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2027 Blooming Cherry Blossoms along Tokaido Road

(GP13661)



March 26 - April 3, 2027

7 Nights/ 9 Days

*Tokyo - Hakone - Izu -
Numazu - Kyoto - Nara - Osaka*

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Fri) Mar 26 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

Day 2: (Sat) Mar 27 – Haneda-Tokyo

Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at Haneda Airport.

→ Meet your guide at the arrival lobby. We'll transfer to **Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyo**, our accommodations for 2 nights. Located in the heart of Shibuya, our hotel offers convenient access to one of Tokyo's finest shopping, dining, and entertainment complexes, all available for your enjoyment.

Day 3: (Sun) Mar 28 – Tokyo (B)

Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyo (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ 9:00am – This morning, we'll visit **Ueno Park**, renowned for its stunning cherry blossoms spread across 133 acres. With its approx. 1,200 cherry trees flourishing in pink and white, it's no wonder an estimated 2 million people come annually here to enjoy **cherry blossom viewing** and admire the natural beauty along the paths.

→ 10:15am – Now, we'll make a stop at **Ameyoko Shopping Street**. This is the absolutely perfect place to get your omiyage. "Ameyoko" is short for "Ameya Yokocho" or "candy shop back alley" since candies were traditionally sold there. Alternatively, it is short for "America," a callback to the post-WWII era when American products were sold there illegally. Now, the street is lined with over 400 shops from cooked street food, snacks like dried squid, and fresh seafood to clothes, bags, accessories, cosmetics, and much more!

→ 12:15pm – This afternoon, we'll explore **Asakusa**, a famous district that melds the culture and traditions of ancient Tokyo with the metropolitan styles of modern Japan. It's also home to Japan's first cinema!

→ Widely regarded as the most important temple in Japan, Asakusa's iconic **Sensoji Temple** and **Kaminarimon Gate** (aka "Thunder Gate") with its massive lantern, are a "must see" in every guidebook, boasting over 30 million annual visitors. Traditionally, as a sign of respect, visitors clap twice and bow their heads at the top of the temple steps. With

the belief that coins trap the dangers of daily life, visitors also customarily make a small offering by tossing coins into a wooden rack, tossing away those dangers as well.

→ You'll also find the **Five Storied Pagoda** there. Regarded as one of the "Four Edo Pagodas," this nearly 174 foot monument stands to represent Tokyo's few remaining pagodas. The temple grounds also include the **Nakamise Shopping Arcade**, a lively and extensive shopping street lined with good luck charms, traditional goodies, and Japanese snacks. Take a leisurely stroll through the temple grounds and relish the **beauty of cherry blossoms**.

→ 2:30pm – Return to hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 4: (Mon) Mar 29 – Tokyo-Hakone-Izu (B/L/D)

Izu Marriott Hotel Shuzenji (Free Wi-Fi) – Enjoy onsen

→ Please leave your suitcases (2 pcs per person) at the hotel and prepare an overnight bag for 1 night. Your suitcase(s) will be delivered by courier service from Tokyo to your hotel in Kyoto.

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:00am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Izu.

→ 10:15am – Begin the day with 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.

→ 10:45am – Next, a ropeway ride that 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.

→ 11:30am – We will board the **Hakone Ropeway** once more for a smooth, scenic ride down the mountain to get ready for our next adventure.

→ 1:30pm – After a **Japanese-style lunch** at a local restaurant, we will head out to enjoy a **strawberry picking experience**.

→ 2:45pm – Our afternoon continues with an exciting visit to **Kuraya Narusawa**, a mixed use facility that houses a tea

plantation, a famous brewery, a restaurant, and a souvenir hall. Kuraya Narusawa also offers fantastic views of two World Heritage sites: Mt. Fuji and the Nirayama Hanshara (Nirayama Reverberatory Furnaces).

→ **4:30pm** – Arrive at **Izu Marriott Hotel Shuzenji**, followed by a **western dinner at 6:30pm**. Soak in the views of Mt. Fuji and the Amagi mountains and breathe in the fresh air from the woodlands that surround our hotel. Take some time before and/or after dinner to unwind in the hotel's onsen.

