

Join Panda Travel in...

2027 Splendid Kyushu Cherry Blossoms & Explorer

(GP13662)



March 30 - April 8, 2027

8 Nights/ 10 Days

Osaka - Beppu - Yufuin - Huis Ten Bosch -
Nagasaki - Arita - Hakata

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on our complete package when you pay
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JAL Economy Class

☐ **\$4,788***

pp double/triple occupancy

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single occupancy

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A minimum of 16 participants is
required for the tour to operate

Itinerary

Day 1: (Tue) March 30 – Honolulu Depart Honolulu

→ Meet the Panda Travel representative 3 hours prior to departure at the airline's check-in counters.

Day 2: (Wed) March 31 – KIX-Osaka Hotel Vischio Osaka by Granvia (Free Wi-Fi)

→ Upon arrival at **Kansai Airport**, meet your English-speaking local guide in the arrival lobby for a transfer to **Hotel Vischio Osaka by Granvia**. Conveniently located just a short walk from Osaka Station and Yodobashi Umeda, our hotel offers easy access to the city's premier shopping, dining, and local attractions.

Day 3: (Thu) April 1 – Osaka (late check out)-Overnight Ferry stay to Beppu (B/D)

Shosen Mitsui Sunflower - western-style room with windows

Your suitcase will be delivered by courier services from Osaka to Beppu. 2 pieces of luggage per person. Please prepare an overnight bag for 1 day.

→ After breakfast, enjoy your day at leisure.

→ **4:30pm** – Following a **late check-out at 4pm**, meet your guide at the hotel lobby for our transfer to Osaka Port.

→ **5:00pm** – Arrive at **Osaka Port**. Experience a unique, overnight "casual cruise" on the newest-generation Sunflower ferry, first inaugurated in 2023.

→ **7:05pm** – Embark on a 12-hour journey aboard the **MOL Sunflower ferry**, operating between Osaka and Beppu (arriving in Beppu Port the next morning, April 2, at 6:55am). This scenic route connects Osaka South Port on the main island of Honshu with Beppu International Tourist Port on Kyushu, offering a comfortable voyage through the Seto Inland Sea. Enjoy a **buffet dinner** at the Ferry Restaurant and make use of hotel-like amenities, including the panoramic public baths, before waking up in Beppu, Kyushu's renowned hot spring city.

Day 4: (Fri) April 2 – Beppu-Yufuin-Beppu (B/D) Suginoi Hotel, Sora Tower (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy Onsen

→ Breakfast at Ferry Restaurant.

→ **6:55am** – Arrive at **Beppu Port**.

→ **7:30am** – Meet your guide at the ferry lobby for **Beppu**.

→ **8:00am** – Start the morning with a visit to **Chinoike Jigoku**. Known as "Blood Pond Hell," this is Japan's oldest natural hot spring pond, famous for its distinctive red hue caused by iron-rich mud. Another onsen sighting is **Umi-Jigoku** or "Sea Hell," renowned for its beautiful, cobalt-blue

water. A tip: Be sure to try the on-site onsen eggs (boiled directly in the hot spring) and "Jigoku Mushi-yaki Pudding" (pudding steamed by geothermal heat).

→ **10:15am** – From here, take a ride on the **Beppu Ropeway** up Mount Tsurumi, offering panoramic views of the city and bay below. The mountainside is especially beautiful this time of year, as the spring **cherry blossoms** are typically in full bloom along the route.

→ Afterward, we'll drive to **Yufuin**, another picturesque hot spring town nestled in a nearby valley.

→ **12:00pm** – Arrive at **Yufuin district**, a popular destination for travelers. In addition to a well-preserved collection of ryokans and onsens, Yufuin boasts an array of delightful restaurants, cafes, and boutique shops. Take time for lunch on your own to savor local specialties like Oita-style chicken toriten and traditional sweets.

→ Later, step into the fairy tale world of **Yufuin Floral Village**. Inspired by the quaint villages of the English Cotswolds, this mini-theme park features unique souvenir shops, an Alice in Wonderland-themed cat cafe, and an owl forest.

