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March 05 – 18, 2027 • Tour Manager: Bryan Wauke

VISIT: Kansai, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Tamatsukuri Onsen, Izumo, Matsue, Tottori, Miyazu, Ine, Amanohashidate, Kyoto, Osaka & Arashiyama

GRAND SUMO TOURNAMENTS (HONBASHO) — 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 **March Osaka Grand Sumo Tournament**, also known as Haru Bashi (Spring Tournament), will take place from March 14 – 28, at the Edion Arena (Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium). This is the second major tournament of the year, featuring top-division makuuchi and juryo wrestlers. Makuuchi is the top division rank, fixed at just 42 wrestlers, while the juryo is the second highest division rank, fixed at 28 wrestlers. Once a wrestler is promoted to the rank of juryo, he is considered a professional with significant salary and privileges, as opposed to lower rankings that are "in training" and receive only a small allowance. With wrestlers being promoted and demoted based on their win-loss record, each match is a battle, as wrestlers fight to increase their ranking.

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2027 Gourmet Onsen Iwaso, Shimane, Miyazu &



Day 1: Fri, Mar 05 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #799 at 11:25 am.

Day 2: Sat, Mar 06 – KANSAI. Arrive at the Kansai International Airport at 3:55 pm. Walk to your hotel which is a short covered walk from the airport. Dinner has been arranged at the hotel. HOTEL NIKKO KANSAI AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

*Baggage will be sent from Kansai to Tamatsukuri Onsen, skipping Miyajima. Prepare an overnight bag for three nights.

Day 3: Sun, Mar 07 – KANSAI – HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA. After breakfast, transfer to Shin-Osaka Train Station by chartered bus. Transfer to Hiroshima Station by **Shinkansen Bullet Train** with **reserved seating in the Green Car**. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant upon arrival in Hiroshima. After lunch, start a full day of sightseeing by chartered bus. Visit the **Atomic Bomb Dome, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, and the Peace Bell**. After a **short ferry ride** arrive on the island of Miyajima, considered sacred by many. This evening soak in the relaxing atmosphere of Iwaso Inn and the **onsen hot spring baths**. You can enjoy the beauty of the primeval forests and gentle sound of mountain streams while taking a bath. The onsen facilities, which are divided for men and women, can be enjoyed indoors or outdoors. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. This evening enjoy a traditional, multi-course **Kaiseki Dinner** featuring Hiroshima's local and seasonal ingredients including fresh seafood from the Seto Inland Sea. IWASO INN (3 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Mon, Mar 08 – MIYAJIMA. After breakfast, walk to the nearby vermilion torii gate of **Itsukushima Shrine**, which looks like it's floating in the middle of the sea at high tide. The shrine complex has been selected as one of Japan's Nihon Sankei (Three Most Scenic Places). **Learn how to make momiji manju**, a specialty of the area. Free time will be given to explore the excellent **shopping** opportunities available down the main street of Miyajima Island and enjoy lunch (on your own). After lunch, take in the view from the **Miyajima Ropeway**, the cable car and gondola system linking Miyajima township to Mt. Misen. On a clear day the ropeway provides an excellent observation point of the island. Return to the hotel for dinner. Be sure to enjoy the **onsen hot springs** before and after your dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Tue, Mar 09 – MIYAJIMA. Begin the day with some hands-on activities, including **dressing up in a kimono**, experiencing a **tea ceremony**, and learning how to **write in calligraphy**. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore more of Miyajima on your own. Don't forget to try the plump steamed oysters that Miyajima is known for, and make friends with the wild deer that continue to roam freely around Miyajima. (B)

Day 6: Wed, Mar 10 – MIYAJIMA – TAMATSUKURI ONSEN. After breakfast, we make our way back to Honshu via a **short ferry ride**. En route to Tamatsukuri, a stop will be made at a **Michi-no-Eki**



(roadside station) OR **local supermarket** for lunch on your own. This evening enjoy a special **Kaiseki Dinner** at your hotel. Dinner will be accompanied by an **Iwami Kagura Show**, an unforgettable kind of masked traditional performance. The stories told in these performances are usually drawn from ancient history books dating from the 8th century, or from legends and stories of monsters made famous in Noh theater. The stories are easy to follow as they often consist of heroes and villains, gods and demons, of good guys and bad guys. Many times, these dances involve intense choreographed sword-fights. However, it's not all action and drama as there are comedic interludes with some dances that approach pantomime. These interludes are sure to have you laughing and cheering. After dinner, don't forget to try the **onsen hot springs** facilities. HOTEL GYOKUSEN (2 Nights) (B, D)

