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May 29 – June 09, 2026 • Tour Manager: Geri Ichimura

VISIT: Nagoya, Takayama, Shirakawago, Kanazawa, Hyakumangoku Festival & Tokyo

KANAZAWA HYAKUMANGOKU FESTIVAL — Don't Miss the Impressive Parade of Warriors!

The Hyakumangoku Festival, held the first weekend in June, is Kanazawa's biggest celebration of the year. The event commemorates the entry of Maeda Toshiie (1537–1599), the first lord of the Kaga Domain, into Kanazawa Castle on June 14, 1583. Taiko drums, marching samurai warriors, music on Japanese flutes and shamisen, lion dances, Noh plays, yosakoi, tea ceremony, and over 10,000 people dancing in the streets at once!

The festivities begin on a Friday evening in early summer with children parading along the streets, holding lanterns and chanting along to taiko drums. The grand commencement ceremony of the weekend begins Saturday afternoon in front of Kanazawa Station. A hundred taiko drummers play in unison in front of Kanazawa Station's "Drum Gate," to introduce the festival's main event, the Hyakumangoku Parade. In a tradition more than three centuries old, firefighters climb bamboo ladders supported only by others' hands. As they perform acrobatics at the ladders' peak, massive tassels shake and twirl, and the crowds cheer. Finally, the re-enactors arrive, dressed in full samurai battle wear and armed with katanas and bows, as they make way for the star of the show, Kanazawa's first lord, Maeda Toshiie, on horseback. The parade precedes Lord Maeda to the castle, performing for the gathered crowd. The parade culminates in front of Kanazawa Castle, where the Maedas are officially welcomed to the castle.

Another highlight is the Hyakumangoku Dancing Parade on Saturday evening, in which more than 12,000 people dressed in traditional yukata perform festival dances along Kanazawa's main streets. Spectators are encouraged to join in the festive atmosphere. After dark on Saturday night, outdoor Noh performances are held by torchlight.

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2026 Discover Nagoya, Takayama & Kanazawa



Day 1: Fri, May 29 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #793 at 2:15 pm.

Day 2: Sat, May 30 – NAGOYA. Arrive at the Chubu Centrair International Airport at 6:00 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to your hotel in Nagoya. The evening is at your leisure. The Local Guide will have recommendations for nearby dining and shopping options. NAGOYA MARRIOTT ASSOCIA HOTEL (3 Nights)

Day 3: Sun, May 31 – NAGOYA. Begin the day with a visit to the **Atsuta Jingu Shrine**, one of Shinto's most important shrines. It enshrines the Sun Goddess Amaterasu and stores the sacred sword Kusanagi, which is one of the three imperial regalia. Note, however, that the sword is never displayed to the public. Next, explore the **Toyota Automobile Museum**, a large museum showcasing the history of Toyota as an automobile manufacturer. In addition to displaying its own vehicles that Toyota has manufactured over the years, numerous vehicles from other manufacturers of various makes are also displayed in the museum. After lunch, visit **Nagoya Castle**, which was completed in 1615 by the famed Shogun, Tokugawa Ieyasu. Although Nagoya Castle was partially destroyed in 1945, it was deemed a historically important site and designated a National Historic Site. The castle was recently rebuilt and fully opened to the public in June 2018. Half a century after its destruction in the war, the palace was rebuilt using traditional construction materials and techniques. The palace has been considered one of the finest examples of Shoin architecture in all of Japan. At **Noritake no Mori**, you'll take part in a hands-on **mug painting activity**. Your unique creation will be fired and shipped to Hawai'i. Walk to the **AEON MALL Nagoya Noritake Garden** located next to Noritake no Mori. You'll have leisure time for shopping before returning to the hotel for a buffet dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Mon, Jun 01 – NAGOYA. Enjoy a full day at leisure. Enjoy shopping and dining on your own in Nagoya. If you're a foodie, the nearby Yanagibashi Central Market is a must-visit.



