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November 10 – 20, 2025

VISIT:

Nikko • Tokyo • Kanazawa • Kyoto • Arashiyama • Okayama • Kurashiki • Osaka

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Toshogu Shrine • Nikko Edo Wonderland • JR Super Express Train Ride
Higashi Chaya District • Kenrokuen Garden • Nomura-ke • Omicho Market
Arashiyama Bamboo Forest • Tofukuji Temple • Eikando Temple • Sanjusangen-do
Toji Temple • Shinkansen Bullet Train Ride • AEON Mall Okayama • Korakuen Garden
Kurashiki Bikan Chiku • Kuromon Ichiba Market • Dontonbori Shopping
Shinsaibashi Shopping

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

Gold Leaf Application • Games with Geiko Entertainer
Japanese Sweets Making • Yuzen Dyeing

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES:

Toshogu Shrine • Toji Temple

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Day 1: Mon, Nov 10 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:55 am.

Day 2: Tue, Nov 11 — TOKYO. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, transfer to the hotel. **GRAND NIKKO TOKYO DAIBA** (3 Nights)

Day 3: Wed, Nov 12 — TOKYO — NIKKO — TOKYO. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast, we head north of Tokyo to Nikko. Nikko is a town at the entrance to Nikko National Park, most famous for **Toshogu Shrine**, Japan's most lavishly decorated shrine and the mausoleum of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa shogunate. Explore the historic theme park, **Nikko Edo Wonderland**, that recreates a 17th century Edo period Japanese village. Explore the beauty, culture and interesting characters of the Edo period with fun activities and a variety of entertaining performances. Enjoy a BBQ lunch while there. Return to Tokyo. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Thur, Nov 13 — TOKYO. Full day at leisure. Perfect day to relax and / or visit with family and friends in Tokyo. (B)

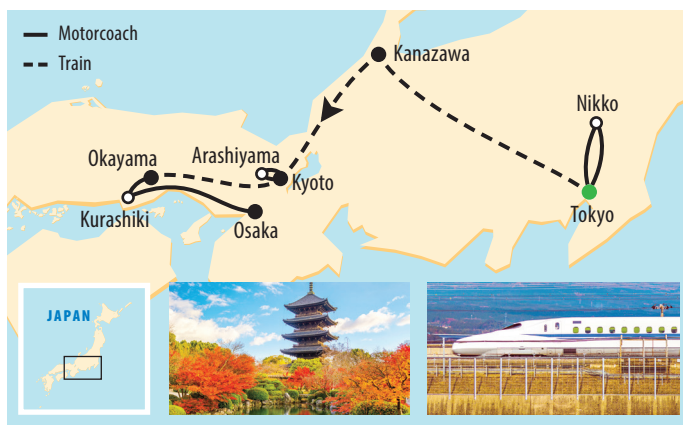
*Baggage will be sent from Tokyo to Kyoto, skipping Kanazawa. Prepare overnight bag for two nights.

Day 5: Fri, Nov 14 — TOKYO — KANAZAWA. After a leisurely morning, transfer to Tokyo Train Station to board our **JR Super Express Train** to Kanazawa on the Sea of Japan. You can purchase lunch (on your own) at the train station. In Kanazawa, learn the process of **gold leaf application** and try it yourself on chopsticks that you'll get to take home as a souvenir of this trip. Transfer to the hotel for the chance to freshen up before dinner. Depart the hotel for a tour of the **Higashi Chaya District**. Chaya (teahouse) is an exclusive type of restaurant where guests were entertained by geisha, who performed song and dance. This evening we are **entertained by an authentic Geiko**. Dancing, singing, and playing fun games. Kanazawa cuisine uses the great water brought from Hakusan Mountain, Kaga vegetables, and fresh seafood from the Sea of Japan. **HYATT CENTRIC KANAZAWA** (2 Nights) (B, D)

