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# 2027 Traveling the Tokaido Road Spring Break #1

(GPI3649)



March 13 - 21, 2027

7 Nights/ 9 Days

*Osaka - Nara - Kyoto -  
Hakone - Tokyo*

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

# Itinerary

## Day 1: (Sat) March 13 – 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: (Sun) March 14 – Kansai-Osaka

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at **Kansai International Airport**. Please meet your guide at the arrival lobby. We'll then transfer to **Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka** for our 2-night stay. Our hotel is conveniently located near popular attractions, making it an ideal base for exploring the vibrant city of Osaka.

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## Day 3: (Mon) March 15 – Osaka-Free day (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka Free (Wi-Fi)

→ After breakfast, spend the day exploring the energetic Osaka at leisure.

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## Day 4: (Tue) March 16 – Osaka-Nara-Kyoto (B/L)

Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ 9:00am — Our morning begins with a visit to **Osaka Castle**, an important landmark in Osaka. Built as a display of power by Toyotomi Hideyoshi after he achieved his goal of unifying Japan, this castle has endured centuries of conflict with battles and war, serving as the battleground for samurai sword fights on several occasions. This led to several reconstructions, with it being reinforced with concrete in 1930 for further preservation. As you walk through, you can spot shadows of past previous renovations and notice the massive stone walls, gold-leaf trim, copper roof, and panoramic views.

→ 11:45am — Enjoy a **Japanese-style lunch** at a local restaurant.

→ 12:45pm — Arrive at **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 Todai-ji Temple, you can find over 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.

→ 3:30pm — Next, we'll visit **Fushimi Inari Shrine**, which is perhaps the most important shrine dedicated to Inari (the Shinto god of rice). You may recognize this location 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.

→ 5:30pm — Check in at **Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo**, our accommodations for the next 2 nights. Conveniently located across the street from the Kyoto JR Station and around the corner from the Aeon Mall, you'll find a wide variety of food and shops in every direction.

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## Day 5: (Wed) March 17 – Kyoto (B/L)

Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am — Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for **Arashiyama**.

→ 9:15am — This morning, we'll explore **Arashiyama**. Located on the outskirts of Kyoto and set against a backdrop of mountains, bridges, and ponds, this picturesque destination is teeming with natural beauty and culture.

Here are some of the best ways to explore this tranquil area:

→ Venture into the internationally recognized, picturesque landmark of the Sagano Bamboo Path. In Japanese tradition, bamboo is believed to have the power to ward off evil and bring good fortune, protecting the nearby Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines.

→ Or, take a half-hour uphill hike to reach Iwatayama Monkey Park. There, you'll find mischievous monkeys scurrying about in their natural habitat or munching on bags of apples purchased by visitors. As a reward for making the trek, you will also be treated to astounding panoramic views of Kyoto from the summit.

→ If shopping is on your to-do list, there are plenty of local boutiques where you can find traditional fans, handcrafted bamboo goods, and specialty snacks. This is also the perfect opportunity to give your feet a break and hitch a scenic ride on a traditional rickshaw!

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

→ 1:45pm — Did you know that **Kinkakuji Temple** (Golden Pavilion) is covered with real gold? This UNESCO World

Heritage Site was originally built in 1397 as Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu's retirement villa but later converted into a temple. In addition to the gold-leaf on Japanese lacquer that wraps around the 2nd and 3rd floors, a Buddhist era inspired beautiful garden and "Mirror Pond" encircling the Temple reflects the delicate balance between tranquility and the Temple's grandiose facade.

→ **3:30pm — Return to hotel.** The remainder of the afternoon and evening is yours at leisure.

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### **Day 6: (Thu) March 18 – Kyoto-Hakone-Tokyo (B/L)**

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

Your suitcase will be delivered by chartered truck from Kyoto to your hotel in Tokyo (same day arrival).

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:00am — Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.** We will take a **short walk** to Kyoto Station to board the **Shinkansen** (Hikari 642, departing at 8:33am) bound for Odawara.

→ **10:38am —** Step off the bullet train at **Odawara station**, the gateway to the beautiful Hakone region, where our private chartered coach awaits to take us through Hakone & onward to Tokyo.

