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# LAND OF THE RISING SUN

## ITINERARY OVERVIEW

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Day 3 Saturday Mar 21, 2026	3:20 PM - Flight DL 121 arrives Tokyo (Tokyo Haneda International Airport)  Tokyo  Transfer departs Tokyo Airport Transfer arrives Tokyo Hotel  Check In at Hotel Niwa Tokyo Room Type: Premium Triple Room Basis of Stay: Breakfast Included

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Day 4 Sunday Mar 22, 2026	<p>10:00 AM - 3:00 PM · Tokyo Discovery Tour</p> <p>In the late morning, meet your English-speaking guide and start your discovery tour of Tokyo by public transportation.</p> <p>Begin your day with a private sushi-making class, where you'll learn the art of preparing delicious sushi under the guidance of an expert chef.</p> <p>In order to dine out like a local in Japan, you'll learn everything there is to know about the history of sushi as well as the correct dining manners at sushi restaurants.</p> <p>You'll begin the sushi cooking session after you've covered Japanese table manners and faux pas. You will also have the chance to sample actual wasabi during this cooking lesson. You'll discover that it differs significantly from the knockoff goods you may be accustomed to. Real wasabi, which thrives in shaded beds of moving water, is famously difficult to grow (unlike the wasabi that arrives in tubes or is served at sushi restaurants on conveyor belts). As a result, authentic wasabi is a luxury in Japan and isn't something that many people outside of Japan have had the chance to experience.</p> <p>The tour will move on to Asakusa, where we'll find the Sensoji Temple, a very popular and colorful Buddhist temple. It is one of Tokyo's most colorful and popular temples.</p> <p>The legend says that in the year 628, two brothers fished a statue of Kannon, the goddess of mercy, out of the Sumida River, and even though they put the statue back into the river, it always returned to them. Consequently, Sensoji was built nearby for the goddess of Kannon.</p> <p>No visit to Tokyo would be complete without checking out the shops! We'll take a walk along Nakamise Street lined with boutiques, souvenir shops and street food outlets.</p> <p>Tour ends in Asakusa around 3:00 PM. Return to your hotel with your guide or continue exploring on your own.</p> <p>Some self exploration suggestions:</p> <p>Harajuku, the center of Japan's most extreme teenage cultures and fashion styles, but also offers shopping for adults and some historic sights. The focal point of Harajuku's teenage culture is Takeshita Dori and its side streets, which are lined by many trendy shops, fashion boutiques, used clothes stores, crepe stands and fast food outlets geared towards the fashion and trend conscious teens.</p>

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	<p>Wrap up the day with an exciting visit to Shibuya, the chaotic, yet miraculously organized crossing has become a symbol of Tokyo's dynamism and represents Shibuya—Japan's trend-setting powerhouse dedicated to fashion and arts. Join the crowds as they diverge off into the many streets and alleyways to shop and hangout in hip cafes, bars, and restaurants. Spend time appreciating the area's fiercely independent art scene, or simply visit to experience the rapid-beating heart of Tokyo.</p> <hr/> <p>Overnight at Hotel Niwa Tokyo</p>

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Day 5 Monday Mar 23, 2026	<p>Check Out from Hotel Niwa Tokyo</p> <hr/> <p>10:00 AM - 4:00 PM · Katsunuma Wine Region Tour</p> <p>10:00 AM – Depart Tokyo</p> <p>After breakfast and check-out, meet your English-speaking driver for a private vehicle transfer to the Katsunuma winery for a self-guided tour.</p> <p>11:30 AM – Arrive at Katsunuma winery</p> <p>Enjoy a self-guided tour of this historic wine region, widely recognized as the birthplace of Japanese viticulture. The area is best known for the indigenous Koshu grape, and wineries such as Château Mercian offer wine tastings, cellar tours, and a chance to learn about the region's deep connection to winemaking. Take time to explore the vineyards and enjoy a relaxed tasting experience.</p> <p>(Approx. 2-hour visit)</p> <p>1:30 PM – Depart winery, short drive to Daizenji Temple</p> <p>(Approx. 5–10 minutes by car)</p> <p>1:40 PM – Visit Daizenji Temple (Grape Temple)</p> <p>This important Buddhist temple is deeply tied to the origin of the Koshu grape and Japanese winemaking. According to legend, the temple was founded in 718 AD by a monk inspired by the Medicine Buddha holding a cluster of grapes.</p> <p>Its main hall, dating from the Kamakura period, is designated a National Treasure. The temple grounds also cultivate grapes and produce their own wine offerings, continuing an ancient tradition.</p> <p>(Approx. 1-hour visit)</p> <p>2:40–3:00 PM – Depart Katsunuma and drive toward Lake Kawaguchiko</p> <p>(Approx. 40–60 minutes)</p> <p>4:00 PM – Arrive at your hotel near Lake Kawaguchiko</p> <p>Check in and enjoy some time to refresh and relax after your journey. The remainder of the afternoon is free at leisure.</p> <p>We recommend you take a taxi when dining out in the evening. Dinner reservation is scheduled at nôtori restaurant at 6:00 PM.</p> <hr/> <p>6:00 PM - · Nôtori Restaurant</p>

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	<p>The restaurant is located approximately 20 minutes from the hotel by taxi. Please pay the taxi fare locally. Return to the hotel by taxi after dinner.</p> <p>Check In at Kawaguchiko Onsenji Yumedono</p> <p>Room Type: Two-Bedroom Presidential Suite - Hikari no Ma</p> <p>This upgrade is a generous gift from our suppliers.</p>
Day 6 Tuesday Mar 24, 2026	<p>Day of Leisure Fuji Kawaguchiko</p> <p>Overnight at Kawaguchiko Onsenji Yumedono</p> <p>This upgrade is a generous gift from our suppliers.</p>

