



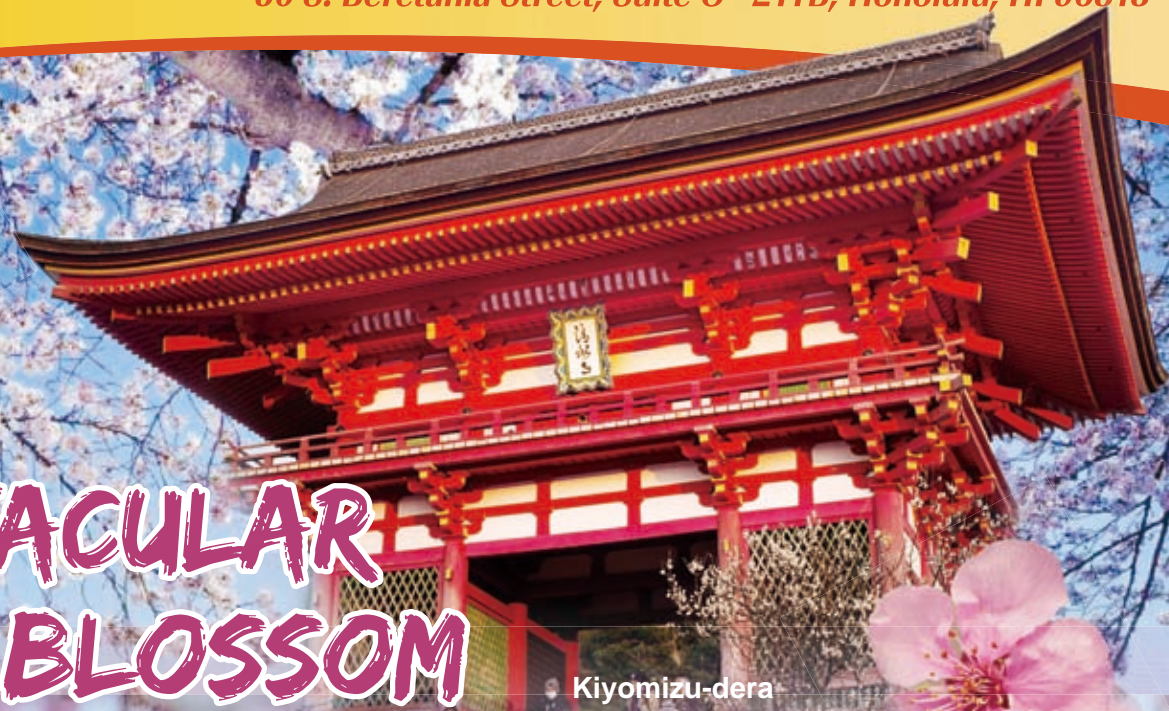
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Kiyomizu-dera

SPECTACULAR CHERRY BLOSSOM IN OSAKA & TOKYO

Traveling Dates (9 Days):
Mar 27 – Apr 4, 2026

Cities covered: Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, Gifu, Nagano, Matsumoto, Yamanashi & Tokyo

Tour Package Includes



- * International Flight from **HONOLULU** on **Japan Airlines**
- * Cherry Blossom Festival
- * **UNESCO** World Heritage Site: Kiyomizu-dera
- * The World's Best Cherry Blossom Spot – Takato Castle Park
- * **3** Nights Natural Hot Springs Hotel
- * Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara & Deer Park
- * Miho Museum
- * Wasabi Ice Cream
- * Panoramic Ropeway in Mt. Fuji
- * Tsukiji Fish Market
- * Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers

FREE
Use of
Wireless
Tour Guide System



Nara Park



Kinkaku-ji

Price per person: **\$ 3,888** Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge **Single Supp: \$ 950**

Day 1Mar 27**

Honolulu → Kansai (Osaka)

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

Day 2Mar 28**

Osaka

Arrive at Kansai International Airport. We will meet with an Air and Sea Travel Representative who will escort us to our hotel in the Kansai area.

Day 3Mar 29**

Osaka – Nara – Osaka

(B, L)

After breakfast, we will transfer to Nara. Nara Park is a public park and one of the "Places of Scenic Beauty" designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). Over 1,200 wild Sika Deer freely roam the park and have become a symbol of the city and designated a natural treasure. According to local folklore, deer from this area were considered sacred due to a visit from Takemikazuchi-no-mikoto, one of the four gods of Kasuga Shrine. Today, visitors can purchase "deer-crackers" to feed them. Todaiji, also known as Great Eastern Temple, is one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples and a landmark of Nara. After a local lunch, we will return to Osaka for a city tour. As the third largest and second most important city in Japan, Osaka has been an economic powerhouse for many centuries. First stop is Osaka Castle. During springtime, there are cherry blossom trees bloom beautifully. We will visit the Castle Tower which houses an informative museum about the castle's history and Toyotomi Hideyoshi. It was the largest castle at the time. After that, we will enjoy our 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 arcade 600 meters long. **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. We can enjoy our own dinner on this busy street.

