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VISIT: Tokyo, Oshino, Hakone, Kyoto, Uji & Osaka

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Meiji Shrine, Harajuku, Sensoji, Nakamise, Ameyoko, Oshino Hakkai, Lake Ashi Cruise, Owakudani, Hakone Ropeway, teamLab Biovortex Kyoto, Nijo Castle, Kinkakuji (Temple of the Golden Pavilion), Chazuna, Byodoin, Byodoin Omotesando & AEON MALL Rinku Sennan

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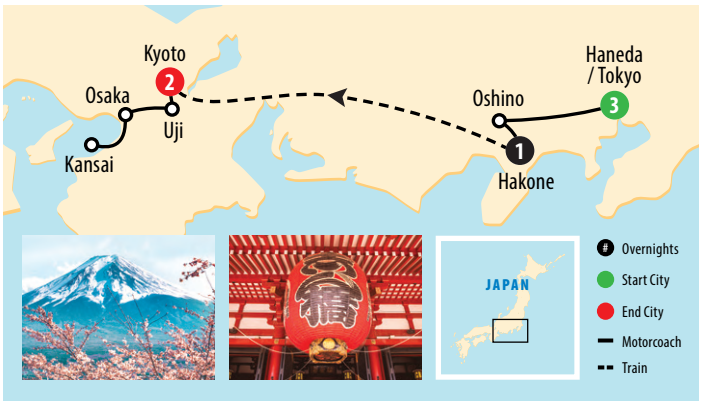

Day 1: Sun, Mar 28 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:15 pm.

Day 2: Mon, Mar 29 – HANEDA – TOKYO. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to your hotel in Tokyo. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (3 Nights) (D)

Day 3: Tue, Mar 30 – 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 Empress Shoken. Then, visit the visually stimulating **Harajuku** district, renowned as the center of Japan's youth culture and avant-garde fashion, where you can also find a three-story DAISO. Today's highlight will be a hands-on **sushi making** class, which will yield your delicious lunch. After lunch, head to the Asakusa district, where the charm of old Tokyo still lives on. Its star attraction is **Sensoji**, a beloved 7th century Buddhist temple, also known as Asakusa Kannon Temple. Leading up to the temple is **Nakamise**, a lively shopping street lined with traditional snacks and souvenirs. Next, visit **Ameyoko**, a bustling market street that features over 400 shops and stalls known for offering significant bargains on a wide variety of products. Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions on various dining and shopping opportunities nearby. (B, L)

Day 4: Wed, Mar 31 – TOKYO. Full day at leisure. The perfect day to relax and/or visit family and friends in Tokyo! Enjoy shopping and dining in the bustling Shinjuku area where your hotel is located, or venture out on an adventure of your own. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

*Baggage will be sent from Tokyo to Kyoto, skipping Hakone. Prepare an overnight bag for one night.

Day 5: Thur, Apr 01 – TOKYO – OSHINO – HAKONE. After breakfast, depart Tokyo for Hakone. En route, stop at a local restaurant for lunch. Then, 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. For 80 years, melted snow has slowly filtered through porous lava, creating crystal-clear spring water cherished by locals. Visitors can drink the cool water straight from the source. Enjoy time to explore the many restaurants, food vendors, and souvenir shops around the pond. Continue on to Hakone, a region largely considered an active volcanic zone since its creation from Mt. Hakone about 3,000 years ago. Enjoy a **boat ride** on the beautiful **Lake Ashi**. Finally, 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, 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. HAKONE KOWAKIEN HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Fri, Apr 02 – HAKONE – KYOTO. Before departing Hakone, visit **Owakudani** (Great Boiling Valley), the source of Hakone's onsen hot spring waters. Then, take in the view of the surrounding countryside from the **Hakone Ropeway**. Transfer to Odawara Train Station, where you will pick up a bento box to eat on the Shinkansen Bullet Train to Kyoto Station. Transfer to the hotel. After check in, explore the many restaurants and shops conveniently located near your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for dinner. COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT KYOTO STATION (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 7: Sat, Apr 03 – KYOTO. Begin the day exploring the wonders of **teamLab Biovortex Kyoto**. This venue is a high-dimensional athletic space built around the idea of sensing the world with your entire body and thinking about it in new, multidimensional ways. In this complex, dynamic environment, you'll be immersed in a physically demanding, four-dimensional world where time shifts and responds to your own movements and presence. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore **Nijo Castle**. When 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. The castle buildings are arguably the best surviving examples of architecture from Japan's feudal era. Today's hands-on experience is **yuzen dyeing**, one of Kyoto's traditional craft 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. A great souvenir of this tour! Finally, enjoy a visit to the iconic **Kinkakuji (Temple of the Golden Pavilion)**, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf, before returning to the hotel for a Western dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sun, Apr 04 – KYOTO – UJI – OSAKA – KANSAI – HONOLULU. After breakfast, a full day of sightseeing is ahead. Begin the day at the Tea and Uji Community Center, **Chazuna**, where you will **learn how to grind matcha** (green tea leaves) with a grinding millstone. You can brew your own ground matcha in a teapot and drink it! Next, visit **Byodoin**. Together with its garden, the temple represents the ideology of Buddhist Pure Land and influenced the construction of other temples. The temple is globally renowned for its Phoenix Hall (Hoodo), which is also depicted on the back of the 10-yen coin. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore **Byodoin Omotesando**, the historic road leading up to the main gate of Byodoin. It is a prime shopping area renowned for its abundance of Uji matcha green tea shops, cafés, souvenir shops, and stores selling unique local products. Enjoy a variety of matcha-based dishes, such as matcha dumplings, matcha sweets, and matcha soba noodles, as well as Kyoto-style obanzai (traditional home-cooked dishes) at one of numerous restaurants and cafés. A major attraction of Byodoin Omotesando is the ability to enjoy authentic matcha soft serve ice cream from specialty stores while walking around. Try comparing the matcha soft serve from different shops and find your favorite! A final shopping stop will be made at **AEON MALL Rinku Sennan**, before transferring to Kansai International Airport for our return flight home. Depart Kansai via Japan Airlines flt #790 at 10:00 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:45 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Nijo Castle (1994), Kinkakuji (1994), Byodoin (1994).

Have more fun with family and friends!