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Day 7 Wednesday Mar 25, 2026	<p>Transfer to Mishima Station</p> <p>10:20 AM - Transfer departs Hotel in Kawaguchiko</p> <p>Transfer arrives Mishima Station</p> <p>Before departure, please prepare a bag with essentials for your first two nights of stay. Your remaining luggage will be delivered directly to your hotel in Kyoto.</p> <p>Kindly bring your main luggage to the front desk and complete the shipping procedure before leaving the hotel. Necessary forms and documents will be prepared in advance. Luggage delivery service is included in your travel package.</p> <p>After check-out, meet your driver in the hotel lobby for a private transfer to Mishima Station. Upon arrival at the station, the driver will escort you to the platform and assist with your train boarding.</p> <p>Board the bullet train bound for Kyoto (Green Car tickets included).</p>
	<p>Check Out from Kawaguchiko Onsenji Yumedono</p> <p>This upgrade is a generous gift from our suppliers.</p>
	<p>Transfer to Kyoto Station</p> <p>11:46 AM - Transfer departs Mishima Station</p> <p>1:37 PM - Transfer arrives Kyoto Station</p> <p>Train schedule: Mishima to Kyoto   11:46 AM – 1:37 PM / Hikari #509</p> <p>Upon arrival in Kyoto, you will be met at the platform by your English-speaking driver. From there, transfer by private vehicle to your hotel.</p> <p>As hotel check-in is generally available after 3:00 PM, you may complete the check-in formalities first and leave your luggage at the front desk. Afterward, feel free to relax in the hotel lounge or begin exploring the Kyoto area at your leisure.</p>
	<p>Transfer to Hotel in Kyoto</p> <p>1:37 PM - Transfer departs Kyoto Station Platform</p> <p>Transfer arrives Hotel in Kyoto</p> <p>Upon arrival in Kyoto, you will be met at the platform by your English-speaking driver. From there, transfer by private vehicle to your hotel.</p>

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	<p>As hotel check-in is generally available after 3:00 PM, you may complete the check-in formalities first and leave your luggage at the front desk. Afterward, feel free to relax in the hotel lounge or begin exploring the Kyoto area at your leisure.</p> <p>Check In at Dusit Thani Kyoto</p> <p>Room Type: Premier Garden View Room</p> <p>Premier Room:</p> <p>2 Twin Beds with Garden View</p> <p>**with Extra Bed (40 sqm)</p>

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Day 8 Thursday Mar 26, 2026	<p>11:00 AM - 3:00 PM · Kyoto Exploration Tour</p> <p>After breakfast, meet your English-speaking guide and begin your full-day exploration of Kyoto by public transportation.</p> <p>Start your day in Arashiyama, one of Kyoto's most scenic and beloved districts. Walk through the Bamboo Grove, where soaring stalks create a peaceful, otherworldly atmosphere. Then, cross the famous Togetsukyo Bridge, an iconic symbol of the area offering views of the river and forested mountains beyond.</p> <p>Take a 45-minute private rickshaw ride through Arashiyama. This guided ride allows you to relax while taking in the charm of the area—from quiet backstreets to riverbanks—while your rickshaw puller shares stories of the neighborhood's history and culture.</p> <p>After the rickshaw ride, transfer across the city to visit Nijo Castle, built in 1603 as the Kyoto residence of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first shogun of the Edo Period. A designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, the castle is renowned for its stunning nightingale floors and elegant gardens showcasing traditional Japanese landscaping.</p> <p>Wrap up the day with a visit to Nishiki Market, known as "Kyoto's Kitchen." This lively, five-block shopping street is packed with over 100 shops and eateries offering fresh seafood, local produce, sweets, pickles, and traditional Kyoto specialties. It's the perfect spot for sampling snacks or picking up souvenirs.</p> <p>At the conclusion of your tour around 3:00 PM, your guide will escort you back to your hotel or suggest options for further exploration on your own.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Overnight at Dusit Thani Kyoto</b></p> <p>Premier Room: 2 Twin Beds with Garden View **with Extra Bed (40 sqm)</p>

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Day 9 Friday Mar 27, 2026	<p>Self Guided- Day Trip to Nara</p> <p>Today is free at leisure.</p> <p>Visit Todaiji and Nara Park to meet the cute deer. Todaiji is one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples and a landmark of Nara. The temple was constructed in 752 as the head temple of all provincial Buddhist temples of Japan and grew so powerful that the capital was moved from Nara to Nagaoka in 784 in order to lower the temple's influence on government affairs.</p> <p>Walk across Nara Park on the way to visit Kasuga Taisha Shrine, Nara's most celebrated shrine. It was established at the same time as the capital and is dedicated to the deity responsible for the protection of the city. Kasuga Taisha was also the tutelary shrine of the Fujiwara, Japan's most powerful family clan during most of the Nara and Heian Periods. Like the Ise Shrines, Kasuga Taisha had been periodically rebuilt every 20 years for many centuries. In the case of Kasuga Taisha, however, the custom was discontinued at the end of the Edo Period.</p> <hr/> <p>Overnight at Dusit Thani Kyoto</p> <p>Premier Room: 2 Twin Beds with Garden View **with Extra Bed (40 sqm)</p>

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Day 10 Saturday Mar 28, 2026	<p>11:00 AM - 3:00 PM · Kyoto Full-Day Tour</p> <p>After breakfast, meet your English-speaking guide and begin your full-day exploration of Kyoto by public transportation.</p> <p>Begin your day in Kawaramachi with a visit to LOUTRE, a charming otter café that's become a favorite among locals and visitors alike. Enjoy playful interactions with the friendly otters in a relaxed, cozy environment. The café also serves light drinks (pay on site). It's a delightful and unique experience, perfect for animal lovers and families.</p> <p>Next, travel to Fushimi Inari Taisha, one of Japan's most important and photographed Shinto shrines. Famous for its thousands of vibrant vermilion torii gates, the shrine offers a mesmerizing walking path that leads partway up Mount Inari. As you walk beneath the gates, your guide will share the significance of the fox deity (Inari's messenger) and the spiritual symbolism of this sacred site.</p> <p>Wrap up your day with a leisurely stroll through Gion, Kyoto's iconic geisha district. This atmospheric neighborhood features narrow cobblestone lanes, traditional machiya townhouses, and elegant ochaya teahouses. Your guide will share insights into the cultural history of Gion and point out notable landmarks along the way.</p> <p>The tour concludes in Gion around 3:00 PM. From here, you may choose to return to your hotel or continue exploring this historic area on your own.</p> <hr/> <p>Overnight at Dusit Thani Kyoto</p> <p>Premier Room: 2 Twin Beds with Garden View **with Extra Bed (40 sqm)</p>

