration Fee] 35,000 JPY (tax included) : Early registration discount (until October 31)
40,000 JPY (tax included) : Standard price

[Registration URL] world-bonsai-saitama.jp/en

April 27, 2017 (Thu)		
Time	Program	Venue
15:00 - 16:00	Opening Ceremony	Omiya Sonic City Large Hall
16:00 - 18:00	Commemorative Demonstration Demonstrator: Masahiko Kimura	Omiya Sonic City Large Hall
19:00 - 21:00	Reception	Palace Hotel Omiya
9:30 - 15:00	Bonsai Shuttle Bus	

April 28, 2017 (Fri)		
Time	Program	Venue
9:30 - 18:00	Japan Bonsai Suiseki Greatest Exhibition	Saitama Super Arena Community Arena
11:00 - 13:00	Taiga Urushibara & International Artist Demonstration	Super Arena Main Stage
13:30 - 15:30	International Artist Demonstration	Super Arena Main Stage
15:00 - 17:00	Hiroshi Takeyama Demonstration	Exhibition Hall Stage
9:30 - 18:00	Bonsai Shuttle Bus	

April 29, 2017 (Sat)		
Time	Program	Venue
9:30 - 18:00	Japan Bonsai Suiseki Greatest Exhibition	Saitama Super Arena Community Arena
10:00 - 12:00	Chiharu Imai Demonstration	TOIRO STUDIO STAGE
11:00 - 13:00	Kenji Oshima & International Artist Demonstration	Super Arena Main Stage
11:30 - 13:30	Masayuki Fujikawa & Shigeo Isobe Demonstration	Exhibition Hall Stage
13:00 - 14:30	Shohin Bonsai Demonstration	TOIRO STUDIO STAGE
14:30 - 16:30	International Artist Demonstration	Super Arena Main Stage
15:00 - 17:00	Kunio Kobayashi Demonstration	Exhibition Hall Stage
15:00 - 16:30	Satsuki Bonsai Demonstration	TOIRO STUDIO STAGE
18:00 - 20:00	Dinner Party	
10:00 - 16:30	Japanese Cultural Experience Class	TOIRO ROOM-6
9:30 - 15:00	Bonsai Shuttle Bus	

April 30, 2017 (Sun)		
Time	Program	Venue
9:30 - 17:00	Japan Bonsai Suiseki Greatest Exhibition	Saitama Super Arena Community Arena
9:30 - 11:30	Minoru Akiyama & Takashi Sakurai Demonstration	TOIRO STUDIO STAGE
10:30 - 12:30	Isao Omachi & Mitsuo Matsuda Demonstration	Exhibition Hall Stage
13:00 - 15:00	International Artist Demonstration	Super Arena Main Stage
13:00 - 14:30	Suiseki Presentation	TOIRO STUDIO STAGE
13:30 - 15:30	Shinji Suzuki Demonstration	Exhibition Hall Stage
15:30 - 17:00	Grand Finale	Super Arena Main Stage
10:00 - 15:00	Japanese Cultural Experience Class	TOIRO ROOM-6
9:30 - 18:00	Bonsai Shuttle Bus	

*Program as of April 05, 2016 and subject to change.

JAPAN TOUR 19 April - 2 May 2017

Join us for this one-off bonsai tour timed to coincide with the 8th World Bonsai Convention (WBC) which is coming home to Saitama City in 2017 after a 28 year absence. This itinerary is designed for those of you who have already travelled with us on our regular Bonsai Tour. New sights include visits to bonsai nurseries in Shizuoka and Nagoya, lovely Kanazawa as well as a return visit to Tokoname.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Attendance at the 8th World Bonsai Convention
- 12 nights hotel accom.(5 nights in Saitama, 2 nights Tokyo, 1 night Shizuoka, 2 nights Nagoya & 2 nights Kanazawa)
- International Flights
- Visit bonsai nurseries in Shizuoka and Nagoya
- Visit to Tokoname - renowned for its ceramics
- Travel on Japan's famous Bullet Train
- Breakfast daily
- Farewell Dinner
- Airport transfers in Japan
- Services of a knowledgeable Japan Journeys guide throughout



19/20 April: Depart UK and Arrive Japan

Fly from London Heathrow to Narita Airport (Tokyo) with a change of plane in Seoul airport en route. Transfer to your hotel in Tokyo where we will stay 1 night on a bed and breakfast basis.

21 April: Shizuoka

This morning we travel by private coach through the beautiful region of Hakone and Mt Fuji and onwards to Shizuoka where you will visit a superb bonsai nursery. Tonight you will spend one night in Shizuoka.

22 April: Nagoya

After breakfast, we board the superb Bullet train and speed to Nagoya where we will visit two bonsai nurseries. We spend the next 2 nights in Nagoya.

23 April: Tokoname

Today we visit the renowned nearby ceramic town of Tokoname, one of the so-called "Six Old Kilns of Japan" and a centre of quality, bonsai pot making. Return to Nagoya tonight.

24 April: Kanazawa

After breakfast, we travel by train to the lovely castle town of Kanazawa - located on the Sea of Japan coast where we will visit the beautiful Kenrokuen gardens today. We spend the next 2 nights in Kanazawa.

25 April: Kanazawa

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure. Visit the well-preserved samurai and geisha teahouses of Kanazawa. The town's modern face is ably represented by the impressive 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art which is also well worth a visit.

26 April: Kanazawa-Saitama

We travel to Saitama and arrive the day before the 8th World Bonsai Convention begins. Stay 5 nights in Saitama City.

27 April - 30 April: 8th World Bonsai Convention

Attend the 8th World Bonsai Convention. Registration and all the events for the 4 day Convention are included in your package.

1 May: Tokyo

Return to Tokyo for a day's sightseeing. Spend one additional night in Tokyo.

2 May: Depart Japan

Transfer to Narita Airport (Tokyo) for your flight home

PRICE INCLUDES:

- International flights from London Heathrow to Narita Airport (Tokyo)
- 12 nights' hotel accommodation at centrally located 3* & 3K* hotels with breakfast daily
- Registration at the 8th World Bonsai Convention
- 7 Day Japan Rail Pass
- Farewell dinner on 1 May
- Transfers to/from airports in Japan
- Private air-conditioned coach on 21 April
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to all named attractions on tour
- Services of a knowledgeable Japan Journeys Guide throughout
- Separate baggage transfer for one piece of luggage per person from Nagoya to Saitama (you will take an overnight bag to Kanazawa)
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