



2027 SUMMER NAGOYA SUMO TOURNAMENT

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July 13 – 21, 2027 • Tour Manager: Kim Mc Cumsey

OVERVIEW: Honbashi (Grand Sumo Tournaments) are held six times a year across four major cities in Japan! Each tournament lasts 15 days, typically in odd-numbered months, starting in January. The Grand Sumo Nagoya Basho (Nagoya Tournament) will take place from July 11 – 25 at the Aichi International Arena (IG Arena) in Nagoya. This is the fourth major tournament of the year, featuring top-division makuuchi and juryo wrestlers. Makuuchi is the top division rank, with just 42 wrestlers, while juryo is the second highest rank, with only 28 wrestlers. Once promoted to juryo, a wrestler is considered a professional, with a substantial salary and privileges, unlike lower ranks, which are still considered "in training" and receive only a small allowance. With promotions and demotions decided by win-loss records, every match becomes an intense fight for advancement.

VISIT: Centrair, Mino, Inuyama & Nagoya

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Katana Kaji (Traditional Japanese Swordsmith) Demonstration, Udsu Preservation District, Ukai (Cormorant Fishing) Pleasure Boat Ride with Dinner, Inuyama Castle and Castle Town, Toyota Automobile Museum, Aichi International Arena (IG Arena), Grand Sumo Nagoya Basho (Nagoya Tournament), Atsuta Jingu, Kakukyu Hatcho Miso no Sato Factory Tour, All-You-Can-Eat Melons, Osu Shopping Street, Noritake no Mori & AEON MALL Nagoya Noritake Garden

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES: Kimono Dress-up & Mug Painting

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Day 1: Tue, Jul 13 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #797 at 2:20 pm.

Day 2: Wed, Jul 14 — CENTRAIR. Arrive at the Chubu Centrair International Airport at 5:30 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. CENTRAIR HOTEL (1 Night)

Day 3: Thur, Jul 15 — CENTRAIR — MINO — INUYAMA. This morning, get ready for a **katana kaji (traditional Japanese swordsmith) demonstration**. The katana is a traditional Japanese sword, characterized by a distinct curved, single-edged blade, a circular or squared guard, and a long grip designed for two-handed use. Watch as a swordsmith demonstrates their craft, using centuries-old techniques, combining rare iron sand steel with clay-tempering and rigorous polishing to create swords prized for both their razor-sharp edge and stunning aesthetic beauty. Enjoy some time to shop for knives while here. Stop at a local service area for lunch (on your own) before visiting the **Udatsu Preservation District**, a historic merchant area in Mino. It is known for its rows of traditional merchant houses, streets with no visible powerlines or modern signage, and distinctive udatsu. Udatsu are raised, fire-resistant walls that extend above the roofline. Because they were expensive to construct, they eventually became a symbol of wealth during the Edo period. Arrive at the hotel in Inuyama for some time at leisure. Consider taking a soothing soak in the hotel's **natural onsen hot springs**, the only one in Inuyama. The onsens, which are divided for men and women, are available both indoors and outdoors, providing a serene setting in which to relax. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. Tonight, join a special **ukai (cormorant fishing) pleasure boat** dinner cruise on the Kiso River! Ukai is a traditional fishing technique in which fishermen use trained cormorants to catch river fish such as ayu (sweetfish). Get an up-close look at the action and enjoy a bento box for dinner. HOTEL INDIGO INUYAMA URAKUEN GARDEN (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 4: Fri, Jul 16 — INUYAMA — NAGOYA. Begin the day with a visit to **Inuyama Castle**, situated on a hill overlooking the Kiso River. Also known as Hakutei Castle, it is one of only 12 original Japanese castles remaining and one of five castles designated as a National Treasure. It is the only castle in Japan to remain in private ownership from 1895 until 2004, when it was transferred to the Inuyama Castle Hakutei Bunko Foundation. Spend time exploring the surrounding **Inuyama Castle Town** and enjoy lunch (on your own). The town's main street, Honmachi-dori, is lined with traditional Edo period buildings. Stroll the narrow lanes, browse shops selling local handicrafts, and stop by original businesses such as the Izumiya-kojima sake brewery, which was established in 1597. While in the area, experience first-hand what **wearing a kimono** is like. Finally, explore the **Toyota Automobile Museum**, a large museum showcasing the history of Toyota as an automobile manufacturer. In addition to displaying its own vehicles that Toyota has manufactured over the years, numerous vehicles from other manufacturers of various makes are also displayed. After, transfer to the hotel. NAGOYA MARRIOTT ASSOCIA HOTEL (5 Nights) (B)