→ **3:45pm** – Check in at **Suginoi Hotel**, followed by **dinner at 5:30pm**. The resort features stunning views overlooking Beppu Bay and boasts world-renowned hot springs fed by the region's natural geothermal activity. Spend the evening unwinding in the hotel's spectacular indoor and outdoor baths to soak in the therapeutic benefits of the natural waters.

Day 5: (Sat) April 3 – Beppu (B/D)

Suginoi Hotel, Sora Tower (Free Wi-Fi) - Enjoy Onsen

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ **9:00am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for **Oita**.

→ **9:15am** – Start our day at the Beppu City Traditional Bamboo Crafts Center. While there, participate in a "**Take-Suzu**" (**bamboo bell**) **workshop**, a hands-on activity where you'll weave 5 colored bamboo strips into a traditional bell shape, creating a melodic and personal souvenir.

→ **11:00am** – Now, we'll visit the iconic Shonin Park for a "**Sunayu**" **experience**. Rather than a standard soak, you will be enveloped in warm, geothermal-heated sand right along the coastline. This century-old signature treatment is highly recommended for its detoxifying benefits.

→ **12:30pm** – Have fun shopping at **YouMe Town Beppu** ! A favorite for both locals and travelers, this multi-story mall features a wide variety of retail shops, a well-stocked supermarket perfect for local snacks and omiyage, a 100-yen shop, and a diverse food court.

→ **2:45pm** – This afternoon, head over to **Beppu Park**, one of the city's premier spring spots. Take a relaxing stroll

to view the beautiful contrast of vivid pink Somei Yoshino **cherry blossom** trees and giant green pine trees in full bloom.

→ **4:00pm** – Return to hotel, followed by a **buffet dinner** at **6:30pm**.

**Day 6: (Sun) April 4 –
Beppu-Huis Ten Bosch-Nagasaki (B)**
Hotel New Nagasaki (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:00am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby this morning for a drive to **Huis Ten Bosch**, a spectacular recreation of a 17th-century Dutch town. Spanning an area as large as Monaco, this unique destination was built in 1992 to honor the deep historical ties between Japan and the Netherlands, complete with winding canals, windmills, and cobblestone streets.

→ **11:15am** – Arrive at **Huis Ten Bosch**. Use your park pass to explore the beautiful grounds and catch an 11:45am performance by the park's famous Takarazuka-style musical theater troupe. Enjoy lunch on your own, try out the park's innovative attractions, and take in the seasonal floral displays at your leisure.

→ **4:30pm** – Depart Huis Ten Bosch and drive to Nagasaki.

→ **6:00pm** – Check in at **Hotel New Nagasaki**. Located just a short walk from Nagasaki Station and surrounded with plenty of shopping and dining choices. Spend a relaxing evening unwinding at your own pace.

Day 7: (Mon) April 5 – Nagasaki (B)
Hotel New Nagasaki (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Nagasaki.

→ **8:45am** – Our morning begins with a visit to **Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum** and **Nagasaki Peace Memorial Park**. Constructed in remembrance of the tragic devastation during WWII, this solemn, commemorative space seeks to serve as a reminder to strive for world peace. The park features the famed 32-foot-tall Peace Statue. Designed with Buddhist-influenced themes of love and mercy, Nagasaki native Seibo Kitamura sculpted the statue with its right hand pointing to the sky from where the atomic bomb fell and its left hand gesturing horizontally to represent peace. The park's hundreds of **cherry trees** bring added beauty and calm to this historic space.

→ **11:15am** – We'll continue to **Glover Garden**, a hillside open-air museum featuring the historic homes of Western residents from Nagasaki's trading days. Walk through the Glover House (the oldest Western-style wooden building in Japan) and take in the panoramic harbor views that inspired the setting for the opera Madame Butterfly. While walking

along the cobblestone pathways on **Glover Street**, keep an eye out for two hidden "heart stones" embedded in the ground, which are said to bring good luck and love to those who find them.

→ **1:00pm** – Grab lunch on your own at **Nagasaki Chinatown**. As Japan's oldest Chinatown, this district was established back in the 17th century during the Edo period when Nagasaki was the only Japanese port open to foreign trade. Today, its bustling, lantern-lined streets are famous for local specialty dishes like Champon (a hearty noodle soup) and popular street foods like steamed pork buns (kakuni manju).

