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Tour #1: March 27 – April 03, 2026

#### **VISIT:**

Tokyo • Nikko • Kamakura • Oshino • Hakone

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

Harajuku Shopping • Asakusa Sensoji Temple • Nakamise Shopping Ameyoko Shopping • Toshogu Shrine • Edo Wonderland • Kamakura Daibutsu Kotokuin Temple • Tsurugaoka Hachimangu • Komachi-dori Shopping Oshino Hakkai • Owakudani • Hakone Ropeway • Lake Ashi Cruise

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**Day 1: Fri, Mar 27** — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #71 at 4:10 pm.

**Day 2: Sat, Mar 28** – HANEDA – TOKYO. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 8:10 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to your hotel. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (5 Nights)

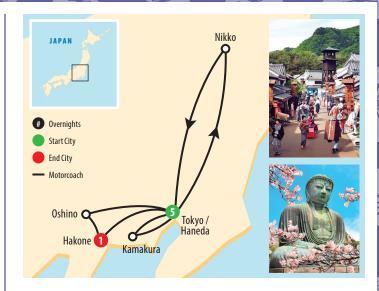
**Day 3: Sun, Mar 29** – TOKYO. Today, embark on a full day of discovery in Tokyo! Start the day with a visit to the visually stimulating **Harajuku Shopping District**. As the center of Japan's most extreme teenage cultures and fashion streets, it's a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. A three-story DAISO store is located here as well. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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: Mon, Mar 30** – 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 leyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa shogunate. Next, explore the historic theme park, **Edo Wonderland**, that recreates a 17<sup>th</sup> 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 the hotel for an evening of leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions on various dining and shopping opportunities nearby. (B, L)

**Day 5: Tue, Mar 31** - TOKYO. Day at leisure. Enjoy shopping and dining in the bustling Shinjuku area. 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: Wed, Apr 01** – TOKYO – KAMAKURA – TOKYO. Our first stop today is the **Kamakura Daibutsu** (The Great Buddha of Kamakura), a bronze statue of Amida Buddha, which stands on the grounds of **Kotokuin Temple**. With a height of 13.35 meters, it is the second tallest bronze Buddha statue in Japan, surpassed only by the statue in Nara's Todaiji Temple. After lunch, visit **Tsurugaoka Hachimangu**, Kamakura's most important shrine — which is dedicated to Hachiman, the patron god of the Minamoto family and of the samurai in general. Stop at **Komachi-dori** for some shopping before returning to the hotel. You can find everything from boutique fashion stores to souvenir gift shops along Komachi-dori. If you get tired, you can hire a rickshaw to take you around. Return to Tokyo for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

**Day 7: Thur, Apr 02** — TOKYO — OSHINO — HAKONE. After breakfast, depart Tokyo for Hakone. En route, stop at **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. 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. Transfer to the hotel for a buffet 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. In addition, tour members are allowed to unlimited visits to nearby Hakone Kowakien Yunessun, an all-weather onsen amusement park, at no additional cost! Get your wristband, which will give you entry to Yunessun, at the hotel's front desk. Walk a short distance (three minutes) to Yunessun. The hotel wristband will allow you to enter without waiting in line, even when Yunessun is crowded! Get your one complimentary face and body towel and lounge wear (additional towels or lounge wear are at an additional cost). Enjoy food and beverages at Yunessun at your own expense. HAKONE HOTEL KOWAKIEN (1 Night) (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Fri, Apr 03** – HAKONE – HANEDA – HONOLULU. After a delicious breakfast at the hotel, depart for **Owakudani** ("Great Boiling Valley"), the source of the hot spring waters of Hakone. Then take the **Hakone Ropeway** and view the surrounding countryside. Enjoy a **boat ride on the beautiful Lake Ashi**. After lunch, try your hand at **Hakone Yosegi-Zaiku**, inlaid and mosaic woodwork unique to this area. Depart Hakone and transfer to the airport for the flight home. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:05 pm and arrive Honolulu at 9:30 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

UNESCO World Heritage Site: Toshogu Shrine (1999).

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