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June 14 - 24, 2026 • Tour Manager: Sandra Lum

VISIT:

Kansai, Nara, Kyoto, Arashiyama, Kameoka, Himeji, Kurashiki, Okayama, Hiroshima, Miyajima & Osaka

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Today's Temple, Nara Deer Park, Sanjusangen-do, Fushimi Inari Shrine, Heian Jingu Shrine, Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion), Stroll Around the Arashiyama Area, Sagano Torokko Resha (Sagano Romantic Train) Ride, Himeji Castle, Koko-en Garden, Kurashiki Bikan Area, AEON MALL Okayama, Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Atomic Bomb Dome, Children's Peace Monument, Peace Bell, Ferry Ride to Miyajima Island, Itsukushima Shrine, Omotesando Street, Miyajima Ropeway, JR Super Express Train Ride, Kuromon Ichiba Market, Dontonbori Shopping & Shinsaibashi Shopping

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

Japanese Tea Ceremony, Yuzen Dyeing,
Wagashi (Traditional Japanese Sweets) Making Class & Momiji Manju Making

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES:

Today's Temple, Kinkakuji Temple, Himeji Castle, Atomic Bomb Dome & Itsukushima Shrine

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Day 1: Sun, June 14 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #791 at 11:50 am.

Day 2: Mon, June 15 – KANSAI. Arrive at Kansai International Airport at 3:30 pm. After entry formalities, walk to the hotel located within the airport. Dinner has been arranged at the hotel. HOTEL NIKKO KANSAI AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Tue, June 16 – KANSAI – NARA – KYOTO. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast, we'll depart the hotel for Nara. Begin with a visit to **Todaiji Temple** in Nara. Todaiji Temple is the largest wooden building in Japan and houses the largest bronze statue of Buddha that measures 16.3 meters high. The surrounding **Nara Deer Park** is inhabited by **over 1,000 deer**. After lunch, experience a traditional **Japanese tea ceremony**. Finally, visit **Sanjusangen-do**, the Buddhist temple famous for its 1,001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of compassion before transferring to the hotel in Kyoto. Evening at leisure to explore on your own. Numerous choices for dining and shopping nearby. MIYAKO HOTEL KYOTO HACHUJO (3 Nights) (B, L)

Day 4: Wed, June 17 – KYOTO. After a delicious buffet breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full day of sightseeing beginning with a the stunning vermilion colored **Fushimi Inari Shrine**, whose four kilometer long tunnel of scarlet torii gates was featured on the film *Memoirs of a Geisha*. Next visit, **Heian Jingu Shrine** which has a relatively short history, dating back just over a hundred years to 1895. The shrine was built on the occasion of the 1100th anniversary of the capital's foundation in Kyoto and is dedicated to the spirits of the first and last emperors who reigned from the city, Emperor Kammu (737–806) and Emperor Komei (1831–1867). Heian is the former name of Kyoto. After lunch, visit the **Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)**, a Zen Temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Today's hands on experience is **yuzen dyeing**. Since the patterns are dyed by placing a paper stencil over material, you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. It make a great souvenir of the trip! Return to the hotel for a buffet dinner. (B, L, D)

