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# 2026 Sumo Practice, Festivals, & Autumn Wonders Along the Tokaido Road #2

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**Private, in-room onsen during your stay!**

## Oct 14 - 23, 2026

8 Nights/ 10 Days

*Tokyo - Hakone - Shuzenji - Shizuoka - Kyoto - Miyama - Osaka*

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

# Itinerary

**Day 1: (Wed) Oct 14 – Honolulu**
**Depart Honolulu via Hawaiian Airlines**

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

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**Day 2: (Thu) Oct 15 – Haneda-Tokyo**
Keio Plaza Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Arrive at Haneda Airport and meet your English-speaking local guide at the arrival lobby. We'll transfer to **Keio Plaza Hotel**, where we'll be staying for the next 3 nights. Our hotel is located just a short walk from Shinjuku Station, with many shopping and dining options available nearby, including Takashimiya Times Square.

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**Day 3: (Fri) Oct 16 – Tokyo (B)**
Keio Plaza Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **7:45am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour around Tokyo.**

→ **8:30am –** Witness the prowess of nationally revered **sumo wrestlers** up close at a **Sumo Stable!** Seated ringside during the sumo wrestlers' **morning practice**, we'll have direct views of authentic sumo warmups and training routines and learn about the customs of this honored sport. We'll even have the opportunity to take photos with the wrestlers and ask them questions!

→ **11:00am –** Now, a visit to **Tsukiji Outer Market.** A renowned bucket list spot, Tsukiji is the largest fish market in the world. 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 candy tasting to knife-making artisan shops.

→ **1:30pm –** 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.

→ **4:00pm – Return to hotel.** Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

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**Day 4: (Sat) Oct 17 – Tokyo/Free day at leisure (B)**
Keio Plaza Hotel (Free Wi-Fi)

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

****Optional tour** - Kawagoe Festival by train**

→ **12:00pm –** For those interested in attending the **Kawagoe Festival**, please meet in the hotel lobby. Our guide will accompany the group on a train ride from Shinjuku to Kawagoe Station. Please note that the fare is JPY 660 per person each way and is not included in our tour package.

→ **1:30pm-5:00pm –** Dating back to over 370 years, **Kawagoe Festival** is a lively celebration that takes place every third weekend of October. Adorned with intricate decorations, beautiful "hikiyama" floats parade through the streets with the excitement of taiko drummers and dancers surrounding. The festival also offers an opportunity to savor local delicacies and explore the charming historic district of Kawagoe with its Edo-period architecture.

→ **5:00pm –** Our guide will assist tour members with returns to the hotel. Those who prefer to stay out longer are welcome to make their way back to the hotel at their own convenience.

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**Day 5: (Sun) Oct 18 – Tokyo-Hakone-Shuzenji (B/D)**
Sora Togetsuso Kinryu (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy your own semi-open-air onsen

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **8:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a full day tour to Shuzenji.**

→ **12:00pm –** Get ready for a leisurely sightseeing **pirate boat cruise** on **Lake Ashi**, a caldera lake formed by Mount Hakone's last eruption thousands of years ago. Enjoy the splendid, uninterrupted views of the surrounding natural landscapes and on a clear day, spot Mt. Fuji!

→ **12:30pm –** Next, we're off to Hakone's **Mt. Komagatake**

**Ropeway.** This 7-min ride brings us to stunning panoramic views of Lake Ashi to Mt. Fuji, the Pacific Ocean, and the historical mountaintop shrine. Grab lunch on your own at **Hakone-En**, where you'll find a variety of restaurants and shops.

→ **3:30pm –** Arrive at **Sora Togetsuso Kinryu**, followed by a **6:00pm Japanese-style dinner** at the ryokan. Relax in the privacy of your room's semi-open-air onsen.

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## Day 6: (Mon) Oct 19 – Shuzenji-Shizuoka-Kyoto (B)

Richmond Hotel Premier Kyoto Station (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:45am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.** This morning, we'll head to Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan's largest producer of green tea leaves and home to 40% of Japan's total tea plantations, a picturesque region renowned for its stunning natural landscapes, including the iconic Mount Fuji, and vibrant coastal communities.

