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The Taste of Real Japan

~ Traditional Spirits-Sake Tasting ~
~ National Sport-Sumo Wrestling ~



Sumo Wrestling

Cities covered: Osaka, Kobe, Akashi, Kyoto, Ine, & Miyazu

Tour Package Includes

- * International Flight from HONOLULU on Hawaiian Airline
- * Natural Hot Springs Hotel
- * Traditional Spirits tasting – Sake
 - Kiku- Masamune • Kizakura Fushimigura
- * Japan's National Sport – Sumo Wrestling Match in Edion Arena (Box Seat with Souvenir package)
- * Ine Bay Boat Ride
- * Japan's Largest Complex – Expo City
- * Japanese Tea Ceremony
- * Local Market – Nishiki Ichiba Market
- * Hands on Activities
 - Kyo-Yusen Workshop • Soba Making
 - Mochi Pounding Experience
 - Strawberry Picking Experience
- * **15 Meals Included:**
 - Japanese Yakiniku
 - Hand-made Soba
 - Kaiseki Dinner at Sakagura-style restaurant (Welcome Dinner)
 - Chanko Nabe (Sumo Hot Pot)
- * Gratuity for Tour Guides & Drivers

Traveling Dates:
Mar 4 – 12, 2026
(9 Days)



Soba Making



FREE
Use of
Wireless
Tour Guide System

Price per person:

from \$ **3,988**

Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge

Single Supp: \$ 900

Day 1Mar 4****Honolulu → Kansai**

We begin our journey by boarding an international flight to Kansai Airport, the gateway to Osaka. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane.

Day 2Mar 5****Kansai – Kobe**

Arrive at Kansai International Airport, we will meet with an Air and Sea Travel Representative, who will escort us to our hotel in Kobe, a city on Osaka Bay in central Japan. It is known for its signature marbled beef and scenic setting of mountains framing the harbor.

Day 3Mar 6****Kobe – Akashi – Kobe****(B, L, D)**

Today, we will transfer to Akashi, a city on Japan's Seto Inland Sea. First, we will view the stunning terraced gardens and heated greenhouses at the Kobe Nunobiki Herb Garden & Ropeway. Kobe Nubobiki Herb Gardens are Japan's largest herb gardens with about 75,000 herbs and 200 varieties of flowers that bloom throughout the year. There are 14 garden areas where we are welcomed by seasonal herbs and flowers arranged according to different themes. After lunch, we will start with our first Sake tasting in Kobe. Kiku-Masamune Sake is authentic dry sake that is distinguished by the aroma of Yoshino cedar. We will visit Kiku – Masamune Sake Brewery Museum. Before our tasting session begins, the brewery tour will provide information and hands-on experience regarding the world of sake brewing, as well as its past, present, and future. After that, We will visit the Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge, also known as the "Pearl Bridge". At 3911 meters in length, this bridge is the longest (as well as tallest) suspension bridge in the world. Located just west of Kobe in Hyogo Prefecture, the bridge spans the picturesque Akashi Straits, forming a link between Awaji Island and the mainland. Only vehicles are allowed to cross the bridge. An exciting walk on the glass floor under the roadway is arranged, offering a thrilling view of the sea and an amazing experience you won't forget. Tonight, we will have a Japanese Kaiseki Dinner at Sakagura-style restaurant with all you can drink (Sake, Beer, and non-alcoholic drink) as our welcome dinner.