Day 4Mar 30**

Osaka – Kyoto

(B, D)

Today we travel to Kyoto, and start our tour of the historic Kiyomizu-dera, an independent Buddhist Temple in Eastern Kyoto and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The beauty of the temple will be enhanced when you stand by the main hall looking down at the hillside covered with cherry blossoms. The neighborhoods next to this temple are Ninen-zaka and Sannen-zaka which literally means Two-Year Hill and Three-Year Hill. These are charming pedestrian-only shopping lanes lined with traditional Japanese buildings that offer a taste of pre-modern Kyoto. After that, we will proceed to Kinkaku-ji ("Temple of the Golden Pavilion"), officially named Rokuon-ji ("Deer Garden Temple"), a Zen Buddhist temple in Kyoto. The garden complex is an excellent example of Muromachi period garden design considered to be a classical age of Japanese garden design. Nothing is as symbolic of Kyoto as Kinkaku-ji's golden reflection shimmering across the rippled surface of the pond before it. Kyoto Gyoen is located almost directly in the center of Kyoto and surrounds the Kyoto Imperial Palace, the former ruling palace of the Emperor of Japan. Vast gardens with nearly 1000 cherry trees allow us to enjoy the cherry blossoms of several varieties, including the elegant weeping cherry, which is lit up at night. Let's enjoy the ambiance of all the cherry blossoms surrounding us. Tonight, we will enjoy our dinner in Kyoto and check-in to our hotel in Kyoto.

Day 5Mar 31**

Kyoto – Gifu ☪

(B, D)

After breakfast, we will drive to today's highlight - Miho Museum, located southeast of Kyoto, near the town of Shigaraki, in Shiga Prefecture. The museum was the dream of Mihoko Koyama, the heiress to the Toyobo textile business, and one of the wealthiest women in Japan. The Miho Museum houses her private collection of Asian and Western antiques, as well as other pieces with an estimated value between \$300 million to \$1 billion USD. There are over two thousand pieces, of which approximately 250 are displayed at any given time. Miho Museum was designed by architect **I.M. Pei**, who achieved harmony between the

building (much of it underground) and its mountain environment. After that, we will continue our journey to Gifu. Tonight, we will have a hearty dinner at our hotel.

Day 6Apr 1** **Gifu – Nagano** 🍷 **(B, L, D)**

In the morning, we will travel to Magome-juku, a historic post town and the 43rd of the 69th stations of the Nakasendō, an ancient road that connected Kyoto and Edo during the Edo period. As a post town, it was relatively prosperous and cosmopolitan with a currency-based economy. It fell into obscurity and poverty after the completion of the Chūō Main Line railway which bypassed Magome. In recent decades, it has been restored as an Edo period post town and is now a popular tourist destination. After lunch, we visit Takato's Castle Remains Park located in Ina City in Nagano Prefecture. The park features lots of natural beauty: cherry blossoms in the spring, beautiful green leaves in early summer, and the fall colors of more than 250 maple trees in autumn. Castle Park's cherry blossoms are a unique variety known throughout Japan. The Distinctive Red-tinted Small Petals are considered The Best Cherry Blossoms in the entire country. After that, we will check in to the hotel and enjoy our dinner at the hotel.

Day 7Apr 2** **Nagano – Lake Kawaguchi** 🍷 **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will start our tour to the picturesque valley of Azumino, a city in Nagano prefecture. We will visit the popular Wasabi Farm. Outside of Japan, the site is best known for its appearance in the 1990 film "Dreams" by world-famous director *Akira Kurosawa* in the segment called "Village of the Watermills". Products found in the gift shop are all wasabi-related. Don't forget to try the Wasabi Ice Cream. Afterward, we will have an experience of making our own Soba. Nagano is the land of soba noodles, so why not learn to make them yourself while you are here? We can enjoy the soba that we made as lunch. Tonight, we will relax and enjoy the hot springs at Onsen Resort in Lake Kawaguchi.

Day 8Apr 3** **Lake Kawaguchi – Mt. Fuji – Tokyo** **(B, L, D)**

Today, we make our way to Mt. Fuji. First, we will take Mt. Kachikachi Ropeway, a Japanese aerial lift line in Fujikawaguchiko, Yamanashi. Opened in 1959, the line climbs Mount Tenjō from the shores of Lake Kawaguchi, one of the Fuji Five Lakes. The line name comes from Kachi-kachi Yama (lit. "Mt. Kachikachi"), a folktale that took place on the mountain. The observatory has a view of the lake and Aokigahara forest. After lunch, we will go to Oshino Hakkai, a small village in the Fuji Five Lake region, located between Lake Kawaguchiko and Lake Yamanakako on the site of a former sixth lake that dried out several hundred years ago. The eight ponds are fed by snow melt from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji that filters down the mountain through porous layers of lava for over 80 years, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by the locals. After that, we will transfer to Tokyo, the capital of Japan. A special Farewell Dinner will be arranged tonight.

Day 9Apr 4** **Tokyo – Haneda → Honolulu** **(B)**

Today we will visit Tsukiji Market, the largest wholesale market for fresh fish, fruits, and vegetables in central Tokyo. Over ten warehouses serve as the distribution centers for food products. Handling 2000 tons of marine products every day, it has become one of the world's largest fish markets. After enjoy our own lunch in this popular fish market, we will go to Ueno Park, a great place to spot the beautiful cherry blossoms. The tour will end in Ameyoko Shopping Street. It is a busy market street along the Yamanote Line tracks between Okachimachi and Ueno stations. Today, products such as clothes, bags, cosmetics, fresh fish, dried food, and spices are sold along Ameyoko. After a long day, we will transfer to the Haneda International Airport for our return flight to Honolulu, taking with us the lasting memories of this wonderful Japan Sakura trip.

We wish you a safe journey and have 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
- ✦ 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 1, 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 17, 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. After Dec 17, 2025, the cancellation fee will be as follow:

- ** **Dec 18, 2025 to Feb 5, 2026**, **50%** of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;
- ** **From Feb 6, 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****