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2026 Osaka & Beyond Labor Day Getaway

(GPI3559)



Sept 2 - 9, 2026

6 Nights/ 8 Days

*Kyoto - Miyama - Amanohashidate -
Biwako - Nara - Osaka - Wakayama*

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per person-triple occupancy

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Wed) Sept 2 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

Day 2: (Thu) Sept 3 – Kansai-Kyoto (D)

Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at **Kansai Airport**. Meet your local speaking guide at the arrival lobby. We'll transfer to **Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo**, our accommodations for the next 3 nights. Our hotel is conveniently located across the street from the Kyoto JR Station and around the corner from the Aeon Mall, local hot spots for food and shops. A **bento box** will be provided to enjoy dinner along the drive.

Day 3: (Fri) Sept 4 – Kyoto (B)

Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ **9:00am** – 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.

→ **11:00am** – From here, a stop at **Kizakura Fushimigura**, a sake and craft beer brewery and museum showcasing the behind-the-scenes making of high-end quality brews. Kizakura is a prominent Japanese sake brewing company and sets itself apart by consistently evolving its brew to adapt to contemporary palettes. In addition to incorporating quality ingredients like fresh underground spring water local to Kyoto, Kizakura expertly combines its generations-old secret formula with modern brewing techniques to create the perfect brew. Have a taste of their sake and enjoy perusing their bottle shop.

→ **12:30pm** – Later today, we'll explore **Arashiyama**. Located in the outskirts of Kyoto, this picturesque destination is teeming with natural beauty and culture. Some suggestions for exploring this tranquil area:

→ Venture into the internationally recognized cultural and gorgeous 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!

→ **3:45pm – Return to hotel**. Enjoy the evening of shopping and dining on your own.

Day 4: (Sat) Sept 5 – Kyoto-Miyama-Amanohashidate (B/L/D)

Amanohashidate Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ **8:30am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour to **Amanohashidate**, located in northern Kyoto Prefecture and known as one of Japan's three most scenic views.

→ **9:00am** – Our morning begins with a hands-on **tote bag Kyo-Yuzen's pattern painting experience** at the Marumasu Nishimuraya.

→ We'll now drive to Miyama.

→ **11:45pm** – Enjoy a **Japanese-style lunch** at Miyama Folk Village.

→ **1:00pm** – Next, we'll transfer to **Kayabuki-no-sato-Kitamura**, also known as the Thatched Village, a sanctuary for Gassho Zukuri houses. Regarded as the most visited destination in the region, this village is a rare gem, as it stands among the few places in Japan where these historic houses remain untouched and carefully preserved by the government. Admire and explore the charming and historic area, providing a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of Miyama.

→ While we are in the village, step inside to explore the **Miyama Folklore Museum**, which showcases the lifestyle of the region's past villagers.

→ **4:45pm** – Arrive at **Amanohashidate Hotel**, followed by a **6:30pm Japanese-style dinner**. Enjoy the evening at leisure and unwind at the hotel's onsen.

Day 5: (Sun) Sept 6 – Amanohashidate-Biwako (B/L/D)

Grand Mercure Lake Biwa Resort & Spa (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ **8:30am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour to **Lake Biwa**, the largest freshwater lake in Shiga Prefecture. Located northeast of Kyoto, this famous lake is known for its diverse fish population, migratory water birds, and wetland regions.

→ **9:00am** – We'll start our day with an exciting ride on the **Amanohashidate cable car** to enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of Miyazu Bay and its lush green landscapes. You'll spot the famous sandbar, which ranks alongside Matsushima and Miyajima as Japan's top 3 most scenic views. Once we reach the observation deck, marvel at the unobstructed views of Amanohashidate.

→ **10:45am** – Next, we'll visit **Funaya of Ine**, picturesque boathouses that line the shoreline of Ine Bay. These unique two-story waterfront buildings have historically served, and continue to exist, as both boat garages and living quarters for fishermen. Today, you'll find that some of the boathouses have been repurposed as restaurants and lodgings for visitors.

→ **11:30am** – Enjoy a **Japanese-style lunch** at a local restaurant.

→ **2:45pm** – Along the way, we'll stop by **Wakasa Fisherman's Wharf**, a vibrant hub for seafood lovers. Here, visitors can explore various restaurants and food stalls offering an array of fresh catches straight from the Sea of Japan.

→ **5:00pm** – Arrive at **Grand Mercure Lake Biwa Resort & Spa**, followed by a **6:30pm buffet dinner** at the hotel. Enjoy the beautiful views of Lake Biwa and unwind at the hotel's onsen after a day of exploration.

Day 6: (Mon) Sept 7 – Biwako-Nara-Osaka (B/L)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ **8:30am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby to start a full-day tour to **Osaka via Nara**.

→ **9:30am** – Our morning begins with a visit to the famous confectionery factory and flagship shop of Taneya CLUB HARIE, **La Collina Omi-Hachiman**. This charming establishment is most renowned for manufacturing the Baumkuchen cake. Resembling a tree that's been cut across to reveal rings as markers of time, this iconic cake has become a symbol of longevity and continues to be a popular gift for celebrations and new beginnings.

→ **12:00pm** – Our next stop is to visit the vast expanse of green tea fields. During our tour, we'll learn about green tea's numerous health benefits, its leaf life cycle, and its harvesting process. We'll even get to **pick our own leaves!**

Plus we'll sample their green tea, sipping on the brew as new tea sommeliers! Following our visit, we'll partake in a **tea soba noodle-making workshop** before **enjoying lunch**.

→ **3:45pm** – Step into the **Nara Kingyo Museum**, a visual feast of lights and colors that combines modern artistic displays with live goldfish. The museum's curated selection of light-bending exhibits endeavor to awaken the five senses and evoke feelings of "surprise," "healing," and "excitement." Enjoy exploring the many interactive displays, including projection mapping and traditional streetscapes.

→ **5:45pm** – Arrive at **Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka** for the next 2 nights. Experience the excitement of Osaka, Japan's third-largest city and the capital of commerce with a bustling street life in its arcades, markets, and byways. Our hotel is located just a short walk to Osaka's most famous entertainment districts. Enjoy the evening of shopping and dining at leisure.

Day 7: (Tue) Sept 8 – 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: (Wed) Sept 9 – 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.

→ **10:30am** – 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 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

- » To secure your reservation, a \$150 per person deposit is required. The deposit can be refunded until May 29, 2026.
- » Final payment due by July 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.