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March 17 - 29, 2026 • Tour Manager: Bryan Wauke

VISIT:

Haneda • Fukuoka • Sasebo • Nagasaki • Unzen • Shimabara
Kumamoto • Kagoshima • Sakurajima Island • Ibusuki • Miyazaki • Beppu

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Dazaifu • Fukuoka Tower • Kushida Shrine • Hakata Machiya Furusato Kan
Huis Ten Bosch Theme Park • Kujukushima Cruise • Kujukushima Park • Glover Garden
Chinatown • Dejima • Nagasaki Peace Park • Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum • Unzen Jigoku
Unzen Ropeway • Reclining Buddha • Samurai House • Ferry Ride to Kumamoto • Suizenji Park
Kumamoto Castle • Sakura no Baba • Shinkansen Bullet Train Ride • Ferry Ride to Sakurajima Island
Stroll Around Sakurajima Island • Ferry Ride to Kagoshima • Senganen Garden (Isoteien)
The Chiran Peace Museum for Kamikaze Pilots • Samurai Residence and Garden • Oni no Sentaku Ita
Michi-no-Eki • Umi Jigoku • Chinoike Jigoku • Sake Brewery • AEON MALL Fukuoka

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

Kimono Dress Up • Ibusuki Hot Sand Bath

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Day 1: Tue, Mar 17 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:55 am.

Day 2: Wed, Mar 18 — HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Thur, Mar 19 — HANEDA — FUKUOKA. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer back to the Haneda airport terminal. Enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #315 at 11:05 am and arrive at the Fukuoka Airport at 1:00 pm. **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. Transfer to the hotel for an evening of leisure. The Local Guide will have recommendations for dining and shopping nearby. THE ROYAL PARK HOTEL FUKUOKA (3 Nights) (B, L)

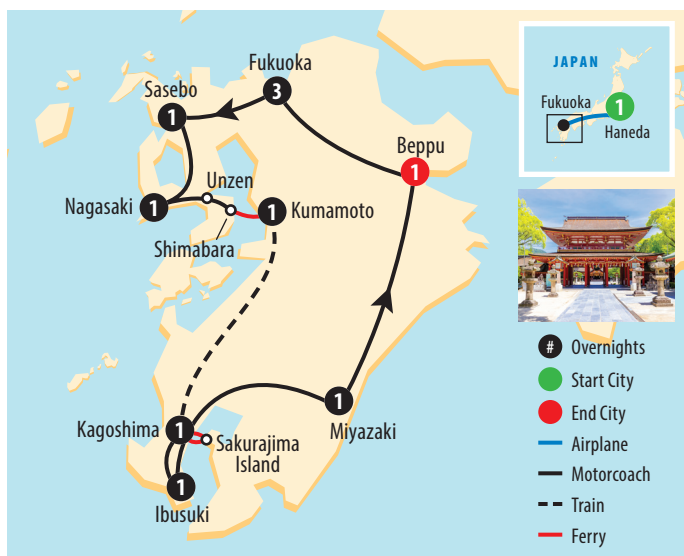
Day 4: Fri, Mar 20 — FUKUOKA. After a sumptuous breakfast buffet at your hotel, depart for a full day of sightseeing. At 234 meters, the **Fukuoka Tower** is the tallest seaside tower in Japan. From the observation deck on the top floor, which is 123 meters above ground, you can enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view of the Fukuoka cityscape and Hakata Bay. **Kushida Shrine**, a Shinto shrine that was founded in 757. Affectionately referred to as “Okushi-san” by locals, this shrine is deeply loved by the citizens of Fukuoka and is the starting location of two of Fukuoka’s famous summer festivals — Hakata Gion Yamasaka and Hakata Okunchi. Before leaving the shrine — look for the well surrounded by three cranes right by the shrine building. According to legend, the water from the well grants longevity and eternal youth. To do so, you must take three sips of water — praying for your own longevity with the first sip, praying for the wellbeing of your family with the second sip, and finally praying for the health of friends with the third and final sip. Next, spend some time exploring **Hakata Machiya Furusato Kan**, a folk museum that showcases the lifestyle and culture of life in Hakata (Fukuoka) in the Meiji and Taisho periods. Traditional crafts and local sweets are great souvenirs of your visit here. Return to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B)

