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2027 Ultimate Charms of Shikoku in Spring

(GPI3695)



April 21 - 29, 2027

7 Nights-9 Days

*Kobe - Awaji - Takamatsu - Dogo - Kochi -
Kotohira - Kurashiki - Osaka*

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

Itinerary

Day 1: (Wed) Apr 21 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu via AS849

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

Day 2: (Thu) Apr 22 – KIX-Kobe (D) Seaside Hotel Maiko Villa Kobe (Free Wi-Fi)

→ 6:45pm – Arrive at **Kansai International Airport** and meet your English-speaking local guide at the arrival lobby. We'll then transfer to **Seaside Hotel Maiko Villa Kobe**. Our hotel is located on the shores of Maiko Beach with views of the iconic Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, the world's longest suspension bridge. Enjoy a **Japanese bento dinner** served aboard the coach.

Day 3: (Fri) Apr 23 – Kobe-Awaji-Takamatsu (B/L) JR Hotel Clement Takamatsu (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for the drive to Shikoku via Awaji Island.

→ 9:45am – Here we are at the **Uzu no Oka Onaruto Bridge Memorial Museum**, a multifaceted facility built to honor the completion of the Onaruto Bridge. The complex includes: the Whirlpool Science Center; an observation-deck restaurant where you can savor delectable cuisine made with locally sourced Awaji Island ingredients; and a gift shop, offering a variety of Awaji Island souvenirs and other unique goods for purchase. Don't forget to get a photo in front of the life-sized star agricultural product of Awaji: "Otama Onion."

→ 11:30am – We'll then make a stop at **Michinoeki Donari**, a scenic roadside station in the mountain valleys of Tokushima, perfect for browsing fresh local produce, local crafts, and regional snacks along the drive to Oboke.

→ 1:45pm – (TBC) Arrive at **Oboke Station** and board the 2:19pm **Shikoku Sennen Monogatari** (Limited Express Train) to **Tadotsu Station**. This train is one of Japan's luxury sightseeing trains, winding through dramatic gorges and scenic landscapes in elegant carriages. As you watch the scenery unfold, enjoy a specially prepared **Japanese lunch** during the journey.

→ 5:21pm – Arrive at **Tadotsu Station** and make our way to Takamatsu.

→ 6:30pm – Check in at **JR Hotel Clement**. Our hotel is conveniently connected to Takamatsu Station with plenty of shopping and dining options nearby.

Day 4: (Sat) Apr 24 – Takamatsu-Dogo (B/L/D) Hotel Kowakuen Haruka (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy onsen

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Kagawa and Dogo.

→ 9:00am – Our morning begins at **Ritsurin Garden**, which was awarded three stars in the Michelin Green Guide Japan! Originally built as a private retreat for feudal lord Matsudaira, this 400-year-old garden is notable for its teahouse, collection of lotus and iris flowers, ponds, streams and historic trees. The forested Mt. Shiun sits behind the park, creating lush, dramatic views with flowers and blossoms blooming throughout the year.

→ 10:30am – Next, at **Nakano Udon School**, try your hand at making udon noodles using the traditional methods that have made Kagawa Prefecture the undisputed udon capital of Japan. Once our Sanuki udon noodles are ready, they will be cooked and served to you in a flavorful broth for a **Japanese lunch**. Enjoy the rewards of your labor and the authentic taste of freshly made udon.

→ We'll then drive to Dogo via Imabari and stop at the **Imabari Towel Museum ICHIIHIRO**. Imabari accounts for approx. 60% of Japan's towels, and ICHIIHIRO brings this tradition to life through weaving exhibits, a showroom stocked with the country's finest towels at factory prices, and more.

→ 3:45pm – Get ready for the **Tobeyaki Kanko Center Ennosato!** Discover beautiful white porcelain pieces dressed in striking indigo-blue patterns and browse creations from local potters across Tobe.

→ 5:15pm – Arrive at **Hotel Kowakuen Haruka**, followed by a **Japanese-style dinner at 6:30pm**. This welcoming hot spring hotel is nestled in the heart of Matsuyama's famous Dogo Onsen district, one of Japan's oldest spa towns with a history spanning 3,000 years.

Day 5: (Sun) Apr 25 – Dogo (Ehime) (B/D) Hotel Kowakuen Haruka (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy onsen

→ Breakfast at hotel.

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

→ 10:00am – This morning, we'll visit **Ozu Castle**, a symbol of Ozu city with a history dating back to the 1300s. The surrounding castle town, the Little Kyoto of Iyo, holds beautifully preserved Edo-period merchant houses that glow with autumn color this time of year.

