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# 2026 Hiroshima and its Coastal Neighbors in Autumn

(GRP13614)



Nov 15 - 24, 2026  
8 Nights – 10 Days

*Osaka - Yuda Onsen - Hiroshima -  
Etajima - Miyajima - Kurashiki - Okayama -  
Shodoshoma - Himeji - Kobe*

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**Exclusive offer:**

Luxurious chartered cruise  
ride around Seto Inland Sea!

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

# Itinerary

## Day 1: (Sun) Nov 15 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

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## Day 2: (Mon) Nov 16 – Kix-Osaka

Karaksa Hotel Grande Shin-Osaka Tower (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at Kansai Airport. Meet your local speaking guide at the arrival lobby. We'll transfer to **karaksa hotel grande Shin-Osaka Tower**, our accommodations for the night.

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## Day 3: (Tue) Nov 17 – Osaka-Yuda Onsen-Hiroshima (B/L)

Hotel Granvia Hiroshima South Gate (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ Your luggage (2 pcs per person) will be delivered by chartered truck from Osaka to your hotel in Hiroshima (same day arrival)

→ 7:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby. We'll walk to Shin Osaka Station and transfer to a bullet train ride to Yamaguchi.

→ 10:00am – Upon arrival at Shin Yamaguchi Station, we'll embark on a full day tour to Hiroshima.

→ 10:45am – Our tour begins at **Rurikoji Temple**, a Buddhist temple and National Treasure, best known for its five-storied pagoda. Built in 1442, the pagoda is ranked among Japan's three greatest, alongside those of Horyuji Temple near Nara and Daigoji Temple in Kyoto. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the temple's serene gardens and view historical artifacts that reflect its rich cultural significance.

→ 11:30am – After our visit to the temple, enjoy a **Japanese-style lunch** at a nearby restaurant.

→ 12:45pm – Following lunch, we'll head to **Kitsuneno Ashiato** for a **relaxing foot bath experience** and rejuvenate our body before continuing our exploration.

→ 3:45pm – Next, a visit to the **Museum of Japanese Emigration to Hawai'i**. Commemorating the first group of Japanese migrants to Hawai'i in 1885, the museum explores their hardships and triumphs and preserves their cultural legacy.

→ We'll now drive to Hiroshima, including a **rest stop** along the way.

→ 6:30pm – Arrive at **Hotel Granvia Hiroshima South Gate** (opening in spring 2025), our accommodations for 2 nights. The hotel is conveniently located near JR Hiroshima Station. Enjoy exploring the nearby shopping and dining options at leisure this evening.

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## Day 4: (Wed) Nov 18 – Hiroshima-Etajima(Miyajima-Kure)-Hiroshima (B/L)

Hotel Granvia Hiroshima South Gate (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a **Seto Inland Sea** adventure.

→ 9:00am – This morning, we'll visit the **Mishima Furikake Factory**. Learn about how the production of this beloved Japanese seasoning, which as we know and adore, adds flavor and flare to our favorite dishes. On a guided tour of the factory, uncover the secrets behind their delicious products.

→ We'll now transfer to Etajima Island.

→ 11:45am – Enjoy **lunch** at **Etajimasou**, known for its fresh, locally-sourced ingredients and seasonal specialties, all beautifully presented in a serene setting.

→ 2:00pm – Let's take a ride on the **SEA SPICA**, a luxurious cruiser perfect for sightseeing the Seto Inland Sea in Japan. With its sleek design, the SEA SPICA makes for a delightful and comfortable island hopping adventure. Note: can you guess what the many floating rafts are for?

**A few insights into our exclusive chartered cruise:**

**Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm** \*Sunset at 5:05pm

**SEA SPICA Route: Etajima → Miyajima → Kure → Hiroshima**

As we travel through **Etajima**, take in the breathtaking coastal landscapes and the natural beauty of these areas. We'll make a stop at picturesque Miyajima island, famous for its iconic floating torii gate and sacred Mount Misen (symbol of Miyajima), and take a 90 min stroll. Along our route, we'll also pass by Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Kure base and Ondo Bridge before disembarking at Hiroshima port.

→ 6:30pm – **Return to hotel**. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

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## Day 5: (Thu) Nov 19 – Hiroshima-Kurashiki-Okayama (B)

Hotel Granvia Okayama (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ Your luggage (2 pcs per person) will be delivered by courier services from Hiroshima to Himeji. Please prepare an overnight bag for your 2-day stay.

→ 8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a **short walk to Hiroshima Station**. From there, we'll take a **bullet train ride** to Okayama.

→ 9:42am – Upon arriving at **Okayama Station**, we'll proceed to **Kurashiki**.

→ 11:00am – At the **Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter**, we'll stroll through a beautifully preserved area transformed from

former rice storehouses into a vibrant locale with modern eateries, souvenir shops, and museums. Immaculately preserved since the Edo period, this historic rice-merchant district features hundreds of old houses and granaries, the oldest of which is over 300 years old. Some families have lived here for generations! Today, Kurashiki is characterized by its picturesque scene of whitewashed, black-tiled kura (rice granaries) lining a willow-fringed transport canal. It is a “must-see” traditional neighborhood that beautifully blends the past with the present. Enjoy lunch on your own and take some time for shopping.

→ **2:00pm** – Dedicated to the rich heritage of Japanese sword-making, the **Bizan Osafune Sword Museum** invites visitors to explore the katana, a traditional sword renowned for its curved blade and craftsmanship. You’ll also find swords, tools, artifacts, and interesting facts about the intricate process of sword forging on display.

