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# 2026 Discover Mythical Japan

(GPI3596)



Oct 4 - 12, 2026

7 Nights / 9 Days

*Osaka - Okayama - Yonago - Matsue  
- Tamatsukuri Onsen - Izumo - Tottori -  
Miyazu - Miyama - Kyoto*

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

# Itinerary

## Day 1: (Sun) Oct 4 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

## Day 2: (Mon) Oct 5 – Kansai-Osaka

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at Kansai Airport. Meet your local speaking guide at the arrival lobby and we'll transfer to Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka, our accommodations for 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 a short walk to Osaka's most famous entertainment districts.

## Day 3: (Tue) Oct 6 – Osaka (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby to start our tour in Osaka.

→ 9:00am – Our morning begins at one of Osaka's most culturally significant destinations: **Osaka Castle**. After unifying Japan in the 16th century, military leader Toyotomi Hideyoshi built the castle as a display of power. The castle has endured centuries of conflict, including being a battleground for samurai sword fights, and has undergone several reconstructions.

→ 11:00am – Ever wonder how the mouthwatering foods 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.

→ 12:15pm – Now visit the bustling **Kuromon Ichiba Market** and grab lunch on your own! Also known as the "Kitchen of Osaka," this famous 190 year old market is a popular spot for locals, and an especially 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.

→ 2:00pm – Return to hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

## Day 4: (Wed) Oct 7 – Osaka-Okayama (B)

Hotel Granvia Okayama (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ Your luggage (2 pieces per person) will be delivered

from Osaka to your hotel in Tottori by courier services. Please prepare to pack an overnight bag for your 2-night stay.

→ 9:15am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a transfer to **Shin Osaka station**. From there, we'll board a **bullet train** to **Okayama Station**.

→ 10:58am – After arriving in Okayama, we'll head to **Kurashiki** to begin exploring.

→ 12:00pm – Here, we'll visit **Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter**, a beautifully preserved historical area converted from the former city's rice storehouses with modern eateries, souvenir shops, and museums. Immaculately preserved from the Edo period, this old rice-merchant quarter houses hundreds of historic 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 picturesque scene. It is a "must see traditional neighborhood" that blends the past with the present.

→ 3:00pm – Spend the afternoon at **Okayama Korakuen Garden**, one of the three Great Gardens of Japan. It was established by the feudal lord Ikeda Tsunamasa in 1687 during the Edo period. This garden is well known for its exquisite design, meticulous landscaping, and its status as a Special Place of Scenic Beauty in Japan.

→ 4:30pm – Arrive at **Hotel Granvia Okayama**. Enjoy the evening of shopping and dining at your leisure.

## Day 5: (Thu) Oct 8 – Okayama-Yonago-Matsue-Tamatsukuri Onsen (B/L/D)

Kyokusui no Niwa Hotel Gyokusen (Free Wi-Fi) - [Enjoy onsen](#)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:45am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby. We'll take a short walk to **Okayama Station** and board the **Limited Express Train to Yonago station**, a major transportation hub located on the scenic Sea of Japan coast in Tottori Prefecture.

→ 11:25am – Once in Yonago, we'll head to a local restaurant for a **Japanese-style lunch**.

→ 1:45pm – Calling all Manga fans! This afternoon, we'll visit the hometown of revered manga artist, Mizuki Shigeru, and explore **Mizuki Shigeru Road**, a famous destination dedicated to Shigeru and his beloved creations. Shigeru popularized Japanese folklore through stories like "GeGeGe no Kitaro," and reintroduced "yokai" (supernatural monsters and spirits) to the world as adorable and loveable characters. Along the stroll, you'll see shops, museums,

galleries, and 150 bronze character statues celebrating Shigeru's life and legacy.

→ **3:30pm** – Next, a visit to the **Lafcadio Hearn Memorial Museum**. Lafcadio Hearn was a European explorer, writer, and scholar who immigrated to Japan in 1890. Widely recognized for authoring books like “Glimpses of Unfamiliar Japan,” Hearn has been credited for introducing Japan to the Western world. The museum, which was once Hearn's former residence, houses over 1,000 items and showcases the contributions he's made to Japanese literature.

→ **4:15pm** – Step back in time and soak in the natural beauty at **Matsue Castle Town**. On your leisurely stroll through the historic streets and landmarks, take note of the traditional architecture, charming shops, and serene atmosphere.

