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Tour #1: September 11 – 21, 2025 • Tour Manager: Estrella Roznerski

OVERVIEW: The Tokaido ("East Sea Road") was the most important of the Five Routes of the Edo period — connecting Edo (modern-day Tokyo) to Kyoto in Japan. Unlike the inland and less heavily traveled Nakasendo, the Tokaido traveled along the sea coast of eastern Honshu, hence the route's name.

VISIT: Tokyo • Hakone • Miyajima • Hiroshima
Okayama • Kurashiki • Himeji • Kyoto • Nara

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Harajuku Shopping • Asakusa Sensoji Temple
Nakamise Shopping • Ameyoko Shopping • Oshino Hakkai • Owakudani
Hakone Ropeway • JR Super Express Train Ride • Ferry Ride to Miyajima
Itsukushima Shrine • Peace Memorial Park • A-Bomb Museum • A-Bomb Dome
Children's Memorial • Super AEON MALL Okayama • Kurashiki Bikan Area • Himeji Castle
Fushimi Inari Shrine • Heian Jingu Shrine • Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)
Todaiji Temple • Nara Deer Park

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES: Sushi Making • Yuzen Dyeing
Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES: Itsukushima Shrine • A-Bomb Dome
Himeji Castle • Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) • Todaiji Temple

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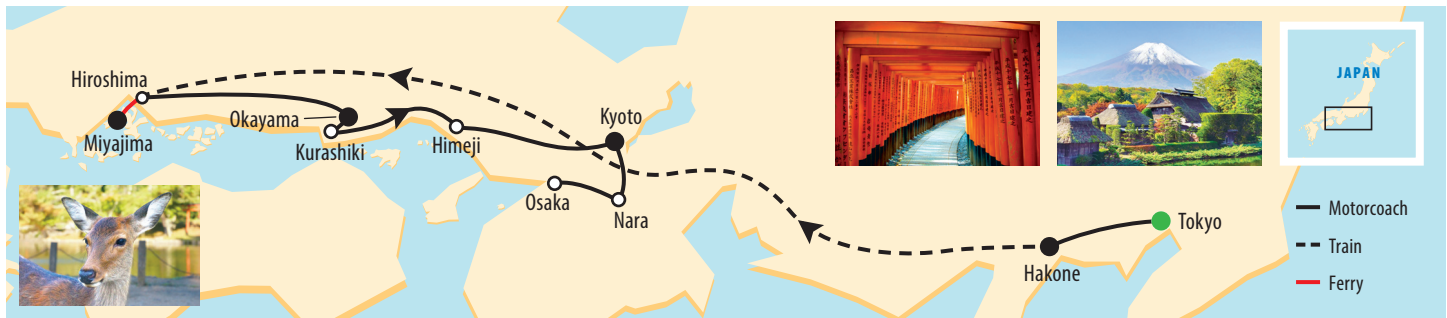
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Day 1: Thur, Sept 11 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:45 pm.

Day 2: Fri, Sept 12 – TOKYO. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to your hotel in Tokyo. GRAND NIKKO TOKYO DAIBA (3 Nights)

Day 3: Sat, Sept 13 – TOKYO. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast, embark on a full day of discovery! Start the day at the visually stimulating **Harajuku Shopping District**. Today's highlight will be a hands-on **sushi making session**, which will yield your delicious lunch. After lunch, head to **Asakusa**, the center of Tokyo's shitamachi (literally "low city") 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 visit **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. Return to the hotel for a buffet dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Sun, Sept 14 – TOKYO. Day at leisure. Perfect day to relax and/or visit with family and friends in Tokyo. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 5: Mon, Sept 15 – TOKYO – HAKONE. After breakfast, depart Tokyo for Hakone. Visit **Oshino Hakkai**, a set of eight ponds located in the Fuji Five Lake Region. The eight ponds are fed by melting snow from the nearby slopes of Mt. Fuji. The melted snow filtered down through porous layers of lava for 80 years, resulting in a very clear spring water that is revered by the locals. Next to one pond, visitors can drink the cool water straight from the source. You'll have time to explore the many restaurants, souvenir shops, and food vendors around the pond. Enjoy lunch here (on your own). After lunch, continue to Hakone where much of the area is considered an active volcanic zone since its creation from eruption of Mt. Hakone some 3,000 years ago. Visit **Owakudani** ("Great Boiling Valley"), the source of the hot spring waters of Hakone. Next, take in the view of the surrounding countryside from the **Hakone Ropeway**. Then transfer to the hotel for dinner. The **onsen hot springs** – 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. HAKONE SENGOKUHARA PRINCE HOTEL (1 Night) (B, D)