Day 5: (Tue) Mar 30 – Izu-Numazu-Kyoto (B)

Daiwa Roynet Hotel Kyoto Terrace Hachijo Premier (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:45am** – This morning, discover the fascinating **Toi Gold Mine**, where history and adventure come together. Explore the ancient tunnels of one of Japan's most productive gold mines from the Edo period. This tour includes a visit to the onsite museum, showcasing artifacts and mining equipment, and a **hands-on gold panning** experience.

→ **11:45am** – Get ready for a fun stop at **Michinoeki Izu no Heso**, a roadside station that offers much more than just basic snacks. This multi-complex facility features a food theme park, a strawberry specialty store, and more.

→ **1:00pm** – We now venture to **Numazu Port**, the gateway to the Izu Peninsula. This fishing harbor is famous for its seafood, reeling in plentiful catches from Suruga Bay, Japan's deepest bay. Adjacent to the harbor is the **Numazu Fish Market**, a central location for restaurants and vendors selling fresh & dried fish. Enjoy exploring and having lunch on your own here.

→ **3:46pm** – From here, we'll hop on a **bullet train** departing from Mishima Station to Kyoto.

→ **5:37pm** – After arriving at **Kyoto Station**, we will walk to our hotel.

→ **6:00pm** – Check in at **Daiwa Roynet Hotel Kyoto Terrace Hachijo Premier** for the next 2 nights. Our hotel is conveniently located across from Kyoto JR Station, making it easy to explore local hot spots for food and shops.

Day 6: (Wed) Mar 31 – Kyoto (B/L)

Daiwa Roynet Hotel Kyoto Terrace Hachijo Premier (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:00am** – Our morning begins with a visit to **Kiyomizu Temple** – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded over 1200

years ago, this temple has a veranda that extends out to the side of a mountain with 43-foot-high wooden columns supporting its overhanging structure and houses a priceless statue of Kannon Bodhisattva, the goddess of mercy. The grounds also feature several "national treasure" buildings, as well as waterfalls and landmarks steeped in legend.

→ **10:00am** – Now, we'll venture down the ancient cobblestone paths of **Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka**. These well-preserved lanes are lined with traditional Japanese architecture that make it feel straight out of a movie scene. As we stroll along these historic streets, stop to sip authentic Kyoto tea at the Kasagiya tea shop or browse the array of trinkets, dolls, and handcrafted fans on display at the various souvenir shops selling original Kyoto specialty goods.

→ **12:15pm** – Enjoy a **Japanese-style lunch** at a local restaurant.

→ **1:15pm** – Afterward, we'll venture into the internationally recognized 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.

→ 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 **yūdofo** (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!

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

Day 7: (Thu) Apr 01 – Kyoto-Nara-Osaka (B/L)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:00am** – Perhaps the most important of shrines

dedicated to Inari (Shinto god of rice), **Fushimi Inari Shrine** is a recognizable network of 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.

→ **11:30am** – Onto our next adventure: **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 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.

→ Surrounding the temple are beautiful lush cherry blossoms hanging in abundance. Outside, you can find 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.

→ **1:15pm** – Enjoy a **Japanese-style lunch** at a local restaurant before heading to Osaka.

→ **3:30pm** – Arrive at **Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka**. Our hotel is located just a short walk to Osaka's famous entertainment districts. Enjoy the rest of the day shopping and dining on your own.

Day 8: (Fri) Apr 02 – Osaka-Free day at leisure (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free WiFi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **The day is yours to explore the wonderful city of Osaka!**

Day 9: (Sat) Apr 03 – Osaka-KIX-HND-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am** – **Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for 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 as a battleground for samurai sword fights) and has subsequently gone through several reconstructions. As you walk through the grounds, take note of the castle's massive stone walls, striking gold-leaf trim, copper roof, and panoramic views. During this season, the park's **4,000 cherry trees** typically bloom into

one of the largest congregations of cherry blossoms in Japan— adding even more drama to one of the city's most photogenic destinations.