Day 5: Sat, Jul 17 — NAGOYA. Enjoy a morning of leisure. In the early afternoon, depart the hotel for the **Aichi International Arena (IG Arena)**, where the **GRAND SUMO NAGOYA BASHO (NAGOYA TOURNAMENT)** is underway. The results of these tournaments determine a wrestler's ranking and status, which in turn affect pay and privileges, so every wrestler is eager to win as many matches as possible. Settle into your reserved seats and watch the action unfold live — nothing compares to experiencing the tension and excitement in person as the crowd waits in silence for each wrestler's decisive lunge. When the matches end, enjoy a Nagoya-meshi (regional cuisine of the city) dinner at a local restaurant. Return to the hotel by foot. (B, D)

Day 6: Sun, Jul 18 — NAGOYA. Begin the day with a visit to **Atsuta Jingu**, one of Japan's most revered Shinto shrines. It is best known for enshrining the Kusanagi no Tsurugi sword, one



of Japan's Three Imperial Regalia. While the sacred sword itself is never displayed to the public, the shrine's Treasure Hall (Bunkaden) and Kusanagi-kan Museum house thousands of historical artifacts, including hundreds of samurai swords and other cultural treasures. After lunch at a local restaurant, take a **Kakukyu Hatcho Miso no Sato factory tour**. Since the Edo period, Kakukyu has carried on its long miso-making legacy. Its Hatcho Miso is made in giant wooden vats with just soybeans and salt, weighted down with stacked river stones, and aged for more than two years. The rows of nearly two-meter-wide wooden vats are especially impressive. Then, it's time for a sweet treat — enjoy an **all-you-can-eat** session of **melons!** Work off the meal with some free time exploring **Osu Shopping Street**, Nagoya's largest and most diverse shopping district. The district includes about 1,200 shops and businesses along eight streets, with a distinctive mix of vintage fashion, electronics, anime goods, and international cuisine. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Mon, Jul 19 — NAGOYA. Enjoy a morning of leisure. In the early afternoon, return to the **Aichi International Arena (IG Arena)**. Get comfortable in your reserved seats as you watch more of the exciting **GRAND SUMO NAGOYA BASHO (NAGOYA TOURNAMENT)** matches. At the end of the day, return to the hotel. (B)

Day 8: Tue, Jul 20 — NAGOYA. Full day at leisure. The perfect day to explore more of Nagoya on your own, fulfill your shopping list, or simply relax. Your hotel is located in the heart of the city, and right above 11 floors of JR Takashimaya Department Store and two floors of gourmet outlets. The Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 9: Wed, Jul 21 — NAGOYA — CENTRAIR — HONOLULU. After a morning at leisure, enjoy a hitsumabushi (Nagoya-style grilled eel on rice) lunch at a local restaurant. Then, take part in a hands-on **mug painting** activity at **Noritake no Mori**. Your unique creation will be fired and shipped to Hawaii. After, walk next door to **AEON Mall Nagoya Noritake Garden**, a large shopping, dining, and entertainment complex with specialty shops, restaurants, a planetarium, and art exhibitions, blending modern retail with local culture in a unique setting. Transfer to the Chubu Centrair International Airport for the flight home. Depart Nagoya via Japan Airlines flt #798 at 9:30 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:10 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

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