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March 17 – 28, 2027

OVERVIEW: Discover Northern Kyushu, Iwakuni, and Osaka through standout gourmet experiences — from regional specialties like jigoku-mushi to specially prepared fugu, and hands-on okonomiyaki making — plus free time to graze vibrant markets and local eateries. Come hungry and leave full of unforgettable memories!

VISIT: Haneda, Fukuoka, Sasebo, Nagasaki, Unzen, Shimabara, Kumamoto, Beppu, Shimonoseki, Suo-Oshima, Iwakuni, Hiroshima & Osaka

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Dazaifu Tenmangu, Kushida Shrine, Hakata Machiya Furusato Kan, Kujukushima National Park Scenic Cruise, Sake Brewery, Huis Ten Bosch Amusement Park, Glover Garden, Nagasaki's Chinatown, Dejima, Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, Nagasaki Peace Park, Unzen Jigoku, Unzen Ropeway, Shimeiso Garden, Shimabara Bukeyashiki, Suizenji Park, Kumamoto Castle, Sakura no Baba Josaien, Umi Jigoku, Chinoike Jigoku, Akama Shrine, Museum of Japanese Emigration to Hawaii, Kintaikyo Bridge, Orizuru Tower, Expo '70 Commemorative Park, Kuromon Ichiba Market, Dotonbori, Shinsaibashi & AEON MALL

GOURMET HIGHLIGHTS: Mizutaki (Chicken Hot Pot) Dinner, Shippoku (Historic Fusion Cuisine) Dinner, Jigoku-Mushi (Geothermal Steamed) Lunch, Fugu (Pufferfish) Dinner, Kawara Soba Lunch & Okonomiyaki (Savory Pancake) Lunch

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Day 1: Wed, Mar 17 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:05 pm.

Day 2: Thur, Mar 18 – HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 4:05 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal and enjoy a buffet dinner there. HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Fri, Mar 19 – HANEDA – FUKUOKA. After a breakfast buffet, transfer back to the Haneda Airport. 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 dedicated Sugawara no Michizane, the deity of learning, culture, and the arts. Then, visit **Kushida Shrine**, a cherished Shinto shrine, and seek out the well framed by three cranes beside the main hall whose legendary waters are said to bestow longevity and eternal youth. Next, spend some time exploring **Hakata Machiya Furusato Kan**, a folk museum that showcases the lifestyle in Hakata (a historic district within Fukuoka City) during the Meiji and Taisho Periods. Arrive at the hotel and walk to a nearby restaurant for a **mizutaki (chicken hot pot) dinner**. THE ROYAL PARK HOTEL FUKUOKA (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Sat, Mar 20 – FUKUOKA – SASEBO. Japan is a nation of many islands, but most travelers never go beyond the main four. At **Kujukushima National Park**, take a **scenic cruise** among the numerous islands, the largest concentration of islands anywhere in Japan. After lunch, take a tour of a **sake brewery** and taste some of their award-winning sake. After checking into the hotel, receive your entrance ticket to **Huis Ten Bosch**, an amusement park that recreates a Dutch town right next door. Stroll past its picturesque canals, iconic windmills, and beautiful European-style gardens and architecture at your leisure. HOTEL NIKKO HUIS TEN BOSCH (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 5: Sun, Mar 21 – SASEBO – NAGASAKI. After breakfast, begin the day with a visit to **Glover Garden**, an open-air museum featuring the oldest wooden Western-style building in Japan. Next, travel to **Nagasaki's Chinatown** for lunch and take a stroll around the area. Then visit **Dejima**, a fan-shaped artificial island that served as Japan's sole trading port with the outside world for over 200 years. Finally, visit the sobering **Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum** and **Nagasaki Peace Park**, which commemorates the bombing of Nagasaki. Tonight, enjoy a special **shippoku dinner** (a historic fusion of Japanese, Chinese, and Dutch cuisines) at the hotel. INASAYAMA KANKO HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Mon, Mar 22 – NAGASAKI – UNZEN – SHIMABARA – KUMAMOTO. This morning, visit **Unzen Jigoku** and its steaming vents and boiling pools, then ride the **Unzen Ropeway** to observation decks with sweeping views of forested peaks. After lunch, explore **Shimeiso Garden**, a historic Japanese garden centered around a koi pond fed by fresh spring water. Then visit **Shimabara Bukeyashiki**, a historic district preserving the original layout and waterways of the lower samurai class from the 17th century. Take a short ferry ride to Kumamoto, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. KUMAMOTO HOTEL CASTLE (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 7: Tue, Mar 23 – KUMAMOTO – BEPPU. Begin the day experiencing first-hand what **wearing a kimono** is like. Next, explore **Suizenji Park**, a historic garden with approximately 150 cherry blossom trees planted along its paths. Then, visit the impressive **Kumamoto Castle**, one of Japan's three premier castles and a top cherry blossom viewing spot, with hundreds of cherry blossom trees scattered across its grounds. Afterwards, get a taste of old Japan at **Sakura no Baba Josaien**, an Edo-themed complex just down the hill from the castle. Enjoy lunch here (on your own). This evening, enjoy a buffet dinner and relaxing soak in one of the open-air or indoor **onsen hot springs** at the hotel. SUGINOI HOTEL SORA-KAN (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 8: Wed, Mar 24 – BEPPU – SHIMONOSEKI. Beppu is famous for its dramatic pools of bubbling water, mud, and geysers known as "hells." 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.



