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**OVERVIEW:** The Tokaido (Eastern Sea Road) was the most important of the Five Routes of the Edo period. It connected Kyoto to Edo (modern-day Tokyo), traveling along the sea coast of eastern Honshu (the largest of Japan's four main islands), hence the route's name.

**VISIT:** Tokyo, Oshino, Hakone, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Okayama, Kurashiki, Himeji, Kyoto, Nara & Osaka

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:** Shinjuku Gyoen, Sensoji, Nakamise, Ameyoko, Ueno Park, Oshino Hakkai, Lake Ashi Cruise, Itsukushima Shrine, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Atomic Bomb Dome, Children's Memorial, AEON MALL Okayama, Kurashiki Bikan Area, Himeji Castle, Koko-en Garden, Nijo Castle, Kinkakuji (Temple of the Golden Pavilion), teamLab Biovortex Kyoto, Todaiji, Nara Deer Park & AEON MALL

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

**UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES:** Itsukushima Shrine, Atomic Bomb Dome, Himeji Castle, Kinkakuji & Todaiji

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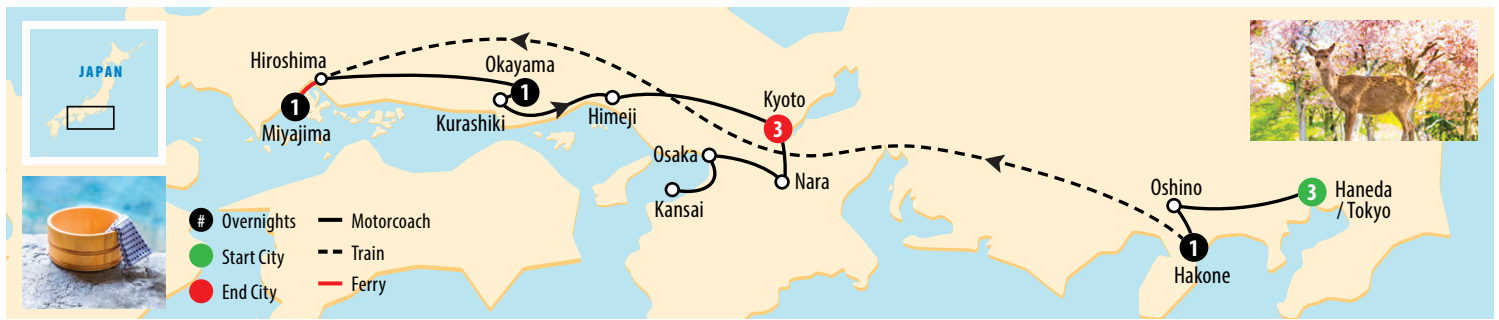
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**Day 1: Tue, Mar 23** – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #71 at 4:10 pm.

**Day 2: Wed, Mar 24** – HANEDA – TOKYO. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 8:10 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: Thur, Mar 25** – TOKYO. Begin the day at **Shinjuku Gyoen**, one of Tokyo's largest and most popular parks. Wander through a traditional Japanese landscape garden, a formal French garden, and an English-style garden. In cherry blossom season, it becomes one of the city's top spots to see more than 400 sakura trees in full bloom. Today's highlight is a hands-on **sushi making** class, which will yield your delicious lunch. Then, visit the Asakusa district, where the charm of old Tokyo still lives on. Its star attraction is **Sensoji**, a beloved 7<sup>th</sup> 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 various products such as bags, cosmetics, dried seafood, and more. Originally part of Kaneiji Temple, **Ueno Park** was converted into Japan's first Western-style park. It is famous for the many museums that can be found on its grounds – such as the Tokyo National Museum and Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum – and is also home to the Ueno Zoo. During cherry blossom season, many flock to the park to view more than 1,000 cherry blossom trees that line its central pathway. Return to the hotel for a buffet dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Fri, Mar 26** – 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 Hakone to Okayama, skipping Hakone and Miyajima. Prepare an overnight bag for two nights.

**Day 5: Sat, Mar 27** – TOKYO – OSHINO – HAKONE. After breakfast, depart Tokyo for Hakone. En route, visit **Oshino Hakkai**, eight spring-fed ponds in the Fuji Five Lake region. For decades, Mt. Fuji's snowmelt has filtered through porous lava to create crystal-clear water cherished by locals, and visitors can drink the cool water straight from the source. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Continue on to Hakone, and enjoy a **boat ride** on the beautiful **Lake Ashi**, before transferring 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. HAKONE KOWAKIEN HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Sun, Mar 28** – HAKONE – HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA. After breakfast, transfer to Odawara Station and pick up a bento box to enjoy onboard the shinkansen bullet train ride to Hiroshima. Transfer to Miyajima-guchi Station by motorcoach and take a short ferry ride to the island of Miyajima, which is considered sacred by many. Walk through the small town to the hotel. This evening, soak in the relaxing atmosphere of the **onsen hot spring baths**. 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: Mon, Mar 29** – 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. Take the ferry back to Hiroshima. After lunch, visit the **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park**, **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum**, **Atomic Bomb Dome**, and **Children's Memorial**. Upon arrival in Okayama, enjoy an evening of shopping and dining (on your own) at the **AEON MALL Okayama**. HOTEL GRANVIA OKAYAMA (1 Night) (B, L)

**Day 8: Tue, Mar 30** – 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. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting **Himeji Castle**, the largest and most visited castle in Japan. A short walk from the castle's main gate is **Koko-en Garden**. This Japanese-style garden consists of nine separate walled gardens designed in various styles of the Edo period, such as a pond with a waterfall, a tea garden, a pine tree garden, a bamboo garden, and a flower garden. Arrive at your hotel in Kyoto, where the remainder of the evening is at your leisure. The hotel is a short walk from JR Kyoto Station, which is packed with shopping and dining options. ALMONT HOTEL KYOTO (3 Nights) (B, L)

**Day 9: Wed, Mar 31** – KYOTO. After breakfast, experience a **Japanese tea ceremony**. Then, explore **Nijo Castle**, which was once used as an imperial palace. The castle buildings are arguably the best surviving examples of architecture from Japan's feudal era. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After, try your hand at one of Kyoto's traditional craft techniques: **yuzen dyeing**. Since patterns are dyed by placing a stencil over a piece of fabric, you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. A great souvenir of this tour! Lastly, visit the iconic **Kinkakuji (Temple of the Golden Pavilion)**, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. After dinner at a local restaurant, return to the hotel. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Thur, Apr 01** – KYOTO. Full day at leisure. The perfect day to fulfill your shopping list! There are also numerous shops and restaurants near your hotel. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

**Day 11: Fri, Apr 02** – KYOTO – NARA – OSAKA – KANSAI – HONOLULU. 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 **Todaiji**, the largest wooden building in Japan, which houses a 16.3-meter-high bronze statue of Buddha, the largest in the country. Then, visit the surrounding **Nara Deer Park**, which is inhabited by over 1,000 deer. Finally, enjoy some 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 10:00 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:45 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 (1994), Todaiji (1998).

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