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2027 Suo-Oshima, Hagi, Arita & Fukuoka Pottery Tour





Day 1: Sat, Oct 16 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #799 at 11:35 am.

Day 2: Sun, Oct 17 – KANSAI. Arrive at Kansai International Airport at 3:40 pm. After entry formalities, walk to the hotel located within the airport, where dinner has been arranged. HOTEL NIKKO KANSAI AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

*Baggage will be sent from Kansai to Suo-Oshima, skipping Miyajima. Prepare an overnight bag for two nights.

Day 3: Mon, Oct 18 – KANSAI – HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA. Today, transfer to Shin-Osaka Train Station by motorcoach. Transfer to Hiroshima Station by shinkansen bullet train with **reserved seating** in the **green car**. Upon arrival in Hiroshima, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After, visit the sobering **Atomic Bomb Dome**, **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park**, **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum**, and **Peace Bell**. Then, take a short ferry ride to the island of Miyajima, considered sacred by many. Walk through the island's small town to the ryokan (traditional Japanese inn). This evening, enjoy a traditional, multi-course **kaiseki dinner** featuring the region's local and seasonal ingredients, including fresh seafood from the Seto Inland Sea. Soak in the relaxing atmosphere of the **onsen hot springs**, where you can enjoy the beauty of the primeval forests and gentle sound of mountain streams while you bathe. 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. IWASO INN (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tue, Oct 19 – MIYAJIMA. This morning, 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 Three Most Scenic Places. Then, learn how to **make momiji manju**, a maple-leaf-shaped cake that is a local specialty. The afternoon is free for you to explore the excellent shopping opportunities available down **Omotesando Street**, the main street of the island, and enjoy lunch (on your own). Return to the hotel and savor a different type of **kaiseki dinner**. Be sure to enjoy the **onsen hot springs** before and after your dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Wed, Oct 20 – MIYAJIMA – HIROSHIMA – IWAKUNI – SUO-OSHIMA. After breakfast, we make our way back to Hiroshima via a short ferry ride. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before traveling to Iwakuni. Walk across **Kintaikyo Bridge**, an elegant wooden bridge with five sweeping arches spanning the clear waters of the Nishiki River on massive stone piers. The bridge is considered one of Japan's most picturesque photo spots. Continue to your relaxing beachfront resort, where a Western-style dinner has been arranged. Relax in one of the public indoor or open-air onsen hot springs, or soak in the **private open-air onsen hot spring** in your room MARISSA RESORT SAZANSETO SUO-OSHIMA (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Thu, Oct 21 – SUO-OSHIMA. Begin the day with a visit to the **Museum of Japanese Emigration to Hawaii**, which shares the stories of those who left Suo-Oshima, Kauai's sister island. The museum offers a unique cultural experience with artifacts, photographs, and features a comprehensive database where visitors can search individual emigrant records and may even uncover relatives! Then, stop at a **michi-no-eki** (roadside station) for some time to shop and grab lunch (on your own). Not only are michi-no-eki convenient places to stretch your legs, but they also offer a variety of farm-fresh goods and local specialties. Afterwards, **pick mikan** (seedless mandarin orange) at the peak of freshness and enjoy the "fruits of your labor" as a sweet mid-afternoon snack. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Take a rejuvenating soak in the onsen hot springs before and/or after your Western-style dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Fri, Oct 22 – SUO-OSHIMA – YAMAGUCHI CITY – HAGI. Today, we depart for Hagi, stopping in Yamaguchi City to visit **Rurikoji Temple**, a Soto Zen temple renowned for its five-story pagoda – a National Treasure and one of Japan's three most celebrated pagodas. Standing 102 feet tall, the pagoda is a masterpiece of mid-Muromachi architecture, with a graceful tapered silhouette and cypress bark roof. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before taking part in an **ouchi ningyo painting** activity. Ouchi ningyo are traditional lacquerware dolls typically sold as a man and woman set, symbolizing marital happiness. They are crafted using ouchi-nuri, a distinctive local technique known for its deep gloss, rounded wooden forms, and refined decorations, often featuring gold or silver leaf or maki-e, in which metallic powder is sprinkled onto lacquer. Then, visit **Shoin Shrine**, dedicated to Yoshida Shoin, a samurai and influential intellectual