→ **5:30pm** – Arrive at **Kyokusui no Niwa Hotel Gyokusen**, situated in the famous Tamatsukuri Onsen town. The hot spring water is renowned for its therapeutic properties and is believed to help with various ailments. And at **6:00pm**, enjoy a Japanese-style dinner at the ryokan.

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**Day 6: (Fri) Oct 9 – Tamatsukuri onsen-Izumo-Tottori (B/L)**  
Hotel New Otani Tottori (Free Wi-Fi) - [Enjoy onsen](#)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:00am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour to Izumo & Tottori.

→ **10:15am** – This morning, we'll visit **Izumo Taisha Shrine**. One of Japan's most ancient and culturally significant Shinto sites, Izumo Taisha is a destination to pray for love and good fortune. You may hear visitors clapping their hands four times in prayer—rather than the traditional two—twice for themselves and twice for their current (or hopeful) partners. At the shrine, you'll also find souvenir shops, charms, and a splendid main hall which was designated a National Treasure in 1952. We'll then explore **Shinmon-dori shopping street**, a stretch of 60 shops in preserved traditional architecture offering local products, confectioneries, souvenirs, and more. While here, try a bite of the famous Izumo soba noodles and okonomiyaki!

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

→ **2:30pm** – Now a visit to the renowned **Adachi Museum of Art**. Beyond its exquisite seasonally rotating Japanese art collection, the museum features an award-winning garden that has earned the title of best garden in Japan for the past 21 consecutive years. Visitors can admire this garden from inside the museum, taking note of how the decor frames these natural elements to create living portraits that change with the season.

→ **6:00pm** – Arrive at **Hotel New Otani Tottori**. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

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**Day 7: (Sat) Oct 10 – Tottori-Miyazu (B/L/D)**

Mercure Kyoto Miyazu Resort & Spa (Free Wi-Fi) - [Enjoy onsen](#)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for **Tottori and Miyazu**.

→ **9:00am** – Our morning begins with an exciting adventure on the **Tottori Sand Dunes**, the region's most famous tourist destination and Japan's only sand dunes.

→ **10:15am** – Next, a stop at the unforgettable **Tottori Sand Museum**, the world's first and only indoor sand sculpture museum. This facility boasts impressively detailed and life-like sand structures, which are often featured in global news outlets. The museum's executive director, a world-champion sand artist who has created sculptures for the Japanese royal family, hand selects sculptors for the museum and together, they curate incredible displays of art that match the exhibition's theme, which changes annually.

→ **11:30am** – Savor a Japanese-style lunch at **Sakyu Center Miharashi no Oka** while soaking in the mesmerizing beauty of the Tottori sand dunes.

→ **3:30pm** – Onto our next excitement, a ride on the **Amanohashidate cable car and lift** 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.

→ **5:30pm** – Arrive at **Mercure Kyoto Miyazu Resort & Spa**, followed by a **buffet dinner at 6pm**.

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**Day 8: (Sun) Oct 11 – Miyazu-Miyama-Kyoto (B/L)**  
Hotel Granvia Kyoto (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for **Miyama**, a region renowned for preserving traditional Japanese Satoyama culture and landscape.

→ **10:15am** – This morning, step inside to explore the **Miyama Folklore Museum**, which showcases the villagers' lifestyles.

→ **11:00am** – Next, we'll visit **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 historic area, providing a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of Miyama.

→ **1:30pm** – After a Japanese-style lunch at a local restaurant, we'll visit **Miyama Oishi Sake Brewery**. There, we'll enjoy sake tastings and savor the unique flavors and aromas found in their signature brews. This traditional sake

brewery is renowned for its exceptional craftsmanship and dedication to producing top-notch sake.

→ **3:00pm** – Arrive at **Hotel Granvia Kyoto**. Our hotel is just a short walk from JR Kyoto Station, local dining and shopping hotspots. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

### Day 9: (Mon) Oct 12 – Kyoto-KIX-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **10:15am** – This morning, 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.

→ 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.