→ We'll also stroll through **Ozu's historic riverside district** which features the elegant Garyu Sanso samurai villa,

quiet stone-paved lanes, tastefully repurposed historical properties, shops, and more.

→ **12:30pm** – From here, we'll make a stop at scenic **Michinoeki Minatooasis Yawatahama**, a lively roadside station, community hub, and port-side market that offers fresh seafood, regional produce, and the city's beloved jakoten fish cake. Browse the stalls and enjoy lunch on your own from the variety on offer.

→ **1:45pm** – Now step into **Tanimoto Kamaboko**, a legendary Matsuyama institution where artisans have perfected the art of jakoten (golden, crispy fish cakes) across generations. While here, enjoy a **hands-on jakoten making experience!**

→ **4:30pm** – **Return to hotel**, followed by a **buffet dinner at 6:30pm**.

Day 6: (Mon) Apr 26 – Dogo-Kochi (B/D)

Mercure Kochi Tosa Resort & Spa (Free Wi-Fi) - [Enjoy onsen](#)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:00am** – We'll kick off the day at **Hatada Dekitate Okashikan**, the workshop of one of Ehime's most respected traditional confectioners. Join the pastry team in **making chestnut tarts**, a treasured regional specialty, and creating sweet memories while savoring its rich flavors.

→ We'll then take a drive into Kochi Prefecture and make a rest stop along the way.

→ **12:15pm** – Now, arrive at **Makino no Michinoeki**, located in the birthplace of Dr. Tomitaro Makino, the "Father of Japanese Botany." Here, discover unique local flora and pick up fresh regional produce for lunch or to take home as souvenirs.

→ **1:30pm** – Founded in 1603, **TSUKASABOTAN Sake Brewery** uses soft spring water from the nearby Niyodo River to produce Kochi's signature dry sake. Visitors can explore the local shop, view the historic white-walled storehouses, and sample traditional sakes long favored by the region's samurai and historical figures.

→ **3:30pm** – Next, off to **Hirome Market**, an indoor market of 60+ stalls and izakaya. This is the ideal place to try a variety of Kochi specialties and sipping some of Kochi's smooth dry sake. Enjoy lunch on your own while discovering local delicacies like Katsuo no tataki (seared bonito). Catch chefs searing the filets over piles of burning straw and keep an eye out for packs of inaka-sushi (country-style sushi) and crunchy aonori (laver seaweed) tempura.

→ **5:15pm** – Check in at the **Mercure Kochi Tosa Resort & Spa**, followed by a **buffet dinner at 6:00pm**. During our stay, take some time to enjoy the relaxing onsite onsen.

Day 7: (Tue) Apr 27 – Kochi-Kotohira (B/D)

Kotohira Onsen Onyado Shikishimakan (Free Wi-Fi) - [Enjoy onsen](#)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:15am** – This morning begins at **Katsurahama Beach**, one of Shikoku's famous scenic spots. Standing boldly above the shoreline is the famous bronze statue of **Sakamoto Ryoma**, a visionary revolutionary most recognized for his success in toppling the Tokugawa regime with peace and without war.

→ **10:45am** – We'll make a rest stop at **Michinoeki Nangoku Furari**, a roadside station with seasonal local produce, local crafts, and regional goods direct from the Kochi countryside.

→ **12:30pm** – Now we'll board the **Oboke Gorge Boat Cruise**, gliding through one of Japan's most spectacular river canyons—you'll see why Oboke Gorge is designated a national place of beauty! Enjoy lunch on your own at the surrounding Oboke area before we reboard the coach.

→ **3:15pm** – This afternoon brings us to **Nishikiya** in Kotohira, one of the region's most respected confectionery houses. Here, you'll **experience Wasanbon sugar making**. Wasanbon is the legendary refined sugar of Shikoku that artisans have crafted for over 200 years, and these sweets grace the finest Japanese tea ceremonies throughout the country.

→ **4:30pm** – Check in at the **Kotohira Onsen Onyado Shikishimakan**. Unwind in the natural onsen baths before/after enjoying your **Japanese dinner** at the hotel from **5:30pm-7pm**.

Day 8: (Wed) Apr 28 – Kotohira-Kurashiki-Osaka (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:00am** – **Meet your guide at the hotel lobby to journey across the Seto Ohashi Bridge and on to Osaka.**

→ **8:45am** – This morning, a **photo stop at Yoshima Parking Area**, where panoramic views sweep across the Seto Ohashi Bridge, a magnificent chain of bridges that spans the Seto Inland Sea above dozens of pine-covered islands linking Shikoku to Honshu in one of the great engineering feats of the 20th century.

→ **10:00am** – At the **Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter**, 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.

→ We'll then drive to Osaka and visit a rest stop along the way.

