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Kyoto - Osaka

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Sat) Sep 27 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

Day 2: (Sun) Sep 28 – Kansai-Kyoto (D)

Richmond Hotel Premier Kyoto station (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Arrive at Kansai Airport.** Meet your local speaking guide at the arrival lobby. We'll transfer to **Richmond Hotel Premier Kyoto station**, our accommodations for 3 nights. Our hotel is conveniently located a short walk from the Kyoto JR Station and local hot spots for food and shops nearby. A **bento box** will be provided to enjoy along the drive.

Day 3: (Mon) Sep 29 – Kyoto (B)

Richmond Hotel Premier Kyoto station (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **10:00am –** Start the day at **Oishi sake brewery**, a historic landmark that stands out today for its continued use of the traditional “kimoto” brewing process popularized during the Edo period.

→ **11:30am –** From here, we'll board the **Sagano Trolley Train** for a scenic ride through the Arashiyama region. Relax and soak in the beauty of nature during this enjoyable journey.

→ **12:00pm –** Prepare to venture into the internationally recognized cultural and gorgeous landmark, **Arashiyama 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. Wander around and marvel at the soaring stalks of bamboo that surround you. 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.

→ For a delicious bite, consider trying **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!

→ **3:00pm –** Now we arrive at **Kiyomizu Temple – A**

UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded over 1200 years ago, this temple has a veranda that extends out to the side of a mountain with 43-foot-high wooden columns supporting its overhanging structure and a priceless statue of Kannon Bodhisattva, the goddess of mercy. Several other buildings designated as “national treasures” dot the grounds, as do waterfalls and landmarks which have entered popular lore. According to legend, the water carries therapeutic properties and a sip from the three different streams confers health, longevity, and success in studies. For this reason, people have flocked to the temple to fill their tin cups with water from the falls.

→ **4:00pm –** Later on, we'll go down from Kiyomizu Temple to **Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka**, a pair of ancient cobblestone paths lined with traditional Japanese architecture that feels like a scene from a movie. Take a leisurely stroll along these lanes to sip some tea at Kasagiya, an authentic and well known teashop, or explore souvenir shops selling original handcrafted Kyoto specialty goods like trinkets, dolls, and Japanese fans.

→ **5:30m – Return to hotel.** Enjoy the evening of shopping and dining at leisure.

Day 4: (Tue) Sep 30 – Kyoto (B)

Richmond Hotel Premier Kyoto station (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 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.

→ **11:30am –** Time to explore the lively **Nishiki Market!** This 400 year old hub for food vendors features more than 100 shops and restaurants, selling a wide range of traditional Japanese foods and handmade crafts. Enjoy sampling fresh seafood, matcha, mochi, and other local specialties.

→ **2:00pm – Return to hotel.** Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 5: (Wed) Oct 1 – Kyoto-Osaka (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:30am –** Get ready for a hands-on experience of **making Yatsushashi**, an iconic traditional Japanese confectionery

that originated in Kyoto. This beloved treat is often enjoyed during special occasions and festivals, symbolizing good fortune and prosperity.

→ **11:30am** – Our next stop is the **Expo '70 Commemorative Park**, also known as Banpaku Kinen Park. Originally built for the 1970 Japan World Exposition, it now serves as a public park with lush greenery, beautiful gardens, and various attractions, making it popular among locals and tourists. During the plum blossom season, approx. 600 plum trees of 120 varieties transform the park into a breathtaking destination.

→ **1:00pm** – Afterwards, we'll head to **LaLaport Kadoma/Mitsui Outlet Park Osaka Kadoma/Costco Kadoma**, the first ever shopping complex in Japan to combine these malls under one roof!

→ **4:30pm** – Arrive at **Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka for the next 3 nights**. Our hotel is located just a short walk to Osaka's most famous entertainment districts. Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Day 6: (Thu) Oct 2 – Osaka/Osaka Expo (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:00am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for the exciting **Osaka Expo**.

→ Welcome to the **Osaka Expo 2025!** Themed "Designing Future Society for Our Lives," this incredible global event (only happens every 5 years!) runs from April 13 to October 13, 2025, and will showcase groundbreaking advancements in sustainability, health, and technology from over 150 countries. Explore different countries' pavilions and enjoy this exciting international collaboration of innovation—what a unique way to take a glimpse into the future!

→ **6:00pm** – Arrive at hotel.

Day 7: (Fri) Oct 3 – 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 8: (Sat) Oct 4 – 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** – 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.

→ **11:00am** — Enjoy lunch on your own at the bustling **Kuromon Market!** Also known as the "Kitchen of Osaka," this famous 190 year old market is a popular spot for locals, and a go-to destination for many of the city's chefs to gather their supplies. With over a hundred vendors, the market offers a wide variety of fresh and local produce, seafood, meats, sweets, and other traditional Japanese foods.

→ **1:45pm** – 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.

→ **3:45pm** – Now for 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 Tsukigesho (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 July 24, 2025.**
- » **Final payment due by August 5, 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.