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March 28 – April 04, 2025 • Tour Managers: Steven & Naomi Lee

VISIT:

Kyoto • Kameoka • Arashiyama • Nara • Osaka

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) • Kiyomizu Temple • Nijo Castle
Sagano Torokko Ressha (Sagano Romantic Train) Ride • Arashiyama Bamboo Forest
Fushimi Inari Shrine • Todaiji Temple • Nara Deer Park • Kuromon Ichiba Market
Dotonbori Shopping • Shinsaibashi Shopping • AEON MALL Rinku Sennan

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

Surikomi Yuzen (Brush Dyed Yuzen) Table Mat Dyeing
Wagashi (Traditional Japanese Sweets) Making • Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony

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Day 1: Fri, Mar 28 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #791 at 11:25 am.

Day 2: Sat, Mar 29 — OSAKA — KYOTO. Arrive at Kansai International Airport at 3:50 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to hotel in Kyoto. MIYAKO HOTEL KYOTO HACHUJO (4 Nights)

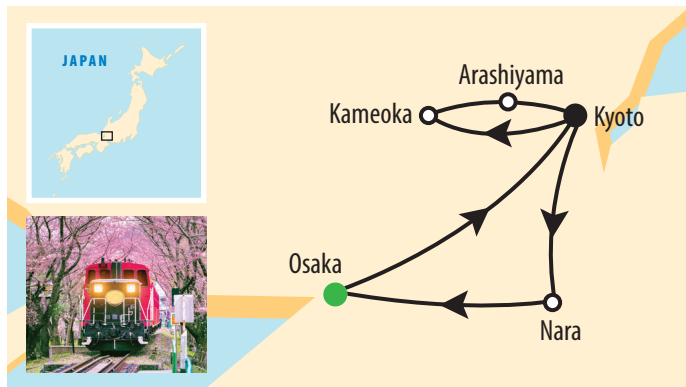
Day 3: Sun, Mar 30 — KYOTO. After a delicious Japanese/Western buffet breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full day of sightseeing beginning with a visit to **Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)**, a Zen Temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Next we visit **Kiyomizu Temple** (literally "Pure Water Temple"). After lunch, visit **Nijo Castle**. After the Tokugawa Shogunate fell in 1867, Nijo Castle was used as an imperial palace for a while before being donated to the city and opened up to the public as a historic site. Its palace buildings are arguably the best surviving examples of castle palace architecture of Japan's feudal era. Lastly, today's hands-on experience is **surikomi yuzen (brush dyed yuzen)**. Since the patterns are dyed by placing a paper stencil over a table mat you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Mon, Mar 31 — KYOTO — KAMEOKA — ARASHIYAMA — KYOTO. After breakfast, travel to Kameoka and board the **Sagano Torokko Ressha (Sagano Romantic Train)** to Arashiyama. After lunch, you can explore the famous **Arashiyama Bamboo Forests** or shop for world-famous Arashiyama bamboo products. Also **learn how to make wagashi**, traditional Japanese sweets. Return to Kyoto for an evening of leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for dinner. (B, L)

Day 5: Tue, Apr 01 — KYOTO. Full day at leisure. Located a five minute walk from JR Kyoto Train Station, your hotel is surrounded by department stores, specialty stores, and restaurants. A perfect day to fulfill your shopping list. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 6: Wed, Apr 02 — KYOTO — NARA — OSAKA. After breakfast, check out from hotel. A full day of sightseeing is ahead. On our way to Osaka, experience a **traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony**. View the stunning vermilion colored **Fushimi Inari Shrine**, whose four kilometers long tunnel of scarlet torii gates was featured on the film *Memoirs of a Geisha*. After lunch, visit the Todaiji Temple in Nara. Todaiji, the largest wooden building in Japan, houses the largest bronze statue of Buddha at 16.3 meters high. The surrounding **Nara Deer Park** is inhabited by **Over 1,000 Shika Deer**. Now make way to your hotel, located in the vibrant Umeda district of Osaka. The hotel is conveniently located close to Osaka Station City and Grand Front Osaka Mall. Evening is at your leisure. Your Tour Guide will have many suggestions for dinner and shopping. HOTEL INTERGATE OSAKA UMEDA (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 7: Thur, Apr 03 — OSAKA. Full day at leisure. A perfect day to fulfill the remainder of your shopping list. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)



Day 8: Fri, Apr 04 — OSAKA — HONOLULU. After hotel checkout, start the day with a visit to **Kuromon Ichiba Market**, a lively covered market which stretches for 580 meters in Osaka's Chuo Ward. The market is famous for its fresh seafood, fruits and vegetables, meats, dried fish, pickles, and confectionery. Many stalls will prepare, cook and serve their food to you right on the spot! An excellent place to stroll, sample, and snack on a delicious variety of fresh market foods. Next, visit **Shinsaibashi Shopping Arcade** and the surrounding area is Osaka's premier shopping center. Approximately 600 meters long, this area is unique as it combines chain retail stores and trendy boutiques with expensive department stores and top designer fashion labels. **Dotonbori**, one of Osaka's most popular tourist destinations, this street runs parallel to the Dotonbori canal. It is a popular shopping and entertainment district and is also known as a food destination. A final shopping stop will be made at **AEON MALL Rinku Sennan** before transferring to Kansai International Airport for our return flight home. Depart Osaka via Japan Airlines flt #792 at 10:05 pm and arrive Honolulu at 10:50 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Kinkakuji Temple (1994), Kiyomizu Temple (1994), Nijo Castle (1994), Todaiji Temple (1998).

Take the whole family on an unforgettable vacation! Call and book today!!

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