→ **11:30am** – **Arrive at Kansai International Airport (KIX).**

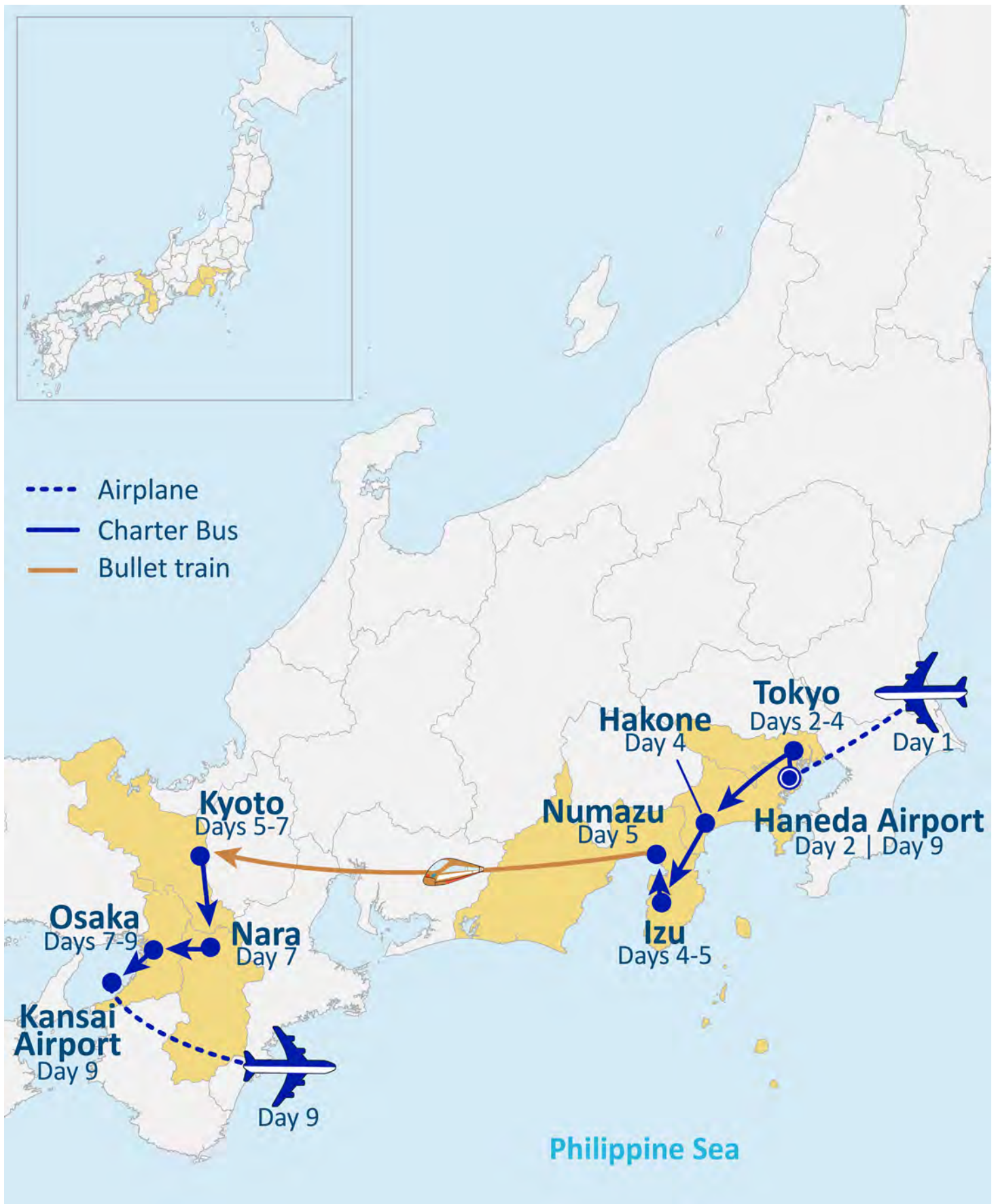
→ **2:50pm** – **Depart on JAL Domestic Flight 224 to Haneda Airport (HND).**

→ **4:10pm** – **Upon arrival at Haneda, we'll transfer by shuttle to the International Terminal for JAL Flight 74 departing at 9:05pm.**

→ **Arrive in Honolulu (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 21, 2026**. Any changes made after this date will be subject to additional fees.
- » Final payment is due by **January 27, 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.