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

→ **1:15pm —** Set sail on a leisurely sightseeing **pirate boat cruise** on **Lake Ashi**, a caldera lake created from Mount Hakone's last eruption thousands of years ago. Take in the uninterrupted views of the surrounding natural landscapes and on a clear day, spot Mt. Fuji from the deck!

→ **2:00pm —** 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, including the steaming vents of Owakudani, Lake Ashi, and Mt. Fuji on a clear day.

→ **2:30pm —** Our ropeway ride takes us to **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.

→ **6:00pm —** Check in at **Sunshine City Prince Hotel** for our 3-night stay. Our hotel lobby directly connects to Sunshine City, a huge shopping and entertainment complex with 4 towers that include an aquarium, planetarium, solarium, a

virtual reality play experience, and a nearly 788 foot high skyscraper with an observation deck. In addition to the renowned Pokemon Center Mega Tokyo, Sunshine City is also home to Namja Town, a food and dessert theme park. Nearby, you'll also find a 24-hr Family Mart convenience store and a Seiyu supermarket for snack, bento, and beverage pickups. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

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### **Day 7: (Fri) March 19 – Tokyo (B)**

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am — Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Tokyo.**

→ **9:00am —** Our day begins with a visit to the **Tsukiji Outer Market**. Once the world's largest fish market, Tsukiji's beloved outer market still buzzes with energy, offering fresh street food, seasonal produce tastings, and artisan knife shops that have supplied Tokyo's top chefs for generations. The inner auction relocated to Toyosu in 2018, but this bucket-list destination's flavor and character are very much alive.

→ **11:00am —** Reopened in March 2026 after its first major renovation since 1993, the **Edo Tokyo Museum** brings Tokyo's transformation from feudal Edo to modern megalopolis to life through newly updated and expanded exhibits across 6 immersive floors. Standout additions include a full scale Nihonbashi bridge replica, an expanded Edo streetscape with authentic period market stalls, a walkable interior replica of the traditional Nakamura-Za Theater, and a stunning third floor plaza redesigned by acclaimed architect Shohei Shigematsu.

→ **1:00pm —** Free time to explore **Asakusa** (lunch on your own) and its iconic **Sensoji Temple** and **Kaminarimon Gate** (aka "Thunder Gate") with its massive red lantern. This spot is a "must see" in every guidebook and boasts over 30 million annual visitors. You'll also find the **Five Storied Pagoda** and the **Nakamise Shopping Arcade**, a lively and extensive shopping street lined with good luck charms, traditional goodies, and Japanese snacks.

→ **3:00pm —** Welcome to **Kaminari 5656 Kaikan**, a facility dedicated to Asakusa's treasured puffed rice confection: Kaminari-okoshi. The word "okoshi" means "to rise" or "to prosper," making these crunchy golden bites of puffed rice, sugar, and peanuts a cherished symbol of good fortune you can sample fresh from the historic storefront! Here, you'll also enjoy a special **kaminari-okoshi making experience** and get a behind the scenes look into the production process of these famous treats on the factory tour.

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

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### Day 8: (Sat) March 20 – Tokyo/Free day (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ After breakfast, enjoy your free day to explore Tokyo!

### Day 9: (Sun) March 21 – Tokyo-Narita-Honolulu (B)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 10:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Tokyo & Narita.

→ 10:30am – This morning, dive into the high-energy **Ameyoko Shopping Street**, located in the heart of Ueno. From hidden bargains to street-food delicacies, Ameyoko is a treasure trove for all ages. As we explore, we may also have the opportunity to enjoy early **cherry blossoms** in **Ueno Park**, one of Tokyo's most iconic spots for seasonal blooms.

→ We'll now drive to Narita.

