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2026 Spring Highlights in Japan

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April 4 - 13, 2026

8 Nights/ 10 Days

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Sat) Apr 4 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

Day 2: (Sun) Apr 5 – Haneda-Tokyo

Tokyo Dome Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at **Haneda Airport** and meet your guide in the arrival lobby. We will then transfer to the **Tokyo Dome Hotel**, our accommodations for the next 2 nights. Our hotel is conveniently located close to **Tokyo Dome City**, an entertainment complex featuring the iconic Tokyo Dome, home field of the Yomiuri Giants baseball team. There is also a theme park with rides, a variety of shopping and dining options, and the relaxing Spa LaQua hot spring facility.

Day 3: (Mon) Apr 6 – Tokyo (B)

Tokyo Dome Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ 9:00am – Our day 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.

→ 11:30am – Next, we are off to Asakusa's iconic **Sensoji Temple** and **Kaminarimon Gate** (aka "Thunder Gate") with its massive lantern. This spot is a "must see" in every guidebook and boasts over 30 million annual visitors. Traditionally, once you reach the top of the temple steps, you should clap twice and bow your head as a sign of respect. 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. As you roam through the temple grounds, you'll come across the **Nakamise Shopping Arcade**, a lively and extensive shopping street lined with good luck charms, traditional goodies, and Japanese snacks.

→ 1:30pm – Here we are at **Ueno Park**, famous for its breathtaking **cherry blossoms**. With approximately 1,200 cherry trees adorning this 133-acre park, it attracts an estimated 2 million visitors who come to enjoy the beauty

of cherry blossom viewing while picnicking under the trees and appreciating the natural splendor along the pathways.

→ Then, a visit to **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!

→ 4:00pm – Return to hotel. Enjoy the rest of the evening at Tokyo Dome City!

Day 4: (Tue) Apr 7 – Tokyo-Mt. Fuji-Hakone (B/L/D)

Tenseien (Free Wi-Fi) - [Enjoy onsen](#)

→ Please leave your suitcases (2 pcs per person) at the hotel and prepare an overnight bag for 1 day. Your suitcase(s) will be delivered by courier service from Tokyo to your hotel in Kyoto the following day.

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a drive to Mt. Fuji area.

→ 10:45am – This morning, we'll visit **Oshino Hakkai**, a village in the Fuji Five Lake region and home to the famous 8 ponds, which are all fed by the snow melt from the slopes of Mt. Fuji. Here, you can drink the clear, fresh snow water trickling down the mountains and filtering through porous layers of lava. The area also has a variety of shops, restaurants, and vendors selling crafts, sweets, and local products. Enjoy a freshly roasted sweet potato or toasted senbei (rice cracker) at this traditional Japanese village with Mt. Fuji in the background.

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

→ 2:30pm – Begin our afternoon with a leisurely sightseeing **Owakudani**, a volcanic valley that resulted from Mount Hakone's last eruption 3,000 years ago. Undoubtedly one of Hakone's most famous landmarks, this site allows visitors to safely explore active sulfur vents, hot springs, and hot rivers while surrounded by gorgeous views of nature. Tip: try the on-site "black eggs," believed to extend your life by 7 years when you eat them! The eggs are hard boiled in the area's geothermal springs and its shells blackened from the sulfur.

→ 3:30pm – Next, a ride on the famous **Hakone Ropeway**. Recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the "busiest aerial lift" with over 2 million annual passengers, this Hakone must-do offers sweeping views of the natural landscape below, the steaming hot springs of Owakudani,

Lake Ashi, and Mt. Fuji on a clear day.

→ **4:25pm** – Our ropeway ride takes us to **pirate boat cruise** on **Lake Ashi**, a caldera lake created from Mount Hakone's last eruption thousands of years ago. Enjoy the splendid, uninterrupted views of the surrounding natural landscapes and on a clear day, spot Mt. Fuji!

→ **5:45pm** – **Arrive at Tenseien, followed by a buffet dinner at 7:30pm.** Our ryokan is located in the scenic Hakone area renowned for its natural beauty and hot springs. During our stay, take some time to enjoy the relaxing onsite onsen.

Day 5: (Wed) Apr 8 – Hakone-Nara-Kyoto (B)

Hotel Vischio Kyoto by Granvia (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:00am** – **Meet your guide at the hotel lobby. We'll then proceed by charter coach to Odawara Station, where we'll board a bullet train to Kyoto.**

→ **12:12pm** – **After arriving at Kyoto Station, we'll make a transfer to Nara.**

→ **1:45pm** – Welcome to Nara! Enjoy free time to shop, browse, and have lunch on your own on **Higashimuki Shopping Street**. This covered shopping arcade offers a wide selection of shops and restaurants. A tip: At the entrance of the shopping street, there is Nara's most famous specialty, persimmon leaf sushi. It is bite size rice balls topped with salted mackerel and wrapped in a persimmon leaf.

→ **3:00pm** – This afternoon, we'll visit **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 temple, you can find 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.

