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2025 Tokyo Memorial Day Omiyage Weekender

(GP13290)



May 20 - 26, 2025
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 20 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

Day 2: (Wed) May 21 – Haneda-Tokyo

Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at Haneda Airport.

→ Meet your guide at the arrival lobby. We'll transfer to Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba, our accommodations for 2 nights. Located on the artificial island of Odaiba, our hotel offers convenient access to one of Tokyo's finest shopping, dining, and entertainment complexes, all available for your enjoyment.

Day 3: (Thu) May 22 – Tokyo (B)

Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ 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 – Get ready for a hands-on culinary adventure in the famous Kappabashi district! Join a local expert for a **Sobagiri noodle-cutting workshop**, where you'll practice Edo period techniques to create fresh noodles and learn fun soba facts! Then, choose the flavor of your soba dish and enjoy your creation.

→ 1:15pm – Now visit 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.

→ 3:30pm – Step aboard the **Sumida River Cruise** at

Asakusa Pier and let the gentle currents guide you through the bustling cityscape. On this leisurely sightseeing ride, admire landmarks like the golden flame-shaped Asahi Beer Headquarters, the historic sumo tournament grounds of Ryogoku Kokugikan, and the iconic Rainbow Road bridge. Relax and enjoy Tokyo through its waterways.

→ 4:35pm – After disembarking at Odaiba Seaside Park Pier, we'll take a leisurely 15-min (0.32mi) walk back to the hotel. Enjoy an evening of shopping and dining on your own.

Day 4: (Fri) May 23 – Tokyo/Odaiba=>Ikebukuro (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ 10:00am – This morning begins with a visit to **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.

→ 12:00pm – We'll now visit the **Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden**, a prime destination for nature enthusiasts. The garden is divided into three distinct sections: the traditional Japanese landscape garden with serene ponds, islands, and bridges; the French garden, renowned for its romantic rose-filled atmosphere; and the English landscape garden with expansive open lawns. Beyond these themed areas, the park offers forested zones, additional lawns, a restaurant, an art gallery, and the stunning greenhouse showcasing a diverse array of tropical and subtropical flora.

→ 1:15pm – Enjoy lunch on your own and explore the dynamic **Shinjuku district**, known for its lively shopping districts, towering skyscrapers and vibrant urban atmosphere.

→ 4:00pm – Next, a stop at **Arcakit Kinshicho**, a shopping complex housing the largest Daiso (7/F) in Tokyo, 3Coins on 3/F, fashion, eating venues and supermarkets, just to name a few.

→ 5:30pm – Arrive at **Sunshine City Prince Hotel**, our accommodations for the next 3 nights. 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 5: (Sat) May 24 – Tokyo (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:00am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for **Shibamata**, a district northeast of Tokyo. Eagle eyed fans of the “Otoko wa Tsurai yo” (“It is Tough Being a Man”) film series (1969-1995) may recognize this town as protagonist Tora-san’s hometown. As an homage to the series, the town has placed bronze statues of Tora-san and his sister, Sakura, to welcome visitors outside Shibamata Station.

→ **9:45am** – Our first stop will be at the historic **Shibamata Taishakuten Temple**, a Buddhist temple in the heart of Shibamata. Take notice of the famous wooden panels that adorn the inner sanctuary, intricately carved with images of Buddha’s life and lessons. On the temple grounds, you’ll also find a beautiful Japanese style garden.

→ **10:15am** – Neighboring the temple is the charming **Shibamata Shopping Street**, lined with quaint shops and eateries selling local specialties like dango (skewered rice flour balls) and river fish. Many shops boast long histories and maintain their traditional exteriors, offering an authentic glimpse into old Tokyo’s daily life and culture.

→ **12:30pm** – Now, a visit to **Ueno & Ameyoko Shopping Street**, 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!

→ **2:45pm** – 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 6: (Sun) May 25 – Tokyo-Full day at leisure (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **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 26– Tokyo-Kamakura-Haneda-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **10:00am** – We start our day with a visit to **Enoshima**, a charming island packed with attractions and situated at the mouth of the Sakai River. After crossing the Enoshima Ohashi Bridge to reach Enoshima-jinja Shrine, you’ll be greeted by 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** – Afterwards, explore the lively **Komachi-dori shopping street** and grab lunch on your own. 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!

→ **Transfer to Haneda 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 16, 2025.
- » Final payment due by March 28, 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.