Day 7: Thur, Mar 11 – TAMATSUKURI ONSEN – IZUMO – MATSUE – TAMATSUKURI ONSEN. Begin the day at **Izumo-Taisha** located near the Sea of Japan. It is one of Japan's most important shrines. Izumo used to be ruled by a powerful clan in pre-historic times, and the region plays a central role in Japan's creation mythology. The main kami (deity) enshrined at Izumo-Taisha is Okuninushi no Okami. According to the creation myths, Okuninushi was the creator of the land of Japan and the ruler of Izumo. He also became known as the deity of good relationships and marriage. Visitors consequently clap their hands four times instead of the usual two times during their prayers: twice for themselves and twice for their actual or desired partners. After lunch, take a **boat cruise on the Hori River**, before visiting the quaint **Matsue Castle**. Then enjoy some free time for shopping and dining (on your own) at an **AEON MALL** before returning to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

Day 8: Fri, Mar 12 – TAMATSUKURI ONSEN – TOTTORI – MIYAZU. After breakfast, explore the **Adachi Museum of Art**. Founded by Adachi Zenko in 1980 as a way of combining his passions for Japanese art and garden design. He hoped that viewing the gardens and artwork together would expand peoples' appreciation and interest in Japanese art. The Adachi Museum of Art is best known for its award winning garden. It has been named the best garden in Japan annually since 2003 by the *Journal of Japanese Gardening*. The garden can be enjoyed at any time of the year and shows a different character depending on the season. It can only be viewed from the museum building. In addition to the gardens, the Adachi Museum of Art also houses a collection of nearly 1,300 twentieth century paintings and artworks which are rotated seasonally. There is also a permanent exhibit of paintings by Yokoyama Taikan, as well as a ceramics exhibit. After lunch, see the awesome **Tottori Sand Dunes** on our way to Miyazu. This enjoy a rejuvenating soak in the **onsen hot springs** before or after your buffet dinner at the hotel. MERCURE KYOTO MIYAZU RESORT & SPA (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sat, Mar 13 – MIYAZU – INE – AMANOHASHIDATE – MIYAZU. The first stop today is at **Ine Bay**. Ine is famous for its unique funaya, or boat houses. These wooden buildings sit right on the water and serve as both dock and home for the fishermen of the village. Around 200 funaya remain today, stretching along 5km of the coastline. Stop at **Michi-no-Eki Funaya no Sato Ine**, a popular roadside station located on a hill overlooking the historic Ine Bay. It features a panoramic observatory

Spring Osaka Sumo Tournament



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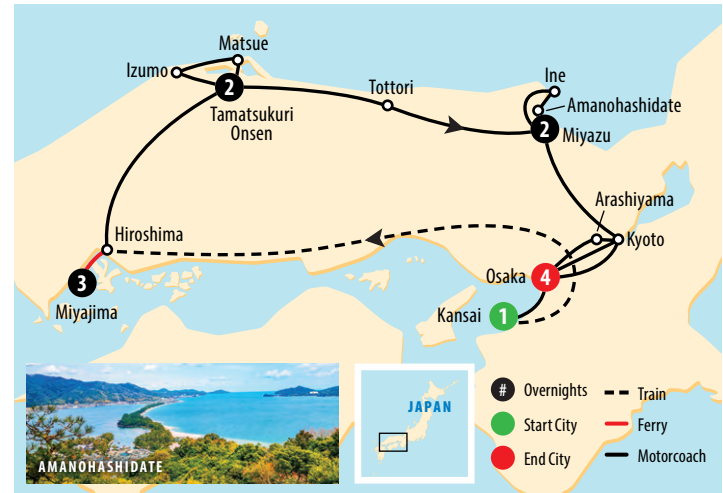
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deck, local seafood restaurants, and a shop, making it a key stop for viewing Ine from above. After lunch, you'll get a chance to **ride the cable car** and visit the **Kasamatsu Park Observatory** for spectacular views of **Amanohashidate**. Return to the hotel for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sun, Mar 14 – MIYAZU – KYOTO – OSAKA. Begin the day exploring the wonders of **teamLab Biovortex Kyoto**, a new concept by the team behind the international art collective teamLab. This venue focuses on a high-dimensional thinking athletics space based on the concept of perceiving the world with your body and thinking about it high-dimensionally. In a complex and challenging space, you will be immersed in a physically challenging four-dimensional world where time changes with the presence of your body. Arrive at the hotel for an evening of leisure. Your hotel is directly connected to the JR Osaka Station, allowing convenient access to numerous shopping and dining opportunities. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. THE OSAKA STATION HOTEL (4 Nights) (B, L)