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Day 11 Sunday Mar 29, 2026	<p>Transfer to Kansai International Airport</p> <p>Transfer departs Hotel in Kyoto</p> <p>Transfer arrives Kansai International Airport</p> <p>Pick up time: TBA / In your hotel lobby</p> <p>Departure Flight Time: TBA</p> <p>Sadly, it's the end of the tour and time to say goodbye to Japan.</p> <p>Time at leisure until transfer with a driver to Kansai International Airport for your departure flight.</p> <p>You will meet your English-speaking driver in the hotel lobby, and transportation will be arranged in a private minivan that can comfortably seat 4 people with luggage, ensuring a smooth and comfortable ride to the airport.</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer departs Kyoto Park Hyatt Hotel</p> <p>Transfer arrives Kansai Airport</p> <hr/> <p>Check Out from Dusit Thani Kyoto</p> <p>Premier Room:</p> <p>2 Twin Beds with Garden View</p> <p>**with Extra Bed (40 sqm)</p> <hr/> <p>1:10 PM - Flight BR 131 departs</p> <p>Osaka (Kansai International Airport)</p> <p>3:05 PM - Flight BR 131 arrives</p> <p>Taipei (Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport)</p> <hr/> <p>8:00 PM - Flight BR 56 departs</p> <p>Taipei (Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport)</p> <p>9:00 PM - Flight BR 56 arrives</p> <p>Chicago (Chicago O'Hare International Airport)</p>

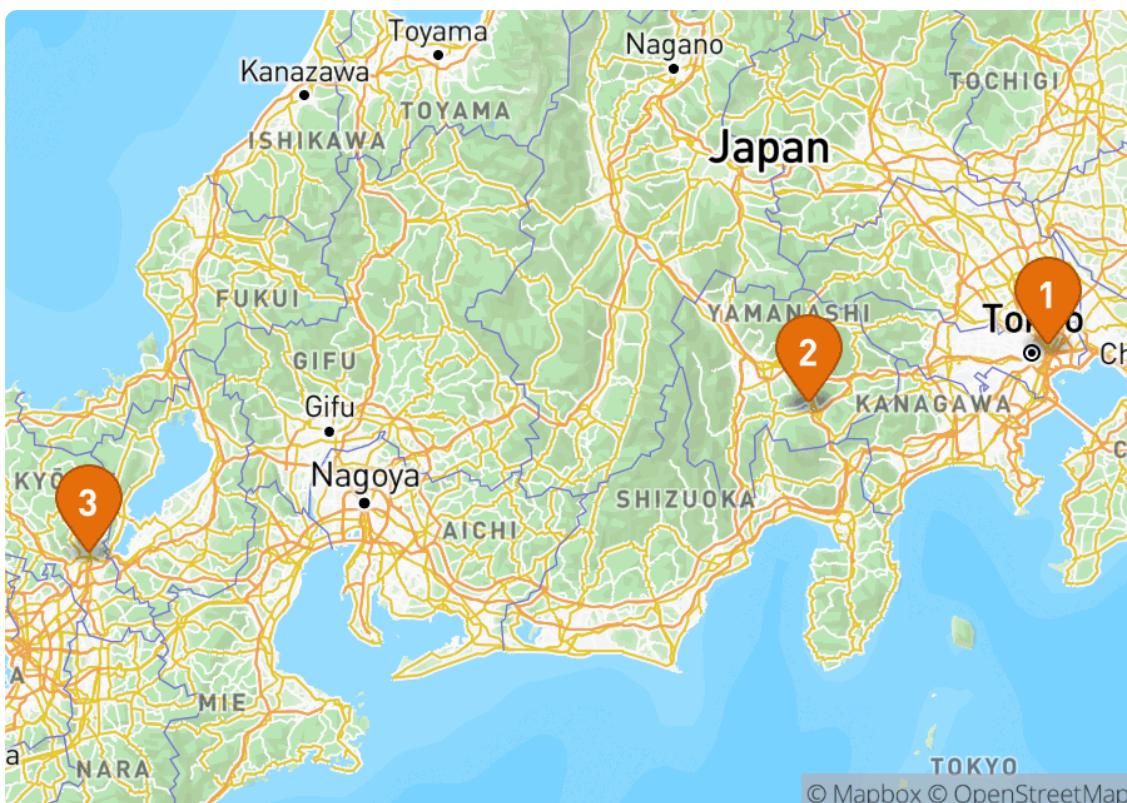
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## YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS

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March 21 - 23, 2026	Hotel Niwa Tokyo	Premium Triple Room <i>Breakfast Included</i>	2
March 23 - 25, 2026	Kawaguchiko Onsenji Yumedono	Two-Bedroom Presidential Suite - Hikari no Ma	2
March 25 - 29, 2026	Dusit Thani Kyoto	Premier Garden View Room	4

## MAP



### Key Dates

- 1) March 21 - 23: Hotel Niwa Tokyo, Tokyo
- 2) March 23 - 25: Kawaguchiko Onsenji Yumedono, Fujikawaguchiko
- 3) March 25 - 29: Dusit Thani Kyoto, Kyoto

**DAY 1**  
**THURSDAY · MARCH 19, 2026**

**Flight from Madison to Minneapolis**

- 5:55 PM · Depart Madison (Dane County Regional Airport)
  - Delta Air Lines Flight DL 5480
- 7:14 PM · Arrive Minneapolis (Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport)

**DAY 2**  
**FRIDAY · MARCH 20, 2026**

**Flight from Minneapolis to Tokyo**

12:45 PM · Depart Minneapolis (Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport)

Delta Air Lines Flight DL 121

**DAY 3**  
**SATURDAY · MARCH 21, 2026**

## **Flight from Minneapolis to Tokyo**

3:20 PM · Arrive Tokyo (Tokyo Haneda International Airport)

### **Tokyo**

Welcome to Japan!

