2018 FALL GRAND MIYAJIMA, HIROSHIMA, KYOTO, NARA & OSAKA

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9 Nights / 11 Days • 17 Meals (9 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 3 Dinners)
Escorted from Honolulu • Includes English Speaking Local Guide
November 09 – 19, 2018 • Tour Manager: Bernie Matsumura

VISIT:
Himeji • Kurashiki • Okayama • Hiroshima • Miyajima
Kyoto • Arashiyama • Kameoka • Nara • Osaka

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:
Himeji Castle • Kurashiki Bikan Area • AEON Mall • Peace Memorial Park
A-Bomb Museum • A-Bomb Dome • Children's Memorial • Peace Bell
Itsukushima Shrine • Miyajima Ropeway • JR Super Express Train Ride
Kiyomizu Temple • Heian Jingu Shrine • Kinkakuji Temple • Torokko Train
Hozu River Downstream Cruise • Arashiyama Bamboo Forest • Fushimi Inari Shrine
Todaiji Temple • Nara Deer Park • Dotonbori Shopping
Shinsaibashi Shopping • AEON Mall

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES:
Yuzen Table Mat Dyeing • Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES:
Himeji Castle • A-Bomb Dome • Itsukushima Shrine
Kiyomizu Temple • Kinkakuji Temple • Todaiji Temple

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2018 FALL GRAND MIYAJIMA, HIROSHIMA, KYOTO, NARA & OSAKA DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Fri, Nov 09  –  HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Sat, Nov 10  –  OKAYAMA. Arrive in Okayama. After entry formalities, walk to the hotel located within the airport. A welcome buffet dinner has been arranged at the hotel.

HOTEL NIKKO KANSAI AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Sun, Nov 11  –  OKAYAMA – HIMEJI – KURASHIKI – OKAYAMA. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast we drive to Himeji to visit Himeji Castle. It is known as “White Egret Castle” and “White Heron Castle” because of its brilliant white exterior, resembling a bird taking flight. Himeji Castle is the largest and most visited castle in Japan. This splendid example of traditional architecture was declared one of the first UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Japan. Next is a visit to Kurashiki and the Bikan-Area. In merchant days, this scenic town thrived as a port for rice shipments. Several old rice granaries and examples of historic architecture still remain, in addition to the stone lined canal. Transfer to Okayama where you will enjoy shopping and dining at one of the largest AEON Shopping Malls. HOTEL GRANVIA OKAYAMA (1 Night) (B, L)

(*Baggage will be sent from Okayama to Kyoto, skipping Miyajima. Prepare an overnight bag for 2 nights.)

Day 4: Mon, Nov 12  –  OKAYAMA – HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA. In Hiroshima visit the Peace Memorial Park, A-Bomb Museum, A-Bomb Dome, Children’s Memorial, and the Peace Bell. After a short ferry ride arrive on the island of Miyajima, considered sacred by many. This evening soak in the relaxing atmosphere of Iwaso Inn and the onsen, hot spring baths. You can enjoy the beauty of the primal forests and gentle sound of mountain streams while taking a bath. This evening enjoy a traditional, multi-course Kaiseki Dinner featuring Hiroshima’s local and seasonal ingredients including fresh seafood from the Seto Inland Sea. IWAISO INN (2 Nights) Onsen and Kaiseki Dinner (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tue, Nov 13  –  MIYAJIMA. After a special breakfast, this morning we will visit the Itsukushima Shrine. At high tide, the vermilion torii gate of Itsukushima Shrine looks like it’s floating in the middle of the sea. The shrine complex has been selected as one of Japan’s three most scenic places (nihon sankei). We then make our way to the Miyajima Ropeway – the cable car and gondola system linking Miyajima township to Mount Misen. On a clear day the ropeway provides an excellent observation point, plus access to the Wild Monkey Park, temples and shrines. This afternoon enjoy excellent shopping and numerous choices for lunch (on your own) down the main street of Miyajima Island. This evening enjoy a different variety of Kaiseki Dinner. Be sure to enjoy the onsen hot spring baths before and after your dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Wed, Nov 14  –  MIYAJIMA – HIROSHIMA – KYOTO. After breakfast, we make our way back to Hiroshima via a short ferry ride. We then take a ride on the JR Super Express Train to Kyoto. Evening at leisure to explore on your own. Numerous choices for dining and shopping.

