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# 2026 Discover the Hidden Gems in Japan

(GP13483)



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Jan 18 - 25, 2026  
6 Nights/ 8 Days

*Osaka - Yuda Onsen - Iwakuni -  
Hiroshima - Etajima - Kure - Okayama -  
Himeji - Wakayama*

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

# Itinerary

## Day 1: (Sun) Jan 18 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

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## Day 2: (Mon) Jan 19 – Kix-Osaka

Karaksa Hotel Grande Shin-Osaka Tower (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Arrive at Kansai Airport.** Meet your local speaking guide at the arrival lobby. We'll transfer to **karaksa hotel grande Shin-Osaka Tower**, our accommodations for the night.

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## Day 3: (Tue) Jan 20 – Osaka-Yuda Onsen-Iwakuni (B/L/D)

Iwakuni Kokusai Kanko Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ Your luggage (2 pcs per person) will be delivered to your hotel in Hiroshima the following day. Please prepare an overnight bag for your 1-day stay.

→ **7:30am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby. We'll walk to Shin Osaka Station and board a bullet train to Yamaguchi.

→ **10:00am** – Upon arriving at Shin Yamaguchi Station, we'll embark on a full day tour for Iwakuni.

→ **10:45am** – Our tour begins at **Rurikoji Temple**, a Buddhist temple and National Treasure, best known for its five-storied pagoda. Built in 1442, the pagoda is ranked among Japan's three greatest, alongside those of Horyuji Temple near Nara and Daigoji Temple in Kyoto. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the temple's serene gardens and view historical artifacts that reflect its rich cultural significance.

→ **11:30am** – After our visit to the temple, enjoy a **Japanese-style lunch** at a nearby restaurant.

→ **12:45pm** – Following lunch, we'll head to **Kitsuneno Ashiato** for a **relaxing foot bath** experience and rejuvenate our body before continuing our exploration.

→ **3:45pm** – Next, a visit to the **Museum of Japanese Emigration to Hawai'i**. Commemorating the first group of Japanese migrants to Hawai'i in 1885, the museum explores their hardships and triumphs and preserves their cultural legacy.

→ **5:30pm** – Arrive at **Iwakuni Kokusai Kanko Hotel**, followed by a **Japanese-style dinner at 7:00pm**. This onsen hotel features public indoor and outdoor hot spring baths.

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## Day 4: (Wed) Jan 21 – Iwakuni-Etajima-Kure-Hiroshima (B/L/D)

Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ **8:45am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Hiroshima.

→ **9:00am** – This morning, we'll visit **Kintai-kyo Bridge**, a 2-star awardee of the Michelin Green Guide to Japan and the pride of Iwakuni City. With origins dating back to 1673, the bridge's dramatic and recognizable five arches were designed to slow the attack of invading armies as they struggled to sustain their energy after crossing each arch to reach Iwakuni Castle. Supported by six different types of joined wood interwoven, this historic structure is truly a testament to Japanese architectural ingenuity and craftsmanship.

→ **10:45am** – Arrive at **Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima Port** to begin our day trip on the **SEA SPICA**, a luxurious sightseeing cruiser perfect for discovering the stunning Seto Inland Sea in Japan. With its sleek design, the SEA SPICA makes for a delightful and comfortable island hopping adventure.

**A few insights into our exclusive chartered cruise:**

**Time: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**SEA SPICA Route: Miyajima → Etajima → Kure → Hiroshima**

-As we travel through **Etajima**, take in the breathtaking coastal landscapes and the natural beauty of these areas. We'll be passing by the picturesque island of Miyajima, famous for its iconic floating torii gate and stunning Mount Misen.

-Enjoy a **Japanese style lunch** at **Etajimasou**, known for its fresh, locally-sourced ingredients and seasonal specialties, all beautifully presented in a serene setting.

-After lunch, head to the **JMSDF (Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force) Kure Museum**. Here, explore fascinating exhibits related to Japan's naval history, including decommissioned ships, aircraft, and interactive displays that highlight maritime technology and history.

→ **5:00pm** – Upon arriving at **Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima Port**, we'll walk to the hotel and enjoy a **buffet dinner at 7:30pm**.

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## Day 5: (Thu) Jan 22 –

## Hiroshima-Okayama-Himeji (B/L)

Hotel Nikko Himeji (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ Your luggage (2 pcs per person) will be delivered by courier to your hotel in Osaka the next day. Please prepare an overnight bag for your 1-day stay.

→ **8:45am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Hiroshima.**

→ **9:00am – Start our day with a visit to the Mishima Furikake Factory.** Learn about the production of this beloved Japanese seasoning, which as we know and adore, adds flavor and flare to our favorite dishes. Enjoy a guided tour of the factory and discover the secrets behind their delicious products.