Meeting Point: Airport Arrival Area

Upon arrival at the airport, our English-speaking driver will meet and greet you and assist you with transfer in a private vehicle to the hotel.

The rest of the day at leisure.

We recommend a first exploration on foot in the vibrant neighborhood of Shinjuku. It is a major commercial and administrative center and also encompasses the buzzing clubs and karaoke rooms of neon-lit East Shinjuku and upscale bars and restaurants in the Skyscraper District.

Note 1: This itinerary arrangement is made for 1 big luggage per person.

If you have more, please let us know so we can adjust.

Note 2: In Japan, there are local taxes imposed when staying at hotels or ryokans. Since some hotels may include these costs in their fees while others may not, please pay any charges requested by the hotel at check-in or check-out on your own.

### **Transfer to Tokyo Hotel**

- Depart Tokyo Airport
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- Arrive Tokyo Hotel

### **Check in at Hotel Niwa Tokyo**

Premium Triple Room (Breakfast Included)

2 Nights

## Property Overview

Hotel Niwa Tokyo is located in the central area of Tokyo, between Tokyo Dome City and Jimbocho antique bookstore district, and within walking distance of several convenient train stations.

Some of the rooms have a seating area and a spacious spa bath in the bathroom where you can relax. The rooms are equipped with the necessary amenities such as a private safe with an AC outlet to charge your laptop and mobile devices to make your business trip as comfortable as possible.

Staff at the 24-hour front desk are always on hand to assist. After exploring the bustling city, try the complimentary massage chairs.

## Fast Facts

### Highlights

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### Quick facts

238 rooms

Restaurants

Bar

Lounge

Gardens

Terrace

Massage chairs

Fitness room

Meeting & event space

Air conditioning

Wifi

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**DAY 4**  
**SUNDAY · MARCH 22, 2026**

**Tokyo Discovery Tour**

10:00 AM · Start Time

3:00 PM · End Time

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## Overnight at Hotel Niwa Tokyo

Premium Triple Room (Breakfast Included)

DAY 5  
MONDAY · MARCH 23, 2026

**Check out from Hotel Niwa Tokyo**

**Katsunuma Wine Region Tour**

10:00 AM · Start Time

4:00 PM · End Time

10:00 AM – Depart Tokyo

After breakfast and check-out, meet your **English-speaking driver** for a **private vehicle** transfer to the Katsunuma winery for a **self-guided tour**.

11:30 AM – Arrive at Katsunuma winery

Enjoy a self-guided tour of this historic wine region, widely recognized as the birthplace of Japanese viticulture. The area is best known for the indigenous Koshu grape, and wineries such as Château Mercian offer wine tastings, cellar tours, and a chance to learn about the region's deep connection to winemaking. Take time to explore the vineyards and enjoy a relaxed tasting experience.

(Approx. 2-hour visit)

1:30 PM – Depart winery, short drive to Daizenji Temple

(Approx. 5–10 minutes by car)

1:40 PM – Visit Daizenji Temple (Grape Temple)

This important Buddhist temple is deeply tied to the origin of the Koshu grape and Japanese winemaking. According to legend, the temple was founded in 718 AD by a monk inspired by the Medicine Buddha holding a cluster of grapes.

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2:40–3:00 PM – Depart Katsunuma and drive toward Lake Kawaguchiko

(Approx. 40–60 minutes)

4:00 PM – Arrive at your hotel near Lake Kawaguchiko

Check in and enjoy some time to refresh and relax after your journey. The remainder of the afternoon is free at leisure.

We recommend you take a taxi when dining out in the evening.

Dinner reservation is scheduled at **nôtori** restaurant at **6:00 PM**.

### Nôtori Restaurant

6:00 PM · Start Time

The restaurant is located approximately 20 minutes from the hotel by taxi. Please pay the taxi fare locally. Return to the hotel by taxi after dinner.

### Check in at Kawaguchiko Onsenji Yumedono

Two-Bedroom Presidential Suite - Hikari no Ma

2 Nights

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### Property Overview

Kawaguchiko Onsenji Yumedono is a luxurious hot spring inn in Yamanashi Prefecture, near Lake Kawaguchi, at the foot of Mt. Fuji. The inn offers a serene retreat with open-air baths in every room, allowing guests to immerse themselves in the natural beauty and tranquility of the area. The main building, constructed entirely of Japanese zelkova wood and inspired by Kyoto's Nijo Castle, showcases traditional Japanese craftsmanship. This architectural masterpiece took over two decades to complete, embodying a perfect harmony of motion and stillness, blending historical elegance with refined luxury.

Each of the 11 rooms and suites presents a unique blend of traditional Japanese and modern design, offering an exotic and sophisticated atmosphere. Guests can enjoy the serene environment with spacious open-air baths and indulge in exquisite kaiseki cuisine made from carefully selected ingredients sourced from Japan's finest regions. The inn also highlights the beauty of Japanese art and culture through its decor and thoughtful design, providing an unparalleled experience of relaxation and luxury. Dining is a private affair, with meals served in a secluded setting, allowing guests to savor the flavors of the season in peace.

## **Experience & Activities**

The area around Lake Kawaguchi, part of the Fuji Five Lakes, is a natural haven, offering stunning seasonal views, vibrant flora, and opportunities for outdoor activities like forest bathing and hiking. The lake serves as a central hub for sightseeing, with parks, inns, hotels, and shops lining its shores. Key attractions include Arakurayama Sengen Park, known for its cherry blossoms and hiking trails, and Fuji-Q Highland, famous for its thrilling rides and panoramic views of Mt. Fuji.