Day 4Mar 7****Kobe – Kyoto****(B, D)**

Today, we will travel to Kyoto, the former Imperial capital of Japan for more than one thousand years. First, we will visit Kizakura Brewery. Kizakura sake is made from highly selected rice and springwater named "Fushimizu" obtained in the "Fushimi" area, southern part of Kyoto city. This water is medium hard water that is one of the most suitable for brewing sake, and the key element that sets apart the renowned Kyoto sake from the rest. "Fushimizu" makes the character of Kizakura sake mild and smooth. After that, we will transfer to Nishiki Ichiba Market, a narrow, five blocks long shopping street lined with more than one hundred shops and restaurants. Known as "Kyoto's Kitchen", this lively retail market specializes in all items that are food related, like fresh seafood, produce, knives and cookware, and is a great place to find seasonal foods and Kyoto specialties, such as Japanese sweets, pickles, dried seafood and sushi. We can enjoy our own lunch here. Kyo-Yuzen, a technique of painting dye directly onto cloth, was invented in the middle of the Edo era, towards the end of the 17th century. It has since become the ultimate art of kimono dyeing, famous for its use of distinctive and vivid colors seen nowhere else in the world. Today, we will have a hands-on experience dying a tote bag using this unique technique. Afterward, we will visit the Heian Shrine, a Shinto shrine located in Kyoto. The Shrine is ranked as the top rank for shrines by the Association of Shinto Shrines. It is listed as an important cultural property of Japan. After dinner, we will transfer to our hotel in Kyoto.

Day 5Mar 8****Kyoto – Miyazu** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will transfer to Miyama Folk Village, located north of Kyoto city, and designated a Japanese cultural heritage site in 1993. There are 50 old folk houses with 39 thatched ones still occupied by local people. We can enjoy strolling in the village and visiting some houses and the Folk Museum. We will have a Miyama Specialty Teishoku as our lunch. After lunch, let us pound Your Own Mochi! Mochi is a sticky rice cake made by steaming glutinous rice called "Mochigome". Then you need to pound the Mochigome while it's hot in order to make Mochi. In Japan, Mochi Pounding Celebrations are held for special celebrations such as New Year's. Mochi are usually made by machines nowadays, but in order to taste the real texture and flavor of fresh mochi, you need to pound the Mochigome using kine (pestle) and usu (mortar). Try your hand in Mochi Pounding. It will be one of the

cultural experiences you'll never forget. Then, we will transfer to our hotel in Miyazu. Upon arrival, we will have a strawberry-picking experience near the hotel. Then, we will have dinner at our Onsen Resort. Later we can relax and rejuvenate at a traditional outdoor hot spring.

Day 6Mar 9**

Miyazu – Ine – Osaka

(B, L)

Today, we will have a trip to Ine, a fishing town located on the northern part of the Tango Peninsula, which stretches into the Sea of Japan in Kyoto. Around the beautiful curve of Ine Bay are the famous funaya (traditional fisherman's houses). The area has been selected as one of Japan's Important Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings. We will ride on a funaya to enjoy the sightseeing in Ine bay. Boat dock houses surround Ine Bay and when we look at them from the sea, they literally look like they are standing on water. In addition to the beautiful view, we can also feed the seagulls that flock to the ship. Then, we will transfer to Izushi, known for being the traditional home of soba noodles in this area of Japan. The main attraction of Izushi is soba noodle served on small plates of Izushi white porcelain. We will be able to experience making soba noodles at a workshop and taste the soba noodles we have just made for our lunch. Soba tastes best if it is hand-made. Afterward, we will visit the Izushi Castle Town, referred to as Little Kyoto. Enjoy exploring the town's historical buildings from the Meiji Era, such as "Eirakukan" (a playhouse) and "Izushi Meijikan." Then, we will transfer to Osaka. As the third largest and second most important city in Japan, Osaka has been an economic powerhouse for many centuries. We will transfer to our hotel and enjoy the rest of night on our own.

Day 7Mar 10**

Osaka

(B, L, D)

We will start today's tour with a Tea Ceremony. The Japanese tea ceremony also called the Way of Tea, is a Japanese cultural activity involving the ceremonial preparation and presentation of matcha, powdered green tea. Tea gatherings can be classified as either informal or formal. Let us have an informal tea gathering. Then, we will enjoy the highlight of the trip, attending a Sumo Wrestling Match. Sumo is a Japanese style of wrestling and Japan's national sport. It originated in ancient times as a performance to entertain the Shinto deities. There are six sumo tournaments held each year. Let us enjoy this special and exciting event. Box Seat with special souvenirs and bento is arranged for us. Tonight, we will enjoy Chanko Nabe as our special farewell dinner. Chankonabe is a Japanese stew commonly eaten in vast quantities by sumo wrestlers as part of a weight-gain diet. Let us experience the sumo wrestlers' daily life.

