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# 2025 Osaka & Beyond: Martin Luther King Jr. Weekender

(GP13245)



January 16 - 21, 2025

4 Nights/ 6 Days

Osaka - Kobe - Kyoto - Wakayama

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

# Itinerary

## Day 1: (Thu) Jan 16 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu via Hawaiian Airlines

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

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## Day 2: (Fri) Jan 17 – Kansai-Osaka

Agora Place Namba (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at Kansai Airport. Meet your local English speaking guide at the arrival lobby. We'll then transfer to Agora Place Namba, our accommodations for the duration of the tour. Our hotel is located a short walk from Dotonbori, Kuromon Market and Nipponbashi, local hot spots for food and shops.

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## Day 3: (Sat) Jan 18 – Osaka-Kobe-Osaka (B)

Agora Place Namba (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

→ 9:30am – We begin our day at **Asahi Akashi Factory**, home to everyone's favorite soft drinks (like Calpico!) and snacks brand. Here, we'll sample their popular products, peruse their gift shop, and get a behind the scenes look into this beverage titan's manufacturing process—with 50 million cases of drinks produced annually!

→ 11:45am – Next, we'll stop at this lively 400 year old local fish market and shopping street, **Akashi Seafood Market**. Sample the freshest catches from the famous fishing port of Akashi and keep your eye out for the local specialty: octopus!

→ 2:00pm – We're now at the **Sannomiya Center Gai Shopping Street**, a large shopping arcade offering a wide variety of retail and food outlets. Enjoy free time here to explore and shop.

→ 3:15pm – Now a moment at Kobe's thriving and spacious waterfront district, **Kobe Harborland**. Following the Great Hanshin Earthquake in 1995, the city developed this dynamic entertainment and shopping venue in its efforts to revitalize Kobe. Here, you'll find landmarks like the Kobe Port Tower, a symbol of the region; Mosaic shopping mall, featuring an array of stores and restaurants; the Kobe Maritime Museum; the Kobe Harborland Ferris Wheel; and more!

→ 5:30pm – Return to hotel. Enjoy the evening of shopping and dining on your own.

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## Day 4: (Sun) Jan 19 – Osaka-Kyoto-Osaka (B)

Agora Place Namba (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ 10:00am – This morning, we'll explore **Arashiyama**. Located in the outskirts of Kyoto, this picturesque destination is teeming with natural beauty and culture. Some suggestions for exploring this tranquil area.

→ Venture into the internationally recognized cultural and gorgeous landmark, **Sagano Bamboo Path**. Rooted in Japanese belief, bamboo has the power to ward off evil and deliver good fortunes, protecting the nearby Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines. When you walk through the tunnels of bamboo, you can feel the energy of the forest. Wander around and marvel at the soaring stalks of bamboo that surround you. Close your eyes and listen to the sound of the rustling bamboo swaying gently in the wind. Don't miss out on this breathtaking and meditative experience!

→ Or make a half an hour uphill hike to reach **Iwatayama Monkey Park**. There, you'll find mischievous monkeys scurrying about in their natural habitat or munching on a bag of apples that visitors can purchase. Another benefit of making this trek is the astounding panoramic views of Kyoto atop.

→ If you want to grab a bite to eat, try **yūdofo** (simmered tofu), a local Arashiyama specialty that highlights Buddhist vegetarian cuisine.

→ If **shopping** is on your to-do-list, there are plenty of shops to collect items like traditional fans, bamboo goods, and specialty snacks. This is also a great opportunity for you to take a break from walking and hitch a ride on a rickshaw!

→ 1:00pm – Enjoy lunch on your own at the bustling **Nishiki Market!** This 400 year old hub for food vendors features over 100 shops and restaurants selling a wide range of traditional Japanese foods and handmade crafts. Sample fresh seafood, matcha, mochi, and other local specialties!

→ 3:00pm – Perhaps the most important of shrines dedicated to Inari (Shinto god of rice), **Fushimi Inari Shrine** is a recognizable network of thousands of brightly colored vermilion torii gates that lead into sacred Mount Inari's wooded forest. Throughout the shrine grounds, you'll notice statues of foxes, animals believed to be Inari's messengers.

→ 6:00pm – Return to hotel. The remainder of the evening is yours at leisure.

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## Day 5: (Mon) Jan 20 – Osaka/Full day at leisure (B)

Agora Place Namba (Free Wi-Fi)

→ After breakfast, the day is yours to explore the wonderful city of Osaka!

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## Day 6: (Tue) Jan 21 –

### Osaka-Wakayama-Kansai-Honolulu (B)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby before we set out for **Wakayama**, a destination renowned for its exceptional seafood.

→ 10:30am – We begin our day at Kuroe town's **Uruwashi-Kan, the traditional Kishu Lacquerware Industry Center**, to discover the magic behind one of Japan's finest artisanal and cultural treasures: lacquer. The town is famous for its lacquerware production, and the Uruwashi-Kan hosts the annual Kishu Lacquerware Festival, a popular attraction that draws thousands of visitors. Uruwashi-Kan also houses a museum and specialty shop with beautiful lacquered kitchenware, tools, and more. Excitingly, during our **hands-on experience**, an expert craftsman will guide us through designing our own lacquered tray with gold and silver powered colors and paints. How fun!

→ 12:00pm – Welcome to **Wakayama Marina City!**

Designed to resemble Mediterranean coastal towns, this paradise resort island features attractions like an amusement park with European townscapes, a marina, and **Kuroshio Market**—a bustling fish market with the freshest catches from all across Japan. And at **12:30pm**, a must-see highlight of Kuroshio Market: **the Maguro cut show**. Here, a professional fishmonger demonstrates how to expertly filet freshly caught fatty tuna and teaches spectators about the different cuts of fish. Spend some time perusing the many market stalls and savoring the delectable foods and local specialties that can only be found in this market!

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→ 3:45pm – Here we're at **AEON Mall Rinku Sennan**, a large shopping mall with everything you need to round up any last minute shopping before the drive out to Kansai International Airport.

→ 5:30pm – Arrive at Kansai International Airport to begin our check-in process for the flight home.

→ Depart from Kansai via Hawaiian Airlines.

→ 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, November 12, 2024.**
- » **Final payment due by November 24, 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 53 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.