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VISIT:

Haneda • Fukuoka • Sasebo • Nagasaki • Unzen • Kumamoto
Kagoshima • Ibusuki • Sakurajima Island • Miyazaki • Beppu

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Dazaifu Tenmangu • Kushida Shrine • Hakata Machiya Furusato Kan • Kujukushima National Park
Kujukushima Island Cruise • Huis Ten Bosch Amusement Park • Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum
Nagasaki Peace Park • Stroll Around Chinatown • Dejima • Glover Garden • Unzen Jigoku
Unzen Ropeway • Ferry Ride to Kumamoto • Suizenji Park • Kumamoto Castle • Sakura no Baba
Shinkansen Bullet Train Ride • Chiran Peace Museum for Kamikaze Pilots
Samurai Residence and Garden • Sengan-en • Ferry Ride to Sakurajima Island
Stroll Around Sakurajima Island • Oni no Sentaku Ita • Michi-no-Eki • Umi Jigoku (Sea Hell)
Chinoike Jigoku (Blood Pond Hell) • AEON MALL Fukuoka

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

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Ibusuki Hot Sand Bath • Kobayashi Sake Brewery Tour and Tasting

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Day 1: Wed, Oct 29 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:55 am.

Day 2: Thur, Oct 30 — HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

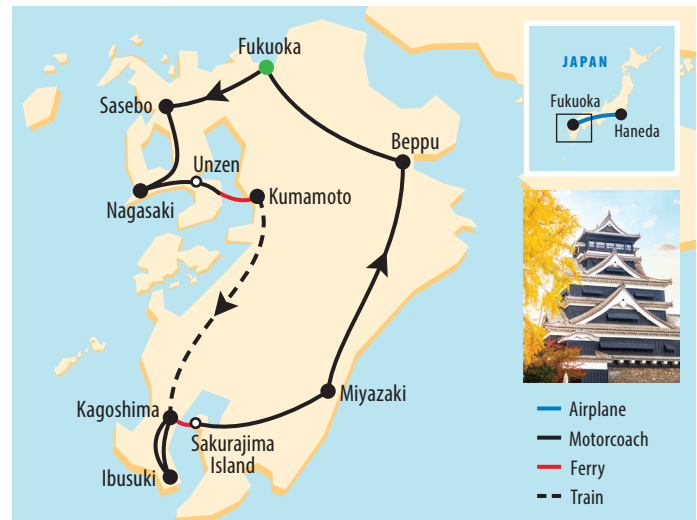
Day 3: Fri, Oct 31 — HANEDA — FUKUOKA. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer back to the Haneda airport terminal. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #315 at 11:05 am and arrive at the Fukuoka Airport at 1:00 pm. Upon arrival in Fukuoka, visit **Dazaifu Tenmangu**, a Shinto Shrine that enshrines Sugawara Michizane, or Tenjin, the deity of learning, culture, and the arts. As one of Japan's most important Shinto shrines, it welcomes more than 10 million visitors a year. **Kushida Shrine**, a Shinto shrine that was founded in 757. Affectionately referred to as "Okushi-san" by locals, this shrine is deeply loved by the citizens of Fukuoka and is the starting location of two of Fukuoka's famous summer festivals — Hakata Gion Yamasaka and Hakata Okunchi. Before leaving the shrine — look for the well surrounded by three cranes right by the shrine building. According to legend, the water from the well grants longevity and eternal youth. To do so, you must take three sips of water — praying for your own longevity with the first sip, praying for the wellbeing of your family with the second sip, and finally praying for the health of friends with the third and final sip. Next, spend some time exploring **Hakata Machiya Furusato Kan**, a folk museum that showcases the lifestyle and culture of life in Hakata (Fukuoka) in the Meiji and Taisho periods. Traditional crafts and local sweets are great souvenirs of your visit here. Arrive at the hotel for an evening of leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for dining and shopping nearby. HOTEL JAL CITY FUKUOKA TENJIN (1 Night) (B)

