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March 24 – April 03, 2025 • Tour Manager: Michael Lindo

### VISIT:

Fukuoka • Sasebo • Nagasaki • Unzen • Shimabara • Kumamoto • Beppu  
Shimonoseki • Iwakuni • Suo Oshima • Hiroshima • Osaka

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Uminonakamichi Seaside Park • Hakata-ori Factory • Tochoji Temple • Fukuoka Tower  
Kujukyu Shima National Park Scenic Cruise • Umegae Sake Brewery Tour and Tasting  
Huis Ten Bosch • Glover Garden • Dejima • Chinatown • Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum  
Nagasaki Peace Memorial Park • Unzen Jigoku • Unzen Ropeway • Shimeiso Garden  
Shimabara Bukeyashiki • Ferry Ride to Kumamoto • Sakura no Baba • Kumamoto Castle  
Suizenji Park • Umi and Chinoike Jigoku – The Hot Spring Hells • TOTO Museum • Akama Shrine  
Mohri Garden • Museum of Japanese Emigration to Hawaii • Kintaikyo Bridge • Orizuru Tower  
Shinkansen Bullet Train Ride • Kuromon Ichiba Market • Dotonbori Shopping  
Shinsaibashi Shopping • AEON MALL Rinku Sennan

### HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE:

Hakata-ori Experience • Kimono Dress-up • Okonomiyaki (Savory Pancake) Making

### GOURMET HIGHLIGHTS:

Seasonal Multi-Course Kaiseki Dinners • Jigoku-Mushi (Geothermal Steam Cooking) Lunch  
Fugu (Puffer Fish) Special Dinner • Okonomiyaki (Savory Pancake) Lunch • Kobe Beef Shabu Shabu Dinner

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**Day 1: Mon, Mar 24** – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:55 am.

**Day 2: Tue, Mar 25** – TOKYO – FUKUOKA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #331 at 6:40 pm and arrive at the Fukuoka Airport at 8:35 pm. Transfer by coach to hotel in Fukuoka. THE ROYAL PARK HOTEL FUKUOKA (2 Nights)

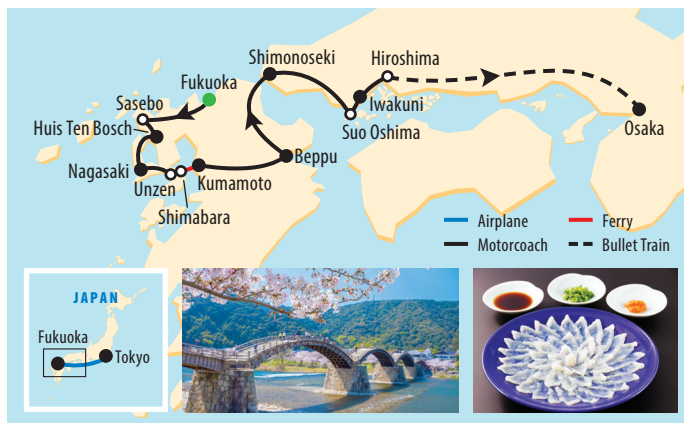
**Day 3: Wed, Mar 26** – FUKUOKA. Begin the day with a visit to **Uminonakamichi Seaside Park**. Enjoy beautiful seasonal flowers all throughout the year, as well as various leisure activities such as “Animal Forest” where you can interact with animals, including squirrels, monkeys, capybaras, and outdoor leisure pools in the urban area. Hakata-ori is a traditional Japanese textile that has been produced in Fukuoka for nearly 800 years. A type of silk fabric produced by weaving the threads tightly together into a woven pattern that ensures the fabric is not easily damaged, even when pulled with considerable force. Most commonly found as the material for men’s obi (belt worn with traditional Japanese clothing) and other kimono accessories, it has also been used in hand bags, neckties, and scarves. A properly made hakata-ori is distinguished by its strength and flexibility. Take a tour of a **Hakata-ori Factory** and learn how this traditional material is made. You’ll have the chance to try it for yourself as you **experience firsthand how to make a hakata-ori**. After lunch, stop at **Tochoji Temple** which was dedicated to the Buddhist Saint Kukai who built it in 806 and contains the largest seated wooden statue of Buddha in Japan, and the **Fukuoka Tower**. Return to the hotel. Walk to a nearby restaurant for dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Thur, Mar 27** – FUKUOKA – SASEBO. Japan is nation of many islands but most travelers never get beyond the main four. At **Kujukushima National Park** near Sasebo in Nagasaki Prefecture, however, you can up your island quotient by taking a **scenic cruise of the region’s waters**. The word “kujukushima” literally means “99” but has come to refer to a vast number or something uncountable. In truth, there are 208 islands off the coast of Sasebo, the largest concentration of islands anywhere in Japan. If these islands look familiar, chalk it up to the fact that they featured prominently in the opening scenes of the film *The Last Samurai*. After lunch, take a tour of the **Umegae Sake Brewery**, learn about sake and **sample some of their products**. Take a tour of **Huis Ten Bosch** (Hausu Ten Bosu), a theme park in Nagasaki Prefecture which recreates a Dutch town. This spacious resort is suffused with a European atmosphere with its picturesque canals, iconic windmills, beautiful gardens, and architecture. Transfer to the hotel for an evening of leisure. Recommendations will be made by the Local Guide for dinner options. HOTEL NIKKO HUIS TEN BOSCH (1 Night) (B, L)