Day 8Mar 11**

Osaka

(B)

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to shop around the city and eat whatever looks interesting. "Shop till you drop; eat till you overflow!" You can enjoy shopping in Shinsaibashi, the largest and best known shopping area in Osaka where many boutiques and specialty shops attract local people and visitors. The Shinsaibashi evolved from the arcaded streets "Shinsaibashi Shopping Street". With a history of 380 years, it was already an established shopping area in the Edo Period. Shops of all kinds and for all ages line the street, a roofed 600 meter long arcade. **Dōtonbori** is another principal tourist destination in Osaka. One of the area's most prominent landmarks is "The Glico Man", a billboard for confectionery company Glico displaying the image of a runner crossing the finish line and is an icon of Osaka within Japan.

Day 9Mar 12**

Osaka – Kansai → Honolulu

(B)

After breakfast, we will go to Expo City, Japan's largest entertainment complex, which opened in Suita City, Osaka in November 2015. There are eight entertainment sections, such as Nifrel Aquarium, Osaka English Village, 109 Cinemas, and so on. We will spend our time here before we transfer to the airport. Nifrel Aquarium is a family-oriented attraction with exotic fish, mammals & reptiles exhibited in stylish, modern spaces. The aquarium visit is included, so we can visit it anytime we want. After a long day, we will transfer to Kansai Airport for our return flight to Honolulu, taking with us the lasting memories of this wonderful "Tasting the Real Japan" tour.

We wish you a safe journey and many wonderful memories to share with family and friends! ☺

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner



Remarks:

- ✦ Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
- ✦ Business class is available, please call your agent for the price
- ✦ Fares are based on 4 people in one box for the Sumo Tournament. Special requests with private box is available, please call your agent for the price
- ✦ Refer to "General Condition of Air & Sea"
- ✦ We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
- ✦ Tour price is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges, and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
- ✦ Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at the time of listing and pricing on Jul 22, 2025
- ✦ Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
- ✦ Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers is included
- ✦ It is mandatory to inform Air and Sea Travel of any existing conditions that may require medical attention or accommodations during the trip. You need to provide this information in writing in the Tour Supplemental Information section of the application. If you do not have a travel companion who can help you with your special needs, you need to talk to your agent to determine if this is an appropriate tour for you. Some tours may be too strenuous depending on your condition. Air and Sea Travel reserves the right to reject or cancel your booking. You are responsible for any cancellation penalty that this may incur.
- ✦ All travelers, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, are welcome to travel with us and will no longer be required to provide proof of pre-departure testing, except for specific countries where COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or additional documentation is required by law. Please visit or revisit the government site to verify the travel requirements. Fully vaccinated is recommended. Vaccines combined with multi-layered preventative health and safety measures will help us provide a safe and healthy vacation environment.
- ✦ As government regulations evolve, our health and safety protocols will evolve as needed to ensure compliance. This may mean different protocols from state to state and city to city based on local requirements.

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of \$ 350 per person is required at the time of application. The balance of payment is due on Dec 23, 2025. In the event balance payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a service fee for cancellation.

Cancellation Policy:

Written notice is required for any cancellation. The cancellation fee will be as follow:

- ** From Oct 3, 2025, a **\$350** deposit is non-refundable to secure the tickets for Sumo Tournament;
- ** Dec 24, 2025 to Jan 20, 2026, **50%** of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;
- ** From Jan 21, 2026 to departure or withdrawal during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, **100%** of the total price, and the request for other service as substitute shall not be accepted.

****We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make a reservation****