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2026 Gourmet Delights, Onsen & Fall Foliage

(GP13581)



Nov 26 - Dec 5, 2026

8 Nights/ 10 Days

*Nagoya - Awara Onsen -
Echizen - Sabae - Kyoto - Osaka*

\$100 OFF PER PERSON
on our complete package when you pay
with a personal check/cash

JAL Economy Class

\$4,388*

pp double/triple occupancy

\$5,388*

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

Itinerary

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

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

Day 2: (Fri) Nov 27 – NGO-Nagoya

Vessel Hotel Campana Nagoya (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at **Chubu Centrair International Airport**. Meet your English-speaking local guide at the arrival lobby. We'll then transfer to **Vessel Hotel Campana Nagoya**, where we'll be staying for 2 nights. Our hotel is located within a short walk to various shopping and dining options available to you.

Day 3: (Sat) Nov 28 – Nagoya (B)

Vessel Hotel Campana Nagoya (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Nagoya.

→ 9:15am – Our morning begins with a visit to the **Marunaka Center Market**, one of the largest private central markets in Japan. Regarded as the “kitchen of the Tokai region,” this historic and energetic morning market is well-known for its sea bream, sea bass, yellowtail, and abalone selections, which are mainly caught in the Chita Peninsula, Ise Bay, and Mikawa Bay.

→ 10:15am – Now, we'll discover the Toyota Group's evolution from an early 20th century textile machinery manufacturer to a modern day automobile industry behemoth at the **Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology**. Housed in a redbrick building of one of Toyota's former textile manufacturing factories, the museum features metalwork demonstrations, interactive exhibits, and an exquisite collection of vintage vehicles.

→ 11:45am – Time to explore the bustling **Osu shopping district**, a vibrant hub that has thrived for over 400 years. Not only will you find Buddhist temples, entertainment options, restaurants, and hundreds of shops, you may also stumble across subcultural gatherings, including the popular World Cosplay Summit. Try fried chicken at Enshidajipai and keep an eye out for Aichi specialties like hitsumabushi (grilled eel over rice), miso katsu, and smoky red miso soup.

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

Day 4: (Sun) Nov 29 – Nagoya-Awara Onsen (B/D)

Grandia Housen (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy onsen

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am – Meet your guide in the hotel lobby for **Awara Hot Springs Resort**, one of the most famous hot spring towns in Central Japan. Lauded for its healing geothermal waters and many attractions, this popular destination has been welcoming guests for over 130 years.

→ 9:30am – Now a visit to **Inuyama Castle**, 1 of only 12 “original castles” remaining in Japan and a designated National Treasure site.

→ 10:30am – Enjoy an early lunch on your own while leisurely strolling through the many shops and stalls that **Inuyama Castle town** offers. Fun fact: Inuyama is nicknamed “skewer town,” which dates back to the 19th century creation of the local dish, Dengaku (tofu and miso skewer). Today, you'll find many skewer options varying from savory to sweet—pick up a few while exploring the area!

→ 1:15pm – Now a moment at **Gujo Hachiman Hakurankan**. Housed in a Taisho era building, this cultural center features displays and exhibits celebrating Gujo Hachiman's rich heritage, its historical importance as an Edo period castle town, and its local artistry. You'll also experience a bit of the Gujo Odori Dance Festival with a **Gujo Odori performance**.

→ 4:30pm – Onto our next destination: **Tojinbo**, considered one of the three most scenic places in the world for its dramatic pillar-shaped basalt cliffs overlooking the Sea of Japan. At sunset (around 4:40pm), a remarkable phenomenon known as the “green flash” may occur, in which the setting sun briefly glows green, with the help of certain weather conditions. This flash of green is unique to Tojinbo and is said to bring luck and happiness.

→ 5:30pm – Check in at **Grandia Housen**, followed by a **Japanese-style dinner at 6:30pm**. During your stay, roam around the beautifully landscaped Japanese garden and unwind in the onsite hot spring baths, a variety which include indoor and outdoor options as well as cypress and sleeping baths.

Day 5: (Mon) Nov 30 – Awara Onsen-Echizen-Sabae-Awara Onsen (B/L/D)

Grandia Housen (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy onesen

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for **Echizen**, an area famous for its rich artisanal heritage and traditional crafts of beautifully crafted washi paper,

exquisite pottery, intricate lacquerware, and the expert techniques of knife and sword making.

→ **10:00am** – Our first stop brings us to **Takefu Knife Village**, an esteemed hub for forging knives and cutting tools. As you marvel at the artistry behind these renowned blades and witness skilled artisans at work, you'll come to understand how Echizen has become a leader for traditional knife production.

→ **11:15am** – Now a visit to **Echizen Washi Village**, a remarkable center of craftsmanship spanning over 1,500 years and one of the few washi paper-producing regions in Japan. Washi is a traditional Japanese paper made from plant fibers, and the paper produced from Echizen is exceptional in its quality and variety. Echizen washi has even been used as ceremonial paper among court nobles, samurai families, and shrines. While here, discover the meticulous process of creating this traditional Japanese paper known for its durability and beauty and try your hand at **making your own washi!**

→ **1:00pm** – Enjoy **lunch** at a local restaurant.

→ **2:15pm** – Our journey continues to the **Megane Museum** in Sabae City, known as the "City of Glasses." Sabae City produces over 90% of Japan's share and approx. 20% of the global share of the glasses frame market. At Megane Museum, you'll discover the region's fine artistry in eyewear production, as well as domestically produced frames and glasses of varying material like titanium.

→ **3:45pm** – We'll conclude our day with a **sake tasting** at **Ishidaya ESHIKOTO**, a well-known producer of exclusive and rare sake of the finest quality.

