



# Air & Sea Travel Center

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## Explore the Northern Cultural of Japan Spring Flower in Sado Island, Niigata & Nikko

Cities and places covered: Sado Island, Niigata, Niiko & Tokyo



Shinkansen Bullet Train



Tarai-Bune (Bathtub) Boat Ride

Yahiko Shrine

Price per person:

# \$4,488

Traveling Dates: Apr 8 – Apr 17, 2026 (10 Days)

Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge Single Supp: \$ 1050

### Tour Package Includes:

- \* International Flight from HONOLULU on Hawaiian Airlines
- \* Sado Island – Sixth largest island in Japan
- \* Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- \* Admissions and **17** Meals as Stated
- \* Natural Hot Spring Ryokan (**3** Nights)
- \* Roundtrip Jetfoil Ride from Niigata to Sado Island
- \* Shinkansen Bullet Train experience
- \* Cherry Blossom viewing in Yahiko Shrine
- \* Northern Cultural Museum
- \* Sado Taiko Drumming Experience
- \* Tarai-Bune (Bathtub) Boat Ride
- \* Teradomari Fish Market
- \* Strawberry Picking & Rice Cracker Making experiences
- \* Panning for Gold in Sado Gold Park
- \* Sake Tasting Experience
- \* Special Meals:
  - Dinner with Geisha Entertainment
  - Kaiseki Dinner with Demon Drums Performance
- \* Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers

**HAWAIIAN**  
AIRLINES



**FREE**  
Use of  
Wireless  
Tour Guide System



**Day 1\*\* Apr 8****Honolulu → Tokyo**

We begin our journey by boarding an international flight to **Haneda International Airport** in Tokyo. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane.

**Day 2\*\* Apr 9****Tokyo**

After arriving at Haneda International Airport, we will meet with an Air and Sea Travel representative who will escort us to our hotel in Tokyo.

**Day 3\*\* Apr 10****Tokyo 𠄎 Niigata 𠄎 Sado Island 𠄎****( B, L, D )**

After Breakfast, we will transfer to Tokyo Train Station to ride the **Shinkansen Bullet Train** to Niigata Station. After lunch, we will transfer to Niigata Port, and take a **Jetfoil** to **Sado Island**, the 6th largest island in Japan off the coast of Niigata Prefecture. Upon arrival, we will check into our onsen hotel and enjoy a **Special Welcome Kaiseki dinner** with **Demon Drums performance**.

**Day 4\*\* Apr 11****Sado Island 𠄎****( B, L, D )**

This morning, we will visit **Sado Island Taiko Center** to experience the joy of playing taiko (Japanese drums) to our heart's content in stunning natural surroundings. In Japanese, Taiko literally means "drum," though the term has also come to refer to the art of Japanese drumming, also known as kumi-daiko. Taiko has been a part of the Japanese culture for centuries. Next, we will experience a **Tarai Bune Boat Ride** (tub-turned boat) on a traditional Japanese fishing boat found mainly on Sado Island and used for catching abalone and other mollusks. A jewel in the Sea of Japan, Sado Island is a treasure trove of traditional Japanese culture and nostalgic scenery. **Sado Kinzan (Gold Mine)** was the most productive mine in Japan, annually producing nearly 400 kg of gold as well as smaller amounts of silver and copper. Today, they are open to the public with a gold museum showing displays and models about its operation. Then we will visit **Kirarium Sado**, the Sado Gold Mine Welcome Center. After that, we will return to our hotel and enjoy the dinner.

**Day 5\*\* Apr 12****Sado Island 𠄎 Niigata****( B, L )**

This morning, we will experience **panning for gold**, then take **Jetfoil** back to Niigata. The City of Niigata faces the Japan Sea on the island of Honshu, the largest of the four islands that comprise Japan. Upon arrival, we will enjoy our lunch. Then, we will visit the **Northern Cultural Museum**, originally a mansion of Ito Bunkichi (1603-1868), one of the greatest landowners in Japan during the Edo Period. Nowadays, the museum houses calligraphy and ceramics, lacquer ware and documents related to the Ito family's history. We can also visit the "walking" garden which has a big pond. After that, we will transfer to our hotel and enjoy the rest of day on our own.

**Day 6\*\* Apr 13****Niigata****( B, D )**

This morning, we will visit **Yahiko Shrine** in Yahiko Village, a power spot for love and good fortune. Many people from all over the country flock to this Shinto shrine, hoping to get their wishes granted. Then, we will take the **Yahikoyama Ropeway** to enjoy the beautiful view of the city. Niigata is Japan's number one rice and sake production area fostered in a large granary. Niigata boasts more sake breweries than any other prefecture in Japan. **Takarayama Sake Brewery** is a sake brewery within the Iwamuro hot spring resort, that has been active for over a century. We will have an informational tour and enjoy sake tasting. After that, we will transfer to **Teradomari Fish Market** where you can enjoy the famous "hamayaki" (fresh seafood grilled on the beach), crab dishes and "kaisen don" (fresh raw fish on rice). Let's enjoy some seasonal fruit. **Shirone Grape Garden** organically grows many types of high-quality fruit. Japanese strawberries are sweet and delicious, and also the best fruits in spring. We will **pick and taste strawberries**. Tonight, we will have a **special dinner with entertainment by an authentic Geisha**. Let's enjoy some fun during dinner. We will back to our hotel after dinner.

