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VISIT: Kansai, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Izumo, Tamatsukuri Onsen, Matsue, Yasugi, Tottori, Kinosaki Onsen, Amanohashidate, Ine, Kyoto, Uji, Nara & Osaka

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Atomic Bomb Dome, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Peace Bell, Itsukushima Shrine, Michi-no-Eki, Izumo Taisha, Hori River Boat Cruise, Matsue Castle, AEON MALL, Adachi Museum of Art, Tottori Sand Dunes, Amanohashidate Ropeway, Kasamatsu Park Observatory, Ine Bay, Michi-no-Eki Funaya no Sato Ine, Ginkakuji (Temple of the Silver Pavilion), Nishiki Market, Ryoanji, Byodoin, Byodoin Omotesando, Todaiji, Nara Deer Park & AEON MALL Rinku Sennan

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES: Momiji Manju Making, Kimono Dress-Up, Japanese Tea Ceremony & Yuzen Dyeing

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Day 1: Tue, Mar 30 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #799 at 11:35 am.

Day 2: Wed, Mar 31 – KANSAI. Arrive at Kansai International Airport at 3:40 pm. After entry formalities, walk to the hotel located within the airport, where dinner has been arranged. HOTEL NIKKO KANSAI AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

*Baggage will be carried by truck from Kansai to Tamatsukuri, skipping Miyajima. Prepare an overnight bag for two nights.

Day 3: Thur, Apr 01 – KANSAI – HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA. Today, we depart the hotel for the Shin-Osaka Train Station. Ride a shinkansen bullet train to Hiroshima. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After, take a tour of the **Atomic Bomb Dome**, **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park**, **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum**, and the **Peace Bell**. After a short ferry ride, arrive on the island of Miyajima, which is considered sacred by many. This evening, savor a traditional multi-course **Kaiseki Dinner** featuring seasonal local ingredients and unwind in Iwaso Inn's **onsen hot springs**, surrounded by a beautiful primeval forest and the gentle sound of mountain streams. IWASO INN (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

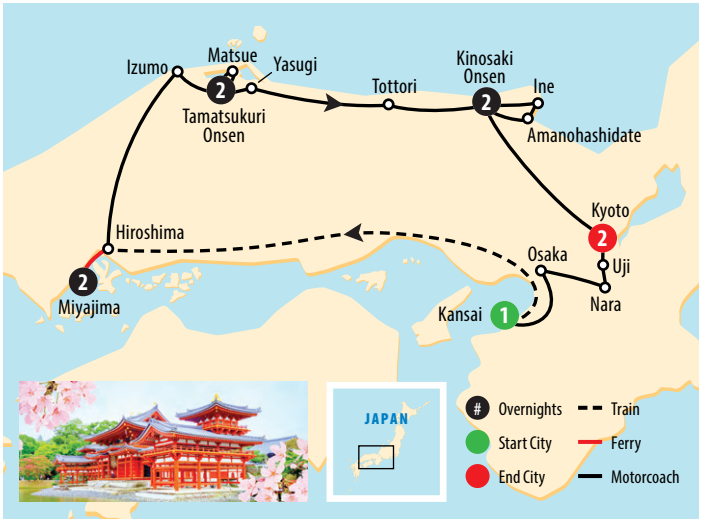
Day 4: Fri, Apr 02 – MIYAJIMA. After breakfast, walk to the nearby **Itsukushima Shrine**, whose vermilion torii gate looks like it is floating in the middle of the sea at high tide. Then, **learn how to make momiji manju**, a specialty of the area. After, free time will be given to explore the excellent shopping opportunities available on Omotesando Street, the main street of Miyajima, where you can also enjoy lunch (on your own). Return to the hotel for dinner. Be sure to enjoy the **onsen hot springs** before and/or after your dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Sat, Apr 03 – MIYAJIMA – IZUMO – TAMATSUKURI ONSEN. This morning, take a short ferry ride back to Hiroshima. Stop at a **Michi-no-Eki** for lunch (on your own) – these roadside stations provide a convenient place to rest and often offer products from local farmers and fishermen at rock-bottom prices. After, visit the **Izumo Taisha**, renowned as Japan's premier shrine for matchmaking that attracts millions of visitors seeking blessings for all forms of positive ties. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. Be sure to enjoy the **onsen hot springs** before and/or after dinner. HOTEL GYOKUSEN (2 Nights) (B, D)

