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**October 25 – November 05, 2027 • Tour Manager: Randy Macadangdang**

**VISIT:** Nagoya, Takayama, Shirakawago, Kanazawa & Tokyo

**EXPLORE CENTRAL JAPAN: Where vibrant culture awaits at every turn!**
Nagoya is a major urban center between Tokyo and Kyoto and a gateway for accessing Kanazawa, Takayama, and other destinations in the region. This castle town is Japan's fourth most populated city and the heart of the country's automobile industry. Takayama is a city in the mountainous Hida Region, retaining a traditional touch like a few other cities in Japan, especially in its beautifully preserved old town. Kanazawa is home to traditional culture and arts, as well as cutting-edge modern art and architecture. With a veritable infinite variety of foods and ingredients, enjoy a taste of central Japan along with its sights and sounds.

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# 2027 Fall Discover Nagoya, Takayama & Kanazawa




**Day 1: Mon, Oct 25** – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #797 at 2:15 pm.

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**Day 2: Tue, Oct 26** – NAGOYA. Arrive at Chubu Centrair International Airport at 6:00 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to your hotel in Nagoya. The evening is at your leisure. The Local Guide will have recommendations for nearby dining and shopping options. NAGOYA MARRIOTT ASSOCIA HOTEL (3 Nights)

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**Day 3: Wed, Oct 27** – 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 and Kusanagi-kan Museum house thousands of historical artifacts, including hundreds of samurai swords and other cultural treasures. After a hitsumabushi (Nagoya-style grilled eel on rice) lunch at a local restaurant, visit **Nagoya Castle**, which was built by Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first shogun of Japan, to serve as a strategic military stronghold. The historic landmark is renowned for its golden shachihoko (mythical tiger-headed fish) ornaments on the main keep's roof and the meticulously reconstructed Honmaru Palace, which was built using traditional techniques and materials and features intricate Kano school paintings and woodcarvings. The castle was designated Japan's first National Treasure and later a Special Historic Site, though most of its original structures were destroyed in the 1945 World War II air raids. 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 to the nearby **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. Return to the hotel where you will enjoy a buffet dinner. (B, L, D)

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**Day 4: Thu, Oct 28** – NAGOYA. Enjoy a full day at leisure. Your hotel is located directly above JR Nagoya Station in the heart of the city, offering unparalleled convenience for exploring, shopping, and dining in Nagoya. If you're a foodie, the nearby Yanagibashi Central Market is a must-visit, with a wide variety of fresh seafood, fruits, vegetables, and other local specialties. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

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**Day 5: Fri, Oct 29** – NAGOYA – TAKAYAMA. After breakfast, depart for Takayama. En route, stop 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. While here, take some time to purchase some of these renowned knives of your own. After, stop at a local rest stop for lunch (on your own) before continuing to Takayama. Located amongst the Japan Alps, Takayama is known as "Little Kyoto" for its preserved historical structures and traditional atmosphere. Upon arrival, take a tour of **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. Key features include the Oshirasu, a courtroom and interrogation room; the Oyakusho, or administrative offices; and the Okura, a rice storehouse that is one of the oldest and largest traditional granaries still standing in Japan. Check in to the hotel, indulge in a buffet dinner, and unwind in the hotel's soothing **onsen hot springs**. 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. TAKAYAMA GREEN HOTEL ORINKAKU (2 Nights) (B, D)

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**Day 6: Sat, Oct 30** – TAKAYAMA. This morning, 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. Enjoy the famed Hida beef for lunch at a local restaurant. Afterward, return to the hotel, where the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. The hotel is approximately a six-minute walk from JR Takayama Station, as well as the downtown shopping and dining district. A free shuttle bus also connects the hotel to the station. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B, L)

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**Day 7: Sun, Oct 31** – TAKAYAMA – SHIRAKAWAGO – KANAZAWA. Today, head to the charming village of **Shirakawago**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its traditional gassho-

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zukuri farmhouses, a distinctive style of thatched-roof architecture. The village is home to several dozen beautifully preserved gassho-zukuri houses, some of which are more than 250 years old. Located within the historic village is Myozenji, a unique temple-museum distinguished by its thatched roof rather than the typical tiled roof found on most temples. After lunch at a local restaurant, spend some time exploring **Kenrokuen**, known as one of Japan's Three Great Gardens, renowned for embodying the six attributes of a perfect landscape: spaciousness, seclusion, artifice, antiquity, water features, and panoramic views. Afterward, head to the hotel for some time at leisure before enjoying a buffet dinner there. HOTEL NIKKO KANAZAWA (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

