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**Tour #3: November 13 – 22, 2026 • Tour Manager: Dave Umeda**

## VISIT:

Haneda, Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Beppu & Yufuin

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Dazaifu Tenmangu, Kushida Shrine, Hakata Machiya Furusato Kan, Stroll Around Chinatown, Glover Garden, Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, Nagasaki Peace Park, Michi-no-Eki, Umi Jigoku ("Sea Hell"), Chinoike Jigoku ("Blood Pond Hell"), Yufuin Yunotsubo Kaido, Kokonoe "Yume" Otsurihashi, Stroll Around Hita Mameda Machi, Fukuoka Convention Center, Kyushu Grand Sumo Tournament & LaLaport Fukuoka

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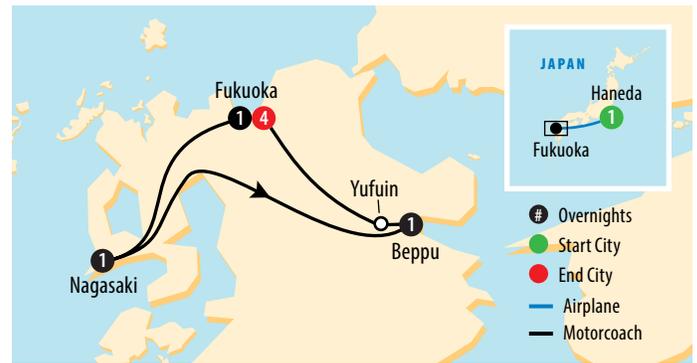
**Day 1: Fri, Nov 13** – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #71 at 4:10 pm.

**Day 2: Sat, Nov 14** – HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 8:10 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

**Day 3: Sun, Nov 15** – 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 11:00 am and arrive at the Fukuoka Airport at 1:00 pm. Upon arrival in Fukuoka, visit **Dazaifu Tenmangu**, a Shinto shrine that worships Sugawara Michizane, or Tenjin, the deity of learning, culture, and the arts. As one of Japan's most important Shinto shrines, it welcomes more than 10 million visitors a year. Then, head to **Kushida Shrine**, a Shinto shrine affectionately referred to as "Okushi-san" by local. This shrine is deeply loved by the citizens of Fukuoka and is the starting location of two of Fukuoka's famous summer festivals: the Hakata Gion Yamasaka and Hakata Okunchi. Before leaving the shrine, look for the well surrounded by three cranes. 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, the wellbeing of your family with the second sip, and finally for the health of friends with the third sip. Next, spend some time exploring **Hakata Machiya Furusato Kan**, a folk museum that showcases the lifestyle and culture of life in Hakata (Fukuoka) during the Meiji and Taisho periods. Arrive at the hotel, where the remainder of the evening is at your leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for dining and shopping nearby. NISHITETSU GRAND HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L)

**Day 4: Mon, Nov 16** – FUKUOKA – NAGASAKI. After breakfast, begin the day with a stroll through **Chinatown**. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit **Glover Garden**, an open-air museum exhibiting mansions of former Western merchants of Nagasaki. A nice panorama of the city can be enjoyed from the garden of the Former Glover House, the oldest wooden Western-style building in Japan. Then, visit the **Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum**, an informative yet sobering look at the impact of the dropping of the "Fat Man" atomic bomb on Nagasaki and **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. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant tonight. HILTON NAGASAKI (1 Night) (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Tue, Nov 17** – NAGASAKI – BEPPU. On our way to Beppu, make a quick stop at a **Michino-Eki** (roadside station) where you will find an array of farmer-direct merchandise along with other omiyage items. After lunch at a local restaurant, arrive in the bather's paradise: the celebrated onsen hot spring resort town of Beppu. Beppu is famous for its "hells" of dramatic pools of bubbling water, mud, and geysers. Visit two of the "hells": **Umi Jigoku ("Sea Hell")**, a pond of boiling blue water, and **Chinoike Jigoku ("Blood Pond Hell")** with its bubbling blood red waters. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. Relax in the hotel **onsen hot springs**, before or after dinner. 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. SUGINOI HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)



**Day 6: Wed, Nov 18** – BEPPU – YUFUIN – FUKUOKA. After breakfast, depart Beppu for Fukuoka. Located at the base of Mt. Yuku-dake, **Yufuin Yunotsubo Kaido**, is the main road connecting JR Yufuin Station and Lake Kinrin-ko. You'll have ample time to explore the 70 or so different stores selling souvenirs and specialty products of the area. There are also various foods and drinks to choose from for lunch (on your own). Then, experience "a walkway through the skies" at **Kokonoe "Yume" Otsurihashi**. 173 meters above the Naruko-gawa Gorge and at a length of 390 meters, this is the largest pedestrian suspension bridge in Japan. Take a stroll through **Hita Mameda Machi**, which was developed as a place for commoners during the Tokugawa Shogunate in the Edo Period. Known as Kyushu's "Little Kyoto," the historic buildings and layout of the town remain the same as it did back then. Don't miss out trying the famous citron pepper soft served ice cream while here. Arrive at the hotel in Fukuoka for an evening of leisure. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. NISHITETSU GRAND HOTEL (4 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 7: Thur, Nov 19** – FUKUOKA. Enjoy a morning of leisure. This afternoon, depart the hotel for the **Fukuoka Convention Center**. Get comfortable in your reserved seats as you watch the matches of the **Kyushu Grand Sumo Tournament**. Held every November, this is the last of Japan's six major sumo tournaments (called Honbashi), held during the year – on each odd month – taking place over 15 consecutive days. While the event is broadcasted on NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation), nothing beats being able to experience the excitement of being there in person, as the crowd sits in tense silence as everyone waits for the wrestlers to choose their moment to lunge at their opponent. Cheer on your favorite wrestler. With current sumo ranking announced just two weeks prior, each wrestler is eager to battle to improve their ranking and status with winning matches. For dinner, "eat like a sumo wrestler" with a **special chankonabe meal**. Chankonabe is a type of nabemono (Japanese stew or one-pot dish) commonly eaten in vast quantities by sumo wrestlers as part of a weight-gaining diet. The dish contains a dashi or chicken broth soup base with sake or mirin to add flavor. The characteristic of this hot pot is that there is no specific recipe. And unlike other varieties of Japanese hot pot meals, meats, seafood, vegetables, and pretty much everything can be thrown into the hot pot. Chanko is a term used to refer to all types of cuisine made by sumo wrestlers (rikishi). The word chanko comes from combining "chan" meaning "parent" and "ko" meaning "child," and refers to the act of everyone – coaches and trainees alike – sharing the same meal together. After dinner, return to the hotel. (B, D)

**Day 8: Fri, Nov 20** – FUKUOKA. Enjoy a morning of leisure. This afternoon, depart the hotel for the **Fukuoka Convention Center**. Watch the **Kyushu Grand Sumo Tournament** matches from your comfortable reserved seats. Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B)

**Day 9: Sat, Nov 21** – FUKUOKA. Day at leisure. A perfect day to relax and/or visit family and friends in Fukuoka. The Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

**Day 10: Sun, Nov 22** – FUKUOKA – HANEDA – HONOLULU. After a morning at leisure, depart the hotel for **LaLaport Fukuoka**. You'll have ample time to explore the 220 stores in this shopping mall and have lunch (on your own). Then, transfer to the Fukuoka Airport for the flight home. Depart Fukuoka via Japan Airlines flt #324 at 5:20 pm. Arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 7:00 pm. Depart the Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #72 at 9:55 pm and arrive Honolulu at 9:55 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)