Day 6: Sun, Apr 04 – TAMATSUKURI ONSEN – MATSUE – TAMATSUKURI ONSEN. Begin the day with a **boat cruise** on the **Hori River**. Next, **dress up in a kimono** and experience a **Japanese tea ceremony**. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the quaint **Matsue Castle**, featuring almost 180 cherry blossom trees within its grounds. Finally, enjoy some time shopping and dining (on your own) at an **AEON MALL** before returning to the hotel. Be sure to enjoy the **onsen hot springs**! (B, L)

Day 7: Mon, Apr 05 – TAMATSUKURI ONSEN – YASUGI – TOTTORI – KINOSAKI ONSEN. After breakfast, explore the **Adachi Museum of Art**, renowned for its award-winning Japanese garden and its rotating seasonal collection of 20th century paintings, designed to be appreciated as a seamless harmony of art and landscape. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting the **Tottori Sand Dunes**, Japan's only desert-like landscape. This evening, enjoy a rejuvenating soak in the **onsen hot springs** before and/or after your dinner at the hotel. NISHIMURAYA SHOGETSUTEI (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Tue, Apr 06 – KINOSAKI ONSEN – AMANOHASHIDATE – INE – KINOSAKI ONSEN. This morning, visit Amanohashidate, celebrated as one of Japan's three most scenic views. Ride the **Amanohashidate Ropeway** (cable car) to view the surrounding countryside and visit **Kasamatsu Park** for panoramic views of the area. After lunch at a local restaurant, stop at the **Ine Bay**, famous for its unique funaya (boat houses). These wooden buildings sit right on the water and serve as both dock and home for the fishermen of the village. Then, stop at **Michi-no-Eki Funaya no Sato Ine**, a popular roadside station with a panoramic observatory overlooking Ine Bay, before returning to the hotel for dinner. (B, L, D)



Day 9: Wed, Apr 07 – KINOSAKI ONSEN – KYOTO. After breakfast, depart for Kyoto. Upon arrival in Kyoto, the remainder of your day is at your leisure. Your hotel is surrounded by department stores, specialty stores, and restaurants. MIYAKO HOTEL KYOTO HACHIJO (2 Nights) (B)

Day 10: Thur, Apr 08 – KYOTO. A full day of touring begins at **Ginkakuji (Temple of the Silver Pavilion)**, admired for its quiet elegance and subtle beauty. Next, enjoy free time exploring **Nishiki Market**, a five-block street with over a hundred shops selling everything from fresh produce and cookware to Kyoto specialties. Enjoy lunch here (on your own). Today's hands-on experience is **yuzen dyeing**, a traditional Kyoto craft. Using paper stencils on fabric, you can create an authentic piece, even as a beginner. A final stop will be made at **Ryoanji**, home to Japan's most famous rock garden. Return to the hotel for a buffet dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Fri, Apr 09 – KYOTO – UJI – NARA – OSAKA – KANSAI – HONOLULU. Start the day with a visit to **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 Afterward, stroll **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. Spend some free time to shop and have lunch (on your own). Afterward, explore **Todaiji**, Japan's largest wooden building, home to the country's largest bronze Buddha at 16.3 meters tall. Then, visit the surrounding **Nara Deer Park**, which is inhabited by over 1,000 deer. A final stop will be made at **AEON MALL Rinku Sennan**, before transferring to the 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)

UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Atomic Bomb Dome (1996), Itsukushima Shrine (1996), Ginkakuji (1994), Todaiji (1998).

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