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**Tour #1: September 11 – 21, 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. 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, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Okayama, Kurashiki, Himeji, Kyoto, Nara & Osaka

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

**HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:** Sushi Making, Yuzen Dyeing & Japanese Tea Ceremony

**UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES:** Itsukushima Shrine, Atomic Bomb Dome, Himeji Castle, Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion), Nijo Castle & Todaiji Temple

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**Day 1: Fri, Sep 11** – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:45 pm.

**Day 2: Sat, Sep 12** – HANEDA – TOKYO. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to your hotel in Tokyo. The evening is at your leisure to explore the area around the hotel, which is filled with various dining and shopping opportunities. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (3 Nights)

**Day 3: Sun, Sep 13** – TOKYO. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast, embark on a full day of discovery! First visit **Meiji Shrine**, a 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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. Return to the hotel for a buffet dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Mon, Sep 14** – 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, Sep 15** – TOKYO – OSHINO – HAKONE. After breakfast, depart Tokyo for Hakone. Visit **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 creates a very clear spring water that is revered by the locals. Visitors can drink the cool water straight from the source. 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. After lunch, enjoy a **boat ride on the beautiful Lake Ashi**. Then, transfer to the hotel for a buffet dinner. Be sure to have a relaxing soak in the **onsen hot springs**, which are divided for men and women, indoors or outdoors. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. HAKONE KOWAKIEN HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

\*Baggage will be sent from Hakone to Okayama, skipping Miyajima. Prepare an overnight bag for one night.

**Day 6: Wed, Sep 16** – HAKONE – HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA. After breakfast, transfer to Odawara Train Station where you will board a **JR Super Express Train** to Hiroshima. Enjoy a bento lunch onboard. Transfer to Miyajima-guchi by motorcoach. Take a **short ferry ride** to the island of Miyajima, considered sacred by many. Walk to the hotel. This evening, soak in the relaxing atmosphere of the **onsen hot springs**. For dinner, 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) (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Thur, Sep 17** – MIYAJIMA – HIROSHIMA – OKAYAMA. After breakfast, begin the morning exploring **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). Take the ferry back to Hiroshima. After lunch, visit the **Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Atomic Bomb Dome, and Children's Memorial**. Depart Hiroshima for Okayama, today's final destination. Upon arrival to Okayama enjoy an evening of shopping and dining (on your own) at **AEON MALL Okayama**. HOTEL GRANVIA OKAYAMA (1 Night) (B, L)

**Day 8: Fri, Sep 18** – OKAYAMA – KURASHIKI – HIMEJI – KYOTO. After breakfast, transfer to **Kurashiki** and begin exploring 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. Depart Kurashiki for Himeji. Upon arrival in Himeji, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting **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 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. Depart for Kyoto. The evening will be at your leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions on various dining and shopping opportunities nearby. MIYAKO HOTEL KYOTO HACHUJO (3 Nights) (B, L)

**Day 9: Sat, Sep 19** – KYOTO. After a sumptuous Japanese/Western buffet breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full day of sightseeing beginning with a visit to **Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)**, a Zen Temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Next, visit **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. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Today's hands-on experience is **yuzen dyeing** (surikomi yuzen), which is one of Kyoto's traditional craft dyeing techniques. Since the patterns are dyed by placing a paper stencil over a piece of fabric, such as a tote bag, you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. Your very own original work will be a perfect memento for yourself or a gift for someone. Lastly, explore **Sanjusangen-do**, the Buddhist temple famous for its 1,001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of compassion, before returning to Kyoto. Enjoy some time to relax at the hotel before a buffet dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Sun, Sep 20** – 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, Sep 21** – KYOTO – NARA – OSAKA – KANSAI – HONOLULU. Start the day with a traditional **Japanese tea ceremony**. After lunch, visit the **Todaiji Temple**, the largest wooden building in Japan. It houses the largest bronze statue of Buddha, which measures 16.3 meters high. The surrounding **Nara Deer Park** is inhabited by **over 1,000 deer**. Finally, enjoy free time at an **AEON MALL**, before departing for the Kansai International Airport and checking in for the flight home. Depart Kansai via Japan Airlines flt #790 at 10:05 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 11:00 am on the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

**UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Itsukushima Shrine (1996), Atomic Bomb Dome (1996), Himeji Castle (1993), Kinkakuji Temple (1994), Nijo Castle (1994), Todaiji Temple (1998)

\* Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees. Airline fuel supplements, taxes and fees are subject to change and tour member is responsible for any increases. Some airline-imposed personal charges, including but not limited to baggage, priority boarding and special seating, may apply. For details visit [www.tripadvisor.com/AirlineFees](http://www.tripadvisor.com/AirlineFees). After initial deposit, a \$75 per person Non-Stop Travel (NST) Cancellation Fee will apply. Group departures may be cancelled, if there are less than 24 tour members. Final payment to NST for "non-cruise" Air and Land Package must be made by money order or personal check. NST does not guarantee that all tour members will fly together with Tour Manager. Tour Manager assignments, number of meals offered on tour, tour price, discount, and the "final" cruise or tour itinerary are subject to change with/without notice. **NST reserves the right to correct errors or omissions including but not limited to, fares, fees, and surcharges at any time.** Deposit: \$500 per person. Final Payment Due: 05/04/26. NST at its discretion, may use group and individual photos on its website, print, television, and various social media. † Early booking discount is per person. Purchase of NST's complete Air and Land Package is required. ‡ Earn rewards every time you refer a friend. For each "new-to-NST" customer you refer, both you and your referral can receive a \$25 discount off your next NST escorted group. **Special Assistance:** You must notify NST, at time of reservation, of any disability requiring special attention. NST reserves the right to cancel your booking or terminate your vacation if your special needs or disabilities are not suitable for the vacation or if you are not traveling with a companion who will provide all the assistance you require. **Wheelchair and electric scooter access outside of the USA is severely restricted.** J16611 013026