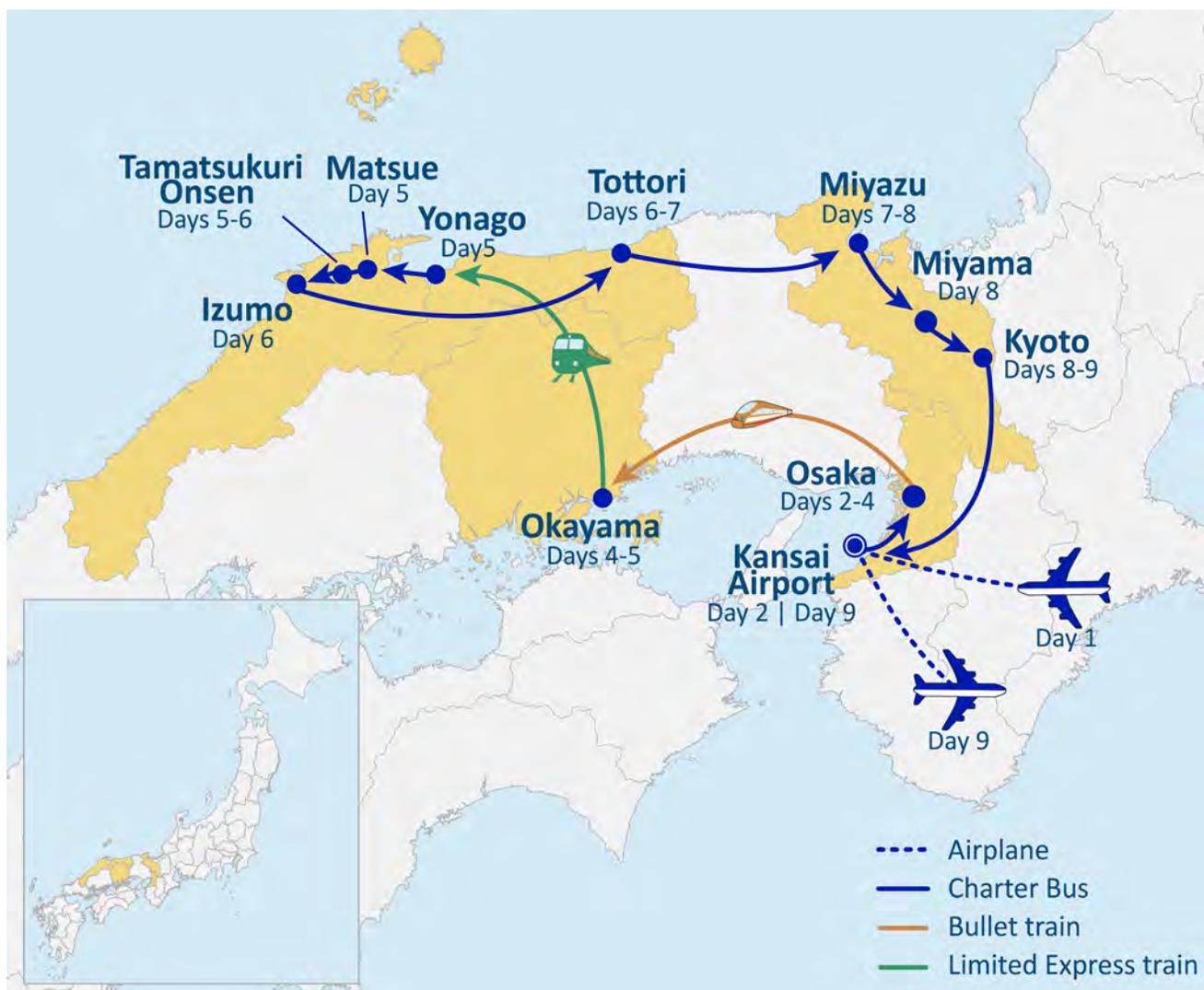
→ If **shopping** is on your to-do-list, there are plenty of shops to collect items like traditional fans, bamboo goods, and specialty snacks. This is also a great opportunity for you to take a break from walking and hitch a ride on a rickshaw!

→ **1:30pm** – Our next visit: **LaLaport Kadoma/Mitsui Outlet Park Osaka Kadoma/Costco Kadoma**, the first ever shopping complex in Japan to combine these malls under one roof!

→ **Transfer to Kansai International Airport for our 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 July 3, 2026.**
- » **Final payment due by August 11, 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.



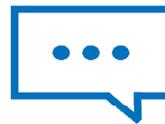
## Travel Documents

- » 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.