→ **6:00pm** – **Arrive at Hotel Vischio Kyoto by Granvia**, our accommodations for the next 2 nights. Conveniently located near Kyoto JR Station, you'll find a wide variety of food and shops in every direction.

Day 6: (Thu) Apr 9 – Kyoto (B)

Hotel Vischio Kyoto by Granvia (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am** – **Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour around Kyoto.**

→ **9:00am** – We begin our day with a visit to Kyoto's stunning **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 well as waterfalls and landmarks that have become part of 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.

→ **10:00am** – Next, we'll go down from Kiyomizu Temple to **Sannen-zaka and Ninenzaka**, a pair of ancient cobblestone paths surrounded with architecture from old Japan that make it feel straight out of a movie scene. Take a stroll along these lanes to sip some tea at Kasagiya, an authentic and well known teashop, or play with trinkets, dolls, and Japanese fans at one of the various souvenir shops selling original handcrafted Kyoto specialty goods.

→ **11:45am** – Here we are at **Arashiyama**, on the outskirts of Kyoto, is a beautiful destination known for its Buddhist influences and natural beauty. 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 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.

→ If you want to grab a bite to eat, try **yūdofu** (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** – Perhaps the most important of shrines dedicated to Inari (Shinto god of rice), **Fushimi Inari Shrine** is a recognizable network of 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.

→ **5:00pm** – **Return to hotel.** Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Day 7: (Fri) Apr 10 – Kyoto-Himeji-Okayama (B/L)

Hotel Granvia Okayama (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am** – **Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a drive to Himeji this morning. Your luggage(s) (2 pcs per person) will be delivered to your hotel in Osaka. Please prepare an overnight bag for 2 days.**

→ **10:30am** – Explore **Himeji Castle** this morning, one of the last surviving feudal castles, also known as “White Heron Castle” for its unique white exterior resembling a bird in flight. 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!

→ **1:15pm** – **Enjoy a Japanese style lunch at a local restaurant.**

→ **2:15pm** – 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.

→ **3:46pm** – **We'll hop on a bullet train departing from Himeji Station to Okayama.**

→ **4:05pm** – After arriving at Okayama Station, we'll take a few minutes' walk to **Hotel Granvia Okayama**. Enjoy the evening of shopping and dining at your leisure.

Day 8: (Sat) Apr 11 – Okayama-Kurashiki-Hiroshima (B)

Rihga Royal Hotel Hiroshima (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

morning for a drive to Hiroshima.

→ **10:00am** – Along the way, we'll stop at **Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter**, a beautifully preserved historical area converted from the former city's rice storehouses with modern eateries, souvenir shops, and museums woven in. Immaculately preserved from the Edo period, this old rice-merchant quarter consists of around 300 old houses and granaries, with the oldest being 300 years old. Some families who have lived here for generations are still there! Today's old Kurashiki consists of dozens of characteristic whitewashed, black-tiled kura (rice granaries) centered around a willow-lined transport canal, making for a beautiful picturesque scene. It is a “must see traditional neighborhood” that blends the past with the present.

→ **12:30pm** – Enjoy lunch on your own at the **Fukuyama** rest stop before continuing to Hiroshima.

→ **3:00pm** – This afternoon, a visit to **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum/Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park/A-Bomb Dome**. 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.

→ **5:30pm** – Arrive at **Rihga Royal Hotel Hiroshima**. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

Day 9: (Sun) Apr 12 – Hiroshima-Miyajima-Osaka (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am** – **Meet your guide at the hotel lobby to get ready for our visit to Miyajima Island.**

→ **9:30am** – Now, we'll take 10 min. **ferry ride** to Miyajima, 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.

→ **10:00am** – Once we arrive, we'll stroll along 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.

→ **11:15am** – Shop for souvenirs like Shamoji (a rice scoop) along the **Omotesando shopping street**, and sample Hiroshima delicacies like Momiji manju (buns shaped like maple leaves and filled with a bean-jam filling). Lunch will be at your leisure.

→ **1:10pm** – After departing Miyajima via a ferry ride, we'll transfer to Hiroshima Station and catch a bullet train to Osaka.

→ **4:43pm** – Upon arriving at Shin Osaka Station, we'll head to **Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka** for our overnight stay. 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 just a few minutes walk to Osaka's famous entertainment districts. Enjoy the evening to explore the wonderful city of Osaka for shopping and dining on your own.

Day 10: (Mon) Apr 13 – Osaka-Kansai-Honolulu (B)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ **11:00am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby to start our tour in Osaka.

→ **11:30am** – Ever wonder how the mouthwatering food displayed in restaurant windows are 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.

→ **12:45pm** – Next, visit the bustling **Kuromon Ichiba Market!** 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 150 vendors, the market offers a wide variety of fresh and local produce, seafood, meats, sweets, and other traditional Japanese foods. Enjoy lunch on your own.

→ **3:15pm** – Now a moment at **AEON Mall Rinku Sennan**, a large shopping mall with everything you need to round up any last minute shopping before the drive out to Kansai International 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 29, 2026.**
- » **Final payment due by February 10, 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.