Day 6: Sat, Nov 15 — KANAZAWA. After your bountiful breakfast buffet, explore **Kenrokuen Garden**. The spacious grounds used to be the outer garden of Kanazawa Castle and were constructed by the ruling Maeda Family over a period of nearly two centuries. Opened to the public in 1871, Kenrokuen features a variety of flowering trees including cherry blossoms, which provide the garden with a different look for each season. Visit Nagamachi, a samurai district at the foot of Kanazawa Castle. **Nomura-ke** is a restored samurai residence displaying the lifestyle and artifacts of the era when samurai were prosperous. **Omicho Market** is Kanazawa's local market. Kanazawa's people call them "Kanazawa's kitchen." They sell everything you can find in your kitchen. Not only fish but also vegetables and meats are sold. Ample free time for shopping and lunch on your own. Take a **Japanese sweets making class** before returning to the hotel for an evening of leisure — a great opportunity to explore the shopping and dining opportunities available around the hotel. (B)

Day 7: Sun, Nov 16 — KANAZAWA — KYOTO — ARASHIYAMA — KYOTO. Depart for Kyoto aboard the **JR Limited Express Train**. After lunch, take a stroll around the Arashiyama area and shop for world-famous Arashiyama bamboo products. Explore the famous **Arashiyama Bamboo Forests**. Today's hands-on experience is **surikomi yuzen (brush dyed yuzen)**. Since the patterns are dyed by placing a paper stencil over a piece of fabric, you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. A great souvenir of this trip! Return to Kyoto for an evening of leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for dinner. **MIYAKO HOTEL KYOTO HACHUO** (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 8: Mon, Nov 17 — KYOTO. Enjoy the view from **Tofukuji Temple**, a large Zen temple that is famous for its specular autumn colors. Founded in 1236 by the powerful Fujiwara Clan, its name is combination of the names of two other temples that are also associated with the Fujiwara Clan — Todaiji Temple and Kofukuji Temple. Next, take in the view of the fall colors at one of Kyoto's most famous autumn color spots, **Eikando Temple**. A Japanese Buddhist Temple belonging to the Jodo Sect, Eikando Temple was originally named Zenrinji Temple, but was later renamed after a popular head priest, Eikan. After lunch, visit **Sanjusangen-do**, the Buddhist temple famous for its 1,001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of compassion. Return to the hotel for a little leisure time.



Later, walk from the hotel to **Toji Temple**, literally "East Temple," for some fall foliage. Founded at the beginning of the Heian Period, just after the capital was moved to Kyoto in the late 700s. This temple houses a five-story pagoda — which at 57 meters tall is the tallest wooden pagoda in Japan. Walk back to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Tue, Nov 18 — KYOTO — OKAYAMA. Enjoy a morning of leisure. In the mid-afternoon, walk to the nearby Kyoto Train Station to board the **Shinkansen Bullet Train** to Okayama. Upon arrival in Okayama, walk to the hotel. After checking-in, walk to the nearby **AEON MALL Okayama**, where hundreds of shops and restaurants await you to dine (on your own) and shop. **HOTEL GRANVIA OKAYAMA** (1 Night) (B)

Day 10: Wed, Nov 19 — OKAYAMA — KURASHIKI — OSAKA. Begin the day, exploring **Korakuen Garden**. It is located just beside Okayama Castle, which can be seen from the garden as "borrowed scenery." After lunch, explore **Kurashiki Bikan Chiku**. The beautiful streetscape of storehouses and merchant homes was selected as an Important Traditional Structures Conservation Area by the Agency for Cultural Affairs. Transfer to Osaka for an evening of leisure. **HOTEL INTERGATE OSAKA UMEDA** (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 11: Thur, Nov 20 — OSAKA — HONOLULU. After breakfast, begin the day shopping at **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 explore **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. Later, transfer to the Kansai International Airport for the return flight home. Depart Kansai via Japan Airlines flt #792 at 10:10 pm and arrives in Honolulu at 10:25 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Toshogu Shrine (1999), Toji Temple (1994).

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