Today's lunch is uniquely prepared using **jigoku-mushi**, a traditional Beppu cooking method that uses steam from natural hot springs. Then, explore **Akama Shrine**, dedicated to the child Emperor Antoku, with its striking vermilion Suitenmon Gate designed to resemble the mythical Dragon Palace. Tonight you're in for a treat! Walk to a nearby restaurant to enjoy a specially prepared **fugu (pufferfish) dinner**. SHIMONOSEKI GRAND HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

*Baggage will be sent from Shimonoseki to Osaka, skipping Suo-Oshima. Prepare overnight bag for one night.

Day 9: Thur, Mar 25 – SHIMONOSEKI – SUO-OSHIMA. Start the day **picking fruit** at the peak of ripeness, a sweet treat to enjoy before a **kawara soba lunch**, a local specialty. After, visit the **Museum of Japanese Emigration to Hawaii**, which shares the stories of those who left Suo-Oshima (the sister island of Kauai) and offers a database visitors can use to search individual emigrants' records. This evening, enjoy a Western dinner at the hotel. Don't forget to soak in the hotel's natural **onsen hot springs**. MARISSA RESORT SAZANSETO SUO-OSHIMA (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 10: Fri, Mar 26 – SUO-OSHIMA – IWAKUNI – HIROSHIMA – OSAKA. Explore **Kintaikyo Bridge**, an elegant wooden bridge with five sweeping arches rising over the clear waters of the Nishiki River on massive stone piers – Iwakuni's iconic centerpiece for centuries and one of Japan's most picturesque photo spots. Then visit **Orizuru Tower**, which offers sweeping views of Hiroshima and the Atomic Bomb Dome. For lunch, learn how to **make your own okonomiyaki (savory pancake)**. Enjoy some time to shop at Hiroshima Train Station before boarding the shinkansen bullet train to Shin-Osaka Station. Upon arrival, walk to a local restaurant and enjoy a BBQ dinner. HOTEL GRANVIA OSAKA (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 11: Sat Mar 27 – OSAKA. Full day at leisure. A perfect day to fulfill the remainder of your shopping list. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 12: Sun, Mar 28 – OSAKA – KANSAI – HONOLULU. After breakfast, explore the **Expo '70 Commemorative Park**, the former site of the 1970 World Exhibition that was turned into a large public park. See over 5,000 cherry blossom trees in bloom along its paths and large lawn areas. Then, visit **Kuromon Ichiba Market**, a lively covered market famous for its seafood, produce, meats, confectionery, and more. Next, visit Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi, a couple of interconnected districts known as one of Osaka's most popular tourist destinations. **Dotonbori** is a lively shopping and entertainment district along Dotonbori Canal, while nearby **Shinsaibashi** is a premier shopping area, blending chain stores, department stores, and top designer labels. Enjoy lunch in the area (on your own). A final shopping stop will be made at an **AEON MALL** before transferring to the Kansai International Airport for the 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)

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