

The World, Residences at Sea, to visit Japan in March and April 2017

Exploration of Naha, Nagasaki, Kanazawa, Sado Island, Hakodate, Tokyo, Kyoto and Takamatsu

LONDON, England, January 2017 – The World private residential Ship (aboardtheworld.com) will visit **Japan** for a 25-day exploration of the island nation in **March and April 2017**. The Ship will commence its journey around Japan in **Naha**, the capital city of the island's most southerly prefecture. The Ship's 2017 visit marks the fourth time that *The World* has called on Japan with previous visits in 2006, 2009 and 2014.

Residents and Guests of *The World* will explore the northwest port city of **Nagasaki**, set on a large natural harbour, followed by a three-day stay in **Kanazawa** with ample time to discover this culture rich area and its 16th century castle. During her discovery of Japan, the Ship will also call at **Sado Island**, home to the *Sado Yahiko Quasi-National Park*, **Hakodate**, renowned for its seafood and Mount Hakodate, Japan's fast-paced capital **Tokyo**, and the country's former capital **Kyoto**. Aside from visits to coastal ports, bespoke overland journeys will offer Residents and Guests the opportunity to experience this fascinating country and its rich culture.

Sailing on from **Takamatsu**, gateway to Shikoku, *The World* will call briefly at **Cheju** in **South Korea**, prior to a discovery of **Shanghai** and **Hong Kong**. This year also marks a monumental trip around the **United States**, featuring destinations to the tropical islands of **Hawaii**, the idyllic **California** coast, **western Canada**, and majestic **Alaska**. Residents will sail approximately 44,000 nautical miles in 2017 all from the comfort of their own homes on this unique and elegant private Ship owned by 142 families from around the globe.

This private community at sea offers the ultimate combination of luxurious and enriching travel with world-class amenities and facilities. These include impeccable culinary mastery in six restaurants, exceptional golf facilities with onboard putting greens, a state-of-the-art golf simulator and resident pro, the only full-size tennis court at sea, swimming pools, a spa, a fitness centre complete with personal trainers, expert destination lecturers, library, cinema, hobby and games rooms, and more.

This strikingly beautiful Ship provides gracious and personalized service for the families that call *The World* home; all customised to Residents' preferences in a warm and inviting ambience much like that of a private yacht, well-staffed home or exclusive country club. The average occupancy at one time is 150-200 Residents and Guests, ensuring an intimate atmosphere.

About *The World*

Launched in 2002, *The World*® is the largest privately owned, residential yacht on earth with 165 luxury Residences. A diverse group of Residents from 19 countries own the homes onboard and share interests in world cultures, history and adventure, and exploring fascinating destinations. They circumnavigate the globe every two to three years following an extraordinary itinerary that they select. In-depth expeditions and one-of-a-kind experiences are complemented by world-class amenities and impeccable service.

To learn more about *The World's* unique lifestyle, call +1 (954) 538-8449 or visit aboardtheworld.com