AKIYOSHIDAI © Yamaguchi Prefecture Tourism Federation

whose teachings helped drive the Meiji Restoration. The shrine is part of the UNESCO-listed Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution. Its grounds also include Shokason-juku Academy, the private school Shoin founded, where future leaders of modern Japan, including Japan's first prime minister, Ito Hirobumi, studied. Continue to the hotel, where dinner has been arranged. HAGI HONJIN (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sat, Oct 23 – HAGI – MINE CITY – HAGI. After breakfast, visit **Akiyoshidai**, Japan's largest karst plateau and part of Akiyoshidai Quasi-National Park in Mine City. Formed from an ancient coral reef around 350 million years ago, this expansive grassland is dotted with thousands of limestone formations. Beneath it lies **Akiyoshido**, a vast cave system filled with stalactites, stalagmites, and tranquil pools. After lunch at a local restaurant, take part in a traditional **Hagi-yaki pottery making** experience. Hagi-yaki (Hagi ware) is a prestigious style of traditional Japanese pottery developed in the early 17th century by Korean potters brought to Japan by feudal lord Mori Terumoto. The porous clay used for Hagi-yaki creates a rustic texture that evolves with use, developing a warm patina and delicate crackle, a transformation known as Hagi no Nanabake (the Seven Transformations of Hagi). Return to the hotel for dinner and an evening at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sun, Oct 24 – HAGI – OMIJIMA – KITAKYUSHU – FUKUOKA. Start the day with a visit to **Omijima**, known as "the alps on the sea." Along its 10-mile coastline, the waves of the Sea of Japan have sculpted dramatic caves, pillars, cliffs, and rock formations, some rising up to 131 feet. Highlights include the steep-sided Juroku-Rakan Iwa (Buddhist Carvings), Shimami-Mon Rock Arch, and other striking natural formations. After, enjoy a specially prepared fugu (pufferfish) lunch at a local restaurant. Then, explore **Akama Shrine**, dedicated to the child Emperor Antoku, and admire its striking vermilion Suitenmon Gate, designed to resemble the Dragon Palace, the mythical underwater palace of the Dragon God. Finally, make a stop at **Mojiko Retro**, a historic port district known for its Meiji and Showa-era architecture and seaside setting. Explore landmarks such as Mojiko Station, the Former Moji Mitsui Club, and Blue Wing Moji, and savor local specialties like baked curry. Continue to Fukuoka and check in to the hotel, where you will enjoy dinner. FUKUOKA PRINCE HOTEL MOMOCHIHAMA (3 Nights) (B, L, D)


AKAMA SHRINE

Day 10: Mon, Oct 25 – FUKUOKA – ARITA – FUKUOKA. Start the day with a visit to an **Arita-yaki workshop**. Arita-yaki (Arita ware), Japan's first porcelain, more than 400 years ago. Its production began around 1616, after Korean potter Yi Sam-pyeong (Kanagae Sanbee) discovered high-quality kaolin (also known as kaolinite or china clay) deposits at Izumiyama Quarry. After lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy some free time to shop in the **Arita area**. Return to the hotel, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B, L)

Day 11: Tue, Oct 26 – FUKUOKA. Enjoy a full day at leisure. The perfect day to relax and/or visit family and friends, or venture out on an adventure of your own! The Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 12: Wed, Oct 27 – FUKUOKA – HANEDA – HONOLULU. Make a last-minute shopping stop at a spacious **AEON MALL**, where you will have free time to grab lunch (on your own) and shop at your leisure, before transferring to Fukuoka Airport for your flight home to Honolulu. Depart Fukuoka Airport via Japan Airlines flt #322 at 4:40 pm and arrive at the Haneda Domestic Airport at 6:20 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:05 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:30 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Atomic Bomb Dome, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Peace Bell, Itsukushima Shrine, Omotesando Street, Kintaikyo Bridge, Museum of Japanese Emigration to Hawaii, Michi-no-Eki, Rurikoji Temple, Shoin Shrine, Akiyoshidai, Akiyoshido, Omijima, Akama Shrine, Mojiko Retro, Arita-yaki Workshop, Arita Area Shopping & AEON MALL

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:



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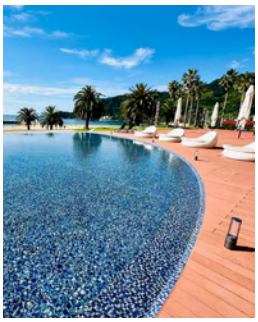
IWASO INN (2 NIGHTS, MIYAJIMA):
Located on Miyajima Island, this ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) features **Japanese-style rooms** with beautiful surrounding views, and is only a five-minute walk from Itsukushima Shrine and Momijidani Park. Guests can relax in the indoor and outdoor public **onsen hot spring baths**.





MARISSA RESORT SAZANSETO SUO-OSHIMA (2 NIGHTS, SUO-OSHIMA):
An all-inclusive beachfront resort offering high-quality dining, natural onsen hot spring baths, a spa center, and stunning ocean-view accommodations. Take a relaxing soak in your own **private open-air onsen hot spring** while enjoying scenic views of the Seto Inland Sea.

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HAGI HONJIN (2 NIGHTS, HAGI):
Hagi Honjin is a premier onsen hot spring ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) that features delicious seasonal Hagi cuisine and 14 **natural onsen hot spring** options sourced from approximately 1.25 miles underground, including open-air baths, lie-down baths, standing baths, and more. A shuttle bus resembling a steam locomotive takes guests to an onsen foot bath at Okuhagi Observation Deck on the mountain summit (for a fee), offering a spectacular view of the city and the Sea of Japan.





FUKUOKA PRINCE HOTEL MOMOCHIHAMA (3 NIGHTS, FUKUOKA): This beachfront hotel provides a resort-like atmosphere while providing great access to central Fukuoka and Tenjin. Positioned near Fukuoka Tower with direct access to the sea, every room faces the bay for **uninterrupted ocean views**. Stay in a **Club Floor room** and get access to the **Club Lounge** on the top floor. Overlooking the beach, the lounge's terrace offers a relaxing setting to enjoy light refreshments and drinks while feeling the gentle sea breeze.

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