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2024 Tokyo Memorial Day Omiyage Weekender

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May 21 - 27, 2024
5 Nights/ 7 Days

Tokyo - Kamakura

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Tue) May 21 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu via Hawaiian Airlines

→ Meet the Panda Travel representative 3 hours prior to departure at the Hawaiian Airlines check-in counters.

Day 2: (Wed) May 22 – Haneda-Tokyo

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free WiFi)

→ Arrive at Haneda Airport. Meet your guide at the arrival lobby. We'll transfer to Sunshine City Prince Hotel, our accommodations for the duration of the tour. Our hotel is directly connected to Sunshine City shopping center with many shopping and dining options available to you. Nearby, you'll also find a 24-hr Family Mart convenience store and a Seiyu supermarket for snack, bento, and beverage pickups. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

Day 3: (Thu) May 23 – Tokyo (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free WiFi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

→ 10:00am – Our morning begins with a visit to **Asakusa's iconic Sensoji Temple** and **Kaminarimon Gate** (aka "Thunder Gate") with its massive lantern. This spot is a "must see" in every guidebook and boasts over 30 million annual visitors. Traditionally, once you reach the top of the temple steps, you should clap twice and bow your head as a sign of respect. 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. As you roam through the temple grounds, you'll come across the **Nakamise Shopping Arcade**, a lively and extensive shopping street lined with good luck charms, traditional goodies, and Japanese snacks.

→ 12:00pm – Next, a stop at **Arcakit Kinshicho**, a shopping complex housing the largest Daiso (7/F) in Tokyo. This train station area offers many more shops (3Coins on 3/F), fashion, eating venues and supermarkets, just to name a few. Spend 2 hrs here to shop and enjoy lunch on your own.

→ 2:30pm – Now, a visit to **Ueno & 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!

→ 4:30pm – Return to hotel. Enjoy the evening of shopping and dining on your own.

Day 4: (Fri) May 24 – Tokyo (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free WiFi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

→ 9:00am – Our day begins with a visit to **Tsukiji Outer Market**. A renowned bucketlist spot, Tsukiji is the largest fish market in the world. While the inner auction market relocated to Toyosu in 2018, the charm remains in its outer market. 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 – We'll now visit the brand new **Toyosu Senkyaku Banrai**. Scheduled to open its doors in Feb 2024 and inspired by the historic streets of Tokyo, this Edo themed multi-story shopping and entertainment center treats visitors to a diverse selection of boutiques, as well as eateries featuring specialty foods like Toyosu's signature fresh seafood and produce.

→ 1:00pm – Enjoy lunch on your own at **Antenna shops in Yurakucho**. Featuring specialty foods, crafts, and other goodies from regions around Japan, this stop is a great place to do some souvenir shopping.

→ 3:00pm – Later today, we'll explore **Sugamo Jizo Shopping Street** on a **special festival day**. These festive occasions take place on days ending in a "4," adding to the excitement of our visit. Get ready to explore the lively array of food and snack vendors lining the street!

Affectionately called "Grandma's Harajuku," this half-mile arcade boasts over 200 shops specializing in goods seniors will love. From brand-name products to comfortable shoes and clothes at Takeshita-like bargain prices, you'll find it all here. The most notable item is aka-pantsu (red underwear), believed to improve health, ward off evil spirits, and bring happiness. Other well-known stores like Sugi Yohoen offer a variety of honeys, jams, juices, and ginger-infused nihonshu (sake). Chirimen features modern takes on furoshiki cloths, yukata, wallets, and other everyday items.

→ 4:30pm – Return to hotel. The remainder of the day is yours at leisure.

Day 5: (Sat) May 25 – Tokyo (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free WiFi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

→ 9:30am – Our day begins with a stroll through **Meiji**

Jingu Shrine, a Shinto shrine built in 1920 to honor Emperor Meiji, the first emperor of modern Japan, and his wife, Empress Shoken. Nestled in a forest with muffled sounds of the bustling city in the near distance, Meiji Jingu Shrine first welcomes visitors with an enormous wooden torii gate. While exploring the vast grounds, you'll find over 200 sake and wine barrels, gifted by famous breweries from across Japan as sacred offerings to Emperor Meiji. The display also features wine barrels from France, a tribute to the emperor's affection for wine and promotion of Western culture during the Meiji period.

→ **11:30am** – Enjoy your visit to one of the largest **Aeon Malls in Japan, Aeon Mall Makuhari!** 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!

→ **5:00pm** – Return to hotel. The remainder of the evening is yours at leisure.

Day 6: (Sun) May 26 – Tokyo-Full day at leisure (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free WiFi)

→ **After breakfast, enjoy your free day to explore Tokyo!**

→ If you've already experienced Sunshine City shopping mall, take a visit to Ikebukuro station and hop on a rail line that will connect you to other popular areas like Shinagawa, Shibuya, Shinjuku, Ueno, and Akihabara. Ikebukuro station is also close to our hotel.

Day 7: (Mon) May 27 –

Tokyo-Kamakura-Haneda-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:15am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

→ **10:00am** – Our morning begins with a visit to **Enoshima**, a charming island packed with attractions and situated at the mouth of the Sakai River. Upon crossing the Enoshima Oohashi Bridge to reach Enoshima-jinja Shrine, you'll come across marine product shops, souvenir stores, inns, and traditional restaurants.

→ **12:00pm** – Now, a visit to the **Great Buddha at Kotokuin Temple**. This mountainous bronze Amida Buddha stands nearly 38 feet tall, making it the 2nd tallest bronze Buddha in Japan. Despite being exposed in the open air since 1495, the statue remains beautifully adorned and well-preserved. For a small donation, visitors can enter the Buddha and experience what many regard as Japan's National Treasure.

→ **1:30pm** – Explore and grab lunch on your own on the

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. Enjoy some last-minute shopping!

→ **Depart from Haneda via Hawaiian Airlines for our flight home.**

→ **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 65 days prior to departure date, March 17, 2024.**
- » **Final payment due by April 1, 2024. 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.