→ **2:30pm** – Here we're at **LaLaport Kadoma/Mitsui Outlet Park Osaka Kadoma/Costco Kadoma**, the first ever shopping complex in Japan to combine these malls under one roof!

→ **5:00pm** – Arrive at **Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka**. Our hotel is located a short walk to Osaka's most famous entertainment districts. Enjoy the evening at leisure!

Day 9: (Thu) Apr 29 – Osaka-KIX-HNL (B)

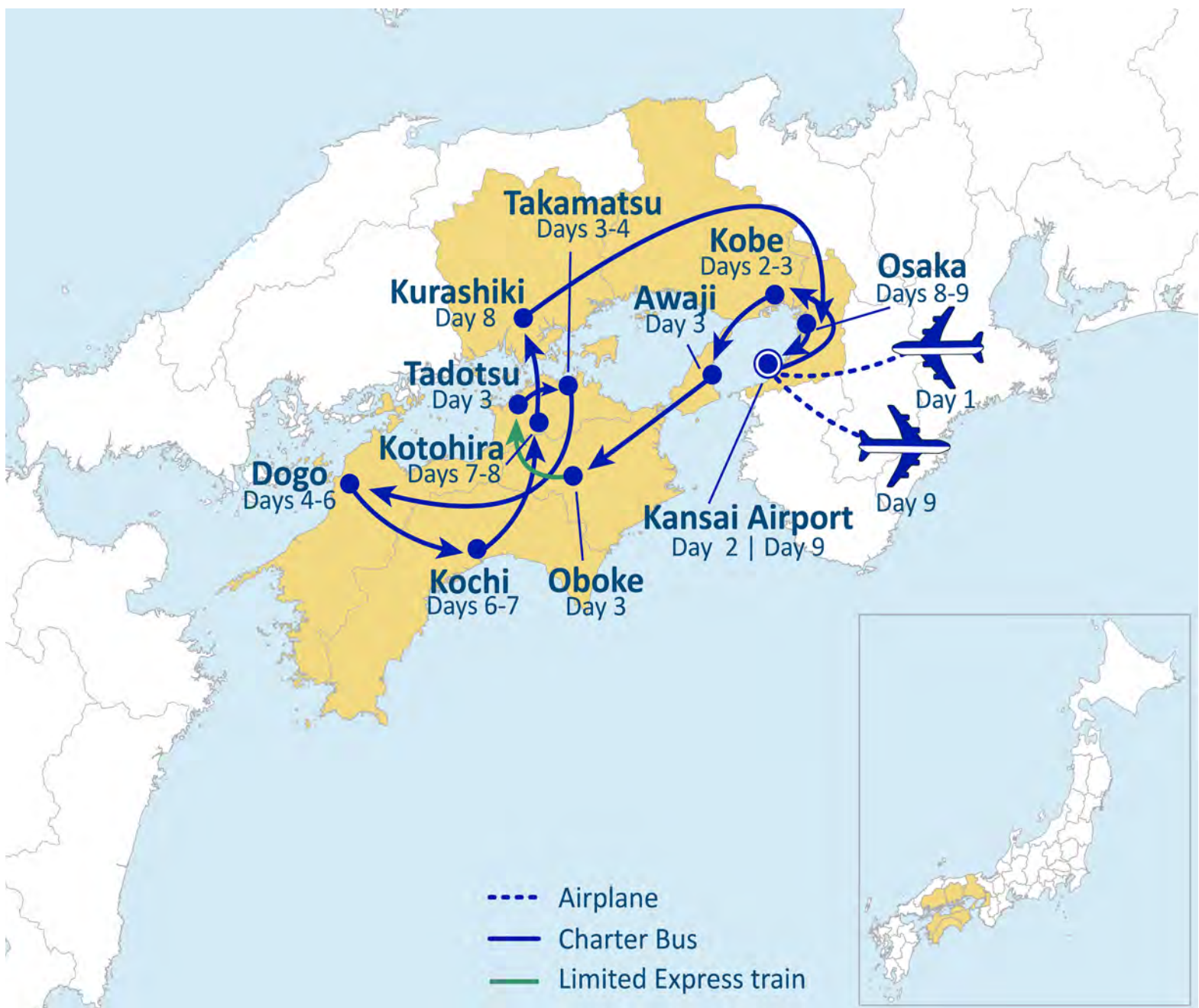
→ After breakfast, enjoy your day at leisure.

→ **3:30pm** – Following a late check-out at 3pm, meet your guide at the hotel lobby for our transfer to KIX.

→ **4:30pm** – Arrive at Kansai International Airport to begin our check-in process (AS850) 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 **January 19, 2027**. Any changes made after this date will be subject to additional fees.
- » Final payment is due by **February 17, 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.