

Join Panda Travel in...



2023 Tokyo Labor Day Omiyage Weekender

(GP12931)



Aug 30 - Sept 4, 2023
4 Nights/ 6 Days

Tokyo - Kamakura

\$100 OFF PER PERSON
when you pay with a personal check/cash



\$2,689*

per person-triple occupancy

\$2,689*

per person-double occupancy

\$2,879*

per single occupancy

pandaonline.com

(808) 734-1961

1017 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu, HI 96816

Cancel for any
reason up to
60 days prior to
departure date for a
FULL REFUND!

A minimum of 16 participants is required for the tour to operate.

Itinerary



in its outer market. With the 90 mins we spend here, be sure to enjoy all that the outer market has to offer, from seasonal produce and candy tasting to knife-making artisan shops.

→ **11:00am Ameyoko Shopping Street** – This is the absolutely perfect place to get your omiyage. “Ameyoko” is short for “Ameya Yokocho” or “candy shop back alley” since candies were traditionally sold there. Alternatively, it is short for “America,” a callback to the post-WWII era when American products were sold there illegally. Now, the street is lined with over 400 shops from cooked street food, snacks like dried squid, and fresh seafood to clothes, bags, accessories, cosmetics, and much more!

→ **12:45pm Japanese lunch at a local restaurant**

→ **2:20pm Shibuya Sky, Shibuya Scramble Crossing, and Hachikō** – Next, we’re off to Shibuya Scramble Square. There, you’ll find Shibuya Sky, an observatory offering a 360-degree view of Tokyo (there’s a special spot to see Mt. Fuji on a clear day!), and over 200 commercial outlets with restaurants, cafes, and shopping. The tower also overlooks the famous and ever busy intersection, Shibuya Scramble Crossing. With giant video screens and neon signs as a backdrop to several hundreds of people walking in all directions at every light change, this “scramble” of people is surely a site to witness.

Pay a visit to the famous Hachikō Dog statue. This obedient Akita patiently waited at Shibuya Station daily for his owner to return from work. When his owner tragically died while at work in 1925, Hachikō continued to wait at the station every day for the next 10 years, never giving up hope. Hachikō is a Japanese icon and his statue memorializes his unwavering loyalty and love.

→ **5:30pm Return to hotel** (Free WiFi) – The remainder of the evening is yours at leisure. Your local guide is available to assist you with any questions you might have. Here’s a glimpse of the nearby attractions for you to explore:

Our hotel lobby directly connects you to Sunshine City, a huge shopping and entertainment complex with 4 towers that include an aquarium, planetarium, solarium, a virtual reality play experience, and a nearly 788 foot high skyscraper with an observation deck.

In addition to the renowned Pokemon Center Mega Tokyo, Sunshine City is also home to Namja Town, a food and dessert theme park. If you’re in the mood to shop, check out Tobu Department Store and Seibu Ikebukuro Flagship Store. Inside Seibu is the Kit-Kat Chocolatory, the world’s first Kit-Kat boutique. Don’t miss your chance to try special and seasonal Kit-Kat flavors like purple potato, cinnamon cookie, european cheese, bean cake and wasabi—these make for great gifts too!

Alternatively, Ikebukuro station is close by and has rail lines connecting you to other popular areas like Shinagawa,

Day 1: (Wed) Aug 30 - Honolulu Depart Honolulu 1:50pm via Hawaiian Airlines 863

Please meet the Panda Travel representative **3 hours prior to departure** at the Hawaiian Airlines check-in counters.

Day 2: (Thu) Aug 31 - Haneda-Tokyo

→ **5:10pm HA 863 Arrive at Haneda Airport**

→ **6:10pm Meet guide at arrival lobby/transfer to hotel** – The drive time to our hotel in Ikebukuro is approx. 45 mins.

→ **7:00pm Arrive at Sunshine City Prince Hotel** (Free WiFi) – After check-in, the remainder of the evening is free. The hotel is located inside a shopping mall with restaurants and is within walking distance from Seiyu supermarket for quick snack, hot food, and beverage pickups. There is also a 24-hr Family Mart Convenience Store by the hotel. We’ll be staying here for the next four nights.

Day 3: (Fri) Sept 1 - Tokyo (B/L)

→ **Breakfast at the hotel**

→ **8:30am Meet guide at lobby**

→ **9:00am Tsukiji Outer Market** – A renowned bucketlist spot, Tsukiji is the largest fish market in the world. While the inner auction market relocated in 2018, the charm remains

Shibuya, Shinjuku, Ueno, and Akihabara.

Day 4: (Sat) Sept 2 - Tokyo (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel**

→ **9:00am Meet guide at lobby**

→ **10am Aeon Mall Makuhari Shin-Toshin** (Lunch on your own) – Enjoy your visit to one of the largest Aeon Malls in Japan! The complex is so enormous, it's divided into 4 malls: the Active Mall (sports focused shops + a sports theme park), the Family Mall (family focused shops + play area and toy stores for children), Pet Mall (essentials for our fur babies!), and the Grand Mall (main hall with everything you need including a supermarket, fashion store, and cinema!). Within the sub-malls, you'll find two Daiso stores, a 300 yen shop, and so much more!

