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Tour #1: September 10 – 17, 2025

VISIT:

Tokyo • Nikko • Kawagoe

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Toshogu Shrine • Nikko Edo Wonderland • Michi-no-Eki • Fukagawa Edo Museum
Tokyo Skytree • Kinbue Soy Sauce Factory • Shopping Arcade
Kawagoe Festival Float Museum • Railway Museum • Asakusa Sensoji Temple
Nakamise Shopping • Ameyoko Shopping

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

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Toshogu Shrine

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Day 1: Wed, Sept 10 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:45 pm.

Day 2: Thur, Sept 11 – TOKYO. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to your hotel. GRAND NIKKO TOKYO DAIBA (6 Nights)

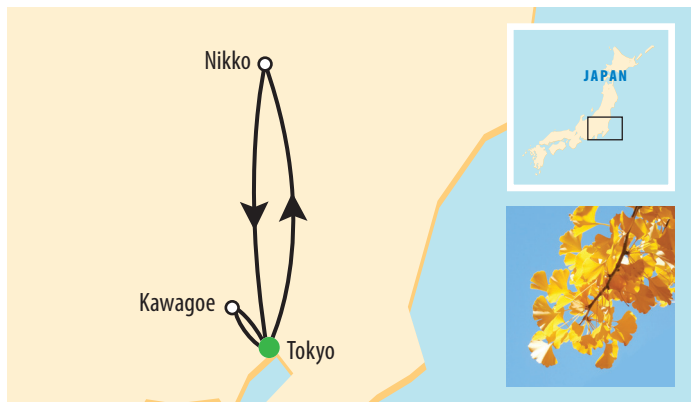
Day 3: Fri, Sept 12 – TOKYO – NIKKO – TOKYO. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast, we head north of Tokyo to Nikko. Nikko is a town at the entrance to Nikko National Park, most famous for **Toshogu Shrine**, Japan's most lavishly decorated shrine and the mausoleum of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the founder of the 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 here. Next, stop at a roadside **Michi-no-Eki** stand. Not only do they provide a clean and convenient rest stop, but you will find an array of farmer-direct merchandise along with other omiyage items. Return to Tokyo, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Sat, Sept 13 – TOKYO. Start your day with a tour of the **Fukagawa Edo Museum**, a museum that illustrates the past of Tokyo (known as Edo until 1869) with a reconstructed live-size replica of a Tokyo neighborhood from a time near the end of the Tokugawa period. The neighborhood contains 11 buildings: houses, shops, a theater, a boathouse, a tavern, and a fire tower – all built using traditional building techniques. Take a stroll through the neighborhood, entering the houses and shops – and see what life was like in Edo, Japan. Lighting within the neighborhood will vary over time to replicate different times of the day. Next, participate in a fun-filled hands-on activity. **Paint your own furin** (Japanese wind chime). Take in the view of the surrounding city from the observation deck of the **Tokyo Skytree**. At just over 2,000 feet tall, it is the tallest tower in Tokyo. Rising 350 meters above the ground, the Tokyo Skytree Tembo Deck offers a 360 degree panoramic view of Tokyo. Enjoy lunch here (on your own). Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B)

Day 5: Sun, Sept 14 – TOKYO. Day at leisure. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. Perfect day to relax and/or visit with family and friends in Tokyo. (B)

Day 6: Mon, Sept 15 – TOKYO. Day at leisure. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. Perfect day to relax and/or "shop 'til you drop." (B)

Day 7: Tue, Sept 16 – TOKYO – KAWAGOE – TOKYO. Today, embark on a full day of discovery of Kawagoe. Start with a visit to the **Kinbue Soy Sauce Factory**, for a tour of the facilities and lunch. After lunch, enjoy some time at a **shopping arcade** and the **Kawagoe Festival**



Float Museum. Then explore the **Railway Museum**. Opened in 2007, the museum recounts the history of railway in Japan, exhibits previously used train cars, teaches train conduction using simulators, and explains railway technology as it has evolved over the years. The museum's collection of train cars include steam and diesel locomotives, shinkansens (bullet trains), passenger and freight cars – some of which can be entered for closer viewing. Return to Tokyo, for a buffet dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Wed, Sept 17 – TOKYO – HONOLULU. Today's highlight will be a hands-on **sushi making session**, which will yield your delicious lunch. After lunch, visit **Asakusa**, the center of Tokyo's shitamachi (literally "low city"), one of Tokyo's districts, where an atmosphere of the Tokyo of past decades survives. Asakusa's main attraction is **Sensoji**, a very popular Buddhist temple built in the 7th century. The temple is approached via the **Nakamise**, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional local snacks and tourist souvenirs for centuries. Next is **Ameyoko**, a busy market street along the Yamanote Line tracks between Okachimachi and Ueno Stations. The name "Ameyoko" is a short form for "ameya yokocho" ("candy store alley"), as candies were traditionally sold there. Alternatively, "ame" also stands for "America," because a lot of American products used to be available there when the street was the site of a black market in the years following WWII. Today, various products such as clothes, bags, cosmetics, fresh fish, dried food, and spices are sold along Ameyoko. Transfer to the Haneda International Airport for the flight home. Depart Haneda via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:05 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:50 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Toshogu Shrine (1999).

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