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2027 Cherry Blossoms in Tokyo and Beyond

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March 25 - April 2, 2027
7 Nights/ 9 Days

*Tokyo - Utsunomiya - Nikko -
Kawagoe - Kamakura - Yokohama*

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Thu) March 25 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

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

Day 2: (Fri) March 26 – Haneda-Tokyo

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Arrive at Haneda Airport.** Meet your guide in the arrival lobby for a transfer to the **Sunshine City Prince Hotel**, your home for the next 3 nights. The hotel is directly connected to the Sunshine City shopping complex, giving you easy access to a wide variety of shopping and dining options. A 24-hour Family Mart convenience store and a Seiyu supermarket are also nearby for quick snack, bento, and beverage pickups. Enjoy the rest of your evening at leisure.

Day 3: (Sat) March 27 – 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 – Start your day at the Tsukiji Outer Market**, a legendary bucket-list spot that continues to serve as the soul of Tokyo's food scene. While the inner auction market relocated to Toyosu in 2018, the charm remains in its outer market. Be sure to enjoy all that the outer market has to offer, from seasonal produce and local tastings to knife-making artisan shops.

→ **11:15am –** 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.

→ **1:15pm –** Here we are at Asakusa's iconic **Sensoji Temple** and **Kaminarimon Gate** (aka "Thunder Gate") with its massive, unmistakable red lantern. This is a "must see" in every guidebook and welcomes over 30 million visitors annually. At the top of the temple steps, follow local custom: clap twice, bow your head, and toss a coin into the offering rack to cast away life's daily dangers. As you wander the temple grounds, you'll pass through the **Nakamise Shopping Arcade**, a lively stretch lined with good luck charms, traditional sweets, and Japanese snacks.

→ **3:00pm –** Located along the picturesque Sumida River, **Sumida Park** is a charming spot for **cherry blossom viewing**, with the iconic Tokyo Skytree as a backdrop. With over 500 cherry trees that bloom in late March, the park stands as one of the city's most renowned hanami spots.

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

Day 4: (Sun) March 28 – Tokyo (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:30am –** Our day begins with a stroll through **Meiji Jingu Shrine**, a Shinto shrine built in 1920 to honor Emperor Meiji, the first emperor of modern Japan, and his wife, Empress Shoken. While exploring the vast grounds, you'll find over 200 sake and wine barrels, gifted by famous breweries from across Japan as sacred offerings to Emperor Meiji. The display also features wine barrels from France, a tribute to the emperor's affection for wine and promotion of Western culture during the Meiji period.

→ **10:45am –** Time to indulge in **Harajuku & Takeshita Dori**, the vibrant heart of all things trendy and eccentric. Beyond its colorful street art and youth-driven quirky fashion culture, this area is a delightful haven for sweets, including gigantic cotton candy, crepes, and cream puffs. Enjoy lunch on your own, and don't miss the multi-story Daiso nearby for some shopping fun.

→ Along the way, we'll take a scenic drive by **Chidorigafuchi** to admire the beautiful **cherry blossoms**.

→ **1:15pm –** Now, 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.

→ **3:15pm –** Here we're at **Ueno Park**, one of Tokyo's most iconic destinations for breathtaking cherry blossoms. Spanning 133 acres and home to approximately 1,200 cherry trees, the park attracts over 2 million visitors each spring. It's the perfect place to experience the tradition of **cherry blossom viewing**; where people gather to picnic under the blooms or stroll down the canopy-covered floral pathways.

→ **5:00pm – Return to hotel.** Enjoy the evening at leisure!

Day 5: (Mon) March 29 – Tokyo-Utsunomiya-Nikko (B/L/D)

Hanagoromo No Yakata Nikko Senhime Monogatari (Free Wi-Fi)

Please leave your luggage in Tokyo and prepare an overnight bag for Nikko.

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **10:15am** – Begin our day at the unique Iwashita New Ginger Museum in Tochigi City. This one-of-a-kind museum highlights the world of ‘Iwashita Shinshoga’ (new ginger) with playful, pink-themed exhibits, interactive attractions, and an insider look at its unique culinary history.

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

→ **1:45pm** – Built on an old mining site that once served as a major source of wealth in the area, the **Oya History Museum** showcases the history and mining operations of Oya stone. Visitors can explore vast underground caverns resembling the ruins of ancient Rome, with colorful lights and art installations enhancing the experience. These caverns have frequently been used as locations for movies, music videos, and theater performances.

→ **3:00pm** – Nearby is **Ooyaji Temple**, a 1,200 years old site dedicated to Kannon, the Buddhist goddess of mercy. The temple holds Japan’s oldest Buddhist carvings, a small garden, and a treasure hall with ancient relics. Across the street stands a colossal **statue of Kannon**, serving as a statement of peace after WWII.

→ **4:30pm** – Welcome to Nikko! Check in at **Hanagoromo No Yakata Nikko Senhime Monogatari**, followed by a **Japanese style dinner at 6:30pm**. Spend some time at the hotel’s onsen, a perfect place to unwind and rejuvenate.

