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November 02 – 13, 2026 • Tour Managers: Dean & Annette Mizumura

VISIT: Nagoya, Takayama, Shirakawago, Kanazawa & Tokyo

EXPLORE CENTRAL JAPAN — *Vibrant Culture is Waiting to be Explored!*

Nagoya is a major urban center between Tokyo and Kyoto and a gateway for accessing Kanazawa, Takayama, and other destinations in the Hokuriku region. This castle town is Japan's fourth most populated city and the heart of the country's automobile industry. Takayama is a city in the mountainous Hida Region of the Gifu Prefecture. Takayama retains a traditional touch like few other cities in Japan, especially in its beautifully preserved old town. It ranks as a prime candidate among travelers wishing to add a rural element into an itinerary. Kanazawa is home to traditional culture and arts, as well as cutting-edge modern art and architecture. With a veritable infinite variety of foods and ingredients, enjoy the taste of Kanazawa along with its sights and sounds.

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2026 Fall Discover Nagoya, Takayama & Kanazawa



Day 1: Mon, Nov 02 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #797 at 1:45 pm.

Day 2: Tue, Nov 03 — 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: Wed, Nov 04 — 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. 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 Hawaii. 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: Thur, Nov 05 — 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: Fri, Nov 06 — 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 **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, can be enjoyed 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: Sat, Nov 07 — 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: Sun, Nov 08 — TAKAYAMA — SHIRAKAWAGO — KANAZAWA. After breakfast, depart Takayama for Kanazawa, stopping en route in Shirakawago. Ogimachi is the largest village and main attraction of **Shirakawago**. The village is home to several dozen well 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**.

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A *chaya* (“teahouse”) is an exclusive type of restaurant where guests were entertained by *Geisha*, who performed song and dance. Enjoy leisure time at your hotel in Kanazawa before dinner. HYATT CENTRIC KANAZAWA (3 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Mon, Nov 09 – 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: Tue, Nov 10 – KANAZAWA. After breakfast, depart the hotel to explore **Kenrokuen Garden**, one of Japan’s “three most beautiful landscaped gardens.” Next, learn the process of **gold leaf application** and try it yourself on chopsticks that you’ll get to take home as a souvenir of this trip. Return to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B)

Day 10: Wed, Nov 11– KANAZAWA – TOKYO. After breakfast, walk to the nearby Kanazawa Station and depart on a **Shinkansen Bullet Train**, with **reserved seating**

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in the **Green Car**, 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: Thur, Nov 12 – 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: Fri, Nov 13 – 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. Next, take part in a **ramen making class** and enjoy your creation for lunch. After lunch visit **Ameyoko**, a busy market street 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 #74 at 9:00 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:00 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Atsuta Jingu Shrine, Nagoya Castle, Noritake no Mori, AEON MALL Nagoya Noritake Garden, Stroll Around Takayama, Takayama Jinya, Morning Market, Shirakawago, Higashi Chaya District, Omicho Market, Samurai Sword Demonstration, Kenrokuen Garden, Shinkansen Bullet Train Ride, Costco & Ameyoko Shopping

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES: Mug Painting, Cooking Class, Samurai Sword Practice, Games with Geiko Entertainer, Gold Leaf Application, Edo Kiriko Edging & Ramen Making

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:



NAGOYA MARRIOTT ASSOCIA HOTEL (NAGOYA — 3 NIGHTS): Often regarded as **one of the 18 best hotels in Japan**, Nagoya Marriott Associa Hotel is ideally located in the heart of the city, and right above **11 floors of JR Takashimaya Department Store** and **two floors of gourmet outlets**. Special arrangements have been made for “Concierge Floor” level rooms the hotel, allowing Tour Members special access to the **exclusive Concierge Lounge** on the 15th floor, where you can enjoy breakfast, free drink service, and more. Enjoy complimentary afternoon tea, hors d’oeuvres, desserts, cocktails, and non-alcoholic beverages in the lounge.



TAKAYAMA GREEN HOTEL ORINKAKU (TAKAYAMA — 2 NIGHTS): Located in the **heart of Hida Takayama**, just a 50-minute drive from the World Heritage Site Shirakawago and a quick **six-minute walk from JR Takayama Station**. Experience traditional culture with modern comfort, featuring a natural onsen overlooking a Japanese garden, and a souvenir shop boasting over 7,000 omiyage items from around the Hida Region. Available to guests staying in **Ohrinkaku Premier Rooms** is a **Lounge** where you can enjoy **coffee, juice, and alcoholic beverages free of charge** from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm each day.



HYATT CENTRIC KANAZAWA (KANAZAWA — 3 NIGHTS):

Experience the best of Kanazawa when you stay at this upscale boutique hotel that celebrates the culture of this historic city famous for its **unique cuisine** and **geisha and samurai heritage**. Situated just **seconds from Kanazawa Station**, Hyatt Centric Kanazawa is the perfect launchpad for exploring the city’s authentic art, shops, restaurants, and sights. Kanazawa recently received media attention overseas and has been named *National Geographic’s* “Best of the World 2025,” as well as introduced on *ELLE France* magazine as “one of the eight destinations to visit once in a lifetime.”



KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (TOKYO — 2 NIGHTS): The Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo is at the perfect location to explore the delights of the city of Tokyo. Just **outside the Tochomae Station** and only a **five-minute walk from Shinjuku Station**, the most popular shopping and entertainment spots, this luxury hotel provides stunning experiences which will linger with guests for a long time. Stay in a **Premier Grand Room** (located on the 35th to 41st floors), with stunning views of the city, where you will have **access to the Club Lounge** on the 45th floor.



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