Cultural experiences are also abundant, with highlights like the Golden Torii Gate, a revered symbol offering a unique view of Mt. Fuji, and the Kawaguchiko Music Forest Museum, showcasing a rare collection of music boxes. The Kawaguchiko Stellar Theater, designed to resemble an ancient Greek amphitheater, hosts a variety of performances, adding to the rich cultural landscape of the area.

## **Accommodations**

### **Fast Facts**

#### **Highlights**

- Near Lake Kawaguchi, at the foot of Mt. Fuji
- Serene retreat with open-air baths in every room
- Exquisite kaiseki cuisine made from carefully selected ingredients sourced from Japan's finest regions

## Quick facts

11 rooms & suites

Dining room

Lobby

Lounge

Hot springs

Air conditioning

Wifi

**DAY 6**  
**TUESDAY · MARCH 24, 2026**

## **Day of Leisure Fuji Kawaguchiko**

### **Activity overview**

A day of leisure in Fuji Kawaguchiko offers a delightful blend of natural beauty, outdoor activities, and cultural experiences. Nestled at the foot of the iconic Mount Fuji, this area is renowned for its stunning landscapes and tranquil lakes.

Begin your day with a visit to Lake Kawaguchi, one of the five lakes surrounding Mount Fuji. Here, you can enjoy a leisurely stroll along the lakeside, rent a pedal boat, or simply relax while taking in the breathtaking views of the mountain reflected on the water. The area is particularly beautiful during cherry blossom season in spring and the vibrant colors of autumn.

For those seeking adventure, consider hiking one of the many trails that lead to viewpoints around the lake. The trails vary in difficulty, making it accessible for both beginners and experienced hikers. Alternatively, you can take a scenic cable car ride up to the Mount Tenjo area, where panoramic views of Mount Fuji and the surrounding lakes await.

If you're interested in cultural experiences, visit the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum, which showcases stunning kimono art and offers insights into traditional Japanese textile techniques. Another option is the Kawaguchiko Music Forest Museum, where you can enjoy beautiful gardens and a fascinating collection of music boxes and mechanical instruments.

After a day filled with activities, unwind at one of the local onsen (hot springs). Soaking in the warm, mineral-rich waters while enjoying views of Mount Fuji can be the perfect way to relax.

Finally, don't forget to sample local cuisine. Try Hōtō, a hearty noodle soup unique to the region, or enjoy fresh fish from the lakes.

## **Overnight at Kawaguchiko Onsenji Yumedono**

Two-Bedroom Presidential Suite - Hikari no Ma

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WEDNESDAY · MARCH 25, 2026

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Luggage delivery service is included in your travel package.

After check-out, meet your **driver** in the hotel lobby for a private transfer to Mishima Station. Upon arrival at the station, the driver will escort you to the platform and assist with your train boarding.

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**Check out from Kawaguchiko Onsenji Yumedono**

**Transfer to Kyoto Station**

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### Kyoto Recommendations

**Kiyomizu Temple**, one of the most celebrated temples of Japan. It was founded in 780 on the site of the Otowa Waterfall in the wooded hills east of Kyoto, and derives its name from the fall's pure waters. The temple was originally associated with the Hosso sect, one of the oldest schools within Japanese Buddhism, but formed its own Kita Hosso sect in 1965. In 1994, the temple was added to the list of UNESCO world heritage sites.

**Sannenzaka Ninenzaka:** Sannen-zaka and Ninen-zaka, a pair of gently sloping lanes that go from Kiyomizu-dera Temple toward Nene-no-Michi Lane, are two of Kyoto's most beautiful streets. Sannen-zaka and Ninen-zaka are a pair of pedestrian-only lanes that provide some of the most ambient strolling in the entire city. They are lined with beautifully restored traditional shophouses and delightfully free of the overhead power lines that blight the rest of Kyoto.

**Gion District.** Gion is the perfect place to explore the Kyoto of another age. Known as the city's entertainment district, particularly for the refined performers known as geisha (or more properly geiko) who have enthralled patrons for centuries, Gion is full of handsome, understated townhouses and teahouses, restaurants serving traditional Kyoto cuisine, and venerable temples and shrines.

## Check in at Dusit Thani Kyoto

Premier Garden View Room

4 Nights

Premier Room:

2 Twin Beds with Garden View

\*\*with Extra Bed (40 sqm)

## Property Overview

Dusit Thani Kyoto is a luxurious urban sanctuary blending Thai hospitality with Japanese tradition in the heart of Kyoto. The hotel features 147 elegant guestrooms and suites, a serene courtyard, and holistic spa experiences at Devarana Wellness. Guests can enjoy a range of dining options, from authentic Thai cuisine at Ayatana and fusion dishes at Kati to seasonal Japanese fine dining at Kōyō and refined tea experiences at The Gallery and Tea Salon. With thoughtfully curated activities, in-room dining, and a vibrant social bar, Den Kyoto, the hotel offers a rich cultural and wellness-focused stay.

## Accommodation

### Fast Facts

#### Highlights

An urban sanctuary in the heart of Kyoto

Relax and revitalize with spa treatments and hydrotherapy

Discover the epitome of Thai cuisine and Japanese culinary traditions at the compelling restaurants

Enjoy a wide range of activities designed to enhance your well-being and uniquely connect you with the culture and spirituality of Kyoto

## Quick facts

147 rooms & suites

Restaurants

Bars

Lounges

Pool

Spa

Shop

Bicycle rental

Fitness center

Meeting & event space

Air conditioning

Wifi

DAY 8  
THURSDAY · MARCH 26, 2026

## Kyoto Exploration Tour

11:00 AM · Start Time

3:00 PM · End Time

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking guide and begin your full-day exploration of Kyoto by public transportation.