Day 5: Sat, Mar 21 — FUKUOKA. Day at leisure. Free time to explore Fukuoka on your own, shop at nearby stores, or relax at the hotel. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 6: Sun, Mar 22 — FUKUOKA — SASEBO. Start the day with a tour of **Huis Ten Bosch** (Hausu Ten Bosu) a theme park in Nagasaki Prefecture which recreates a Dutch town. This spacious resort is suffused with a European atmosphere with its picturesque canals, iconic windmills, beautiful gardens, and architecture. Enjoy lunch here (on your own). Japan is a nation of many islands but most travelers never get beyond the main four. At **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 “kujuku” 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. If these islands look familiar, chalk it up to the fact that they featured prominently in the opening scenes of the film *The Last Samurai*. Take in the view from **Kujukushima Park**. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. The indoor **onsen hot springs** — which are divided for men and women — allow you to enjoy the hot springs regardless of the weather outside. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. YUMIHARINO OKA HOTEL (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 7: Mon, Mar 23 — SASEBO — NAGASAKI. After breakfast, visit **Glover Garden**, an open-air museum, exhibiting mansions of former Western residents of Nagasaki. A nice panorama of the city can be enjoyed from the garden. After lunch, take a stroll through **Chinatown**. Visit **Dejima**, the artificial island built in the shape of a fan, that was used as the sole trading spot with foreign countries from the 17th to the 19th centuries. For 200 years, until Japan reopened the country in the 19th century, Dejima was its only window to the world. Then explore the **Nagasaki Peace Park**, which commemorates the atomic bombing of Nagasaki on August 09, 1945, that destroyed wide parts of the city and killed tens of thousands of inhabitants. Above the park stands the sobering **Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum**. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. INASAYAMA KANKO HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Tue, Mar 24 — NAGASAKI — UNZEN — SHIMABARA — KUMAMOTO. First stop this morning is at **Unzen Jigoku** (“Unzen Hell”), where hot water and gases spout out of the earth. **Unzen Ropeway** leads part way up the mountain slope. The lower and upper ropeway stations have observation decks with views over the surrounding mountains and the Ariake Sea all the way to Kumamoto Prefecture on a clear day. Enjoy the spectacular views. After lunch, visit the **Reclining Buddha** statue in Shimabara. At 8.6 meters long, it’s the longest reclining Buddha in Japan. Before departing Shimabara, explore the carefully preserved **Samurai House**. Take a short **ferry ride** from Shimabara to Kumamoto. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Recommendations will be made by the Local Guide for dinner options. KUMAMOTO HOTEL CASTLE (1 Night) (B, L)



Day 9: Wed, Mar 25 — KUMAMOTO — KAGOSHIMA. Depart the hotel for **Suizenji Park**, a spacious, Japanese style landscape garden in Kumamoto, best enjoyed by scrolling along a circular path. It was built by the Hosokawa family in the 17th century. The garden reproduces the 53 post stations of the Tokaido, the important road, which connected Edo with Kyoto during the Edo Period, in miniature form, including a small Mt. Fuji. Experience first-hand what **wearing a kimono** is like. Take a tour of **Kumamoto Castle**. Get a taste of the old days at **Sakura no Baba**, an Edo-themed complex just down the hill from Kumamoto Castle. Enjoy lunch here (on your own). Depart Kumamoto for Kagoshima by **Shinkansen Bullet Train**. Arrive in Kagoshima, where the remaining of the evening is at your leisure. KAGOSHIMA SUN ROYAL HOTEL (1 Night) (B)

Day 10: Thur, Mar 26 — KAGOSHIMA — SAKURAJIMA ISLAND — KAGOSHIMA — IBUSUKI. After breakfast, take a **ferry to Sakurajima Island**. One of Japan’s most active volcanoes, Sakurajima smokes constantly, and minor eruptions often take place multiple times a day. **Take a stroll** around the “symbol of Kagoshima.” Return to Kagoshima **via ferry**. Then visit **Senganen Garden**, also known as **Isoteien**, a Japanese style landscape garden along the coast north of downtown Kagoshima. One of the garden’s most striking feature is its use of Sakurajima and Kagoshima Bay as borrowed scenery. After lunch, transfer to the hotel in Ibusuki. Ibusuki is an onsen town that is famous for its sand baths, where bathers are buried in naturally heated sand. In sand baths, guests get provided with yukata robes and are then buried by staff members in hot sand that is heated by natural steam coming up from below. After staying buried for typically 10 to 20 minutes, guests wash off the sand and enter regular onsen hot spring baths. Get your chance to **try a hot sand bath** at the hotel. Enjoy the **natural onsen hot springs** and a specially prepared **Kaiseki Dinner** at your hotel this evening. IBUSUKI HAKUSUIKAN (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 11: Fri, Mar 27 — IBUSUKI — MIYAZAKI. Visit **The Chiran Peace Museum For Kamikaze Pilots**. It is a thought provoking, and to many, a controversial museum dedicated to the lives and deaths of 1,036 suicide pilots or kamikaze, who sacrificed themselves in the name of the Japanese emperor in the latter stages of WWII. After lunch, explore the **Samurai Residences and Gardens**. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, view the unusual rock formations of the **Oni no Sentaku Ita** (“Devil’s Washboard”) before arriving at the hotel. SHERATON GRANDE OCEAN RESORT (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 12: Sat, Mar 28 — MIYAZAKI — BEPPU. On our way to Beppu, make a quick stop at a **Michi-no-Eki** where you will find an array of farmer-direct merchandise along with other omiyage items. Enjoy lunch here (on your own). Further north, we arrive we arrive in the bather’s paradise — the celebrated hot spring resort of Beppu. Beppu is famous for its “hells” of dramatic pools of bubbling water, mud and geysers. Visit two: **Umi Jigoku** or “**Sea Hell**” is a pond of boiling blue water and **Chinoike Jigoku** or “**Blood Pond Hell**” with its bubbling blood red waters. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. Be sure to enjoy a **soak in the mineral waters of the onsen hot springs**. SUGINOI HOTEL SORA-KAN (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 13: Sun, Mar 29 — BEPPU — FUKUOKA — HANEDA — HONOLULU. Begin your last day in Fukuoka learning about sake at a **sake brewery**. There will be ample free time at the spacious **AEON MALL Fukuoka**, for shopping and lunch (on your own) before making our way to airport for our flight home to Honolulu. Depart Fukuoka Airport via Japan Airlines flt #320 at 4:00 pm and arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 5:50 pm. Depart the Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:05 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:30 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)