→ **3:00pm** – Return to the hotel. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Day 8: (Tue) April 6 – Nagasaki-Arita-Hakata (B/L)
Oriental Hotel Fukuoka Hakata Station (Free Wi-Fi)

→ **Breakfast at hotel.**

→ **8:30am** – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for Hakata.

→ **10:00am** – Steeped in a centuries-old brewing heritage, the **Hizenya Sake Brewery** sits within the beautifully preserved Hizen Hamashuku historic district. Here, we'll discover the local sake production, seeing firsthand how regional rice and pure spring water are transformed into award-winning spirits. Conclude the visit by tasting refined labels inside a nostalgic kura (storehouse) while soaking in the atmosphere of old-world Japan.

→ **12:00pm** – **Lunch** will be served at a local restaurant in Arita, the cradle of Japanese porcelain. Enjoy a delightful meal in an exquisite setting, surrounded by Arita porcelain masterpieces.

→ **1:30pm** – Onto our next adventure: **Kouraku Kiln**, one of the most renowned kilns in Arita. With a proud 150-year history, this legendary kiln produces exquisite porcelain ware and stands as a true pillar of the region's ceramic legacy. Inside the company's warehouse, we'll participate in a "**treasure hunt**" experience to find our own ceramic pieces to take home.

→ **3:15pm** – Next, **Mifuneyama Rakuen**, a flower-laden park dating back to 1845. Famous for its sweeping vistas, the estate transforms into a breathtaking spring paradise as over 2,000 **cherry trees** bloom in striking contrast against the rugged, towering cliffs of Mount Mifune.

→ **6:00pm** – Check in at **Oriental Hotel Fukuoka Hakata Station**. Our hotel is centrally located and adjacent to JR Hakata Station which offers over 100s of stores, including major department stores like Hankyu and HANDS (rebranded from Tokyu Hands.) Nearby, you can also find Kitte shopping mall, a large Daiso, and many local dining options. We'll be staying here for the next 2 nights..

Day 9: (Wed) April 7 – Hakata/Free day (B)
Oriental Hotel Fukuoka Hakata Station (Free Wi-Fi)

→ After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy your free day!

Day 10: (Thu) April 8 – Hakata-FUK-HND-HNL (B)

→ Breakfast at hotel.

→ 9:30am – Meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a drive to Dazaifu.

→ 10:15am – Step into the Dazaifu-kan Cultural Center this morning for a hands-on experience painting a traditional wooden bullfinch, a beloved local bird represents good luck.

→ 11:30am – Then, we'll visit the Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, one of Fukuoka's popular destinations, which famously attracts over 2 million visitors during the first three days of the New Year alone. Dedicated to Sugawara no Michizane, a legendary 9th-century prodigy in politics and literature, the shrine honors him as the deity of academic achievement.

It is a sacred site for Japanese students who travel from all across the nation to pray for success during exam season.

Along the main street leading to Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, known as **Tenjin-sama Street**, you'll find an array of shops, including traditional Japanese souvenirs, local delicacies, and modern boutiques. Enjoy this special **cherry blossom** viewing season!