Start your day in **Arashiyama**, one of Kyoto's most scenic and beloved districts. Walk through the Bamboo Grove, where soaring stalks create a peaceful, otherworldly atmosphere. Then, cross the famous Togetsukyo Bridge, an iconic symbol of the area offering views of the river and forested mountains beyond.

Take a 45-minute **private rickshaw ride** through Arashiyama. This guided ride allows you to relax while taking in the charm of the area—from quiet backstreets to riverbanks—while your rickshaw puller shares stories of the neighborhood's history and culture.

After the rickshaw ride, transfer across the city to visit **Nijo Castle**, built in 1603 as the Kyoto residence of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first shogun of the Edo Period. A designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, the castle is renowned for its stunning nightingale floors and elegant gardens showcasing traditional Japanese landscaping.

Wrap up the day with a visit to **Nishiki Market**, known as "Kyoto's Kitchen." This lively, five-block shopping street is packed with over 100 shops and eateries offering fresh seafood, local produce, sweets, pickles, and traditional Kyoto specialties. It's the perfect spot for sampling snacks or picking up souvenirs.

At the conclusion of your tour around 3:00 PM, your guide will escort you back to your hotel or suggest options for further exploration on your own.

## Overnight at Dusit Thani Kyoto

Premier Garden View Room

DAY 9  
FRIDAY · MARCH 27, 2026

### Self Guided- Day Trip to Nara

Today is free at leisure.

Visit **Todaiji and Nara Park** to meet the cute deer. Todaiji is one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples and a landmark of Nara. The temple was constructed in 752 as the head temple of all provincial Buddhist temples of Japan and grew so powerful that the capital was moved from Nara to Nagaoka in 784 in order to lower the temple's influence on government affairs.

Walk across Nara Park on the way to visit **Kasuga Taisha Shrine**, Nara's most celebrated shrine. It was established at the same time as the capital and is dedicated to the deity responsible for the protection of the city. Kasuga Taisha was also the tutelary shrine of the Fujiwara, Japan's most powerful family clan during most of the Nara and Heian Periods. Like the Ise Shrines, Kasuga Taisha had been periodically rebuilt every 20 years for many centuries. In the case of Kasuga Taisha, however, the custom was discontinued at the end of the Edo Period.

### Overnight at Dusit Thani Kyoto

Premier Garden View Room

DAY 10  
SATURDAY · MARCH 28, 2026

## Kyoto Full-Day Tour

11:00 AM · Start Time

3:00 PM · End Time

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking guide and begin your full-day exploration of Kyoto by public transportation.

Begin your day in **Kawaramachi** with a visit to LOUTRE, a charming otter café that's become a favorite among locals and visitors alike. Enjoy playful interactions with the friendly otters in a relaxed, cozy environment. The café also serves light drinks (pay on site). It's a delightful and unique experience, perfect for animal lovers and families.

Next, travel to **Fushimi Inari Taisha**, one of Japan's most important and photographed Shinto shrines. Famous for its thousands of vibrant vermilion torii gates, the shrine offers a mesmerizing walking path that leads partway up Mount Inari. As you walk beneath the gates, your guide will share the significance of the fox deity (Inari's messenger) and the spiritual symbolism of this sacred site.

Wrap up your day with a leisurely stroll through **Gion**, Kyoto's iconic geisha district. This atmospheric neighborhood features narrow cobbled lanes, traditional machiya townhouses, and elegant ochaya teahouses. Your guide will share insights into the cultural history of Gion and point out notable landmarks along the way.

The tour concludes in Gion around 3:00 PM. From here, you may choose to return to your hotel or continue exploring this historic area on your own.

## Overnight at Dusit Thani Kyoto

## Premier Garden View Room

**DAY 11**  
**SUNDAY · MARCH 29, 2026**

**Transfer to Kansai International Airport**

- Depart Hotel in Kyoto
- ⋮
- Arrive Kansai International Airport

Pick up time: TBA / In your hotel lobby

Departure Flight Time: TBA

Sadly, it's the end of the tour and time to say goodbye to Japan.

Time at leisure until transfer with a driver to Kansai International Airport for your departure flight.

You will meet your English-speaking driver in the hotel lobby, and transportation will be arranged in a private minivan that can comfortably seat 4 people with luggage, ensuring a smooth and comfortable ride to the airport.

**Transfer to Kansai Airport**

- Depart Kyoto Park Hyatt Hotel
- ⋮
- Arrive Kansai Airport

**Check out from Dusit Thani Kyoto**

**Flight from Osaka to Taipei**

- 1:10 PM · Depart Osaka (Kansai International Airport)
- ⋮
- EVA Air Flight BR 131
- 3:05 PM · Arrive Taipei (Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport)

**Flight from Taipei to Chicago**

- 8:00 PM · Depart Taipei (Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport)
- EVA Air Flight BR 56
- 9:00 PM · Arrive Chicago (Chicago O'Hare International Airport)

## COSTS

**Total per person based on 1 guest in shared accommodation: TBD**

## Notes:

- 3 Persons in or Triple room occupancy (with Hotel Niwa option) \$8,920 per person**  
**3 Persons in or Triple room occupancy (with Tokyo Edition option) \$10,315 per person**

Above prices for ground services are per person in USD.

Please note that the rates may change when arrival dates change.

### Remarks:

- Tour fare is subject to change when consumption tax review by government notice
- If your flight arrives/departs earlier than 8:00 or later than 20:00, supplement would be charged
- We charge \$500 per person at the time of booking as a non-refundable deposit
- We charge remaining amount by sixty days prior to arrival date
- In Japan, there are local taxes imposed when staying at hotels or ryokans. Since some hotels may include these costs in their fees while others may not, please pay any charges requested by the hotel at check-in or check-out on your own.

