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# 2025 Kyoto, Nagoya & Osaka Memorial Day Omiyage Tour

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May 21 - 27, 2025

5 Nights/ 7 Days

*Kyoto - Nagoya - Osaka*

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on our complete tour when you pay  
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A minimum of 16 participants is  
required for the tour to operate

# Itinerary

## Day 1: (Wed) May 21 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

→ Meet the Panda Travel representative 3 hours prior to departure at the airline's check-in counters.

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## Day 2: (Thu) May 22 – Kansai-Kyoto (D)

Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at Kansai Airport. Meet your local speaking guide at the arrival lobby. We'll then transfer to **Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo**, our accommodations for the night. A dinner **bento box** will be provided for you to enjoy on the bus.

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## Day 3: (Fri) May 23 – Kyoto-Nagoya (B)

The Cypress Mercure Nagoya (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ 9:30am – Our morning begins with a visit to the dramatic **Heian-jingu Shrine**. Crafted for Kyoto's 1,100th anniversary in 1895, the shrine is relatively new and has distinct Chinese influences in its architecture. Heian-jingu is also noted for its colorful exteriors and enormous vermilion-colored torii gate, which looms at nearly 25 meters high. As we tour the grounds, you can make wishes at the shrine, buy amulets or fortunes, and observe worshippers practicing their religious rituals. We'll tour the ground's **inner garden**, which is divided into three distinct parts: the East (Byakko), the Middle (Soryu) and the West (Seiho) gardens. The inner garden also features many **water lilies** afloat.

→ 11:15am – We'll now explore **Arashiyama**. Located in the outskirts of Kyoto, this scenic destination is teeming with natural beauty and culture. Some suggestions for exploring this tranquil area.

→ Venture into the internationally recognized cultural and picturesque 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 **yūdofu** (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!

→ 2:30pm – Next, a visit to perhaps the most important shrine dedicated to Inari (Shinto god of rice): **Fushimi Inari Shrine**. You may recognize this shrine from its 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.

→ From here, we'll drive to Nagoya.

→ 6:00pm – Arrive at **The Cypress Mercure Nagoya**. Our hotel is conveniently located just a few minutes' walk to Nagoya Station, surrounded by a wide variety of shopping and dining options. The rest of the evening is yours at leisure.

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## Day 4: (Sat) May 24 – Nagoya (B/L)

The Cypress Mercure Nagoya (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour in Nagoya.

→ 9:30am – Begin the day at **Nagoya Castle**, the first castle in Japan to be designated a National Treasure. Constructed as a seat of one of the three branches of the ruling Tokugawa family, this magnificent palace was one of the largest castles in Japan during the Edo Period.

→ 11:30am – Now, we'll learn about one of the world's biggest car manufacturers at the **Toyota Automobile Museum**. The museum chronicles the history of the automobile industry, featuring fascinating exhibits and 140 cars on display. After exploring the museum, enjoy **lunch** at the on-site restaurant.

→ 2:45pm – Here we are at the buzzing **Sakae area**, where most of the city's entertainment and shopping is concentrated, including: Oasis 21, a modern glass center for food, shopping and transportation and Nagoya TV Tower, modeled after Paris' Eiffel Tower.

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

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## Day 5: (Sun) May 25 – Nagoya (B)

The Cypress Mercure Nagoya (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:15am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Nagoya.

→ 10:00am – Our first visit this morning is the **Nabana no Sato** – A famous botanical garden where you can enjoy the beauty of seasonal flowers while strolling along the park. One of the highlights is the **Begonia Garden**. This specialized section is home to an impressive collection of begonia varieties. During the warmer months, the Begonia Garden bursts with the vibrant colors and intricate blooms of hundreds of different begonia species and cultivars.

→ 12:45pm – Time to explore the bustling **Osu shopping district**, a vibrant hub that has thrived for over 400 years and it hosts hundreds of shops, restaurants, Buddhist temples and entertainment options. It's also home to many subcultural gatherings, including the popular World Cosplay Summit. Try fried chicken at Enshidajipai and keep an eye out for Aichi specialties like hitsumabushi (grilled eel over rice), miso katsu, and smoky red miso soup.

→ 3:30pm – Return to hotel. Enjoy the afternoon of shopping and dining on your own.

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## Day 6: (Mon) May 26 – Nagoya-Osaka (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby. From here, we'll walk to Nagoya Station where we'll board a bullet train to Osaka. Your luggage (2 pcs per person) will be delivered directly to your hotel in Osaka on the same day by a chartered truck.

→ 10:06am – Upon arriving at **Shin Osaka Station**, we're off to our next destination.

→ 11:00am – Step inside the enchanting **Spring Rose Festa** at **The Expo '70 Commemorative Park**, also known as Banpaku Kinen Park. Originally built for the 1970 Japan World Exposition, it now serves as a popular local park filled with lush greenery, beautiful gardens, and various attractions. During the spring season, the park boasts approx. 2,400 roses of around 250 varieties, including vine roses that bloom exclusively in spring.

→ 12:15pm – As one of Japan's largest shopping malls, **Lalaport ExpoCity** provides a wide selection of shops, restaurants, cafes, and entertainment options. This expansive development is home to a variety of attractions, including the Redhorse Osaka Wheel.

→ 3:00pm – Arrive at **Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka**. Our hotel is located just a few mins' walk to Osaka's famous entertainment districts. Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

## Day 7: (Tue) May 27 – Osaka-Kansai-Honolulu (B)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour in Osaka.

→ 10:00am – Ever wonder how the mouthwatering foods displayed in restaurant windows are made to look so lifelike? Let's find out at the interactive **"food sample" making workshop**, where you'll handcraft your very own realistic foods.

→ 11:30am – Now, a visit to the bustling **Kuromon Market!** Also known as the "Kitchen of Osaka," this famous 190 year old market is a popular spot for locals, and an especially go-to destination for many of the city's chefs to gather their supplies. With over 150 vendors, the market offers a wide variety of fresh and local produce, seafood, meats, sweets, and other traditional Japanese foods. Enjoy lunch on your own.

→ 1:30pm – This afternoon, discover the rich artisanal heritage of Sakai at the **Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum**. The city has a long history as an important center of commerce and industry in Japan and many of its traditional crafts continue today. From manufacturing blades and bicycle parts used worldwide to producing essential Japanese kelp products, Sakai's skilled artisans have sustained these time-honored traditions. The museum invites you to explore the enduring creative legacy that highlights Sakai's renowned craftsmanship.

→ 3:30pm – A fun visit to the **Tsukigesho Factory**, home to Osaka's famous sweet treat. Get an inside look at the production process and sample a freshly baked Tuskgishesho (round sponge pastry with sweet filling) during the factory tour. Be sure to spend some time looking at their wonderful selection of products, some varieties unique and exclusive to this store only!

→ Transfer to **Kansai International Airport** 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, 2025.
- » Final payment due by March 29, 2025. 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.