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2026 Traveling the Tokaido Road Spring Break #I

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March 14 - 21, 2026

6 Nights/ 8 Days

*Osaka - Universal Studios
- Nara - Kyoto - Tokyo*

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Sat) March 14 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

Day 2: (Sun) March 15 – Kansai-Osaka Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at Kansai International Airport. Please meet your guide at the arrival lobby. We'll then transfer to **Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka** for the next two nights. Our hotel is set in a modern high-rise building. It is located just a few minutes' walk to Osaka's most famous entertainment districts.

Day 3: (Mon) March 16 – Osaka-Universal Studios (B) Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am — Meet your guide at the hotel lobby to get ready for exciting Universal Studios.

→ 9:00am–6:00pm — Ranked Japan's best theme park, **Osaka Universal Studios** sets itself apart as ever evolving, but consistent in delivering unique Japanese specific character shows and foods. In February 2021, the park opened the world's first ever Super Nintendo World. In addition to Minions, JAWS!, and the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, other character world attractions unique to this park are Snoopy Studios, Hello Kitty, and Sesame Street.

Just outside the park's gates is **Universal Citywalk Osaka**, a shopping mall with a variety of restaurants and shops selling Universal Studios merchandise and Osaka souvenirs. On the mall's 4th floor, you can find the Osaka Takoyaki Museum, a food theme park with popular Takoyaki vendors and exhibits.

→ 6:30pm — Return to hotel. The rest of the evening is yours at leisure.

Day 4: (Tue) March 17 – Osaka-Nara-Kyoto (B/L) Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am — Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

→ 9:00am — Our morning begins with a visit to **Osaka Castle**, an important landmark in Osaka. Built as a display of power by Toyotomi Hideyoshi after he achieved his goal of unifying Japan, this castle has endured centuries of conflict with battles and war, serving as the battleground for samurai sword fights on several occasions. This led to several

reconstructions, with it being reinforced with concrete in 1930 for further preservation. As you walk through, you can spot shadows of past previous renovations and notice the massive stone walls, gold-leaf trim, copper roof, and panoramic views.

→ 11:00am — Our next visit: **Dotonbori district** and **Shinsaibashi Shopping Arcade**, the city's most famous entertainment area offering endless dining and shopping. With our 2 hrs here, enjoy time to shop!

→ 1:00pm — Enjoy a Japanese style lunch at a local restaurant.

→ 3:00pm — Now, onto our next adventure: **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 Todai-ji Temple, you can find over 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.

→ 5:45pm — Arrive at **Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo**, our accommodations for the next 2 nights. Conveniently located across the street from the Kyoto JR Station and around the corner from the Aeon Mall, you'll find a wide variety of food and shops in every direction.

Day 5: (Wed) March 18 – Kyoto (B/L) Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:00am — Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for **Arashiyama**.

→ 9:45am — Today, we'll explore **Arashiyama**. Located in the outskirts of Kyoto and set against the backdrop of mountains, bridges, and ponds, this picturesque destination is teeming with natural beauty and culture. Some suggestions for exploring this tranquil area.

→ Venture into the internationally recognized cultural and picturesque 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 take 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 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!

→ **12:30pm — Enjoy a Japanese style lunch at a local restaurant.**

→ **2:00pm —** Now, enjoy a hands-on experience crafting Japanese sweets and taking part in a **tea ceremony**. During the **wagashi making session**, you'll learn how to create beautiful and delicious sweets using traditional techniques. Afterwards, savor a tea ceremony where you'll observe the art of preparing matcha tea and learn about Japanese tea culture and etiquette.

→ **3:30pm — Return to hotel.** The remainder of the afternoon and evening is yours at leisure.

Day 6: (Thu) March 19 – Kyoto-Tokyo(B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Your luggage(s) will be delivered by courier service from Kyoto to your hotel in Tokyo (same day arrival).**

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:15am — Meet your guide at the hotel lobby. We'll walk to Kyoto Station and board a bullet train to Tokyo.**

→ **11:15am — Arrive at Tokyo Station.** This afternoon, we'll visit **Asakusa**, a famous district that melds the culture and traditions of ancient Tokyo with the metropolitan styles of modern Japan. It's also home to Japan's first cinema!

→ **12:00pm —** Widely regarded as the most important temple in Japan, Asakusa's iconic **Sensoji Temple** and **Kaminarimon Gate** (aka "Thunder Gate") with its massive lantern are a "must see" in every guidebook, boasting over 30 million annual visitors. Traditionally, as a sign of respect, visitors clap twice and bow their heads at the top of the temple steps. With the belief that coins trap the dangers of daily life, visitors also customarily make a small offering by tossing coins into a wooden rack, tossing away **those**

dangers as well.

→ You'll also find the **Five Storied Pagoda** there. Regarded as one of the "Four Edo Pagodas," this nearly 174 foot monument stands to represent Tokyo's few remaining pagodas. The temple grounds also include the **Nakamise Shopping Arcade**, a lively and extensive shopping street lined with good luck charms, traditional goodies, and Japanese snacks. Enjoy lunch on your own.

→ **2:30pm —** Now, a stop at **Ueno & Ameyoko Shopping Street**. This is the absolutely 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!

→ **4:15pm —** Our next touring spot is **Ueno Park**, which is renowned for its stunning cherry blossoms, where approximately 1,200 cherry trees flourish with pink and white flowers at the 133-acre park. An estimated 2 million people will visit here to experience the cherry blossom viewing while picnicking directly beneath a tree and admire the natural beauty along the paths.

→ **5:30pm —** Arrive at **Sunshine City Prince Hotel**. Our hotel is directly connected to Sunshine City shopping center with many shopping and dining options available to you. Nearby, you'll also find a 24-hr Family Mart convenience store and a Seiyu supermarket for snack, bento, and beverage pickups. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

Day 7: (Fri) March 20 – Tokyo/Free day at leisure (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **After breakfast, enjoy your free day to explore Tokyo!**

Day 8: (Sat) March 21 – Tokyo-Haneda-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:00am — Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Tokyo.**

→ **9:30am —** Our morning begins with a visit to **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.

→ **11:45am —** Next, step into some reality-bending magic at **teamLab Planets Tokyo**. Using technology and perspective, this immersive museum takes visitors through labyrinth-like

rooms filled with flower fields, interactive play areas where you can catch digital animals, jump on pod blocks, and experience other mesmerizing digital art displays.

→ **2:15pm** – Now, we'll stop by **Divercity Shopping Center**, located on the artificial island of Odaiba. This unique and massive landmark is one of the best shopping, dining, and entertainment complexes in Tokyo. Don't forget to take a moment to snap a photo in front of the famous Gundam Statue, towering at nearly 80 feet high.

→ **Transfer to Haneda Airport for our flight home.**

→ **Arrive in Honolulu on the 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 8, 2026.**
- » **Final payment due by January 20, 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.