→ **11:00am – Arrive at Hiroshima Station and transfer by bullet train to Okayama.**

→ **12:13pm – Upon arriving at Okayama Station, we'll make our way to Craft Brewery Doppokan.**

→ **12:45pm – At Craft Brewery Doppokan,** we'll learn about the art of sake and craft beer production. Engage with knowledgeable staff who will share insights into the brewing process, from selecting the finest ingredients to fermentation and bottling. Sample the unique flavors of local favorite, **Doppo** craft beer, the 9th local beer in Japan and the 1st in the Chugoku region!

→ Following our brewery visit, enjoy **lunch** at **Restaurant Shusei no Kagayaki**, known for its exquisite Japanese cuisine and specialty dishes designed to complement Doppokan produced beverages.

→ **3:00pm – Dedicated to the rich heritage of Japanese sword-making, the Bizan Osafune Sword Museum** invites visitors to explore the katana, a traditional sword renowned for its curved blade and craftsmanship. You'll also find swords, tools, artifacts, and interesting facts about the intricate process of sword forging on display.

→ **4:15pm – Enter into a nostalgia wonderland at Dagashi Sweet Shop Ohmachi,** Japan's No. 1 dagashi shop. Discover an assortment of treats that will enchant visitors of all ages.

→ **6:15pm – Arrive at Hotel Nikko Himeji.** Take the evening to relax, shop, and dine at your leisure.

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### **Day 6: (Fri) Jan 23 – Himeji-Osaka (B)**

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:45am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Himeji.**

→ **9:00am – We'll start our morning at Himeji Castle and Koko-en Gardens,** also known as "White Heron Castle" for its unique white exterior and resemblance to a bird taking flight. One of the last surviving feudal castles, Himeji boasts 83 buildings and is adjacent to a beautiful preserved Japanese garden, Koko-en, built in the architectural style of the Edo period (1603-1867). A stroll through the nine different gardens within Koko-en will reveal the Garden of Bamboo, the Tea Ceremony Garden, the Garden of Pine Trees, and other gardens designed to highlight Japan's four

seasons. It's no wonder Himeji Castle is widely regarded as Japan's national treasure and a UNESCO world heritage site!

→ **11:30am – From here, we'll visit the Nadagiku Sake Brewery,** considered one of the best breweries in Himeji. After the brewery tour, enjoy sake tasting and time in the gift shop. Some of the sake sold here is not available anywhere else.

→ **1:15pm – Next, we'll stop at this lively 400 year old local fish market and shopping street, Akashi Seafood Market.** Sample the freshest catches from the famous fishing port of Akashi and keep your eye out for the local specialty: octopus!

→ **4:00pm – Arrive at Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka,** our accommodations for the next two nights. Our hotel is located a short walk to Osaka's most famous entertainment districts. Enjoy the evening at leisure!

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### **Day 7: (Sat) Jan 24 – 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!**

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### **Day 8: (Sun) Jan 25 – Osaka-Wakayama-KIX-Honolulu (B)**

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby before we set out for Wakayama, a destination renowned for its exceptional seafood.**

→ **9:30am – We begin our day at Kuroe town's Uruwashikan,** the traditional Kishu Lacquerware Industry Center, to discover the magic behind one of Japan's finest artisanal and cultural treasures: lacquer. The town is famous for its lacquerware production, and the Uruwashikan hosts the annual Kishu Lacquerware Festival, a popular attraction that draws thousands of visitors. Uruwashikan also houses a museum and specialty shop with beautiful lacquered kitchenware, tools, and more. Excitingly, during our **hands-on experience**, an expert craftsman will guide us through designing our own lacquered tray with gold and silver powered colors and paints. How fun!

→ **12:00pm – Welcome to Wakayama Marina City!** Designed to resemble Mediterranean coastal towns, this paradise resort island features attractions like an amusement park with European townscapes, a marina, and **Kuroshio Market**— a bustling fish market with the freshest catches from all across Japan.

And at **12:30pm**, a must-see highlight of Kuroshio Market: **the Maguro cut show.** Here, a professional fishmonger demonstrates how to expertly filet freshly caught fatty



tuna and teaches spectators about the different cuts of fish. Spend some time perusing the many market stalls and savoring the delectable foods and local specialities that can only be found in this market!

→ **2:30pm** – Here we're at **AEON Mall Rinku Sennan**, a large shopping mall with everything you need to round up any last minute shopping.

→ **Arrive at 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 November 14, 2025.**
- » **Final payment due by November 26, 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.