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2026 Charms of Shikoku & Kansai Cherry Blossom Tour

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March 26 - April 3, 2026

7 Nights/ 9 Days

*Kansai - Miyajima - Hiroshima -
Dogo - Kochi - Takamatsu -
Awajishima - Osaka - Wakayama*

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Thu) Mar 26 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

Day 2: (Fri) Mar 27 – Kansai Hotel Nikko Kansai Airport (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at Kansai International Airport. Meet your local English speaking guide at the arrival lobby. Our accommodations tonight is the **Hotel Nikko Kansai Airport**, which is on the airport grounds and just a short walk away.

Day 3: (Sat) Mar 28 – Kansai-Miyajima-Hiroshima (B) Hotel Granvia Hiroshima (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:15am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby. This morning, we'll transfer from Kansai International Airport to Hiroshima Station via express train & bullet train. Your suitcase will be delivered to your hotel in Hiroshima on the same day.

→ 11:20am – Arrive at Hiroshima Station. From here, off to Miyajima Island.

→ 12:40pm – We'll take a short 10 min. ferry ride to Miyajima Island, also known as the "Island of Gods" and one of the most gorgeous destinations in Japan. You might recognize it from its oft-photographed vermilion Torii Gate (shrine gate) of Itsukushima-jinja, which seems to float on the waves at high tide.

→ 1:00pm – As we stroll down **Omote-Sando**, the main street that leads to **Itsukushima Shrine**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Japan's most unique shrines. The shrine is dedicated to the god that protects from sea disasters and wars. Most noteworthy are its Torii Gate and the Shaden (shrine pavilion), which are both submerged under the sea at full tide. At low tide, the water recedes completely and it's possible to walk out to the gate. Fall time at Miyajima island is a beautiful season to enjoy viewing the fall foliage.

→ Enjoy lunch on your own and souvenir shopping along the way for items like Shamoji (a rice scoop), or sample Hiroshima delicacies like Momiji manju (buns shaped like maple leaves and filled with a bean-jam filling).

→ 4:25pm – Return to Miyajima by ferry and our bus will take us to Hiroshima.

→ 5:15pm – Arrive at **Hotel Granvia Hiroshima**. Explore a variety of shops and dining options just a stone's throw away.

Day 4: (Sun) Mar 29 – Hiroshima-Dogo (B/L/D) Dogo Onsen Chaharu (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy onsen

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ 9:00am – Our first stop will be the **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum**. After WWII, Japanese architect Kenzo Tange spearheaded the design of this park to commemorate the lives lost on August 6, 1945. The **A-Bomb Dome**, the only remaining structure in the area from the first atomic bomb, was designated a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 1996. The park's **hundreds of cherry trees** bring added beauty and calm to this historic space.

→ 11:30am – Enjoy a buffet lunch at a local restaurant.

→ 1:55pm – We'll now take a ferry ride (Setouchi Kisen Sea Paseo 7) from Hiroshima Port to Matsuyama Port.

→ 4:35pm – Upon arrival, we'll proceed to our hotel located in **Dogo Onsen**, Japan's oldest (dating back 3,000 yrs!) and the most famous hot spring resort and a frequent destination for the Imperial Family. Perhaps more recognizable is the Dogo Onsen Honkan, its wooden public bathhouse with a maze-like interior that's been said to have inspired scenes from Hayao Miyazaki's film Spirited Away.

→ 5:15pm – Arrive at **Dogo Onsen Chaharu**, followed by a **Japanese-style dinner at the ryokan**. After dinner, relax at the rooftop open-air onsen beneath the moon and stars.

Day 5: (Mon) Mar 30 – Dogo-Kochi (B/L/D)

Mercure Kochi Tosa Resort & Spa (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy onsen

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am – This morning, join our guide for a walk through **Dogo Park**, a popular spot for **cherry blossom viewing**, featuring over 300 cherry trees in bloom.

→ 9:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Kochi.

→ 10:00am – Enjoy a fun-filled time learning the traditional techniques of **making chestnut tarts** and **factory tour**, a cultural heritage of chestnut desserts. Create sweet memories while savoring their rich flavors.

→ 12:00pm – Next, a visit to the world's first towel museum, **Imabari Towel Museum**, dedicated to the art of towel manufacturing and a nod to Imbari's status as the largest towel-producing city in Japan. The museum offers an exhibition showcasing the manufacturing process, as well as a wall with over 1,800 large spools of thread and artworks. You can also shop for fine towels and clothing here.

→ 1:30pm – Enjoy a **Japanese-style lunch at a local restaurant**.

→ Now, drive to **Kochi** - a scenic city known for its skipjack tuna and yuzu citrus. We'll make a stop along the way at Michi-no-eki, a popular roadside attraction filled with shops and restaurants.