Day 6: (Tue) March 30 – Nikko-Tokyo (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:45am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Nikko.**

→ **9:00am** – Here on the grounds of **Nikko Toshogu Shrine**, a grand memorial to legendary samurai leader and founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate, Tokugawa Ieyasu. Set against a forest of green, the shrine’s complex includes over a dozen opulently decorated buildings embellished with gold leaf and etched with countless wood carvings.

Particularly notable carvings are the “see no evil, speak no evil, and hear no evil” trio of monkeys, the alluring Sozonzo elephants (“imagined elephants”), and the Nemuri-neko (“Sleeping Cat”) wood carving nestled at the top of the Sakashita-mon Gate. Another well known site is the two story Yomeimon Gate (“Sunlight Gate”) with over 500 wood carvings. The park’s **cherry trees** add extra beauty and tranquility to this historic space.

→ **11:15am** – Step back in time to 17th-century Japan at **Edo Wonderland**, a cultural theme park featuring samurai, ninjas, traditional theaters, and historic townscapes (lunch on your own). To fully experience the era, visit the park’s costume rental shop, where you can transform into a samurai, ninja, or town merchant for the day. Be sure to also visit the Ninja Trick House, an optical-illusion maze designed with slanting floors and hidden walls that challenges your equilibrium as you try to navigate like a shadow warrior.

→ **3:15pm** – We’ll make a brief stop at this popular roadside station, **Michinoeki Nikko**, excellent for picking up regional Tochigi souvenirs and unique snacks.

→ **3:45pm** – Depart Nikko for the drive back to Tokyo, including a rest stop.

→ **6:15pm** – Arrive at **Sunshine City Prince Hotel**. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

Day 7: (Wed) March 31 – Tokyo-Kawagoe-Tokyo (B/L)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full-day tour to Kawagoe**, where you’ll experience the charm of old Japan in this former castle town. Discover Edo-style buildings, traditional architecture, vibrant festivals, and the birthplace of the iconic Kitsune mask (fox mask).

→ **9:30am** – Opened in 2010, **Bonsai Art Museum** is the world’s first publicly run museum dedicated to bonsai art. It boasts a splendid collection of over 100 bonsai masterpieces and works inspired by bonsai culture. Most of the museum’s bonsai can be found in the large courtyard, with grander displays than its indoor counterparts.

→ **11:15am** – Now, enjoy a fun **strawberry picking experience**.

→ **12:30pm** – A **Japanese-style lunch** will be served at a local restaurant.

→ **1:30pm** – Arrive at **Koedo Kurari**, a beautifully preserved, historic former brewery that is now a nationally registered Tangible Cultural Property. This repurposed site houses a souvenir shop, a cafe, and a sake tasting room where visitors can sample sake from 30+ breweries strewn across the Saitama prefecture.

→ **2:00pm** – From here, take a stroll in **Kawagoe** or “Little Edo.” Enjoy free time to browse, shop, and explore this traditional castle town, with its preserved Kurazukuri (clay-walled warehouses) and other historic structures lining the streets. A tip: visit the iconic Starbucks on Kanetsuki Dori Street. Located in an old warehouse, this iconic spot has become world famous and the best example of traditional meets modern.

→ **3:45pm** – Our next visit is the 1,500-year-old **Hikawa Shrine**, dedicated to five deities whose married pairings make it a famous haven for matchmaking and family

happiness. Directly behind the shrine, the Shingashi Riverbank serves as one of Kawagoe's most beloved **cherry blossom** destinations, inviting visitors to stroll along its flower-lined waters.

→ **5:30pm – Return to hotel.** The remainder of the evening is yours at leisure.

Day 8: (Thu) April 01 – Tokyo-Free day at leisure (B)

Sunshine City Prince Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **After breakfast, the day is yours to explore Tokyo!**

Day 9: (Fri) Apr 02 – Tokyo-Kamakura-Yokohama-Haneda-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **11:00am –** Our morning starts with a visit to the **Great Buddha at Kotokuin Temple**. This mountainous bronze Amida Buddha stands nearly 38 feet tall, making it the 2nd tallest bronze Buddha in Japan. Despite being exposed in the open air since 1495, the statue remains beautifully adorned and well-preserved. For a small donation, visitors

can enter the Buddha and experience what many regard as Japan's National Treasure. And while you're there, don't miss the opportunity to enjoy **cherry blossom viewing** in the serene surroundings of the temple.

→ **12:30pm –** Explore and grab lunch on your own on the **Komachi-dori shopping street**. Be sure to stop by Kamakura's famous cookie store for a sample. They're best known for their dove-shaped butter cookies, which make for a great Kamakura souvenir and omiyage gift.

→ **3:00pm –** Check off your omiyage list at **Tressa Yokohama**, a vast shopping mall and entertainment complex that houses over 200 specialty stores. The mall is beautifully designed in the cityscape of Lyon, France, a sister city of Yokohama. This shopping facility is also home to the Kanto region's first auto mall where the newest Toyota cars are on display for viewing, interacting, and even test driving.

→ **Transfer to Haneda 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 **\$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.