### Things we include...

- All services as mentioned in your itinerary
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Entrance fees according to itinerary
- Guides as outlined
- Transfers by private vehicle and Tours by public transportation as per mentioned in the itinerary
- Train Tickets

### Things we don't include...

- Personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- Flights tickets

### Things you need to know...

- Breakfast box in case of very early morning departures.
- If you have decided to travel on a local holiday or festival, certain rates may be higher. We will let you know right away if this condition applies to you.
- Accommodation is subject to availability until you have confirmed your booking and paid any relevant deposits.
- In the event your chosen hotel is not available alternatives will be offered.

## Payment

Except as otherwise indicated, all product pricing is quoted in United States Dollars (US dollars). The invoiced tour price is payable at least 60 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL of the Client (start of journey).

Payment shall be made in US dollars, into the account specified in the invoice.

A non-refundable deposit of USD 500 per person is required to secure a booking, this will be notified at the time of booking. Additional deposits may be

collected for service providers like hotels, airlines or attractions. We will keep you updated on additional requirements. Quotations and changes made are complimentary throughout the booking process.

Bookings made less than 60 days before arrival require full payment immediately. If certain quoted services are not available or need to be changed we will adjust the pricing.

Non-payment 30 days before arrival can result in cancellation of the tour without notice, unless credit terms are arranged in advance with ICS. Any cancellation charges levied by suppliers will be charged to the Tour Operator or Agent. ICS reserves the right to charge interest at the rate of 1.5% per month (or part thereof) on any overdue amount.

Any change to this agreement need to be discussed with ICS Sales Managers in writing. Payments can be made by credit card (secure payment link, free of charges) or wire transfer to the Bank of America account.

## Cancellation

If Agent or Tour Operator wishes to cancel booked and CONFIRMED services, it must do so in WRITING to ICS. Other than the exceptions set out below, cancellation fees will apply as follows:

- 31+ days before arrival date: no cancellation fee except for any non-refundable deposits already collected and agreed on
- 30 - 15 days before arrival date: 40% of tour price
- 14 - 7 days before arrival date: 50% of tour price
- 6 - 1 days before arrival date: 90% of tour price
- No Show: 100% of tour price

Special cancellation fees may apply in various countries or during certain periods and will be specified in the quotation. In addition, ICS may claim losses exceeding the flat rate cancellation fee, whenever proof of this loss can be provided. In these circumstances, the client is entitled to furnish proof to ICS that no loss has yet occurred or that it is considerably lower than the excess amount charged. ICS is entitled to pass on additional costs to the client if charged for by service providers (e.g. fees for unoccupied beds/seats).

## BTA PREPARE FOR YOUR TRIP: TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

### Passports & Visas

As you prepare for your upcoming trip to Japan, please ensure your passport meets all necessary requirements to avoid any travel disruptions.

**Passport Validity:** Japan requires that U.S. travelers' passports be valid for the duration of their stay. However, many airlines recommend having at least six months' validity beyond your travel dates to prevent issues. Please check your passport's expiration date well in advance and renew it if necessary.

**Blank Pages:** Ensure your passport has at least one or two blank pages available for entry stamps.

Insufficient blank pages can delay or prevent boarding.

**Visa Requirements:** U.S. citizens traveling to Japan for tourism generally do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days. For other purposes, such as business or longer stays, a visa may be required. Always confirm requirements for your specific travel purpose on the official Japanese Embassy or Consulate website.

**Official Resources:** To verify your passport and visa requirements, visit the U.S. Department of State website [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) and the Japanese Embassy or Consulate site. These sources provide up-to-date information on entry regulations and travel advisories.

**Travel Preparation:** Failure to meet passport or visa requirements may result in denied entry into Japan or disruptions to your travel plans. We strongly encourage reviewing all requirements thoroughly to ensure a smooth journey.

If you have any questions or need guidance regarding travel documents for Japan, our team is available to point you to reliable resources and provide support.

**Disclaimer:** Boutique Travel Advisors (BTA) emphasizes that it is the traveler's responsibility to possess valid passports, visas, and comply with all entry requirements. While we provide guidance and support, BTA cannot assume responsibility for verifying or ensuring the validity of travel documents.

### Health & Vaccines

None required for leisure travel to Japan.

### Cash & Cards

#### Cash and Card Guidelines for Traveling in Japan

Managing your finances smoothly is essential for a hassle-free trip to Japan. Here's what you need to know about using cash and cards:

#### Using Credit and Debit Cards:

- **Acceptance:** Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in major cities, hotels, and large stores. However, smaller shops, rural areas, temples, and local restaurants may be cash-only.
- **Chip and PIN / Contactless:** Japan primarily uses chip cards, and many establishments accept contactless payments. Ensure your card is enabled for international transactions.
- **Inform Your Bank:** Notify your bank of your travel plans to prevent your card from being blocked due to foreign transactions.

### **Carrying Cash:**

- **Accessibility:** Cash is essential in Japan, as many smaller vendors, public transportation, and traditional markets do not accept cards.
- **Exchange Rates:** Withdrawing yen from ATMs (especially those in 7-Eleven, Japan Post, or major banks) usually provides better rates than currency exchange counters.
- **Sufficient Cash:** Plan for at least some daily cash needs, especially in rural or less touristy areas.

### **ATM Use:**

- **Fees:** Check with your bank for international withdrawal fees. Partner banks may offer lower fees.
- **Limits:** Be aware of daily withdrawal limits and plan accordingly.

### **Safety Tips:**

- **Secure Your Cash and Cards:** Use a travel wallet, zipped bag, or money belt to prevent loss or theft.
- **Carry Backup Cards:** Keep a second card in a separate location in case your primary card is lost or stolen.

### **Mobile Payments:**

- **Growing Acceptance:** Apple Pay, Google Wallet, and other mobile payment services are increasingly accepted in urban Japan.
- **Setup Before Travel:** Ensure your device is ready and check compatibility with local systems.

### **Gratuities**

Tipping in Japan is **not customary** and generally **not expected**. Japanese service culture values high-quality service as standard, and leaving a tip can sometimes even cause confusion. However, if you receive exceptional service and wish to show appreciation, small gestures are acceptable.

