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2025 Tokyo, Sumo Tournament, Karuizawa & Beyond

(GP13355)



Sept 22 – 30, 2025

7 Nights/ 9 Days

Tokyo - Chichibu - Kumagaya/Saitama -
Gunma - Karuizawa - Enoshima

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Mon) Sept 22 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

Day 2: (Tue) Sept 23 – Haneda-Tokyo

Asakusa View Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at **Haneda Airport** and meet your English speaking guide at the arrival lobby. We will then transfer to **Asakusa View Hotel**, our accommodations for **2 nights**. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

Day 3: (Wed) Sept 24 – Tokyo/Sumo Tournament (B)

Asakusa View Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ 9:45am – This morning, we'll visit **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.

→ 11:45am – Now we are at **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.

→ 2:00pm – Let's join the locals in cheering on your new favorite athletes: **sumo wrestlers!** Japan's national sport and an emblem of Japanese culture, Sumo is a centuries-old wrestling style that began as a performative ritual for Shinto deities. Some of those traditions are still honored, like the symbolic purification of the wrestling ring with salt. Today, sumo tournaments are held six times a year and draw large crowds. Hope you enjoy this exhilarating celebration of athleticism, tradition, and ceremony!

→ 6:30pm – Return to hotel. Enjoy the evening at leisure!

Day 4: (Thur) Sept 25 – Tokyo-Chichibu-Kumagaya/Saitama (B/D)

Toki No Yu Onsen Hotel Heritage (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy onsen

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour to Saitama.

→ 9:45am – Our day kicks off with the leisurely **Nagatoro River Boat Ride** where skilled boatmen will steer our traditional Japanese boat along the Arakawa River and through a majestic valley to experience the most mesmerizing views of nature. Enjoy this fun, yet serene cruise!

→ 11:30am – If you missed one of Japan's largest festivals last winter, don't fret as the **Chichibu Night Festival Museum** revives this glorious event for you to experience. Festival music, ornate floats, and intricate ornaments come together to recreate the thrill and excitement of this famous event. Happy celebrating!

→ 1:00pm – Take some free time to explore and enjoy lunch on your own at **Matsuri no Yu**. Designed after Chichibu's famous festival, this exciting complex features shopping and food areas. Check out the many eateries offering delectable Chichibu specialties like Waraji Katsudon (crispy pork cutlet rice bowl), Buta Miso Don (miso-marinated pork rice bowl), and miso potato.

→ 3:00pm – In 2014, the **Higashi Chichibu Japanese-paper Museum** achieved UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage status in recognition of its efforts to maintain the ancient traditions of Japanese paper making. Today, we'll take part in this cultural legacy first-hand by engaging with the time-honored craft of **washi paper making**.

→ 5:15pm – Arrive at **Toki No Yu Onsen Hotel Heritage**, a tranquil retreat tucked in nature. One of the top hotels in Saitama, this relaxing natural hot spring resort has also hosted members of the Imperial family, including the Emperor and Empress of Japan. And at **6:30pm**, enjoy your **Japanese-style dinner**.

Day 5: (Fri) Sept 26 – Saitama-Gunma-Karuizawa (B/D)

Karuizawa Prince Hotel West (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy onsen

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ 9:30am – Our day begins with a visit to **Gonda Sake Brewery**. Established in 1850, this historic landmark uses old-fashioned preparation techniques and high quality

ingredients to craft the perfect brew.

→ **11:30am** – Next, a behind-the-scenes look at the award-winning rusk biscuits at **Gateau Festa Harada rusk factory**. Affectionately referred to as a “snack for kings,” this elegant treat has become a nationwide phenomenon.

→ **12:45pm** – Grab lunch on your own at **Michinoeki Laranfujioka**, a roadside rest area that offers a blend of local delicacies, seasonal treats, and food stalls.

→ **3:30pm** – Arrival at **Karuizawa Prince Hotel West**, followed by a **buffet dinner at 5:30pm**. Closeby, you’ll find the **Karuizawa Prince Shopping Plaza** - have fun exploring the many stores before dinner. During our stay, take some time to enjoy the relaxing onsite onsen.

Day 6: (Sat) Sept 27 – Karuizawa (B)

Karuizawa Prince Hotel West (Free Wi-Fi) - [Enjoy onsen](#)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:30am** – Our morning begins at Karuizawa Garden Farm. Enjoy your **strawberry picking experience** here with majestic Mt. Asama in view and natural scenery surrounding.

→ **10:45am** – Learn from skilled artisans and craft a personalized memento during your **glass accessory making** experience at Karuizawa Glass Gallery Arms.

→ **12:30pm** – Along the way, we’ll stop by **Tsuruya Karuizawa**, a famous local supermarket known for fresh produce and regional delicacies. It’s the perfect spot to sample local flavors and pick up unique souvenirs.

→ **1:30pm** – This afternoon, enjoy a leisurely stroll at **Karuizawa Ginza**, a charming shopping street lined with boutique shops, cafes, and local delicacies.

→ **4:00pm** – **Return to hotel.** Enjoy the evening at leisure.

Day 7: (Sun) Sept 28 – Karuizawa-Tokyo (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **11:15am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby this morning for Tokyo. Your suitcase (2 pcs per person) will be delivered by chartered truck from Karuizawa to your hotel in Tokyo (same day arrival).

→ **11:30am** – Arrive at Karuizawa Station for our bullet train ride to Tokyo.

→ **1:06pm** – Arrive at Ueno Station.

→ **1:30pm** – Enjoy lunch on your own at **Ueno & Ameyoko Shopping Street**. This is also the 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** – Arrive at **Sunshine City Prince Hotel**. After check-in, the remainder of the evening is yours at leisure.

Day 8: (Mon) Sept 29 – Tokyo/Free 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 9: (Tue) Sept 30 –

Tokyo-Enoshima-Haneda-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:00am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Kamakura and Enoshima.

→ **10:15am** – Our morning begins at **Houkokuji Temple**, nicknamed the “Bamboo Temple” for its enchanting bamboo grove of 2,000+ bamboo stalks that is kept behind the temple’s main hall.

→ **11:45am** – Our next stop is to visit the **Great Buddha at Kotokuin Temple**. This mountainous bronze Amida Buddha stands at nearly 38 ft 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.

→ **1:15pm** – Later today, have fun and explore **Enoshima**, a charming island packed with attractions and situated at the mouth of the Sakai River. After crossing the Enoshima Ohashi Bridge, you’ll be greeted by marine product shops, souvenir stores, inns, and traditional restaurants.

→ **Arrive at Haneda Airport and 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, July 19, 2025.**
- » **Final payment due by July 30, 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.