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# 2027 SPRING BREAK GRAND MIYAJIMA, HIROSHIMA, KYOTO, NARA & OSAKA

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**Escorted from Honolulu • Includes an English-Speaking Local Guide**  
**March 11 – 21, 2027 • Tour Manager: Amy Valdez**

## VISIT:

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

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Himeji Castle, Koko-en Garden, Kurashiki Bikan Area, AEON MALL Okayama, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Atomic Bomb Dome, Children's Memorial, Itsukushima Shrine, Omotesando Street, Miyajima Ropeway, Sagano Torokko Ressha (Sagano Romantic Train) Ride, Arashiyama, Kinkakuji (Temple of the Golden Pavilion), Heian Jingu, teamLab Biovortex Kyoto, Byodoin, Byodoin Omotesando, Todaiji, Nara Deer Park, Expo '70 Commemorative Park, Kuromon Ichiba Market, Dotonbori, Shinsaibashi & AEON MALL

## HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

Momiji Manju Making, Japanese Tea Ceremony & Yuzen Dyeing

## UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES:

Himeji Castle, Atomic Bomb Dome, Itsukushima Shrine, Kinkakuji, Byodoin & Todaiji

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**Day 1: Thur, Mar 11** – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:05 pm.

**Day 2: Fri, Mar 12** – HANEDA – KANSAI. Arrive at Haneda International Airport at 4:05 pm. Enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #229 at 8:55 pm and arrive at the Kansai Domestic Airport at 10:15 pm. After entry formalities, walk to the hotel located within the airport, where dinner has been arranged. HOTEL NIKKO KANSAI AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

**Day 3: Sat, Mar 13** – KANSAI – HIMEJI – KURASHIKI – OKAYAMA. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast, visit **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. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit **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. Transfer to Okayama where you will enjoy shopping and dining (on your own) at **AEON MALL Okayama**. HOTEL GRANVIA OKAYAMA (1 Night) (B, L)

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

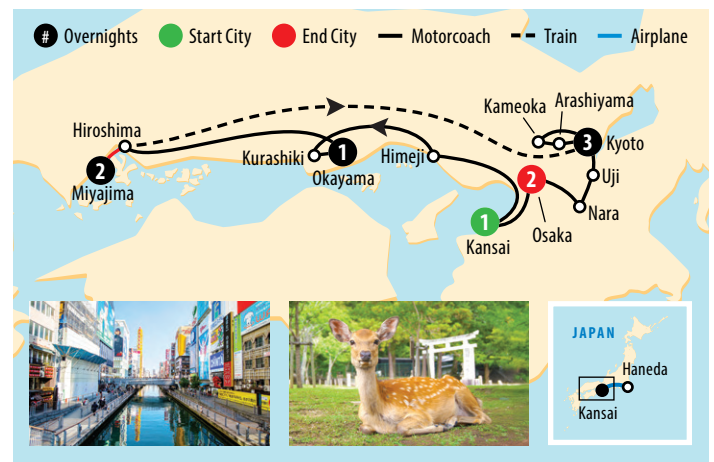
**Day 4: Sun, Mar 14** – OKAYAMA – HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA. Today, we depart Okayama for Hiroshima. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park**, **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum**, **Atomic Bomb Dome**, and **Children's Memorial**. After a short ferry ride, arrive on the island of Miyajima, which is considered sacred by many. This evening, soak in the relaxing atmosphere of Iwaso Inn's **onsen hot springs**. You can enjoy the beauty of the primeval forest and gentle sound of mountain streams while taking a bath. 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 5: Mon, Mar 15** – MIYAJIMA. This morning, walk to the nearby **Itsukushima Shrine**, whose vermilion torii gate looks like it is floating in the middle of the sea at high tide. The shrine complex is designated as one of Japan's Three Most Scenic Places. **Learn how to make momiji manju**, a specialty of the area. After, enjoy excellent shopping and dining choices for lunch (on your own) down **Omotesando Street**, the main street of Miyajima. Then, take in the view from the **Miyajima Ropeway**, which provides an excellent observation point on a clear day. The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure. This evening, enjoy a different variety of **Kaiseki Dinner**. Be sure to enjoy the **onsen hot springs** before and/or after your dinner! (B, D)

**Day 6: Tue, Mar 16** – MIYAJIMA – HIROSHIMA – KYOTO. After breakfast, we make our way back to Hiroshima via a short ferry ride. Then, board the JR Super Express Train to Kyoto. Upon arrival in Kyoto, walk to the nearby hotel. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure. Your Local Guide will have suggestions for nearby dining and shopping. MIYAKO HOTEL KYOTO HACHIGO (3 Nights) (B)

**Day 7: Wed, Mar 17** – KYOTO – KAMEOKA – ARASHIYAMA – KYOTO. After breakfast, travel to Kameoka and board the **Sagano Torokko Ressha (Sagano Romantic Train)** to Arashiyama. Upon arrival in **Arashiyama**, enjoy free time to leisurely stroll around the area, shop for world-famous Arashiyama bamboo products, or explore the famous Arashiyama Bamboo Forests. Return to Kyoto and visit the iconic **Kinkakuji (Temple of the Golden Pavilion)**, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Lastly, explore the **Heian Jingu**, which has a relatively short history, dating back just over a hundred years. The shrine is dedicated to the spirits of the first and last emperors who ruled the city, Emperor Kammu and Emperor Komei. Return to the hotel for dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Thur, Mar 18** – KYOTO. Begin the day exploring the wonders of **teamLab Biovortex Kyoto**. Step into a high-dimensional athletic arena designed to ignite your whole body and expand the way you think. In this immersive, high-energy environment, you'll experience a physically



challenging four-dimensional world where time bends and shifts with every move you make. After lunch at a local restaurant, experience a traditional **Japanese tea ceremony**. Then, learn one of Kyoto's traditional craft techniques: **yuzen dyeing**. Since patterns are dyed by placing a 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! Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

**Day 9: Fri, Mar 19** – KYOTO – UJI – NARA – OSAKA. Begin the day visiting **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. Then, enjoy time to 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. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit **Todaiji**, the largest wooden building in Japan that houses the largest bronze statue of Buddha at 16.3 meters high. Then, visit the surrounding **Nara Deer Park**, which is inhabited by over 1,000 deer. Arrive at the hotel in Osaka, where the remainder of the evening is at your leisure. Your Local Guide will have suggestions for nearby dining and shopping. HOTEL INTERGATE OSAKA UMEDA (2 Nights) (B, L)

**Day 10: Sat, Mar 20** – OSAKA. Full day at leisure. The perfect day to fulfill your shopping list. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

**Day 11: Sun, Mar 21** – 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 stretching 580 meters through Osaka's Chuo Ward. The market is famous for its fresh seafood, fruits and vegetables, meats, dried fish, pickles, and confectionery. 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 the Dotonbori Canal, while nearby **Shinsaibashi** is Osaka's premier shopping area, blending chain stores and trendy boutiques with 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 10:10 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:25 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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

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