Day 11: Mon, Mar 15 – OSAKA. After breakfast, travel to **Namba**, Osaka's premier entertainment, dining and shopping district. Whether it's the latest fashion style, cooking utensils, or anime merchandise, the area has so much to offer, you're bound to find something that interests you here! Sennichimae Doguyasuji is known as the ultimate "kitchen street" for both the professional and amateur cook. It's where to go, to find all of your kitchen and cooking needs. Whether you're looking for the perfect set of chopsticks, a high-end knife, or even a takoyaki griddle, you will find the best selections. Shinsaibashisuji Shopping Street, is one of the oldest and busiest shopping streets in Japan, drawing crowds of over 100,000 on the weekends. You can find almost anything from high fashion to traditional crafts on this mile-long street. While Ebisubashi-Suji is a haven for younger shoppers seeking out the latest fashions. It caters to everyone, with a mix of popular street brands and independent accessory boutiques. Den Den Town is the place to go for all things anime, manga and electric. Den Den town is Osaka's answer to Akihabara. Consisting primarily of two shopping streets running parallel: Sakaisuji is known for large retailers with every electronic item you can think of, while Ota-Road is more for the anime crowd. Just don't get too caught up in shopping in Namba, as sumo is up next! Depart for the **Edion Arena (Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium)**, where the **OSAKA GRAND SUMO TOURNAMENT**, also known as Haru Bashi (Spring Tournament), is taking place. The results of these official tournaments determine the ranking and status of a rishiki (sumo wrestler). Since rank and status affects the privileges and pay that a wrestler receives, they are all eager to battle to improve their ranking by winning as many matches as they can during the 15-day tournament. Get comfortable in your reserved seats as you watch the sumo matches take place. While the tournament is broadcasted on NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation), nothing beats being able to experience the excitement of being there in person, as the crowd sits in tense silence as everyone waits for the wrestlers to choose their moment to lunge at their opponent. When the days' matches are over, depart the arena for dinner, where you will **"eat like a sumo wrestler"** with a **special chankonabe meal**. Chankonabe is a type of nabemono (Japanese stew or one-pot dish) commonly eaten in vast



quantities by sumo wrestlers as part of a weight-gaining diet. The dish contains a dashi or chicken broth soup base with sake or mirin to add flavor. The characteristic of this hot pot is that there is no specific recipe. And unlike other varieties of Japanese hot pot meals, meats, seafood, vegetables, and pretty much everything can be thrown into the hot pot. Chanko is a term used to refer to all types of cuisine made by sumo wrestlers. The word "chanko" comes from combining "chan" meaning "parent" and "ko" meaning "child," and refers to the act of everyone – coaches and trainees alike – sharing the same meal together. After dinner, return to the hotel. (B, D)

Day 12: Tue, Mar 16 – OSAKA – ARASHIYAMA – KYOTO – OSAKA. After breakfast, transfer to Arashiyama. Enjoy **free time in Arashiyama**, where you may choose to explore the famous Arashiyama Bamboo Forests or shop for world-famous Arashiyama bamboo products. Take a **ride on a rickshaw** around Arashiyama. Today's hands-on experience is **yuzen dyeing** (surikomi yuzen), which is one of Kyoto's traditional craft Kyo-yuzen dyeing techniques. Since the patterns are dyed by placing a paper stencil over a piece of fabric, such as a tote bag you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. Your very own original work will be a perfect memento for yourself or a gift for someone else. Return to the hotel for some leisure time before enjoying a buffet dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Wed, Mar 17 – OSAKA. Enjoy a morning of leisure. In the early afternoon, return to the **Edion Arena (Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium)**. Get comfortable in your reserved seats as you watch more **OSAKA GRAND SUMO TOURNAMENT** sumo matches. At the end of the day, return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B)