→ **5:30pm** – **Return to hotel**, followed by a **buffet dinner** at 6:30pm.

Day 6: (Tue) Dec 1 – Awara Onsen-Kyoto (B)

Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am** – **Meet your guide at the hotel lobby this morning for Kyoto.**

→ **9:45am** – Shellabrate a day of fun beginning with a visit to **Echizen Gani Crab Museum**, an experiential facility housed within **Michinoeki Echizen Roadside Station**. Interact with the Gani Crab Museum attractions and find out what makes these "King of crabs" so highly-prized—after all, Echizen crabs are the only winter crabs traditionally presented to the Imperial Household! At Michinoeki Echizen Roadside Station, wander through the specialty stores and shop for local and prefectural specialties.

→ **12:00pm** – Enjoy lunch on your own at **Nihonkai Sakana machi**, the largest seafood market by the Sea of Japan. Meander through the street fair like shops of fresh and

dried seafood and restaurants that specialize in sushi, rice bowls with fresh sashimi, grilled fish, and more! Tip: kombu seaweed is a local specialty here.

→ **2:15pm** – Time for a unique hands-on **chopsticks polishing experience** at **Hashi no Furusato Kan Wakasa**. With a history spanning over 400 years, Wakasa lacquered chopsticks have become synonymous with high-quality craftsmanship. Beyond colorful patterns created from traditional techniques that embed eggshells and abalone shells into layers of lacquer, these works of art are also known for their water and heat resistance. Today, the Wakasa region accounts for 80% of Japan's lacquerware chopstick production.

→ Drive to Kyoto along Lake Biwa including a rest stop.

→ **5:30pm** – Arrive at **Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo**, our accommodations for the next 2 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.

Day 7: (Wed) Dec 2 – Kyoto (B)

Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:00am** – **Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Kyoto.**

→ **9:45am** – We'll start our day at **Tenryuji Temple**, the head temple of the Tenryu sect of Rinzai Zen Buddhism and an official UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded in 1339, this temple is best known for its beautiful cultural artwork and tranquil Sogenchi pond and garden, one of the oldest landscape gardens in Kyoto. Experience the beauty of **fall foliage** at one of Kyoto's most picturesque spots.

→ **10:45am** – Afterward, we'll explore the **Arashiyama area**. 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 – Return to hotel.** Enjoy the rest of the day of shopping and dining on your own.

Day 8: (Thu) Dec 3 – Kyoto-Osaka (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Osaka.**

→ **9:45am** – Begin our day exploring one of Japan’s cultural masterpieces and a UNESCO World Heritage Site: **Byodoin Temple**. Constructed to emulate Buddha’s palace in paradise, the temple has become an emblem of Japan. The temple’s ornate “Phoenix Hall,” designed to appear as the mythical bird spreading its wings, is even memorialized on the back of the 10 yen coin! The temple grounds also feature a stunning gold-leaf adorned Amida Buddha statue, a green tea room with “tea instructors,” tranquil gardens, and many other cultural elements that make this landmark a must-visit destination during **foliage season**.

→ **10:45am** – We’ll now visit Uji, the birthplace of Japanese green tea. Nestled in the heart of this famous tea-growing region, **Chazuna** is a modern park and museum that chronicles Uji matcha’s history and explains why it’s regarded as a matcha variety of the highest quality. Excitingly, we’ll also learn about the time-honored traditions of tea culture during our **matcha making** workshop and enjoy a cup of our own brew!

→ **1:15pm** – We’ll stop by **Osaka Korea Town** or Tsuruhashi, famous for its lively stalls selling fresh produce, snacks, and Korean goods. The area is home to a significant Korean population, contributing to its authentic atmosphere. Enjoy lunch on your own.

→ **3:15pm** – Afterward, we’ll visit the **Umeda Ice Rink** area (outside JR Osaka Station), a lively transportation hub surrounded by towering skyscrapers and vibrant department stores. From late November to late February, Umeda transforms into a festive wonderland adorned with sparkling lights and holiday displays. On your stroll through the area, you’ll find charming street-level shops and delightful restaurants, many of which feature seasonal treats.

→ **5:15pm** – Arrive at **Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka** for the next 2 nights. Our hotel is located a short walk to Osaka’s most famous entertainment districts. Enjoy the evening at leisure!

Day 9: (Fri) Dec 4 – 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 10: (Sat) Dec 5 –

Osaka-Kobe-ITM-HND-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Kobe.**

→ **10:00am** – Our first visit this morning is the **Kobe Nunobiki Herb Gardens & Ropeway**. A 10-min. gondola ride takes visitors to this Kobe landmark, offering panoramic views of Kobe, Kyoto, and Osaka. At the top, you’ll find the Welcome Garden, alive with flowers in bloom and framed by the 360-degree views of the picturesque **autumn scenery**. Explore the recreation area with free play equipment, relax in the hammock section, and visit the souvenir shop that sells herbs and aromatic products.

→ **12:00pm** – Next, we’re at the **Sannomiya Center Gai Shopping Street**, a large shopping arcade offering a wide variety of retail and food outlets.

→ **2:00pm** – From here, we’re off to **Hakutsuru Sake Brewery Museum** on the outskirts of Kobe. There, 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.

→ **3:30pm – Arrive at Osaka Itami Airport (ITM) and prepare for our domestic flight (JL130 departing at 6:35pm) to Haneda Airport.**

→ **7:45pm – Arrive at Haneda Airport. Our flight is scheduled to depart at 9:55pm on JAL 72.**

→ **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 August 26, 2026.**
- » **Final payment due by September 28, 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.