Day 7\*\* Apr 14

Niigata — Nikko 湯

( B, D )

Today, we will transfer to **Nikko** with a stop at the service station for lunch (on our own). Before we transfer to Nikko, we will stop at **Senbei Okoku** to **make senbei (rice crackers)**. Then, we will visit **Ouchijuku**, a former post town along the Aizu-Nishi Kaido trade route, which connected Aizu with Nikko during the Edo Period. Today, Ouchijuku has been restored to look as it did in the Edo Period with telephone and electricity wires buried. The unpaved main street is lined with thick thatched roof buildings, housing a variety of shops, restaurants and minshuku (small traditional Japanese inns). Nikko is a small town to the north of Tokyo in Tochigi Prefecture. It has been a center of Shinto and Buddhist mountain worship for many centuries. Upon arrival, we will transfer to our onsen hotel in Nikko. The city of Nikko has various types of Hot Springs that offers different atmospheres and spring water quality; depending on its quality, each Hot Spring has a distinct color, smell, feeling to the skin, and effect. **Kinugawa Hot Spring** is a popular hot Spring resort town in Nikko. The clear, mild waters that flow from the area's hot springs have been in use since the Edo Period. Let us enjoy the hot spring in our onsen hotel.

Day 8\*\* Apr 15

Nikko — Tokyo

( B, L, D )

After breakfast, we will visit in Nikko before we transfer to Tokyo. **Toshogu Shrine**, Japan's most lavishly decorated shrine and the Mausoleum of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa shogunate, are the most famous sites in Nikko. They are part of the "Shrines and Temples of Nikko", a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Nikko Yuba Teishoku** will be arranged for lunch. The 100 meter tall **Kegon Waterfall** is the only outlet for the waters of Lake Chuzenji and is the most famous of Nikko's many beautiful waterfalls. It is ranked as one of Japan's three most beautiful falls, along with Nachi Waterfall in Wakayama and Fukuroda Waterfall in Ibaraki. We will take a **roundtrip elevator** to view the waterfall. We will continue our journey to Tokyo, the capital, political, and commercial center of Japan. Upon arrival, we will check into our hotel. Tonight, we will enjoy a dinner nearby our hotel.

Day 9\*\* Apr 16

Tokyo

( B )

After breakfast, enjoy another full leisure day to shop around the city and eat whatever looks interesting. You can visit Tokyo's most famous upscale market shopping, dining and entertainment district – **The Ginza**, featuring numerous department stores, boutiques, art galleries, restaurants, night clubs and cafes. Or you can enjoy a shopping day at **Shinjuku**, Tokyo's most vibrant commercial center, with many alleys, nooks, and crannies. Nearby, **Shibuya** is a center for fashion and culture, and its streets are the birthplace to many of Japan's fashion and entertainment trends.

Day 10\*\* Apr 17

Tokyo → Honolulu

( B )

After checking out of our hotel, we will visit **Toyosu Senkyaku Banrai**, new facility that aims to carry on and further develop the unique excitement of Tsukiji. In collaboration with Toyosu Market, this destination will offer invigorating, exciting times unique to Toyosu. We will enjoy some shopping and our own lunch here. **Odaiba**, a large artificial island in Tokyo Bay across the Rainbow Bridge from central Tokyo. It was initially built for defensive purposes in the 1850s, dramatically expanded during the late 20th century as a seaport district, and has developed since the 1990s into a major commercial, residential and leisure area. Today's Odaiba is a popular shopping and sightseeing destination for Tokyoites and tourists alike. Major attractions include: **Ferris Wheel**, **Venus Fort**, and **Aqua City Shopping Center**. And also, we will visit the 19-meter tall **Gundam RX 0 Statue**, one of the most significant comic attractions in Japanese cartoon (manga) industry, located in **Odaiba**. Tonight, we transfer to Haneda International Airport for our return flight to **Honolulu**, taking with us lasting memories of a magnificent trip to Niigata, Sado Island and Kamakura, exploring the northern culture of Japan.

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

**B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner**

Sado Island

Niigata

Nikko

Tokyo

Honolulu

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

### 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 Sep 11, 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 is due on **Jan 24, 2026**. 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:**

\*\* **Jan 26, 2026 to Feb 21, 2026, 50%** of total price plus any other service fee caused by the cancellation;

\*\* **From Feb 22, 2026 to departure** or withdrawing during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, **100%** of total price, and request for other services as a substitute shall not be accepted.

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