→ **5:00pm – Arrive at Mercure Kochi Tosa Resort & Spa, followed by a buffet dinner at 6:00pm.** During our stay, take some time to enjoy the relaxing onsite onsen.

Day 6: (Tue) Mar 31 – Kochi-Takamatsu (B)

Daiwa Roynet Hotel Takamatsu (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **8:45am** – This morning begins with a visit to **Katsurahama**, a nearly 45 ft tall bronze statue memorializing **Sakamoto Ryoma**, who is most recognized for his success in toppling the Tokugawa regime with peace and without war.

→ **10:00am** – Here we are at the **Ino-cho Paper Museum**. Opened in 1985, the museum showcases the 1,000-year-old history of the colorful Tosa washi paper making tradition, which was designated an Intangible Cultural Property by the Japanese government. Roll up your sleeves and get ready for our **hands-on paper making experience**.

→ **12:15pm** – Next, off to **Hirome Market**, a friendly indoor market of 65 stalls and izakaya. This is the ideal place to try a variety of Kochi specialties, and there are sure to be plenty of friendly folks chatting, eating, and sipping some of Kochi's smooth dry sake. Enjoy lunch on your own while discovering local delicacies like Katsuo no tataki (seared bonito). Catch chefs searing the filets over piles of burning straw and keep an eye out for packs of inaka-sushi (country-style sushi) and crunchy aonori (laver seaweed) tempura.

→ **1:30pm** – This afternoon, we'll head to the stately **Kochi Castle**, one of just 12 Japanese castles to have survived several catastrophes. One of the city's top destinations, Kochi Castle is remarkable for its intricate sea creature statues that peer down from the castle's roof. In springtime, blush-colored **cherry blossoms** frame Kochi Castle's dramatic views and its elegant tower.

→ **Now, drive to Takamatsu**, a coastal city located on the island of Shikoku. Known for its beautiful gardens and historic landmarks.

→ **4:45pm** – Later today, we're at **Ritsurin Garden**, which was awarded three stars in the **Michelin Green Guide Japan!** Formerly feudal lord Matsudaira's retreat, this 400-year-old garden is notable for its teahouse, collection of lotus and iris flowers, ponds, streams and historic trees. The forested Mt. Shiun sits behind the park, creating lush, dramatic views. Flowers and blossoms bloom throughout the year, but the **cherry blossom season** in springtime is remarkable.

→ **6:00pm – Arrive at Daiwa Roynet Hotel Takamatsu.**

Enjoy the evening of shopping and dining on your own.

Day 7: (Wed) Apr 01 – Takamatsu-Awajishima-Osaka (B/L)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.** This morning, we'll drive to Osaka via **Awaji Island**, passing through the island's Onaruto suspension bridge, which acts as a vital connection between mainland Honshu and Shikoku.

→ **9:30am** – We'll now visit the **Uzu no Oka Onaruto Bridge Memorial Museum**, a multifaceted facility built to honor the completion of the Onaruto Bridge. The complex includes the Whirlpool Science Center, an observation-deck restaurant where you can savor delectable cuisine made with locally sourced Awaji Island ingredients, and a gift shop, offering a variety of Awaji Island souvenirs and other unique goods for purchase. Don't forget to get a photo in front of the life-sized star agricultural product of Awaji: "Otama Onion".

→ **10:50am** – Next, we'll board the famous **Minami Awaji Uzushio Cruise** to experience the whirlpools in Naruto Strait. **Naruto's whirlpools** appear as large, shifting swirls on the surface of the water and occur roughly every 6 hours. It is due to this location's special underwater geography and its narrow strait that we can view this unique phenomenon.

→ The **cruise** will take us out on the water to view the formations from a safe height, and although we'll get right up to the whirlpools, the boats are very stable. If you prefer to stay off the boat, not a problem: the cruise pickup and drop off point offers a waiting area with food and shopping facilities.

→ **12:00pm – Enjoy a Japanese-style lunch at a local restaurant.**

→ **2:00pm** – After lunch, we'll head over to **Awaji Hanasajiki Flower Park**, a picturesque park that offers a stunning display of colorful flowers, approximately one million blooms that change with the seasons. From March to mid-April, the park comes alive with fields of rapeseed, purple flowers, and linaria, creating a breathtaking sea of yellow and purple hues that welcome the arrival of spring.

→ **3:45pm** – Here at **Hakutsuru Sake Brewery Museum**, we'll learn more about Japan's national beverage and discover how sake is manufactured from grains of rice into its final sweet, fermented form. This brewery is inside an old sake kura and unlike a modern museum, the interior's unique smell and look will transport you to a brewery from the old-world, reflective of the building itself. As we wander through the various stages of sake-making, you'll have the opportunity to sip on freshly pressed sake.

→ 5:15pm – Arrive at **Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka**. 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 a short walk from **Dotonbori** and **Shinsaibashi shopping streets**. Enjoy the evening of shopping and dining on your own.