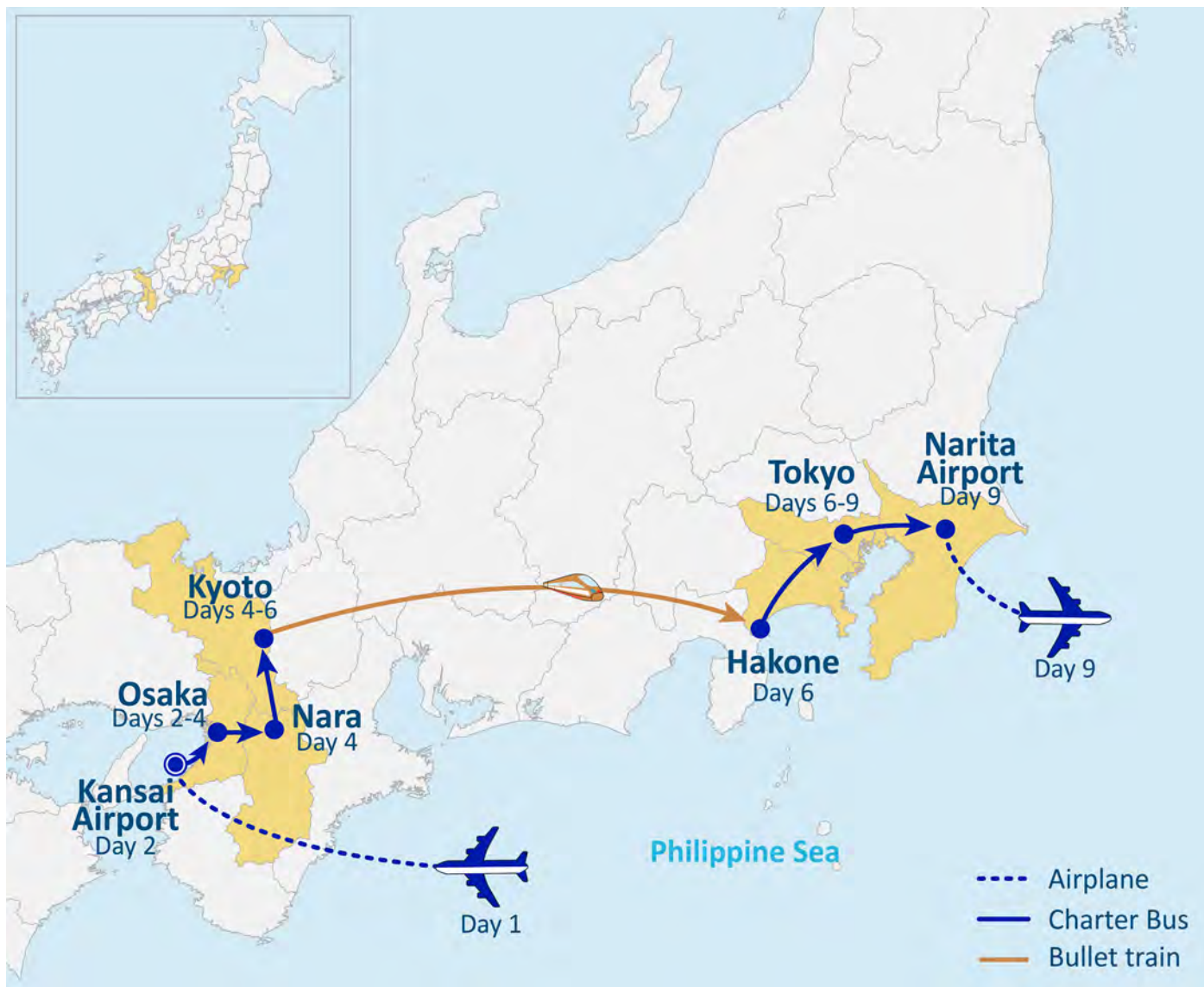
→ 2:00pm – Step back into the Edo period at **Naritasan Shinshoji Temple**, a majestic Buddhist temple founded in 940 AD and devoted to the fierce guardian deity Fudo Myoo. The expansive grounds feature a grand Main Hall, a vermillion Great Pagoda of Peace, and tranquil gardens reflecting over a thousand years of pilgrimage history. To reach the temple, stroll along the charming **Omotesando Street**, a half-mile path lined with shops selling Narita's famed unagi, rice crackers, and traditional sweets.

→ 3:45pm – Here we're at **Aeon Mall Narita**, a large shopping mall with everything you need to round up any last minute shopping.

→ Transfer to Narita Airport for our flight home.

→ Arrive in Honolulu on the same day.

Thank you for traveling with us! 🐼



# Need to Know...



## Payment Policy

- » To secure your reservation, a **\$200 per person** deposit is required. The deposit can be refunded until **December 10, 2026**. Any changes made after this date will be subject to additional fees.
- » Final payment is due by **January 15, 2027**. 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.
- » We reserve the right to change any part of the itinerary, including payment schedules, at any time and 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.