→ **3:30pm** – Enter a nostalgia wonderland at **Dagashi Sweet Shop Ohmachi** and discover the assortment of treats that Japan’s No.1 dagashi shop has to offer.

→ **5:00pm** – Arrive at **Hotel Granvia Okayama**. Take the evening to relax, shop, and dine at your leisure.

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### **Day 6: (Fri) Nov 20 – Okayama-Shodoshima-Himeji (B)**

Hotel Nikko Himeji (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **7:15am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for an exciting day exploring the beautiful Shodoshima Island.

→ **8:40am** – This morning, we’ll depart from **Shin Okayama Port via the Kokusai Ryobi Ferry**. Enjoy the scenic views as we cross the inland sea to **Tonosho Port**.

→ **9:50am** – Once we arrive at **Tonosho port town**, the western coast of Shodoshima Island, we’ll embark on our next adventure!

→ **10:30am** – Step into **Shodoshima Olive Park**, a Mediterranean-inspired gem on Shodoshima Island renowned for its olive trees, the recognizable white Greek windmill, and the “Kiki’s Delivery Service” movie set. Soak up the stunning views of the Seto Inland Sea and get ready to taste some exquisite olive products!

→ **11:45am** – Now, experience the art of traditional soy sauce production at the **Yamaroku Shoyu Factory**. Here, taste the delicious barrel-aged soy sauces and learn about the fermentation process that makes Yamaroku a local treasure.

→ **1:00pm** – Take a 5-minute aerial lift on **Kankakei Ropeway**. Soar through Kankakei Gorge and enjoy gorgeous 360-degree views of unique volcanic rock formations, the Seto Inland Sea, and the beautiful **autumn foliage!**

→ **3:30pm** – This afternoon, we’ll board the **Shodoshima Ferry** from **Fukuda Port to Himeji Port, arriving at 5:10 pm**. Upon arrival, we’ll transfer to **Hotel Nikko Himeji** for a 2-night stay. After checking in, enjoy the evening at leisure. Consider visiting **Piole Himeji**, the largest shopping mall in the area, just a few blocks away from the hotel.

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### **Day 7: (Sat) Nov 21 – Himeji (B/L)**

Hotel Nikko Himeji (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:15am** – We’ll start our morning at **Himeji Castle and Koko-en Gardens**, also known as “White Heron Castle” for its unique white exterior and resemblance to a bird taking flight. One of the last surviving feudal castles, 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!

→ **12:30pm** – Let’s take a closer look at one of Japan’s three great noodles at the **Ibonoito Museum Somen no Sato**. Operated by Ibonoito, a leading brand of Japanese somen, this museum will take you on a historical and culinary journey through somen’s storied past and present.

→ **1:30pm** – Following our factory visit, enjoy a **Japanese-style lunch** at **Somen no Sato**, known for its freshly made somen noodles served with dipping sauces in a traditional setting.

→ **3:15pm** – 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.

→ **4:30pm** – **Return to hotel.** Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

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### **Day 8: (Sun) Nov 22 – Himeji-Kobe-Osaka (B)**

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **10:00am** – This morning, we’ll visit this lively 400 year old local fish market and shopping street, **Akashi Seafood Market**. Sample the freshest catches from the famous fishing port of Akashi and keep your eye out for the local

specialty: octopus!

→ **11:45am** – Next, head to **Kobe Harborland UMIE Mosaic**, an energetic waterfront complex featuring a mix of shops and dining options. Enjoy lunch on your own while taking in views of the harbor and the Kobe skyline.

→ **2:30pm** – Time for a **hands-on Daruma painting** workshop at **Katsuoji Temple**, a temple of luck as prayers made here have healed emperors and helped shoguns become victorious in their conquests. Today, visitors flock to pray for luck with business, academics, sports, and more.

Beyond the idyllic beauty of the temple, visitors will also enjoy the stunning **autumn scenery**, along with the countless daruma dolls strewn throughout the temple grounds. With roots in Buddhism, these good-luck daruma charms inspire perseverance and ward off evil. Traditionally, one paints the left eye to make a wish or set a goal, and the right eye is painted when the wish or goal is fulfilled. The one-eyed doll serves as emotional support and a motivating reminder to keep moving forward, a great personalized memento to take home.

→ **4:15pm** – Step back in time at the **Open-Air Museum of Old Japanese Farm Houses** where history comes alive. This museum features a collection of carefully restored traditional farmhouses from various regions of Japan, where visitors can experience the daily life of Japanese farmers from centuries past.

→ **5:45pm** – 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!

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### **Day 9: (Mon) Nov 23 – 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!**

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### **Day 10: (Tue) Nov 24 – Osaka-KIX-Honolulu (B)**

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **11:00am** – **Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Osaka.**

→ **12:00pm** – Our day starts at bustling **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.

→ **2:15pm** – Afterward, uncover the rich artisanal heritage of Sakai at the **Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum**. The city has a long history as an important center of commerce and industry in Japan and many of its traditional crafts

continue today. From manufacturing blades and bicycle parts used worldwide to producing essential Japanese kelp products, Sakai's skilled artisans have sustained these time-honored traditions. The museum invites you to explore the enduring creative legacy that highlights Sakai's renowned craftsmanship.

→ **4:30pm** – **Arrive at 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 August 12, 2026.**
- » **Final payment due by September 18, 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.



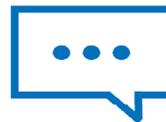
## Travel Documents

- » 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.