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**Tour #2: March 20 – 30, 2026**

**OVERVIEW:** The Tokaido ("East Sea Road") was the most important of the Five Routes of the Edo period — connecting Edo (modern-day Tokyo) to Kyoto in Japan. Unlike the inland and less heavily traveled Nakasendo, the Tokaido traveled along the sea coast of eastern Honshu, hence the route's name.

**VISIT:** Tokyo • Oshino • Hakone • Miyajima • Hiroshima  
Okayama • Kurashiki • Himeji • Kyoto • Nara

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:** Harajuku Shopping • Asakusa Sensoji Temple • Nakamise Shopping  
Ameyoko Shopping • Oshino Hakkai • Owakudani • Hakone Ropeway • Lake Ashi Cruise  
Shinkansen Bullet Train Ride • Ferry Ride to Miyajima Island • Itsukushima Shrine  
Peace Memorial Park • A-Bomb Museum • A-Bomb Dome • Children's Memorial  
Super AEON Shopping Mall • Kurashiki Bikan Area • Himeji Castle • Koko-en Garden  
Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) • Fushimi Inari Shrine • Sanjusangen-do  
Heian Jingu Shrine • Todaiji Temple • Nara Deer Park

**HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:** Sushi Making Class  
Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony • Yuzen Dyeing

**UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES:** Itsukushima Shrine  
A-Bomb Dome • Himeji Castle • Kinkakuji Temple • Todaiji Temple

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**Day 1: Fri, Mar 20** — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:55 am.

**Day 2: Sat, Mar 21** — HANEDA — TOKYO. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to your hotel in Tokyo. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (3 Nights)

**Day 3: Sun, Mar 22** — TOKYO. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast, embark on a full day of discovery! First visit the visually stimulating **Harajuku Shopping District**. Today's highlight will be a hands-on **sushi making session**, which will yield your delicious lunch. After lunch, head to **Asakusa**, the center of Tokyo's shitamachi (literally "low city") districts, where an atmosphere of the Tokyo of past decades survives. Asakusa's main attraction is **Sensoji**, a very popular Buddhist temple built in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. The temple is approached via the **Nakamise**, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional local snacks and tourist souvenirs for centuries. Next visit **Ameyoko**, a busy market street along the Yamanote Line Tracks between Okachimachi and Ueno Stations. The name "Ameyoko" is a short form for "Ameya Yokocho" ("candy store alley"), as candies were traditionally sold there. Alternatively, "Ame" also stands for "America," because a lot of American products used to be available there when the streets was the site of a black market in the years following WWII. Today, various products such as clothes, bags, cosmetics, fresh fish, dried food, and spices are sold along Ameyoko. Then transfer back to the hotel in Tokyo. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Mon, Mar 23** — TOKYO. Day at leisure. Enjoy shopping and dining in the bustling Shinjuku area. Perfect day to relax and/or visit with family and friends in Tokyo. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

**Day 5: Tue, Mar 24** — TOKYO — OSHINO — HAKONE. After breakfast, depart Tokyo for Hakone. Visit **Oshino Hakkai**, a set of eight ponds located in the Fuji Five Lake Region. The eight ponds are fed by melting snow from the nearby slopes of Mt. Fuji. The melted snow filtered down through porous layers of lava for 80 years, resulting in a very clear spring water that is revered by the locals. Next to one pond, visitors can drink the cool water straight from the source. Continue the journey to Hakone where much of the area is considered an active volcanic zone since its creation from eruption of Mt. Hakone some 3,000 years ago. After lunch, visit **Owakudani** ("Great Boiling Valley"), the source of the hot spring waters of Hakone. View the surrounding countryside from the **Hakone Ropeway**. Next, enjoy a **boat ride on the beautiful Lake Ashi**. Then transfer to the hotel for a buffet dinner. The **onsen hot springs** — which are divided for men and women — allow you to enjoy the hot springs whether indoors or outdoors. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. HAKONE HOTEL KOWAKIEN (1 Night) (B, L, D)

\*Baggage will be sent from Hakone to Okayama, skipping Miyajima. Prepare an overnight bag for one night.