**Day 5: Fri, Mar 28** – SASEBO – NAGASAKI. **Glover Garden** is a park in Nagasaki built for Thomas Blake Glover, a Scottish merchant who contributed to the modernization of Japan in shipbuilding, coal mining, and other fields. In it stands the Glover Residence, the oldest Western-style house surviving in Japan and Nagasaki’s foremost tourist attraction. Next, explore **Dejima**, the artificial island built in the shape of a fan, that was used as the sole trading spot with foreign countries from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. For 200 years, until Japan reopened the country in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Dejima was its only window to the world. After lunch, take a stroll through Nagasaki’s **Chinatown**. We end the day with a visit to the **Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum** and **Peace Park Memorial**. This evening enjoy a dinner at the hotel. INASAYAMA KANKO HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Sat, Mar 29** – NAGASAKI – UNZEN – SHIMABARA – KUMAMOTO. First stop this morning is at **Unzen Jigoku** (“Unzen Hell”), where hot water and gases spout out of the earth. **Unzen Ropeway** leads part way up the mountain slope. The lower and upper ropeway stations have observation decks with views over the surrounding mountains and the Ariake Sea all the way to Kumamoto Prefecture on a clear day. Enjoy the spectacular views. After lunch visit **Shimeiso Garden** to view the spring water pond with the numerous carp swimming inside. Then explore Shimabara’s **Bukeyashiki**, samurai residences. Take a short ferry ride from Shimabara to Kumamoto. This evening, dinner suggestions will be made by the Local Guide. KUMAMOTO HOTEL CASTLE (1 Night) (B, L)

**Day 7: Sun, Mar 30** – KUMAMOTO – BEPPU. After breakfast, find a taste of the old days at **Sakura no Baba**, an Edo-themed complex and experience first-hand what **wearing a kimono** is like. Next, visit the nearby **Kumamoto Castle**. After lunch, explore **Suizenji Park** is a spacious, Japanese-style landscape garden in Kumamoto, best enjoyed by scrolling along a circular path. It was built by the Hosokawa Family in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The garden reproduces the 53 post stations of the Tokaido, the important road, which connected Edo with Kyoto during the Edo Period, in miniature form, including a small Mt. Fuji. This evening enjoy a buffet dinner at your hotel and enjoy a relaxing soak in one of the open-air or indoor **onsen hot springs**. SUGINOI HOTEL SORA-KAN (1 Night) (B, L, D)



**Day 8: Mon, Mar 31** – BEPPU – SHIMONOSEKI. Beppu is famous for its “hells” of dramatic pools of bubbling water, mud and geysers. Visit two: **Umi Jigoku** or “Sea Hell” is a pond of boiling blue water and **Chinoike Jigoku** or “Blood Pond Hell” with its bubbling blood red waters. Lunch today is uniquely prepared using volcanic steam from natural vents, **jigoku-mushi**. End the day with a visit to the **TOTO Museum**, famous for their Japanese and world toilet evolution. Enjoy a spectacular **fugu (puffer fish) course dinner** at a 100 year old restaurant. SHIMONOSEKI GRAND HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

\*Baggage will be sent from Shimonoseki to Osaka, skipping Iwakuni. Prepare overnight bag for one night.

**Day 9: Tue, Apr 01** – SHIMONOSEKI – SUO OSHIMA – IWAKUNI. Start the day with a visit to **Akama Shrine**, with the large white base that supports one of its many red roofs. This shrine was built to commemorate the spirit of the six-year-old Emperor Antoku, who died here during the decisive Battle of Dan-no-Ura between the Minamoto and Taira Clans in 1185. After lunch, take a stroll in **Mohri Garden**, a large garden covering an area of 84,000 square meters, which has been designated as a National Place of Scenic Beauty. Explore the **Museum of Japanese Emigration to Hawaii**, located on Suo Oshima Island. The former Fukumoto House was restored and converted into the Museum. Since 1995 the town of Suo-oshima-cho having sent a lot of emigrants to countries overseas began to put together a collection of various data and materials related to emigration to Hawai’i in order to inform present and future generations of their ancestors’ past. This evening enjoy a spectacular **Kaiseki Dinner** along with the natural **onsen hot springs**. IWAKUNI KOKUSAI KANKO HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Wed, Apr 02** – IWAKUNI – HIROSHIMA – OSAKA. This morning, enjoy the tranquil atmosphere from the bridge over Hyotan Pond. The well-pruned shrubs and carefully arranged rocks convey a timeless elegance. Lastly, visit the **Kintaikyō Bridge**, which has been Iwakuni’s most distinguished landmark and a subject of admiration for hundreds of years. The elegant, wooden bridge makes five bold arches onto massive stone pillars as it crosses over the Nishiki River. Depart Iwakuni for Hiroshima. In Hiroshima, visit the **Orizuru Tower** which offers sweeping views of the city of Hiroshima and the Atomic Dome. For lunch, **learn how to make your very own okonomiyaki (savory pancake)**, a city specialty of Hiroshima. Board your **Shinkansen Bullet Train** from Hiroshima Station to Shin-Osaka Station. This evening savor an authentic **Kobe Beef shabu shabu dinner**. HILTON OSAKA (1 Night) (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Thur, Apr 03** – OSAKA – HONOLULU. Full day of shopping! Start 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 **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. **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. 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)

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