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EXPLORE THE NORTHERN CULTURAL OF JAPAN AUTUMN IN NIIGATA, SADO ISLAND & NAGANO

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

Traveling Dates: Oct 6 – 16, 2026 (11 Days)

Tour Package Includes:

- * International Flight from HONOLULU on  JAPAN AIRLINES
- * Natural Hot Spring Hotel
- * Sado Island – Sixth largest island in Japan
- * Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- * Admissions and **17** Meals as Stated
- * Roundtrip Jetfoil Ride from Niigata to Sado Island
- * Shinkansen Bullet Train experience
- * Jigokudani Monkey Park
- * Tarai-Bune (Bathtub) Boat Ride
- * Teradomari Fish Market
- * Knife Sharpening Lessons
- * Hands-on activities:
 - Taiko Experience
 - Panning for Gold in Sado Gold Park
 - Rice Cracker Making experiences
- * Sake Tasting Experience
- * Special Meals:
 - Dinner with Geisha Entertainment
 - Kaiseki Dinner with Demon Drums Performance
- * Gratuity for Tour Guides & Drivers

FREE
Use of
Wireless
Tour Guide System



Geisha Entertainment



Tarai-Bune (Bathtub) Boat Ride



Jigokudani Monkey Park



Yahiko Shrine



Northern Cultural Museum

Price per person:

\$4,788

Incl: Tax & Fuel Charge

Single Supp:

\$ 1,150

Day 1 Oct 6**

Honolulu → Tokyo

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

Day 2 Oct 7**

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 Haneda Airport. This will ensure a smooth transition and a welcoming start to our trip.

Day 3 Oct 8**

Tokyo 🚄 Niigata 🚤 Sado Island

(B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will transfer to Tokyo Train Station to board the **Shinkansen Bullet Train** to Niigata Station. **The city of Niigata** faces the Japan Sea on the island of Honshu, the largest of Japan's four islands. Upon arrival, we will enjoy lunch before transferring to Niigata Port. We will then take a **Jetfoil** from Niigata Port to Ryotsu Port on **Sado Island**, the sixth largest island in Japan, located off the coast of Niigata Prefecture. After arriving in Sado Island, we will transfer to our hotel and enjoy a traditional **Kaiseki dinner** accompanied by a **performance of the Demon Drums**.

Day 4 Oct 9**

Sado Island

(B, L, D)

This morning, we will visit the **Kirarium Sado**, the Sado Gold Mine Welcome Center, where we can learn more about the history and significance of the gold mine. We will then explore **Sado Kinzan** (the Gold Mine), historically the most productive mine in Japan, producing nearly 400 kg of gold annually, along with smaller amounts of silver and copper. Today, it features a gold museum with displays and models showcasing its operations. After our exploration, we will experience **gold panning**. Next, we'll enjoy a **Tarai Bune boat ride** on a traditional Japanese fishing boat, primarily found on Sado Island and used for catching abalone and other mollusks. Sado Island, a jewel in the Sea of Japan, is rich in traditional culture and nostalgic scenery. After our visit, we will return to our hotel to enjoy dinner.

Day 5 Oct 10**

Sado Island 🚤 Niigata

(B, L, D)

This morning, we will visit the **Sado Island Taiko Center** to experience the joy of playing taiko (Japanese drums) surrounded by stunning natural scenery. In Japanese, "taiko" literally means "drum," and it also refers to the art of Japanese drumming, known as kumi-daiko. Taiko has been an integral part of Japanese culture for centuries. After that, we will take the **Jetfoil** back to Niigata. The city of Niigata faces the Japan Sea on the island of Honshu, the largest of Japan's four islands. Upon our arrival, we will enjoy lunch. Next, we will visit the **Northern Cultural Museum**, which was originally the mansion of Ito Bunkichi (1603-1868), one of the greatest landowners during the Edo Period. The museum now houses calligraphy, ceramics, lacquerware, and documents related to the Ito family's history. We can also stroll through the "walking" garden, featuring a large pond. After our visit, we will transfer to our hotel. Tonight, we will have a **special dinner with entertainment by an authentic Geisha**. Let's enjoy a fun evening during dinner before returning to our hotel.

