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With Miyajima & Hiroshima Tour #1

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**9 Nights / 11 Days • 20 Meals (9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 4 Dinners)
Escorted from Honolulu • Includes an English-Speaking Local Guide**

Tour #1: March 27 – April 06, 2026

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 • Oshino • Hakone • Miyajima • Hiroshima
Okayama • Kurashiki • Himeji • Kyoto • Nara

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Meiji Shrine • Harajuku Shopping • Asakusa Sensoji Temple
Nakamise Shopping • Ameyoko Shopping • Oshino Hakkai • Lake Ashi Cruise
Shinkansen Bullet Train Ride • Ferry Ride to Miyajima Island • Itsukushima Shrine
Peace Memorial Park • A-Bomb Museum • A-Bomb Dome • Children's Memorial • AEON MALL Okayama
Kurashiki Bikan Area • Himeji Castle • Koko-en Garden • Sanjusangen-do • Nijo Castle
Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) • Todaiji Temple • Nara Deer Park • AEON MALL

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

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

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Day 1: Fri, Mar 27 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:55 am.

Day 2: Sat, Mar 28 — HANEDA — TOKYO. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to your hotel in Tokyo. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (3 Nights)

Day 3: Sun, Mar 29 — TOKYO. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast, embark on a full day of discovery! First visit the **Meiji Shrine**, the Shinto shrine dedicated to the deified spirits of the Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Then visit 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 streets 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. Then transfer back to the hotel in Tokyo. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Mon, Mar 30 — 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: Tue, Mar 31 — 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. Enjoy a **boat ride on the beautiful Lake Ashi**. Then 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. HAKONE HOTEL KOWAKIEN (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Wed, Apr 01 — HAKONE — HIROSHIMA — MIYAJIMA. Transfer to Odawara Train Station where we will board a **Shinkansen Bullet Train** to Hiroshima. After a short **ferry ride** arrive on 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**. This evening 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, L, D)

Day 7: Thur, Apr 02 — MIYAJIMA — HIROSHIMA — OKAYAMA. After a delicious breakfast explore **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). Now board the **ferry back to Hiroshima**. After lunch, visit the **Peace Memorial Park, A-Bomb Museum, A-Bomb Dome**, and **Children's Memorial**. Upon arrival to Okayama enjoy an evening of shopping and dining (on your own) at the **AEON MALL Okayama**. HOTEL GRANVIA OKAYAMA (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 8: Fri, Apr 03 — OKAYAMA — KURASHIKI — HIMEJI — KYOTO. After breakfast, depart Okayama. Visit **Kurashiki** and its 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. Next we drive to Himeji to visit **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. A short walk from the castle's main gate (Otemon Gate), is **Koko-en Garden**. Opened in 1992 on the former site of the feudal lord's west residence, this Japanese style garden consists of nine separate walled gardens designed in various styles of the Edo Period (1603–1868) and features a pond with a waterfall, a tea garden, a pine tree garden, a bamboo garden, and a flower garden. Transfer to the hotel in Kyoto for an evening of leisure. After check-in, explore the many restaurants and shops conveniently located near your hotel. Remainder of the day is at your leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for dinner. DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON KYOTO STATION (3 Nights) (B, L)

Day 9: Sat, Apr 04 — KYOTO. After a delicious Japanese/Western buffet breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full day of sightseeing beginning with a visit **Sanjusangen-do**, the Buddhist temple famous for its 1,001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of compassion. Next, visit the **Nijo Castle**. After the Tokugawa Shogunate fell in 1867, Nijo Castle was used as an imperial palace for a while before being donated to the city and opened up to the public as a historic site. Its palace buildings are arguably the best surviving examples of castle palace architecture of Japan's feudal era. After lunch, participate in today's hands-on experience, **Surikomi Yuzen (brush dyed Yuzen)**. Since the patterns are dyed by placing a paper stencil over a tote bag you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. Lastly, visit **Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)**, a Zen Temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Return to the hotel for a Western dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sun, Apr 05 — 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: Mon, Apr 06 — KYOTO — NARA — KANSAI — HONOLULU. On our way to Nara, experience is a **traditional Japanese tea ceremony**. After lunch, visit the **Todaiji Temple** in Nara. Todaiji, the largest wooden building in Japan, houses the largest bronze statue of Buddha at 16.3 meters high. The surrounding **Nara Deer Park** is inhabited by **over 1,000 deer**. Spending some leisure time shopping (or dining on your own) at an **AEON MALL**, before transferring to the airport for the flight home. Depart Kansai International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #792 at 10:10 pm and arrive Honolulu at 10:45 am 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).