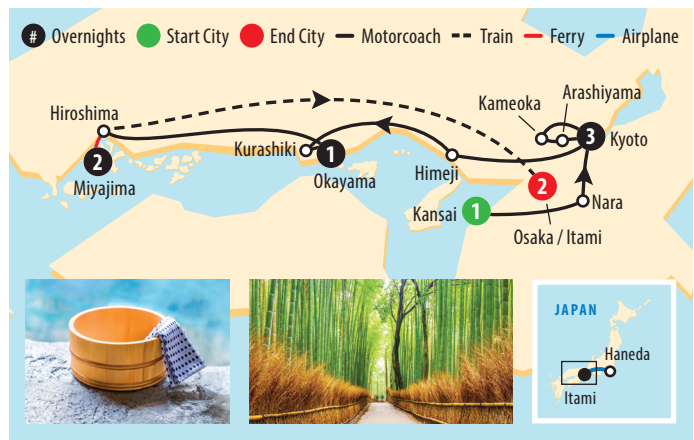
Day 5: Thur, June 18 – KYOTO – ARASHIYAMA – KAMEOKA – KYOTO. After breakfast, travel to Arashiyama where you'll have free time to explore the **Arashiyama Area**, and shop for world-famous Arashiyama bamboo products. After lunch, **learn how to make wagashi** (traditional Japanese sweets). Then take the **Sagano Torokko Ressha (Sagano Romantic Train)** to Kameoka. Return to Kyoto for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Fri, June 19 – KYOTO – HIMEJI – KURASHIKI – OKAYAMA. 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. This splendid example of traditional architecture was declared one of the first UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Japan. A short walk from the castle's Otemon Gate (main 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. After lunch, visit **Kurashiki** and the **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. Transfer to Okayama where you will enjoy shopping and dining (on your own) at one of the largest AEON Shopping Malls, **AEON MALL Okayama**. HOTEL GRANVIA OKAYAMA (1 Night) (B, L)

*Baggage will be sent from Okayama to Osaka, skipping Miyajima. Prepare an overnight bag for two nights.

Day 7: Sat, June 20 – OKAYAMA – HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA. After breakfast, depart Okayama for Hiroshima. In Hiroshima visit the **Peace Memorial Park**, **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum**, **Atomic Bomb Dome**, **Children's Peace Monument**, and the **Peace Bell**. After a short ferry ride arrive on the island of Miyajima, considered sacred by many. This evening soak in the relaxing atmosphere of Iwasa Inn and the **onsen hot spring baths**. You can enjoy the beauty of the primeval forests and gentle sound of mountain streams while taking a bath. 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 (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sun, June 21 – MIYAJIMA. After a special breakfast, this morning we will visit the Itsukushima Shrine. At high tide, the vermilion torii gate of **Itsukushima Shrine** 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). **Learn how to make momiji manju**, a specialty of the area. Enjoy excellent shopping and numerous choices for lunch (on your own) down **Omotesando Street**, the main street of Miyajima Island. We then make our way to the **Miyajima Ropeway** – the cable car and gondola system linking Miyajima township to Mt. Misen. On a clear day the ropeway provides an excellent observation point, plus access to the Wild Monkey Park, temples, and shrines. The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure. This evening enjoy a different variety of **Kaiseki Dinner**. Be sure to enjoy the **onsen** before and after your dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Mon, June 22 – MIYAJIMA – HIROSHIMA – OSAKA. After breakfast, we make our way back to Hiroshima via a short **ferry ride**. We then take a ride on the **JR Super Express Train** to Osaka. Arrive in Osaka and transfer to the hotel. Evening is at your leisure. Your Tour Guide will have many suggestions for dinner and shopping. HOTEL GRANVIA OSAKA (2 Nights) (B)

Day 10: Tue, June 23 – OSAKA. Full day at leisure. A perfect day to fulfill the remainder of your omiyage shopping list. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 11: Wed, June 24 – OSAKA – ITAMI – HANEDA – HONOLULU. After hotel checkout, start the day with a visit to **Kuromon Ichiba Market**, a lively covered market which stretches for 580 meters in Osaka's Chuo Ward. The market is famous for its fresh seafood, fruits and vegetables, meats, dried fish, pickles, and confectionery. Many stalls will prepare, cook, and serve their food to you right on the spot! An excellent place to stroll, sample, and snack on a delicious variety of fresh market foods. Then visit Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi Shopping Arcade, a couple of Osaka's most popular tourist destinations. **Dotonbori** runs parallel to the Dotonbori Canal and is a popular shopping and entertainment district and is also known as a food destination. Approximately 600 meters long, **Shinsaibashi Shopping Arcade** and the surrounding area is Osaka's premier shopping center. The area is unique as it combines chain retail stores and trendy boutiques with department stores and top designer fashion labels. Transfer to the Osaka Itami Airport for our return flight home. Depart Itami via Japan Airlines flt #128 at 4:55 pm and arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 6:15 pm. 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)

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

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