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Renowned Curator Barry Till leads AGGV groups to Japan and Iran

This fall a lucky group of art lovers from Victoria will touch down in Tokyo and set out to explore gardens, temples, palaces, castles and museums. Led by the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria's renowned Asian Arts Curator Barry Till and accompanied by a national guide, *Art & Architecture in the Land of the Rising Sun* takes place Nov. 4 to 14, 2016.

Art & Architecture in the Land of the Rising Sun is open to the general public and the price for land only portion of the tour is \$6,575 and is payable by Sep. 21. Those who register before July 13 receive an early bird discount of \$200. The land fee includes the guides' wages, hotel accommodation, all internal travel by chartered coach or taxi, all breakfasts, seven lunches and seven dinners are included. Each tour participant will pay for and arrange their own air travel to Tokyo Narita Airport arriving Nov 4 and their return air from Osaka Kansai International Airport departing Nov 14. A tax receipt for up to \$500 from the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria will be issued upon completion of this tour.

"Exploring other countries with a group of people who appreciate the arts is always fun for me," says Till. "The trips are very enriching and we bring back incredible memories and friendships."

If the ancient art and architecture of Iran is on your bucket list, the public are also invited to join Till in April on *Treasures of Iran*. Register before July 31 & save \$300 for a total of \$6,275 for the land portion of the trip. The fascinating journey through Iran will explore Persian history and culture from April 5 to April 17, 2017. The tour includes the treasures of Tehran and its surrounding hills, Imam Square and the ancient bridges in Isfahan, the extraordinary ancient city of Persepolis; the capital of the Persian Empire during the Achaemenid dynasty, the poets tombs in Shiraz and the desert city of Yazd.

"My wife and I visited Iran last year and found it fascinating, safe and the people incredibly friendly," added Till.

All proceeds from the trips go to support the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. For more information please contact Barry Till at 250-384-4171 ext. 226 or by email btill@aggv.ca

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