→ **10:00am –** Start the day with a visit to a **tea processing factory** situated in a vast green tea field. During our factory tour, we'll learn about green tea's numerous health benefits, its leaf life cycle, its harvesting and manufacturing process, and we'll even get to **pick our own leaves.** We'll also sample their organically grown green tea, sipping on the brew as new tea sommeliers!

→ **12:30pm –** Explore and enjoy lunch on your own at **Yaizu Fish Market**, a vibrant local spot known for its seafood and green tea. Located in one of Japan's major fishing ports, you will find numerous shops and eateries with vendors selling fresh catches and local specialties, such as squid ink-infused black soft serve ice cream. Be sure to grab a bite of the region's famous tuna and bonito!

→ **3:07pm –** We'll now catch a **bullet train ride** from Shizuoka Station to Kyoto.

→ **4:37pm –** After arriving at **Kyoto Station**, we will take a short walk to our hotel, where we will be staying for the next 3 nights.

→ **5:00pm –** Arrive at **Richmond Hotel Premier Kyoto Station.** The evening is yours to enjoy at leisure.

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## Day 7: (Tue) Oct 20 – Kyoto-Miyama-Kyoto (B/L)

Richmond Hotel Premier Kyoto Station (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:00am –** Our morning begins with a hands-on **tote bag Kyo-Yuzen's pattern painting experience** at the Marumasu Nishimuraya.

→ We'll now drive to Miyama.

→ **11:45pm –** Enjoy a **Japanese-style lunch** at Miyama Folk Village.

→ **1:00pm –** Next, we'll transfer to **Kayabuki-no-sato-Kitamura**, also known as the Thatched Village, a sanctuary for Gassho Zukuri houses. Regarded as the most visited destination in the region, this village is a rare gem, as it stands among the few places in Japan where these historic houses remain untouched and carefully preserved by the government. Admire and explore the charming and historic area, providing a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of Miyama.

→ While we are in the village, step inside to explore the **Miyama Folklore Museum**, which showcases the lifestyle of the region's past villagers.

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

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## Day 8: (Wed) Oct 21 – Kyoto/Free day at leisure (B)

Richmond Hotel Premier Kyoto Station (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

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## Day 9: (Thu) Oct 22 – Kyoto/Jidai Matsuri-Osaka (B)

Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

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

→ **9:15am –** This morning, we'll explore **Arashiyama.** Located in the outskirts of Kyoto, this picturesque destination is teeming with natural beauty and culture. Some suggestions for exploring this tranquil area:

→ Venture into the internationally recognized cultural and gorgeous 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. 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 **yūdofu** (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!

→ **12:30pm-2:00pm –** One of Kyoto's three most famous festivals, the **Jidai Matsuri** is an annual festival that celebrates the anniversary of Kyoto's founding on October 22. True to its name as the "Festival of Ages," festival participants and performers don historically accurate clothing from nearly every period of Japanese history and parade from the Kyoto Imperial Palace to Heian Shrine. Festival goers can also find food stalls, traditional performances, and other festivities along this grand procession.

→ **2:30pm –** 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.

→ **5:00pm –** Arrive at **Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka** for the night. Welcome to Osaka, Japan's third-largest city and the capital of commerce, renowned for its vibrant street life found in its arcades, markets, and winding side streets. The city is famous for its enduring love of delicious street food. Our hotel is conveniently situated near Osaka's most iconic entertainment districts. Enjoy the evening at your leisure, exploring local shopping and dining.

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### Day 10: (Fri) Oct 23 – Osaka-Kansai-Honolulu (B)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **9:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Osaka.**

→ **10:00am –** 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.

