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2025 Osaka & Kyoto Labor Day Getaway

(GPI3350)



Aug 28 - Sept 3, 2025
5 Nights/ 7 Days

Kyoto - Miyama - Nara - Osaka

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Cancel for any reason
up to 65 days prior to
departure

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Thu) Aug 28 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

Day 2: (Fri) Aug 29 – 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 transfer to Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo, our accommodations for the next 3 nights. Our hotel is conveniently located across the street from the Kyoto JR Station and around the corner from the Aeon Mall, local hot spots for food and shops. A **bento box** will be provided to enjoy dinner along the drive.

Day 3: (Sat) Aug 30 – Kyoto (B/L)

Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour in Kyoto.

→ 9:00am – Our morning begins with 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.

→ 11:00am – From here, a stop at **Kizakura Fushimigura**, a sake and craft beer brewery and museum showcasing the behind-the-scenes making of high-end quality brews. Kizakura is a prominent Japanese sake brewing company and sets itself apart by consistently evolving its brew to adapt to contemporary palettes. In addition to incorporating quality ingredients like fresh underground spring water local to Kyoto, Kizakura expertly combines its generations-old secret formula with modern brewing techniques to create the perfect brew. Have a taste of their sake and enjoy perusing their bottle shop.

→ 11:40am – Enjoy **Japanese-style lunch** at a local restaurant.

→ 1:30pm – Later today, 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 **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!

→ 5:00m – Return to hotel. Enjoy the evening of shopping and dining on your own.

Day 4: (Sun) Aug 31 – Kyoto-Miyama-Kyoto (B/L)

Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour.

→ 9:00am – The morning begins with a **hands-on experience at Kodai Yuzen and Gallery**. After admiring the vast selection of vibrant kimonos and learning about the ancient art of yuzen kimono dyeing, try your hand at designing and dyeing by following the whole process!

→ 11:45am – Enjoy **Japanese-style lunch** at a local restaurant nearby.

→ 1:00pm – Next, we'll transfer to **Kayabuki-no-sato-Kitamura**, also known as the Thatched Village, a sanctuary for Gassho Zukuri houses. Regarded as the most visited destination in the region, this village is a rare gem, as it stands among the few places in Japan where these historic houses remain untouched and carefully preserved by the government. Admire and explore the charming and historic area, providing a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of Miyama.

→ While we are in the village, step inside to explore the **Miyama Folk Museum**, which showcases the lifestyle of the villagers.

→ 3:15pm – Along the way, we'll make a stop at **Michinoeki Miyama**, a roadside station that offers a range of amenities including local products, souvenirs, and delicious regional delicacies.

→ 5:30pm – **Return to hotel**. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

Day 5: (Mon) Sept 1 – Kyoto-Nara-Osaka (B/L)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby to start a full-day tour to Osaka via Nara.**

→ **9:45am** – Start the day with a visit to the vast expanse of green tea fields. During our tour, we'll learn about green tea's numerous health benefits, its leaf life cycle, and its harvesting process. We'll even get to **pick our own leaves!** We'll also sample their green tea, sipping on the brew as new tea sommeliers! Following our visit, we'll partake in a **tea soba noodle-making workshop** before **enjoying lunch.**

→ **1:30pm** – This afternoon, we'll visit **Todaiji Temple (Great Buddha)**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a cultural landmark of Nara. Completed in the year 752, the temple once served as Japan's head Buddhist temple. Its most notable feature is Daibutsuden (Big Buddha Hall), which houses one of Japan's largest Buddha statues: a bronze figure towering at nearly 50 feet and weighing an impressive 121 tons. Inside the hall, you can find a pillar with a large opening carved at its base that's said to be the size of Daibutsu's nostril. According to legend, those who are able to squeeze through will be granted enlightenment in their next life.

→ Outside the temple, you can find 1,000 wild deer roaming about at **Nara Deer Park**. Believed to protect the temple grounds as messengers of the gods, the Nara deer can be found sniffing the pockets of passersby for food or happily snacking on shika senbei (deer crackers) that visitors can purchase.

→ **4:30pm – Arrive at Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka for the next 2 nights.** Welcome to Osaka, Japan's third-largest city and the capital of commerce with a bustling street life in its arcades, markets, and byways. Osaka's citizens speak the Kansai dialect and are known for their outgoing nature, as well as for their abiding love of delicious street food. Our hotel is located just a short walk to Osaka's most famous entertainment districts. Enjoy the rest of the day shopping and dining on your own.

Day 6: (Tue) Sept 2 – Osaka-Full day at leisure (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

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

Day 7: (Wed) Sept 3 – Osaka-Kansai-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:30am** – Our morning begins at one of Osaka's most

culturally significant destinations: **Osaka Castle**. After unifying Japan in the 16th century, military leader Toyotomi Hideyoshi built the castle as a display of power. The castle has endured centuries of conflict (including as a battleground for samurai sword fights) and has subsequently gone through several reconstructions. As you walk through the grounds, take note of the castle's massive stone walls, striking gold-leaf trim, copper roof, and panoramic views.

→ **11:30am** – Ever wonder how the mouthwatering food displayed in restaurant windows is 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.

→ **1:00pm** – Next, we'll stop at **Abeno Q's Mall**, a large shopping, dining, and entertainment complex that features over 200 establishments. Enjoy some last-minute shopping!

→ **Transfer to Kansai International Airport to begin our check-in process for the 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 June 24, 2025.**
- » **Final payment due by July 9, 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.
- » 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.