Day 14: Thur, Mar 18 – OSAKA – KANSAI – HONOLULU. After a morning of leisure, depart the hotel for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, take a stroll around **Osaka Castle**, one of Osaka's most prominent landmarks. Osaka Castle played a crucial role in the 16th century reunification of the Japan and the foundation of the Edo period in 1603. Although construction on the castle began in 1583, it would eventually burn down and be rebuilt several times. The current castle keep was rebuilt in 1931 and now serves as a museum. The top floor of the castle offers excellent 360° views of the city. The park surrounding the castle grounds is a pleasant refuge from the urban surroundings. Spend time at an **AEON MALL** before transferring to the Kansai International Airport for the return flight home. Depart Kansai Airport 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, L)

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Shinkansen Bullet Train Ride, Atomic Bomb Dome, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Peace Bell, Ferry Ride to Miyajima, Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima Ropeway, Michi-no-Eki OR Local Supermarket, Iwami Kagura Show, Izumo-Taisha, Hori River Cruise, Matsue Castle, AEON MALL, Adachi Museum of Art, Tottori Sand Dunes, Ine Bay, Michi-no-Eki Funaya no Sato Ine, Amanohashidate, Cable Car, Kasamatsu Park Observatory, teamLab Biovortex Kyoto, Namba Area Shopping, Edion Arena (Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium), Osaka Grand Sumo Tournament, Chankonabe Meal, Stroll the Arashiyama Area, Rickshaw Ride, Osaka Castle & AEON MALL

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES: Momiji Manju Making, Kimono Dress-Up, Tea Ceremony, Calligraphy Writing & Yuzen Dyeing

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:



HOTEL NIKKO KANSAI AIRPORT (KANSAI — 1 NIGHT): The hotel is **directly connected** to Kansai International Airport, allowing guests to immediately begin relaxing after their flight.



IWASO INN (MIYAJIMA — 3 NIGHTS): Located on Miyajima Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Iwaso Inn features **Japanese-style accommodations with beautiful surrounding views**. Guests can relax in the **indoor and outdoor onsen hot spring baths**. Traditional multi-course Kaiseki Dinners featuring seafood and local ingredients are served at the dining room. A Japanese or Western breakfast is served at Momiji Restaurant. Iwaso Inn is only a 5-minute walk from Itsukushima Shrine and Momijidani Park.



HOTEL GYOKUSEN (TAMATSUKURI ONSEN — 2 NIGHTS): Tamatsukuri Onsen is **one of the premier onsen resort areas in the Shimane Prefecture**, widely known for its **skin beautifying effects**. The area also has spiritual locations, high-quality souvenir shops, and cafés for visitors. Rejuvenate in Hotel Gyokusen's lobby lounge, overlooking a traditional Japanese garden, bringing out the best in the natural beauty of the pine trees and the rock garden.



MERCURE KYOTO MIYAZU RESORT & SPA (MIYAZU — 2 NIGHTS): Immerse yourself in an **all-inclusive stay** at Mercure. The all-inclusive plan includes **breakfast, dinner, snacks, and drinks** at the Lounges, access to the **hot spring public bathing facilities**, and **activities within the hotel**. Free-flowing alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are included at dinner. Unwind in the Lounge, where a selection of sparkling wine, beer, as well as soft drinks, coffee, black tea, and herbal waters are available. Conclude your day with a nightcap at the Lounge, where you can enjoy a wide range of beverages, including whisky, brandy, and Japanese spirits, in a cozy yet refined ambiance.



THE OSAKA STATION HOTEL (OSAKA — 4 NIGHTS): Built on the historic grounds of Osaka's first train station, the Osaka Station Hotel opened its doors in 2024. It is **directly connected to the current JR Osaka Station**, allowing convenient access to numerous shopping and dining opportunities. It's also in the same building as the **KITTE OSAKA shopping mall**. Special arrangements have been made for "Specialty" category rooms, allowing guests access to the **Specialty Salon** — a special space located on the 38th floor, offering food and drink services throughout the day, as well as check-in and check-out services, along with access to the **Hotel Bath House "Ofuro"** on the 30th floor.



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