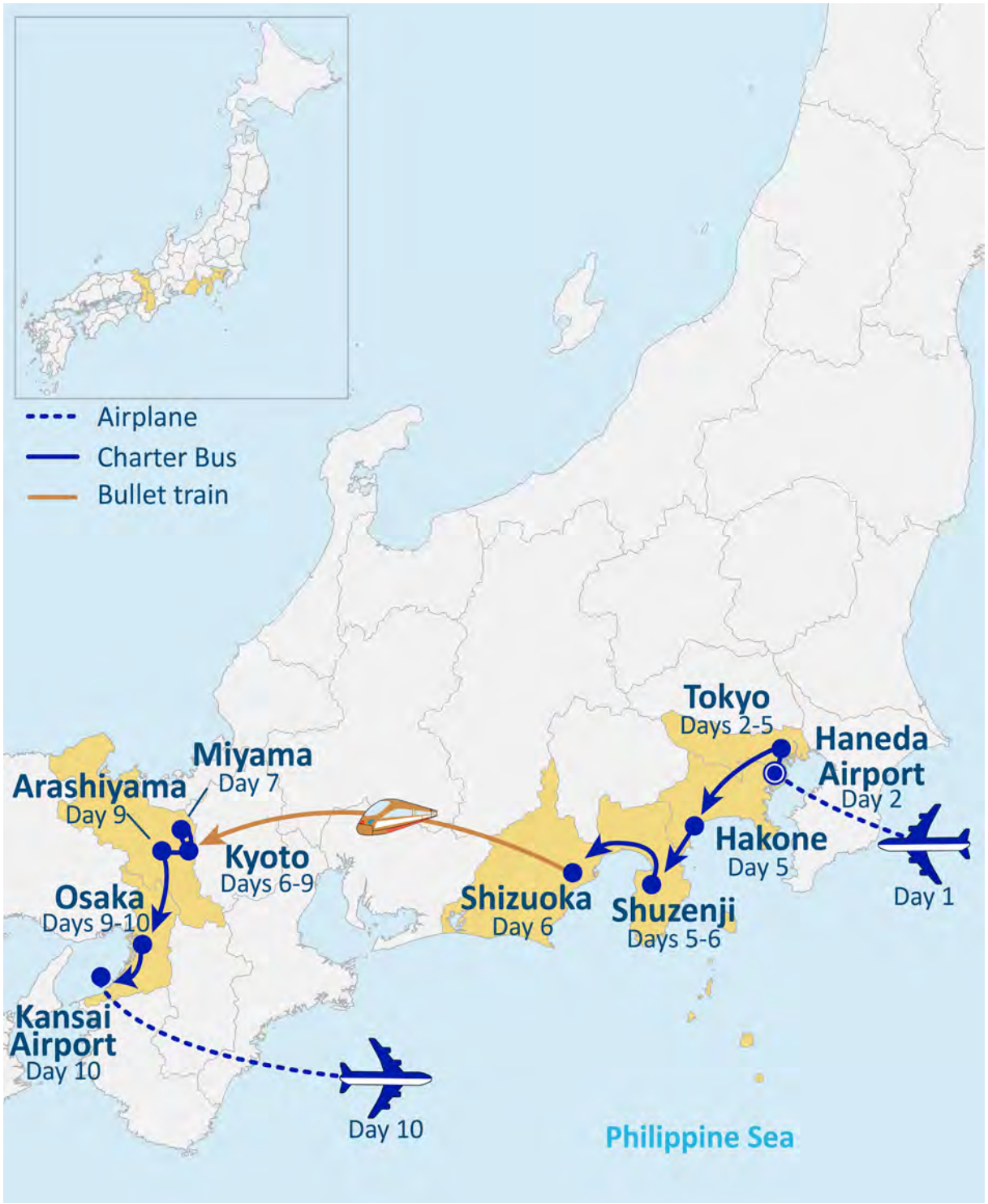
→ **12:00pm –** Now visit the bustling **Kuromon Ichiba Market!** Known as the "Kitchen of Osaka," this famous 190-year-old market is a popular spot for locals and a go-to destination for many of the city's chefs to gather their supplies. With over 150 vendors, the market offers a wide variety of fresh and local produce, seafood, meats, sweets, and other traditional Japanese foods. Enjoy lunch on your own.

→ **2:30pm –** Here we're at **AEON Mall Rinku Sennan**, a large shopping mall with everything you need to round up any last minute shopping.

→ **Transfer to Kansai International Airport to begin our check-in process for the flight home.**

→ **Arrive in Honolulu (same day).**

**Thank you for traveling with us!**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# Need to Know...

## Payment Policy

- **To secure your reservation, a $150 per person deposit is required. The deposit can be refunded until July 14, 2026.**
- **Final payment due by August 17, 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.