**Day 6: Wed, Mar 25** — HAKONE — HIROSHIMA — MIYAJIMA. Transfer to Odawara Train Station where we will board a **Shinkansen Bullet Train** to Hiroshima. Transfer to Miyajima-guchi by motor coach. Take a short **ferry ride** to the island of Miyajima, considered sacred by many. Walk to the hotel. This evening soak in the relaxing atmosphere of the **onsen hot spring baths**. For dinner, enjoy a traditional, multi-course **Kaiseki Dinner** featuring Hiroshima's local and seasonal ingredients including fresh seafood from the Seto Inland Sea. IWASO INN (1 Night) Japanese-Style Room with Onsen and Kaiseki Dinner (B, D)

**Day 7: Thur, Mar 26** — MIYAJIMA — HIROSHIMA — OKAYAMA. After breakfast, begin the morning exploring **Itsukushima Shrine**. At high tide, the vermilion torii gate looks like it's floating in the middle of the sea. The shrine complex has been selected as one of Japan's three most scenic places (nihon sankei). Board the **ferry back to Hiroshima**. After lunch, visit the **Peace Memorial Park, A-Bomb Museum, A-Bomb Dome**, and **Children's Memorial**. Depart Hiroshima for Okayama, today's final destination. Upon arrival to Okayama enjoy an evening of shopping and dining (on your own) at a **Super AEON Shopping Mall**. HOTEL GRANVIA OKAYAMA (1 Night) (B, L)

**Day 8: Fri, Mar 27** — OKAYAMA — KURASHIKI — HIMEJI — KYOTO. After breakfast, depart Okayama. Visit **Kurashiki** and its beautiful **Bikan area**. In merchant days, this scenic town thrived as a port for rice shipments. Several old rice granaries and examples of historic architecture still remain, in addition to the stone lined canal. Next we drive to Himeji to visit **Himeji Castle**. It is known as "White Egret Castle" and "White Heron Castle" because of its brilliant white exterior, resembling a bird taking flight. Himeji Castle is the largest and most visited castle in Japan. A short walk from the castle's main gate (Otemon Gate), is **Koko-en Garden**. Opened in 1992 on the former site of the feudal lord's west residence, this Japanese-style garden consists of nine separate walled gardens designed in various styles of the Edo Period (1603–1868) and features a pond with a waterfall, a tea garden, a pine tree garden, a bamboo garden, and a flower garden. Transfer to the hotel in Kyoto for an evening of leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for dinner. DOUBLETREE BY HILTON KYOTO STATION (3 Nights) (B, L)

**Day 9: Sat, Mar 28** — KYOTO. After a sumptuous Japanese/Western buffet breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full day of sightseeing beginning with a **traditional Japanese tea ceremony**. Next, we visit **Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)**, a Zen Temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Today's hands-on experience is **Surikomi Yuzen (brush dyed Yuzen)**. Since the patterns are dyed by placing a paper stencil over a tote bag, you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. A great reminder of this trip! Lastly, visit the stunning vermilion colored **Fushimi Inari Shrine**, whose four kilometer long tunnel of scarlet torii gates was featured on the film *Memoirs of a Geisha*. Return to the hotel for a buffet dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Sun, Mar 29** — KYOTO. Full day at leisure. A perfect day to fulfill your shopping list. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

**Day 11: Mon, Mar 30** — KYOTO — NARA — KANSAI — HONOLULU. After breakfast, visit **Sanjusangen-do**, the Buddhist temple famous for its 1,001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of compassion. Next visit, **Heian Jingu Shrine** which has a relatively short history, dating back just over a hundred years to 1895. The shrine was built on the occasion of the 1100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the capital's foundation in Kyoto and is dedicated to the spirits of the first and last emperors who reigned from the city, Emperor Kammu (737–806) and Emperor Komei (1831–1867). Heian is the former name of Kyoto. After lunch, visit the **Todaiji Temple**, the largest wooden building in Japan, which houses the largest bronze statue of Buddha at 16.3 meters high. The surrounding **Nara Deer Park** is inhabited by over 1,000 deer. Depart Nara for the Kansai International Airport and check in for the flight home. Depart Osaka via Japan Airlines flt #792 at 10:10 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:45 am on the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B, L)

**UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Itsukushima Shrine (1996), A-Bomb Dome (1996), Himeji Castle (1993), Kinkakuji Temple (1994), Todaiji Temple (1998).