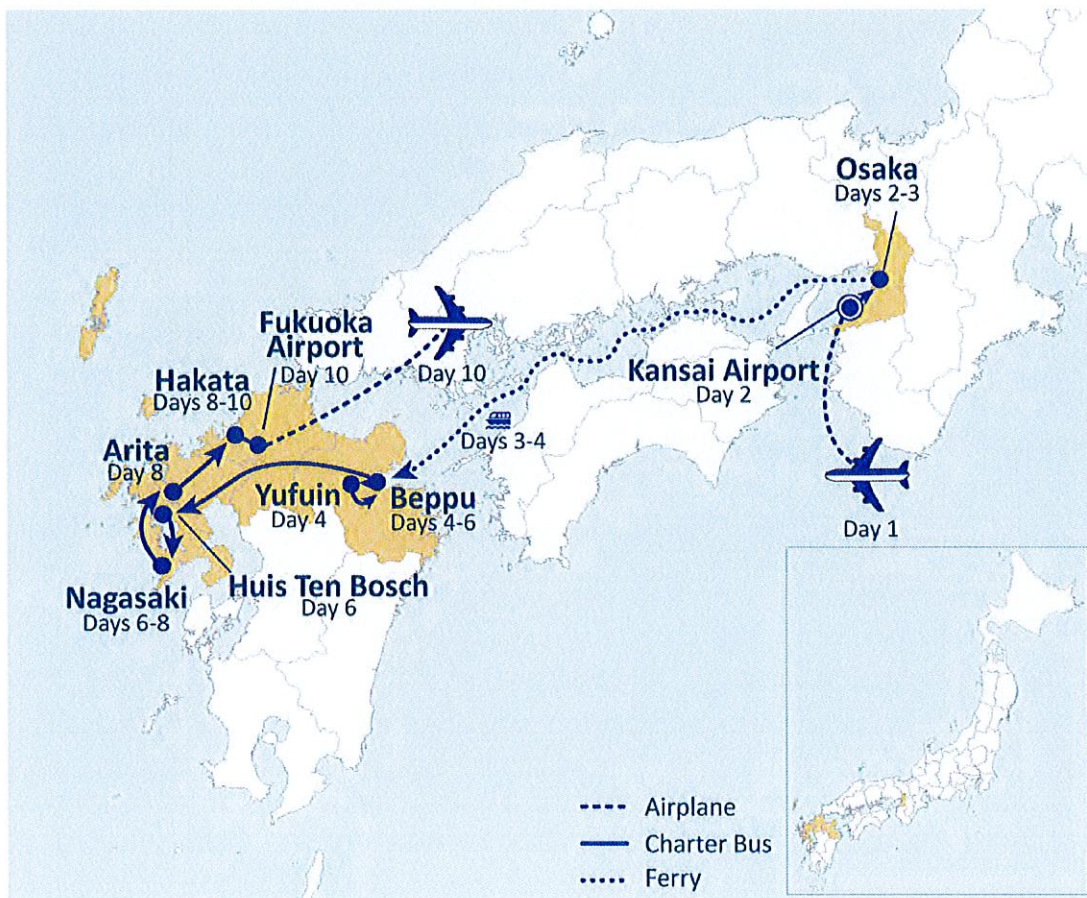
→ 1:00pm – Arrive at Fukuoka Airport (FUK).

→ 4:00pm – Depart on JAL Domestic Flight 320 from Fukuoka to Haneda Airport (HND).

→ 5:50pm – Upon arrival at Haneda, we'll transfer by shuttle to the International Terminal for JAL Flight 74 (departing at 9:05pm).

→ Arrive in Honolulu (same day).

Thank you for traveling with us! 🐼



Need to Know...



Payment Policy

- » To secure your reservation, a **\$200 per person** deposit is required. The deposit can be refunded until **December 23, 2026**. Any changes made after this date will be subject to additional fees.
- » Final payment is due by **February 1, 2027**. Package is non-refundable after this date.

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Fares and Fees (Priced in USD)

- » Are subject to change in light of fuel supplements, taxes, and differences in costs.
- » We reserve the right to change any part of the itinerary, including payment schedules, at any time and without notice.



Special Assistance

- » You must inform us of any disability/impairment that requires special attention at the time of your making the reservation.
- » We reserve the right to cancel the reservation(s) if the disability/impairment is unsuitable for the tour.
- » You are also responsible for any costs and/or accommodations related to your disability/impairment, such as providing your own travel companion.



Travel Insurance

- » We highly recommend the purchase of trip insurance. Please ask our representatives for more information.



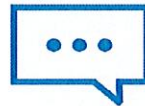
Travel Documents

- » A valid passport is required for all U.S. citizens and must be valid and not expire at least 6 months from the return tour date.
- » Non-U.S. passport holders must check with the Japanese Consulate to see if a visa is required.



Land Tour Operator & Costs

- » Land Tour Operator is Nippon Travel Agency.
- » Land Tour costs are based on current currency conversion rates, which are subject to change.



Other remarks

- » Not Included in the tour: Gratuities for local English speaking guide; additional baggage fee charges from the airlines; alcohol and soft drinks with meals.
- » A minimum of 16 participants are required for the tour to operate.
- » You are expected to abide by domestic and international government and accommodation policies related to health, safety, and welfare.