2020 SPRING BREAK
BEST OF KYOTO, NARA & OSAKA

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Escorted from Honolulu • English-Speaking Local Guide
March 14 – 21, 2020 • Tour Manager: Jo Lelepali

VISIT:
Kyoto • Arashiyama • Kameoka • Nara • Osaka

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:
Kiyomizu Temple • Nijo Castle • Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)
Torokko Train • Hozu River Cruise • Arashiyama Bamboo Forest • Fushimi Inari Shrine
Todaiji Temple • Nara Deer Park • Kuromon Ichiba Market • Dotonbori Shopping
Shinsaibashi Shopping • AEON Mall

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

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES:
Kiyomizu Temple • Nijo Castle • Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) • Todaiji Temple

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2020 SPRING BREAK — KYOTO, NARA & OSAKA DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Sat, Mar 14 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Delta Airlines flt #277 at 11:15 am.

Day 2: Sun, Mar 15 — OSAKA – KYOTO. Arrive in Kansai at 4:55 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to hotel in Kyoto. MIYAKO HOTEL KYOTO HACHIOJI (4 Nights)

Day 3: Mon, Mar 16 — 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 we visit Nijo Castle. After the Tokugawa Shogunate fell in 1867, Nijo Castle was used as an imperial palace for a while before being donated to the city and opened up to the public as a historic site. Its palace buildings are arguably the best surviving examples of castle palace architecture of Japan’s feudal era. 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, before returning to the hotel. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tue, Mar 17 — KYOTO – ARASHIYAMA – KAMEOKA – ARASHIYAMA – KYOTO. After breakfast, travel to Arashiyama. Board the Sagano Torokko Ressha (Sagano Romantic Train) to Kameoka. Relax on a 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) Set Menu. After lunch, you have the choice of several activities. 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 (fees apply). Explore the famous Arashiyama Bamboo Forests. Or shop for world-famous Arashiyama bamboo products. Return to Kyoto. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Wed, Mar 18 — KYOTO. Full Day at Leisure. Your hotel is surrounded by department stores, specialty stores, and restaurants. A perfect day to fulfill your shopping list. Your local guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 6: Thur, Mar 19 — KYOTO – NARA – OSAKA. After breakfast, check out from hotel. A full day of sightseeing is ahead. On our way to Osaka, experience a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony. 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 1,000 deer. Evening in Osaka is at your leisure. ANA CROWNE PLAZA OSAKA (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 7: Fri, Mar 20 — OSAKA. Full Day at Leisure. Your hotel is located near department stores, specialty stores, and restaurants. A perfect day to fulfill the remainder of your shopping list. Your local guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

Day 8: Sat, Mar 21 — OSAKA – HONOLULU. After hotel checkout, start the day with a visit to Kuromon Ichiba Market, a lively covered market which stretches for 580 meters in Osaka’s Chuo Ward. The market is famous for its fresh seafood, fruits and vegetables, meats, dried fish, pickles and confectionery. Many stalls will prepare, cook and serve their food to you right on the spot! An excellent place to stroll, sample, and snack on a delicious variety of fresh market foods. Next, 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 via Delta Airlines flt #278 at 8:45 pm and arrive Honolulu at 9:00 am the same day. Aloha and Welcome Home! (B)


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