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May 13 – 23, 2027 • Tour Manager: Glenn Leung

OVERVIEW: Enjoy a scenic journey through Japan's Northern Alps, with towering snow walls and dramatic mountain views. Experience the charm of traditional Nagano and the vibrant energy of modern Tokyo on a tour that blends culture, scenery, and city life.

VISIT: Centrair, Seki, Takayama, Shirakawago, Tonami, Takaoka, Toyama, Nagano & Tokyo

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Katana Kaji (Traditional Japanese Swordsmith) Demonstration, Takayama Jinya, Takayama Morning Market, Shirakawago, Tonami Tulip Gallery, Amaharashi Coast, Tateyama Kurobe Alpine Route Snow Walls, Jigokudani Monkey Park, Togakushi Shrine, Zenkoji, Tokyo Skytree, Toyosu Senkyaku Banrai, Sensoji, Nakamise & Ameyoko

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES: Strawberry Picking & Soba Noodle Making

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE: Shirakawago



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Day 1: Thur, May 13 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #797 at 2:15 pm.

Day 2: Fri, May 14 – CENTRAIR. Arrive at the Chubu Centrair International Airport at 6:00 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal and enjoy dinner there. CENTRAIR HOTEL (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Sat, May 15 – CENTRAIR – SEKI – TAKAYAMA. This morning, get ready for a **katana kaji (traditional Japanese swordsmith) demonstration** at the Seki Cutlery Museum and watch a master swordsmith bring centuries-old Japanese craft to life. Known for its curved, single-edged blade, circular or squared guard, and long two-handed grip, the katana is created using rare iron sand steel, clay-tempering, and meticulous polishing. The result is a sword prized for its razor-sharp edge and striking beauty. You'll also have time to browse and shop for knives while you're there. Stop at a local service area for lunch (on your own). Then, visit **Takayama Jinya**, the only surviving Edo-period regional government office in Japan. Designated a National Historic Site, it offers a glimpse into feudal governance through its well-preserved structures. After, head to the hotel and enjoy dinner there. TOKYU STAY HOTEL HIDA-TAKAYAMA MUSUBI NO YU (2 Nights) (B, D)

Day 4: Sun, May 16 – TAKAYAMA. After breakfast, head to Takayama's beautifully preserved old town, where many buildings and entire streets of houses date back to the Edo period. Spend some time browsing the **Morning Market**, where you'll find an assortment of local crafts and fresh farm products. After enjoying lunch at a local restaurant, the rest of the day is at your leisure. (B, L)

Day 5: Mon, May 17 – TAKAYAMA – SHIRAKAWAGO – TONAMI – TAKAOKA – TOYAMA. After breakfast, visit **Shirakawago**, renowned for its traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses, a distinctive style of thatched-roof architecture. The village is home to dozens of beautifully preserved gassho-zukuri houses, some of which are more than 250 years old. Depart Shirakawago and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, before visiting the **Tonami Tulip Gallery**. Located within the city of Tonami, Japan's largest producer of tulip bulbs, the gallery is a unique facility that allows visitors to enjoy tulips in full bloom year-round, serving as both a museum and an exhibition hall dedicated to the history, science, and art of tulip cultivation. There is also a café serving tulip-flavored soft-serve ice cream! Then, stop by the **Amaharashi Coast** along the shore of Toyama Bay, a renowned scenic shoreline celebrated for its dramatic view of the 3,000-meter Tateyama Mountain Range rising directly from the bay. Transfer to the hotel in Toyama and enjoy a buffet dinner. ANA CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL TOYAMA BY IHG HOTEL (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Tue, May 18 – TOYAMA – TATEYAMA – TOYAMA. Today, we journey to the **Tateyama Kurobe Alpine Route**, a spectacular mountain sightseeing corridor that crosses the Northern Japan Alps between Toyama Prefecture to the east and Nagano Prefecture to the west. Known as the "Roof of Japan," it passes peaks over 3,000 meters (more than 9,800 feet) high within Chubu Sangaku National Park. Here, you'll see the famous 500-meter pedestrian walkway lined with **snow walls** that can reach up to 20 meters (65 feet) in height near Murodo Station, the highest point on the route. After taking in the majestic scenery, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7: Wed, May 19 – TOYAMA – NAGANO. After breakfast, depart for Nagano. En route, **pick strawberries** at the peak of ripeness. A great sweet treat! Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, before heading to **Jigokudani Monkey Park** for the unique experience of seeing wild snow monkeys (Japanese macaques) bathing in a natural onsen hot spring. Arrive at the hotel and enjoy a buffet dinner. HOTEL METROPOLITAN NAGANO (2 Nights) (B, L, D)



Day 8: Thur, May 20 – NAGANO. This morning, we visit **Togakushi Shrine**, a historic Shinto complex spread across the forested slopes of Mount Togakushi. With a history spanning over 2,000 years, the site is deeply connected to the Japanese myth of Amaterasu, the Sun Goddess who hid in a cave, plunging the world into darkness. Then, learn how to **make soba noodles** and eat your delicious creation for lunch. Next, explore **Zenkoji**, one of Japan's most important Buddhist temples. Founded in the 7th century, it is home to the first Buddhist statue ever brought into the country. This year Zenkoji will be celebrating the Gokaicho, a major Buddhist ceremony held once every seven years. This is the only time the Maedachi Honzon, a replica of the original hidden Buddhist statue, is displayed in the main hall for public worship. After, return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Fri, May 21 – NAGANO – TOKYO. After breakfast, walk to Nagano Train Station, where you will board a shinkansen bullet train to Tokyo Station. Upon arrival, head to **Tokyo Skytree** and enjoy sweeping views of the city, the tallest tower in Tokyo at just over 2,000 feet. From the Tembo Deck, soaring 350 meters above the ground, you'll be treated to a 360° panoramic view of Tokyo. Tonight, enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (2 Nights) (B, D)

Day 10: Sat, May 22 – TOKYO. Full day at leisure. The perfect day to relax and/or visit family and friends! 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)

Day 11: Sun, May 23 – TOKYO – HONOLULU. Begin the day at **Toyosu Senkyaku Banrai**, a shopping complex that recreates an Edo period neighborhood and showcases fresh food from the neighboring Toyosu Market. Enjoy time for shopping and lunch (on your own). After, visit the Asakusa district, where the charm of old Tokyo still lives on. Its star attraction is **Sensoji**, a beloved 7th 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. Finally, explore **Ameyoko**, a bustling market street that features over 400 shops and stalls known for offering significant bargains on various products, before heading to Haneda International Airport for the flight home. Depart Haneda via Japan Airlines flt #72 at 9:55 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:20 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

UNESCO World Heritage Site: Shirakawago (1995)

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