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November 10 – 21, 2025 • Tour Manager: Sandra Lum

VISIT:

Kansai • Miyajima • Hiroshima • Fukuoka • Nagasaki • Arita • Beppu
Yawatahama • Matsuyama • Dogo • Takamatsu • Naruto • Osaka

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Shinkansen Bullet Train Ride • Ferry Ride to Miyajima • Itsukushima Shrine • Omotesando Street
Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park • A-Bomb Museum • Ohori Park Japanese Garden
Fukuoka Tower • Dazaifu • Kujukushima Island Cruise • Glover Garden • Nagasaki Peace Park
Aritayaki Ceramics Kiln • Beppu "Hell" Pools • Michi-No-Eki Yawatahama Agora Marche
Ishiteji Temple • Matsuyama Castle • Ritsurin Park • AEON MALL Takamatsu • Aizome Kogeikan
Naruto Whirlpool Cruise • Kuromon Ichiba Market • Dotonbori Shopping
Shinsaibashi Shopping • AEON MALL Rinku Sennan

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

Momiji Manju Making • Sake Brewery Tour and Tasting • Persimmon Picking
Udon Noodle Making • Aizome (Indigo) Dyeing

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Itsukushima Shrine

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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 – KANSAI. Arrive in the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #229 at 8:55 pm and arrive in the Kansai International Airport at 10:15 pm. After entry formalities, walk to the hotel located within the airport. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. HOTEL NIKKO KANSAI AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

*Baggage will be sent from Kansai to Hiroshima, skipping Miyajima. Prepare an overnight bag for one night.

Day 3: Wed, Nov 12 – KANSAI – HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast we drive the Shin-Osaka Train Station. Take a ride on the **Shinkansen Bullet Train** to Hiroshima Train Station. Enjoy lunch upon arrival. After lunch, take a **short ferry ride** and arrive on the island of Miyajima, considered sacred by many. Walk to your nearby ryokan. This evening enjoy a traditional, multi-course **Kaiseki Dinner** featuring Hiroshima's local and seasonal ingredients including fresh seafood from the Seto Inland Sea. After dinner, soak in the relaxing atmosphere of Iwasa Inn and the **onsen hot spring baths**. You can enjoy the beauty of the primeval forests and gentle sound of mountain streams while taking a bath. The onsens – which are divided for men and women. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. IWASA INN (1 Night) (B, L, D)

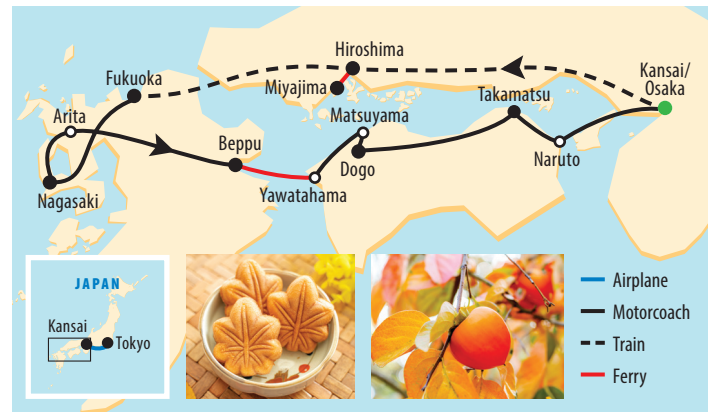
Day 4: Thur, Nov 13 – MIYAJIMA – HIROSHIMA. After breakfast, walk to the nearby **Itsukushima Shrine**. At high tide, the vermilion torii gate looks like it's floating in the middle of the sea. The shrine complex has been selected as one of Japan's three most scenic places (nihon sankei). **Learn how to make momiji manju**, a specialty of the area. Enjoy excellent shopping and numerous choices for lunch (on your own) down **Omotesando Street**, the main street of Miyajima Island. After lunch (on your own), board the **ferry back to Hiroshima**. In Hiroshima, visit the **Peace Memorial Park** and **A-Bomb Museum**. After arriving at the hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure. Our local Tour Guide will have many suggestions for dinner tonight. HOTEL GRANVIA HIROSHIMA (1 Night) (B)