Day 6 Oct 11**

Niigata

(B)

This morning, we will visit **TsubameSanjo Regional Industries Promotion Center** for shopping and **Knife Sharpening Lessons**. Tsubamesanjo is nationally famous as a production area of cutlery. Today, we will have an opportunity to learn how to maintain knives on a daily basis and to deepen our knowledge of Japanese cutlery. Then, we will visit **Niigata Furusato Village**. There are shops selling Niigata specialties, restaurants serving local cuisine, a Niigata sightseeing information corner and a corner providing Niigata historical and cultural information to visitors. After our own lunch, we will stop at **Senbei Okoku** to **make senbei (rice crackers)**. Then, we will be transferring to **Bandai City**, a bustling commercial district in Niigata City, located northwest of Niigata Station and facing the Shinano River. This area is a popular shopping destination, featuring commercial complexes, department stores, and restaurants. We will have time to shop and enjoy our own dinner.

Day 7 Oct 12****Niigata — Nagano****(B, D)**

After breakfast, we will visit Yahiko Shrine in **Yahiko Village**, a renowned power spot for love and good fortune. Many people from all over Japan visit this Shinto shrine, hoping to have their wishes granted. Next, we will take the **Yahikoyama Ropeway** to enjoy beautiful views of the city. Niigata is Japan's leading rice and sake production area, known for having more sake breweries than any other prefecture. We will then visit **Sasaiwai Sake Brewery** was founded in 1902. 90% of the production is locally consumed, which is called "local sake among local sake". Here, we will enjoy an informative tour followed by **sake tasting**. After that, we will transfer to **Teradomari Fish Market**, where you can indulge in the famous "hamayaki" (fresh seafood grilled on the beach), crab dishes, and "kaisen don" (fresh raw fish on rice). We will have our own lunch here before we transfer to Nagano. Upon arrival, we will enjoy our dinner before transferring to the hotel for check-in.

Day 8 Oct 13****Nagano****(B)**

After breakfast, we will have a full day tour in Nagano. **Jigokudani Monkey Park**, offers visitors the unique experience of seeing wild monkeys bathing in a natural hot spring. The park is inhabited by Japanese Macaques, which are also known as Snow Monkeys. After that, we will stop by **Obuse**, a small town in northern Nagano Prefecture with a pretty town center. We will stroll in the town and enjoy our own lunch here. **Nagano's Zenkoji Temple**, is one of the most important and popular temples in Japan. It was founded in the 7th century and stores the first Buddhist statue ever to be brought into Japan when Buddhism was first introduced in the 6th century. After a long day tour, we will return to our hotel and enjoy our own dinner.

Day 9 Oct 14****Nagano — Tokyo****(B, D)**

Today, we will transfer to Tokyo after breakfast. **Tokyo** is the capital, political, and commercial center of Japan. Upon arrival at Tokyo, we will check into our hotel. After some rest in the hotel, we will enjoy dinner near our hotel.

Day 10 Oct 15****Tokyo****(B)**

After breakfast, enjoy 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 11 Oct 16****Tokyo → Honolulu****(B)**

After checking out of our hotel in the morning, we will visit **Rikugien Garden**, which is often considered Tokyo's most beautiful Japanese landscape garden. One of the best times to visit Rikugien is in autumn when the numerous maples trees turn the garden into one of Tokyo's best autumn color spots. Next, we will visit **Tsukiji Outer 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. We can enjoy our own lunch here. We also will go to **Costco** after that. Enjoy last-minute shopping before 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 Nagano, 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**

Nagano

Tokyo

Honolulu

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Remarks:

- ✦ Fares are per person; USD based on double occupancy and includes all airline taxes and fees.
- ✦ Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
- ✦ Refer to “General Condition of Air & Sea”
- ✦ We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
- ✦ Gratuity for Local Tour Guides and Drivers is included
- ✦ 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 time of listing and pricing on Feb 6, 2026.
- ✦ 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 are required by law. Please visit or revisit the government site to verify the travel requirements. Fully vaccinated are 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 **Jun 29, 2026**. In case the balance of payment is not made within the required time, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a cancellation fee.

Cancellation Policy:

Written notice is required for any cancellation. After **Jun 29, 2026** the cancellation fee will be as follow:

- ** **Jun 30 – Aug 12, 2026** , 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused by the cancellation;
- ** **From Aug 13, 2026, to the 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****