Day 4: Sat, Nov 01 — FUKUOKA — SASEBO. Japan is a 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 "kujuk" 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, learn about sake at **Umegae Shuzo**, a sake brewery that is well known for its traditional methods. **Take a tour of the facilities and taste some of their award-winning sake.** Continue to the hotel. After checking into the hotel, you'll receive your entrance ticket to **Huis Ten Bosch** (Hausu Ten Bosu) a theme park that recreates a Dutch town, conveniently located next to the hotel. This spacious resort is suffused with a European atmosphere with its picturesque canals, iconic windmills, beautiful gardens and architecture. You can explore the park at your leisure this evening. HOTEL NIKKO HUIS TEN BOSCH (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 5: Sun, Nov 02 — SASEBO — NAGASAKI. After breakfast, begin the day at the sobering **Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum** and **Nagasaki Peace Park**, which commemorates the atomic bombing of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945, that destroyed wide parts of the city and killed tens of thousands of inhabitants. Take a stroll through **Chinatown**. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, visit **Dejima**, the artificial island built in the shape of a fan, that was used as the sole trading spot with foreign countries from the 17th to the 19th centuries. For 200 years, until Japan reopened the country in the 19th century, Dejima was its only window to the world. Next, visit to **Glover Garden**, an open-air museum exhibiting mansions of former Western residents of Nagasaki. A nice panorama of the city can be enjoyed from the garden. Enjoy a special Shippoku Dinner at the hotel tonight. INASAYAMA KANKO HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Mon, Nov 03 — NAGASAKI — UNZEN — 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, enjoy a little time shopping for souvenirs before taking a **short ferry ride** to Kumamoto. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Recommendations will be made by the Local Guide for dinner options. KUMAMOTO HOTEL CASTLE (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 7: Tue, Nov 04 — KUMAMOTO — KAGOSHIMA — IBUSUKI. Begin the day experiencing first-hand what **wearing a kimono** is like. Next, explore **Suizenji Park**, 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 17th 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. Then visit the large and well-fortified castle, **Kumamoto Castle**, which is considered one of the three premier castles in Japan (along with Himeji Castle and Matsumoto Castle). Find a taste of the old days at



Sakura no Baba, an Edo-themed complex just down the hill from Kumamoto Castle. Enjoy lunch here (on your own). Depart Kumamoto for Kagoshima via **Shinkansen Bullet Train**. Transfer to Ibusuki. Ibusuki is an onsen town that is famous for its sand baths, where bathers are buried in naturally heated sand. In sand baths, guests get provided with yukata robes and are then buried by staff members in hot sand that is heated by natural steam coming up from below. After staying buried for typically 10 to 20 minutes, guests wash off the sand and enter regular onsen hot spring baths. Get your chance to **try a "hot sand bath"** at the hotel. Enjoy the **natural onsen hot springs** and a specially prepared **Kaiseki Dinner** at your hotel this evening. The onsens — which are divided for men and women — allow you to enjoy the hot springs whether indoors or outdoors. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. IBUSUKI HAKUSUIKAN (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 8: Wed, Nov 05 — IBUSUKI — KAGOSHIMA. After breakfast, depart the hotel for a full day of sightseeing. Start the day at the **Chiran Peace Museum for Kamikaze Pilots**. It is a thought provoking, and to many, a controversial museum dedicated to the lives and deaths of 1,036 suicide pilots or kamikaze, who sacrificed themselves in the name of the Japanese emperor in the latter stages of WWII. After lunch, explore the **Samurai Residences and Gardens**. Then **Sengan-en**, the home and traditional garden built by the 19th head of the Shimazu Family Clan, Mitsuhisa, in 1658. Using the principals of "borrowed scenery," the gardens incorporates within its background the views of Sakurajima Island and Kinko Bay. Transfer to the hotel in Kagoshima, where the remaining of the evening is at your leisure. Don't miss out on the **onsens** facilities available at this hotel. KAGOSHIMA SUN ROYAL HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 9: Thur, Nov 06 — KAGOSHIMA — SAKURAJIMA ISLAND — MIYAZAKI. After breakfast, take a **ferry to Sakurajima Island**, and **take a stroll** around the "symbol of Kagoshima." One of Japan's most active volcanoes, Sakurajima Island smokes constantly, and minor eruptions often take place multiple times a day. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. View the unusual rock formations of the **Oni no Sentaku Ita** ("Devil's Washboard") before arriving at the hotel. SHERATON GRANDE OCEAN RESORT (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 10: Fri, Nov 07 — MIYAZAKI — BEPPU. On our way to Beppu, make a quick stop at a **Michi-no-Eki** where you will find an array of farmer-direct merchandise along with other "omiyage" items. Further north we arrive in the bather's paradise — the celebrated hot spring resort of Beppu. 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. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. Tonight is your last chance to enjoy a soak in the mineral waters of the **onsen hot springs**. SUGINOI HOTEL (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 11: Sat, Nov 08 — BEPPU — FUKUOKA — HANEDA — HONOLULU. Start the day at **Kobayashi Sake Brewery**, where you will **learn about Japanese sake** and have a chance to **taste some of their tasty products**. Last-minute shopping at the spacious **AEON MALL Fukuoka** before making our way to Fukuoka Airport for our flight home to Honolulu. Depart Fukuoka Airport via Japan Airlines flt #326 at 6:10 pm and arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 7:45 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #72 at 9:55 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:55 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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