NEW MIYAKO HOTEL (3 Nights) (B)

Day 7: Thu, Nov 15  –  KYOTO. After a delicious Japanese/Western buffet breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full day of sightseeing beginning with a visit to Kiyomizu Temple (literally “Pure Water Temple”). Next visit, Heian Jingu Shrine which has a relatively short history, dating back just over a hundred years to 1895. The shrine was built on the occasion of the 1100th anniversary of the capital’s foundation in Kyoto and is dedicated to the spirits of the first and last emperors who reigned from the city, Emperor Kammu (737–806) and Emperor Komei (1831–1867). Heian is the former name of Kyoto. Today’s hands on experience is “Surikomi Yuzen (brush dyed Yuzen)”, since the patterns are dyed by placing a paper stencil over a table mat you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. Lastly, we visit the Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion), a Zen Temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. (B, L)

Day 8: Fri, Nov 16  –  KYOTO – ARASHIYAMA – KAMEOKA – ARASHIYAMA – KYOTO. After breakfast, travel to Arashiyama, and enjoy a train ride on the Sagano Torokko Reshha (Sagano Romantic Train) to Kameoka. Then relax on cruise on an old fashioned wooden boat down the Hozu River. The boats are manually rowed by experienced boatmen, who will tell you about local history as you travel down river, seeing beautiful natural scenery and wildlife along the way! Enjoy a very special lunch, a local Arashiyama specialty — Yudofu (boiled tofu) with tempura and sashimi. You will also have the opportunity to relax in the “gender segregated” open-air Hot Springs/Onsen Bath with 100% natural hot spring water, the only one in Arashiyama with a great view of Togetsukyo Bridge, the Oi River, and Mount Atago. Explore the famous Arashiyama Bamboo Forests. Time will be allotted to explore and shop for world famous Arashiyama bamboo products before returning to Kyoto. (B, L)

Day 9: Sat, Nov 17  –  KYOTO – NARA – OKAYAMA. After breakfast, check out from hotel. A full day of sightseeing is ahead. On our way to Osaka, experience a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony. Next, view the stunning vermilion colored Fushimi Inari Shrine, whose 4km long tunnel of scarlet torii gates was featured on the film Memoirs of a Geisha. Next visit Todaiji Temple in Nara. Todaiji, the largest wooden building in Japan, houses the largest bronze statue of Buddha at 16.3 meters high. The surrounding Nara Park is inhabited by over 10,000 deer. HOTEL GRANVIA OSAKA (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 10: Sun, Nov 18  –  OKAYAMA. Full Day at Leisure. Your hotel is surrounded by department stores, specialty stores, and restaurants. A perfect day to fulfill the remainder of your shopping list. (B)

Day 11: Mon, Nov 19  –  OKAYAMA – HONOLULU. Morning at leisure. After hotel checkout, visit Dotonbori, one of Osaka’s most popular tourist destinations, this street runs parallel to the Dotonbori canal. It is a popular shopping and entertainment district and is also known as a food destination. Shinsaibashi Shopping Arcade and the surrounding area is Osaka’s premier shopping center. Approximately 600 meters long, this area is unique as it combines chain retail stores and trendy boutiques with expensive department stores and top designer fashion labels. A final shopping stop will be made at an AEON Mall before transferring to Kansai International Airport for our return flight home. Depart Osaka and arrive Honolulu the same day. Aloha and Welcome Home! (B)


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