→ **2:30pm Asakusa and Sensoji Temple** – This famous district melds the culture and traditions of ancient Tokyo with the metropolitan styles of modern Japan. It's also home to Japan's first cinema! Widely regarded as the most important temple in Japan, Asakusa's iconic Sensoji Temple and Kaminarimon Gate (aka "Thunder Gate") with its massive lantern, are a "must see" in every guidebook, boasting over 30 million annual visitors. Traditionally, as a sign of respect, visitors clap twice and bow their heads at the top of the temple steps. With the belief that coins trap the dangers of daily life, visitors also customarily make a small offering by tossing coins into a wooden rack, tossing away those dangers as well. You'll also find the Five Storied Pagoda there. Regarded as one of the "Four Edo Pagodas," this nearly 174 foot monument stands to represent Tokyo's few remaining pagodas. The temple grounds also include the Nakamise Shopping Arcade, a lively and extensive shopping street lined with good luck charms, traditional goodies, and Japanese snacks.

→ **4:15pm Tokyo Solamachi** – Located at the base of the Japan's tallest structure—Tokyo Sky Tree—this large shopping, dining, and entertainment complex features over 300 establishments.

→ **6:15pm Return to hotel** (Free WiFi)

Day 5: (Sun) Sept 3 - Tokyo (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel**

→ **Enjoy your free day at leisure** – The day is yours to explore Tokyo!

Day 6: (Mon) Sept 4 - Tokyo-Kamakura-Haneda-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel**

→ **9:30am Meet guide at lobby**

→ **10:00am Sugamo Jizo Shopping Street** – Affectionately called "Grandma's harajuku," this half a mile arcade hosts

over 200 shops that specialize in a variety of goods that seniors will especially appreciate. In addition to brand-name goods, you'll also find comfy shoes and clothes in droves—many at Takeshita-like bargain prices! Most notable of products is the aka-pantsu (red underwear). Not only is the red color supposed to improve the wearer's health and vigor, but it's also believed to ward off evil spirits and bring happiness. Other well-known stores are Sugi Yohoen, which stocks dozens of honeys, jams and juices, nihonshu (sake) infused with ginger, and Chirimen, which features modern takes on furoshiki cloths and yukata, wallets, coffee mugs, and other everyday items.

→ **11:15am** We'll make our way to **Kamakura**, the political center of Japan during Minamoto Yoritomo's military government reign in 1192. Even after a century of the Kamakura government rule, it remained the center of Eastern Japan. Nowadays, Kamakura is sometimes referred to as the Kyoto of Eastern Japan with its numerous temples, shrines, and other historical monuments.

→ **12:45pm Komachi-dori Shopping Street** – Be sure to stop by Kamakura's famous cookie store for a sample. They're best known for their dove-shaped butter cookies, which make for a great Kamakura souvenir and omiyage gift.

→ **2:45pm Great Buddha at Kotokuin Temple** – This mountainous bronze statue of Amida Buddha is located on the grounds of the Kotokuin Temple and stands at nearly 38 feet, making it the 2nd tallest bronze Buddha statue in Japan. With its well-kept and gorgeously draped garments, it's hard to believe that the statue has rested in the open air since 1495. For a small donation, visitors may enter the Buddha. Take a few moments to enjoy what many have called Japan's National Treasure.

→ **4:15pm Enoshima Island** – Connected to the mainland by bridge, this popular day trip destination was once a hot spot for kabuki actors and others in the entertainment industry during the Edo period. Today, the island is packed with shops, restaurants, and historical and cultural attractions like the Enoshima Shrine (a collection of three separate shrines dedicated to the goddess of good fortune, weather, music and knowledge).

→ **6:20pm Arrive at Haneda Airport**

→ **9:20pm Depart from Haneda Airport by HA458**

→ **10:10am Arrive in Honolulu** (same day)

Thank you for traveling with us!



Need to Know...



Payment Policy

- » Reserve with **\$75 per person deposit. Refundable up to 60 days prior to departure date, June 1, 2023.**
- » **Final payment due by June 13, 2023. Package is non-refundable after this date.**

* Fares and Fees (Priced in USD)

- » Are subject to change in light of fuel supplements, taxes, and differences in costs.
- » Air ticket fare is guaranteed, but taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges are subject to change until tickets are issued, approximately 45 days out.
- » We reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary with or without notice.



Special Assistance

- » You must inform us of any disability/impairment that requires special attention at the time of your making the reservation.
- » We reserve the right to cancel the reservation(s) if the disability/impairment is unsuitable for the tour.
- » You are also responsible for any costs and/or accommodations related to your disability/impairment, such as providing your own travel companion.



Travel Insurance

- » We highly recommend the purchase of trip insurance. Please ask our representatives for more information.



Travel Documents

- » A valid passport is required for all U.S. citizens and must be valid and not expire at least 6 months from the return tour date.
- » Non-U.S. passport holders must check with the Japanese Consulate to see if a visa is required.



Land Tour Operator & Costs

- » Land Tour Operator is Nippon Travel Agency.
- » Land Tour costs are based on current currency conversion rates, which are subject to change.



Other remarks

- » Not Included in the tour: Gratuities for local English speaking guide; additional baggage fee charges from the airlines; alcohol and soft drinks with meals.
- » A minimum of 16 participants are required for the tour to operate.
- » You are expected to abide by domestic and international government and accommodation policies related to health, safety, and welfare.