You can find a wide variety of fresh seafood, fruits, vegetables, and other local specialties. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 5: Tue, Jun 02 – NAGOYA – TAKAYAMA. After breakfast, depart Nagoya for Takayama. Located amongst the Japan Alps, Takayama is known as "Little Kyoto" for its preserved historical structures. Since it was cut off from the rest of Japan for most of its history, Takayama has maintained a very unique and traditional atmosphere. Work up an appetite taking a stroll around this quaint town before having the famed Hida Beef for lunch. After lunch, take a tour of the **Takayama Jinya**. Because of its valuable timber resources, the Hida Region around Takayama was put under direct control of the Tokugawa Shogunate in 1692. The Takayama Jinya served as the local government office headed by the officials dispatched from Edo (present day Tokyo). The building complex was in official use until 1969 and is now open to the public as a museum. Enjoy leisure time at the hotel before dinner. Be sure to relax in the **onsen hot spring baths** tonight. The onsens – 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. TAKAYAMA GREEN HOTEL ORINKAKU (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Wed, Jun 03 – TAKAYAMA. After breakfast we will continue sightseeing in Takayama, which includes the **Morning Market**. You can browse the market stalls for local crafts and fresh farm products. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Don't forget to visit (on your own) Takayama's Old Town, which has been beautifully preserved, with many buildings and whole streets of houses dating from the Edo Period (1600–1868). (B)

Day 7: Thur, Jun 04 – TAKAYAMA – SHIRAKAWAGO – KANAZAWA. After breakfast, depart Takayama for Kanazawa, stopping enroute in **Shirakawago**. Ogimachi is the largest village and main attraction of Shirakawago. The village is home to several dozen well

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preserved gassho-zukuri farmhouses, some of which are more than 250 years old. Myozenji Temple, which is unique for its thatched roof rather than the typical tiled roof seen on most temples, is connected to the Myozenji-ke farmhouse next door where the priest of the temple lives. After lunch, take a walking tour of the **Higashi Chaya District**. A “chaya” (“teahouse”) is an exclusive type of restaurant where guests were entertained by geisha, who performed song and dance. Enjoy leisure time at the hotel in Kanazawa before dinner. **HYATT CENTRIC KANAZAWA (3 Nights) (B, L, D)**

Day 8: Fri, Jun 05 — KANAZAWA. You’re in for some fun today! Begin the day at **Omicho Market**, Kanazawa’s local market. Also known as “Kanazawa’s kitchen,” the market sell everything you can find for your kitchen. Not only fish but also vegetables and meats are sold. While here, take part in a **cooking class**. Enjoy your creations for lunch! After lunch, experience a **samurai sword demonstration**. Watch as the swords master, who can trace their samurai lineage back generations, demonstrates how the swords are used. Watch as the sword quickly cuts its target down to size. You’ll then get your opportunity to hold, and practice slicing it through the air. An unforgettable experience. Return to the hotel for some leisure time before walking to the nearby restaurant for dinner. This evening, during a meal that highlights Kanazawa cuisine, you will be **entertained by an authentic Geiko**, with **dancing, singing, and playing fun games**. A Geiko is a highly trained entertainer, specifically in Kyoto, who performs in the arena of singing, dancing, and music. Outside of Kyoto, these entertainers are more commonly known as Geisha. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sat, Jun 06 — KANAZAWA — HYAKUMANGOKU FESTIVAL. The morning is at leisure. This afternoon, experience Kanazawa’s biggest celebration of the year at the **Hyakumangoku Festival**. Watch the spectacle as firefighters perform acrobatics atop bamboo ladders. As re-enactors dressed in full samurai battle wear parade down the street, armed with katanas and bows. Join in the festive atmosphere. (B)

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Day 10: Sun, Jun 07 — KANAZAWA — TOKYO. After breakfast, walk to the nearby Kanazawa Station and depart on a **Shinkansen Bullet Train** to Tokyo. Upon arrival in Tokyo, **learn the art of Edo kiriko edging** — the traditional form of cut glass manufacturing that was developed in the late-Edo period (early 19th century) in Tokyo. Edo kiriko is characterized by beautiful, intricate patterning and a bold contrast between colored and non-colored element. What sets Edo kiriko apart from other glass cutting techniques are the 20 intricate patterns traditionally used to decorate the glass and its incredible thinness. While Satsuma kiriko (another glass cutting technique) uses glass that is typically two to three millimeters thick, Edo kiriko uses glass that is only one millimeter. And when you gently flick the glass, it makes an almost metallic sound. Finally, transfer to the hotel, in the center of Shinjuku, the hub of shopping and restaurants in Tokyo. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. **KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (2 Nights) (B, D)**

Day 11: Mon, Jun 08 — TOKYO. Enjoy a full day at leisure. Enjoy shopping and dining in the bustling Shinjuku area. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 12: Tue, Jun 09 — TOKYO — HANEDA — HONOLULU. Hope you didn’t forget your Costco card, as the day begins at **Costco**. Find out how similar, yet different, the Costco is in Japan. After lunch 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. Transfer to the airport for the flight home. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #72 at 9:55 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:35 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