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**Day 8: Mon, Nov 01** – KANAZAWA. You're in for a full day of fun and discovery! Begin the day at **Omicho Market**, also known as "Kanazawa's kitchen," where stalls offer fresh fish, vegetables, meats, and other everyday goods. While here, take part in a fun **cooking class** and enjoy your creations for lunch. After, take part in a **samurai kendo experience**. Watch a sword master demonstrate the skill and precision behind this iconic martial art, then step into the action yourself. An unforgettable experience! Next, learn the art of **gold leaf application** and create your own design on an item such as a pair of chopsticks – a great souvenir of this trip. Then, take a walking tour of the **Higashi Chaya District**, a historic entertainment quarter known for its distinctive wooden lattice windows and two-story chayas, which retain the ambiance of the Edo period. A chaya (teahouse) is an exclusive type of restaurant where guests were entertained by geisha who performed song and dance. Various shops can be found in the area, from traditional Japanese sweets to sake, gold-leaf crafts, cafés, and more. Return to the hotel for some time at leisure before walking to a nearby restaurant. During dinner, you will be entertained by an authentic **geisha** with dancing, singing, and playing fun games! A geisha is a highly trained performing artist and entertainer trained in traditional Japanese performing arts styles. (B, L, D)

**Due to venue capacity constraints, the group will be split into two smaller groups and the order of the activities will vary.*

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**Day 9: Tue, Nov 02** – KANAZAWA – TOKYO. Today we head to Tokyo. Walk to the nearby Kanazawa Station and depart on a shinkansen bullet train with **reserved seating** in the **green car** to Tokyo. Upon arrival, head to **Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden** to enjoy its **Chrysanthemum Exhibition**. Admire a remarkable assortment of meticulously cultivated chrysanthemums displayed in a variety of unique styles. Chrysanthemums are a symbol of Japan's Imperial Family, and this exhibition continues the tradition of imperial chrysanthemum viewing events in a setting open to the public. After, savor a wagyu teppanyaki dinner at a local restaurant before transferring to the hotel. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (3 Nights) (B, D)

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**Day 10: Wed, Nov 03** – TOKYO. Enjoy a full day at leisure. Your hotel is located in the bustling Shinjuku district, directly connected to the underground passage of Shinjuku Station's West Exit (about a five-minute walk away) and near Tochomae Station (about a two-minute walk away). It offers easy access to major shopping areas and natural sights. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

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**Day 11: Thu, Nov 04** – TOKYO. Enjoy another full day at leisure. The Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

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**Day 12: Fri, Nov 05** – TOKYO – HANEDA – HONOLULU. Hope you didn't forget your Costco card, as the day begins at **Costco** for some shopping and time to check out the food court! Find out how similar, yet different, Costco is in Japan. Then, take part in a **ramen making** class and enjoy your creation for lunch. After, explore **Ameyoko**, a bustling market street that features over 400 shops and stalls known for offering significant bargains on various products such as clothes, bags, cosmetics, dried seafood, spices, and more. Transfer to the airport for the flight home. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:00 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:00 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

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**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:** Atsuta Jingu, Nagoya Castle, Noritake no Mori, AEON Mall Nagoya Noritake Garden, Katana Kaji (Traditional Japanese Swordsmith) Demonstration, Takayama Jinya, Takayama Morning Market, Shirakawago, Kenrokuen, Omicho Market, Higashi Chaya District, Dinner with a Geisha, Chrysanthemum Exhibition at Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden, Costco & Ameyoko

**HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:** Mug Painting, Cooking Class, Samurai Kendo Session, Gold Leaf Application & Ramen Making

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**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:**





**NAGOYA MARRIOTT ASSOCIA HOTEL (3 NIGHTS, NAGOYA):** Often regarded as **one of the best hotels in Japan**, it is ideally located in the heart of the city, and right above **JR Takashimaya Department Store** and **gourmet outlets**. Special arrangements have been made for **Concierge Floor level rooms**, allowing guests access to the **exclusive Concierge Lounge**, where you can enjoy breakfast, free drink service, and more.



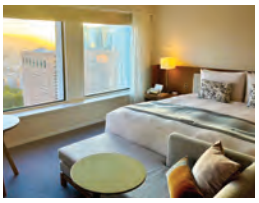


**TAKAYAMA GREEN HOTEL ORINKAKU (2 NIGHTS, TAKAYAMA):** Located in the **heart of Hida Takayama** and just a quick **six-minute walk from JR Takayama Station**. Experience traditional culture with modern comfort, featuring a natural onsen overlooking a Japanese garden, and a souvenir shop boasting thousands of omiyage items from around the Hida region. Available to guests staying in **Orinkaku Premier Rooms** is a **Lounge** where you can enjoy beverages free of charge from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm daily.





**HOTEL NIKKO KANAZAWA (2 NIGHTS, KANAZAWA):** This luxury hotel located directly in front of **JR Kanazawa Station**, connected via an underground passage. As the tallest hotel in the Hokuriku region, the hotel offers panoramic views of the city and the Sea of Japan. Relax in comfort in a **Lux Room**, featuring sophisticated art and crafts by local artists. Enjoy a daily complimentary drink at the Lobby Lounge or Sky Lounge.





**KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (3 NIGHTS, TOKYO):** The hotel is perfectly located for exploring the many delights of Tokyo. **Situated just outside Tochomae Station** and only a **five-minute walk from Shinjuku Station**, one of the city's most popular shopping and entertainment areas, this luxury hotel offers unforgettable experiences that will linger long after your stay. Stay in a **Premier Grand Room**, where refined luxury meets sweeping city views, and enjoy access to the exclusive **Club Lounge**.

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