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Tour #2: November 18 – 25, 2025 • Tour Manager: Lee Ann LaFortune

VISIT:

Kyoto • Kameoka • Arashiyama • Nara • Osaka

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

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

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

Yuzen Dyeing • Wagashi (Japanese Sweets) Making • Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES:

Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) • Nijo Castle • Todaiji Temple

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Day 1: Tue, Nov 18 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #791 at 11:25 am.

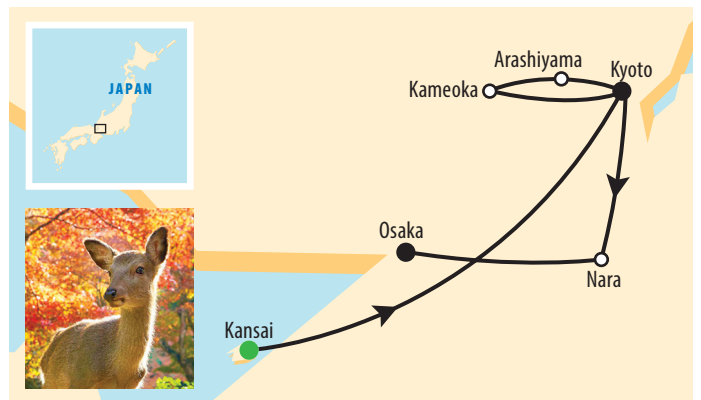
Day 2: Wed, Nov 19 – KANSAI – KYOTO. Arrive in Kansai International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to hotel in Kyoto. RIHGA ROYAL HOTEL KYOTO (4 Nights)

Day 3: Thur, Nov 20 – KYOTO. After a sumptuous Japanese/Western buffet breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full day of sightseeing beginning with a visit to the famous **Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)**, a Zen Temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Formally known as Rokuonji, the temple was the retirement villa of the shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu. Today's hands-on experience is **surikomi yuzen (brush dyed yuzen)**, which is one of Kyoto's traditional craft "Kyo-Yuzen Dyeing" techniques. Since the patterns are dyed by placing a paper stencil over a piece of fabric, such as a tote bag, you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. Your very own original work will be a perfect memento for yourself or a gift for someone. 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. Next, visit **Sanjusangen-do**, the Buddhist temple famous for its 1,001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of compassion. Return to the hotel for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Fri, Nov 21 – KYOTO – KAMEOKA – ARASHIYAMA – KYOTO. After breakfast, travel to Kameoka and board the **Sagano Torokko Ressha (Sagano Romantic Train)** to Arashiyama. In Arashiyama, you'll have the choice of several activities. Explore the famous **Arashiyama Bamboo Forests**. Or shop for world-famous Arashiyama bamboo products. Enjoy a very special lunch, a local Arashiyama specialty – **yudofu (boiled tofu)** set menu. **Learn how to make wagashi** (traditional Japanese sweets). View the stunning vermilion colored **Fushimi Inari Shrine**, whose four kilometer long tunnel of scarlet torii gates was featured on the film *Memoirs of a Geisha*. Return to Kyoto for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

Day 5: Sat, Nov 22 – KYOTO. Full day at leisure. 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: Sun, Nov 23 – 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**. 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 deer**. Evening in Osaka is at your leisure. The



Local Guide will have suggestions on various dining and shopping opportunities nearby. HOTEL ROYAL CLASSIC OSAKA (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 7: Mon, Nov 24 – 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: Tue, Nov 25 – OSAKA – TOKYO – 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 **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. Then enjoy time at **Shinsaibashi Shopping Arcade** – which is considered 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 an **AEON MALL** before transferring to the Kansai International Airport for our return flight home. Depart Kansai via Japan Airlines flt #792 at 10:10 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:25 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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

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