Day 8: (Thu) Apr 02 – Osaka (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ After breakfast, enjoy your free day to explore Osaka!

Day 9: (Fri) Apr 03 – Osaka-Wakayama-Kix-Honolulu (B)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby before we set out for **Wakayama**, renowned for its natural beauty and abundant fruit production.

→ 10:30am – We begin our day at Kuroe town's **Uruwashi-Kan**, 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 Uruwashi-Kan hosts the annual Kishu Lacquerware Festival, a popular attraction that draws thousands of visitors. Uruwashi-Kan 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!

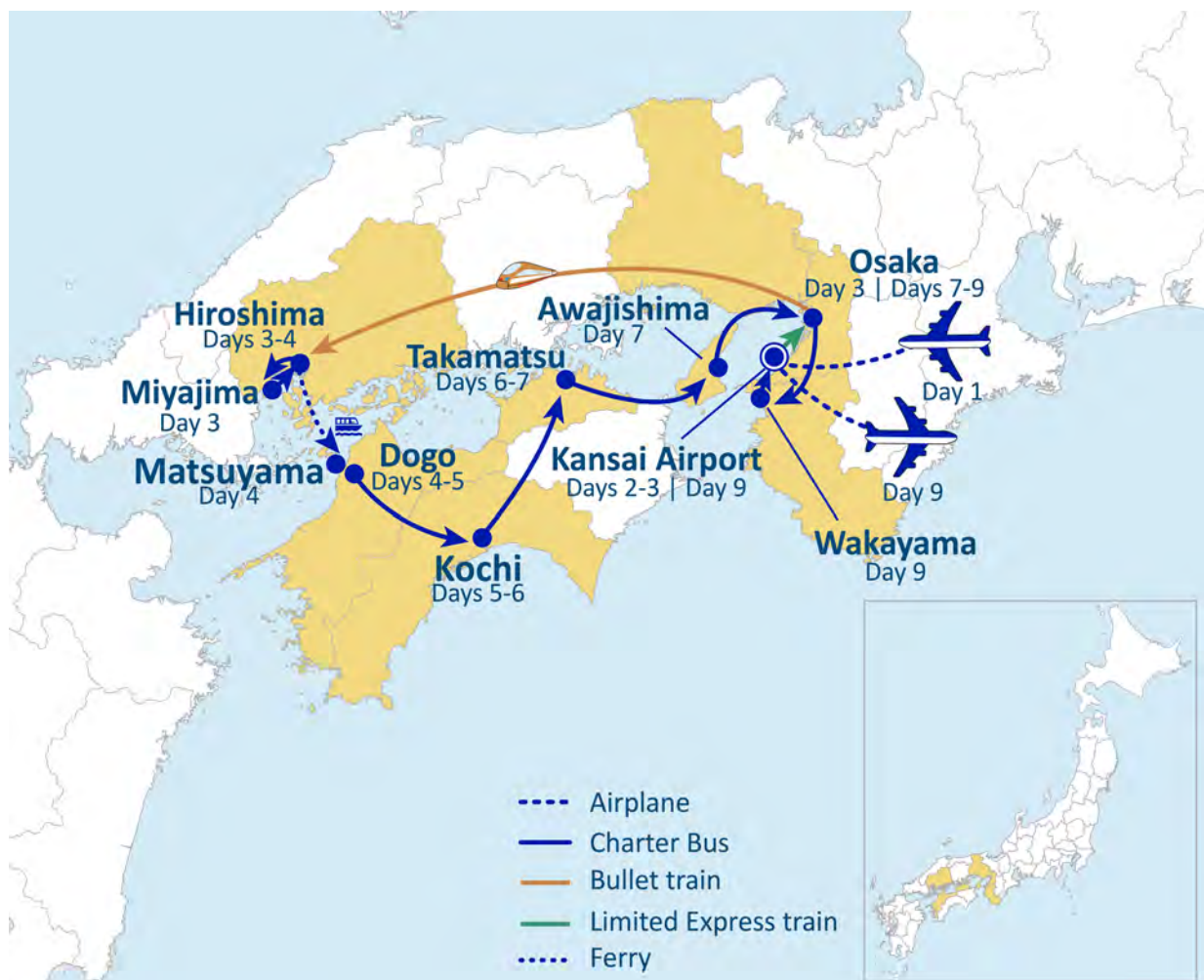
→ 12:30pm – Now, we're at **AEON Mall Wakayama**, a vibrant shopping destination that offers a diverse range of shops, dining options, and entertainment experiences. Enjoy lunch on your own.

→ 3:15pm – Let's enjoy a fun **strawberry-picking experience** at Sakura Farm before heading to the airport.

→ 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 January 20, 2026.**
- » **Final payment due by February 2, 2026. 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.