Day 5: Fri, Nov 14 – HIROSHIMA – FUKUOKA. After breakfast, walk to the nearby Hiroshima Train Station and take a ride on the **JR Super Express Train**. Upon arrival in Fukuoka, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, stop at the **Ohori Park Japanese Garden** for some views of the fall foliage. Visit **Fukuoka Tower**, before transferring to the hotel. Our local Tour Guide will have many suggestions for shopping and dinner tonight. HOTEL JAL CITY FUKUOKA TENJIN (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 6: Sat, Nov 15 – FUKUOKA. After a sumptuous breakfast buffet at your hotel, depart for a full day of sightseeing. Begin the day at a **Sake Brewery**, where you will tour their facilities, learn how sake is made, and sample some of their tasty products. **Dazaifu** was established in the late 7th century and served as the administrative center of the entire island of Kyushu for over 500 years. Nowadays, Dazaifu is a small, quiet city on the outskirts of the large city of Fukuoka. Go to a local farm and **pick persimmons** at the peak of ripeness. Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B)

Day 7: Sun, Nov 16 – FUKUOKA – NAGASAKI. Japan is a nation of many islands but most travelers never get beyond the main four. In **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 "kujukyu" 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. After lunch, explore **Glover Garden**, an open-air museum, exhibiting mansions of former Western residents of Nagasaki. Then visit the **Nagasaki Peace Park**, which commemorates the atomic bombing of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945 which destroyed wide parts of the city and killed ten thousands of inhabitants. Transfer to the hotel for the evening. INASAYAMA KANKO HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Mon, Nov 17 – NAGASAKI – ARITA – BEPPU. Begin the day in Arita, where one of the most famous styles of **yakimono (Japanese pottery)** called **Aritayaki** originates. Visit a **kiln** while in Arita. We now drive east to a bather's paradise – the celebrated hot spring resort of Beppu.



Beppu is famous for its dramatic pools of bubbling water, mud, and geysers "of hell." Tonight, relax in the hotel **onsen hot springs**. SUGINOI HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 9: Tue, Nov 18 – BEPPU – YAWATAHAMA – MATSUYAMA – DOGO. After a Japanese breakfast at the hotel, we will board a ferry to Yawatahama. Upon arrival in Yawatahama, stop at the road side **Michi-no-Eki Yahatahama Agora Marche**. Not only do they provide a clean and convenient rest stop, local farmers and fisherman sell their products at rock-bottom prices. Then visit to **Ishiteji Temple**. This impressive temple is number 51 on the "88 Temple Pilgrimage", the most famous religious pilgrimage route in Japan. Tonight, relax in the **onsen hot springs** of the world-famous Dogo Kan Onsen area. Don't forget to check out the nearby shopping arcade full of shops selling local products of the area. If you time your visit right, you can watch the **Botchan Karakuri Clock**, located at the entrance of the shopping arcade, come to life like a cuckoo clock (every hour between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm). There is also a **free foot bath** at the base of the clock. DOGOKAN (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 10: Wed, Nov 19 – DOGO – MATSUYAMA – TAKAMATSU. Begin the day with a visit to **Matsuyama Castle**, one of the 12 original wooden castles in Japan that survived wars, fires, and the Meiji restoration. Next, **learn how to make udon**, and enjoy your creation for lunch. After lunch, visit **Ritsurin Park**, a masterpiece of Japanese landscape 100 years in the making. This sprawling park features beautiful ponds and pavilions with a backdrop of the majestic Mt. Shiun. Enjoy some time shopping at **AEON MALL Takamatsu** before transferring to the hotel for an evening of leisure. JR HOTEL CLEMENT TAKAMATSU (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 11: Thur, Nov 20 – TAKAMATSU – NARUTO – OSAKA. In the morning we will visit **Aizome Kogeikan** and try **aizome (indigo) dyeing a handkerchief**. The **Naruto Whirlpool**, which occurs along the Shikoku Coast of the Naruto Strait, are created by the large volumes of water moving between the Seto Inland Sea and the Pacific Ocean between high and low tide, combined with the unique underwater geography of the narrow strait. View the whirlpool from water level with **a cruise**. Pass through the Naruto Ohashi Bridge and Awaji Island en route to Osaka. Arrive at the hotel for an evening of leisure. HOTEL GRANVIA OSAKA (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 12: Fri, Nov 21 – OSAKA – HONOLULU. Morning at Leisure. 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. **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. We then make a final shopping stop at **AEON MALL Rinku Sennan**, 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 Site: Itsukushima Shrine (1996).