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

Day 6: Tue, Sept 16 – HAKONE – HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA. After breakfast, transfer to Mishima Train Station where we will board a **JR Super Express Train** to Hiroshima. Transfer to Miyajima-guchi by motorcoach. Take a short **ferry ride** to the island of Miyajima, considered sacred by many. Walk to the hotel. This evening soak in the relaxing atmosphere of the **onsen hot spring baths**. For dinner, enjoy a traditional, multi-course **Kaiseki Dinner** featuring Hiroshima's local and seasonal ingredients including fresh seafood from the Seto Inland Sea. IWASO INN (1 Night) Japanese-Style Room with Onsen and Kaiseki Dinner (B, D)

Day 7: Wed, Sept 17 – MIYAJIMA – HIROSHIMA – OKAYAMA. After breakfast, begin the morning exploring **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). Take the **ferry** back to Hiroshima. After lunch, visit the **Peace Memorial Park, A-Bomb Museum, A-Bomb Dome, and Children's Memorial**. Depart Hiroshima for Okayama,

today's final destination. Upon arrival to Okayama enjoy an evening of shopping and dining (on your own) at the **Super AEON MALL Okayama**. HOTEL GRANVIA OKAYAMA (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 8: Thur, Sept 18 – OKAYAMA – KURASHIKI – HIMEJI – KYOTO. After breakfast, transfer to **Kurashiki** and begin exploring it's beautiful **Bikan Area**. In merchant days, this scenic town thrived as a port for rice shipments. Several old rice granaries and examples of historic architecture still remain, in addition to the stone lined canal. Depart Kurashiki for Himeji. Upon arrival in Himeji, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting **Himeji Castle**. It is known as "White Egret Castle" and "White Heron Castle" because of its brilliant white exterior, resembling a bird taking flight. Himeji Castle is the largest and most visited castle in Japan. Depart for Kyoto. The evening will be at your leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions on various dining and shopping opportunities nearby. MIYAKO HOTEL KYOTO HACHUJO (3 Nights) (B, L)

Day 9: Fri, Sept 19 – KYOTO. After a sumptuous Japanese/Western buffet breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full day of sightseeing beginning with a visit to 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*. After lunch, visit **Heian Jingu Shrine** which has a relatively short history, dating back just over a hundred years to 1895. The shrine was built on the occasion of the 1100th anniversary of the capital's foundation in Kyoto and is dedicated to the spirits of the first and last emperors who reigned from the city, Emperor Kammu (737–806) and Emperor Komei (1831–1867). Heian is the former name of Kyoto. Next, visit **Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)**, a Zen Temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. 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. Return to the hotel for a buffet dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sat, Sept 20 – 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 11: Sun, Sept 21 – KYOTO – NARA – OSAKA – HONOLULU. Start the day with a **traditional Japanese tea ceremony**. After lunch, visit the **Todaiji Temple**, the largest wooden building in Japan, which houses the largest bronze statue of Buddha at 16.3 meters high. The surrounding **Nara Deer Park** is inhabited by **over 1,000 deer**. Depart Nara for the Kansai International Airport and check in for the flight home. Depart Kansai via Japan Airlines flt #792 at 9:45 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 11:05 am on the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Itsukushima Shrine (1996), A-Bomb Dome (1996), Himeji Castle (1993), Kinkakuji Temple (1994), Todaiji Temple (1998).

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