### **Guidelines by Service Type:**

#### **Drivers / Transfers:**

Airport or rail transfers: No tip expected; a small gesture of ¥500–¥1,000 (~\$4–\$8 USD) can be offered for exceptional service.

Long-distance transfers or full-day tours: ¥1,000–¥3,000 (-\$8–\$24 USD) if you feel service warrants it.  
Local taxis: Rounding up the fare is sufficient.

- **Private Guides / Tours:**

Half-day or full-day private guides: Not required; a small gift or cash of ¥1,000–¥2,000 (-\$8–\$16 USD) per day is optional for outstanding service.

- **Hotels:**

Housekeeping: Tipping is not customary; leaving a thank-you note or small gift is appreciated if desired.  
Porters / bellhops: ¥200–¥500 (-\$2–\$4 USD) per bag is optional.

- **Restaurants:**

Tipping is not expected. Simply paying the bill is sufficient.

If you wish to show appreciation for exceptional service, rounding up slightly or leaving ¥500–¥1,000 (-\$4–\$8 USD) is acceptable, but by no means required.

**Key Note:** Japanese culture prefers that service be offered without expectation of gratuity. In most cases, polite thanks and respectful behavior are the best way to show appreciation.

## Travel Insurance

Please request a trip insurance quote from your BTA travel advisor. Or, you can self-book trip insurance with Arch Roam Right, our preferred provider, using this [LINK](#).

### Arch Roam Right Contact Information

Emergencies can escalate quickly when you are traveling away from home.

In a medical emergency or for travel assistance, call our Emergency Response Center at +1-866-891-6614

If you are outside the US, make sure to dial the appropriate country code or call collect if necessary.

BTA highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance.

You can't prevent the unexpected from happening before or during your trip, but you can help protect your trip costs if it does. Because whether you are at home or on vacation, life happens – and that can affect your travel plans.

Many of Arch RoamRight's travel protection plans offer the following benefits. Check your plan benefits carefully to make sure you're getting the coverage you need:

Trip cancellation and interruption benefits

Lost and delayed baggage benefits

Possible waiver of the pre-existing conditions exclusion when conditions are met

Emergency accident and sickness medical coverage

Medical evacuation coverage

24/7/365 emergency assistance (non-insurance feature)\*

**What Your Travel Advisor May Do:**

Employees of a Travel Retailer MAY transact Travel Insurance on our behalf and under our direction, including:

Offering/disseminating information on our behalf, including brochures, buyer guides, descriptions of coverage, and price;

Referring specific coverage/feature/benefit questions to us;

Disseminating/processing applications for coverage, coverage selection forms, or other similar forms;

Collecting premiums on our behalf; and

Receiving/recording information to share with us.

**What Your Travel Advisor May Not Do:**

The Travel Retailer's employees:

Are NOT qualified or authorized to answer technical questions about the benefits, exclusions, or conditions of any of the insurance offered by the Travel Retailer; or

To evaluate the adequacy of a prospective insured's existing insurance coverage.

## BTA TERMS & CONDITIONS

### **BOOKING CONFIRMATION, PAYMENT TERMS AND CANCELLATION POLICIES FOR FULL PACKAGES:**

Pricing and Availability are subject to change and cannot be guaranteed until a 30% deposit has been made. Boutique Travel Advisors will start immediately to book any reservation inquired within 24 hrs (work hours / local time). In the event that the service is not available anymore or is subject to price changes, Boutique Travel Advisors will communicate to the Client the supplement.

Boutique Travel Advisors requires 30% down payment and balance 60 days prior to Client's arrival either by bank wire or by credit card:

A cancellation of a confirmed package is always subject to penalty (30%)

(a) Cancellation received 61 days before the date of the experience: Refund 70%

(b) Cancellation received after 60 days is non-refundable.

### **BOOKING CONFIRMATION, PAYMENT TERMS AND CANCELLATION POLICIES FOR SPECIALS SERVICES:**

Boats services, helicopters tours/transfers, special vehicles, special locations may have different cancellation policies. Generally, are not refundable but depends of the season, kind of service, destination.

### **Boutique Travel Advisors General Terms and Conditions**

#### **CONTRACTING PARTIES:**

These Terms and Conditions are legally binding between the traveler(s) and Boutique Travel Advisors, LLC., hereinafter referred to as BTA.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS:**

Terms and Conditions must be accepted to begin the itinerary design process.

#### **PASSPORT & VISAS:**

Passport holders are responsible for obtaining the required documentation applicable for entry. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after completion of your journey and should also have sufficient blank pages for visas and immigration stamps. BTA cannot be held responsible should you be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements. Should you require specific information ahead of travel, please consult the travel advice produced by the government of your home jurisdiction and that of the government that issued your passport and/or visa.

#### **PLANNING FEES:**

BTA is a service-based travel advisory firm. Our planning and management fees are collected before beginning the design process. Planning and management fees are non-refundable and vary depending on the complexity of the trip. In addition, fees may increase if the scope of services changes, as mutually agreed upon between parties.

#### **ITINERARY:**

Accommodation and arranged sightseeing are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond BTA's control. Every effort will be made to operate tours and activities as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

BTA reserves the right to withdraw a tour or any part of it, to make such alterations to the itinerary or the tour inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and to pass on to tour members any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control. In case of any appreciable variation in the tour price due to these circumstances, BTA reserves the right to adjust the tour costs.

### **TAXES AND GRATUITIES:**

Certain airline fees (such as baggage costs) and hotel taxes imposed by city and state governments are typically not included in the quotation unless specified. Likewise, gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, and hotel and cruise staff are generally not included and are at the traveler's discretion. Additional city taxes may be imposed in specific destinations and must be paid on the spot.

### **EXCLUSIONS:**

The cost of obtaining vaccinations, passports, visas, excess baggage charges, food and beverages (except where specified), laundry services, telephone calls, and personal expenditures, unless expressly included in writing, are not included.

Certain services are subject to additional fees and will be charged to your card on file upon providing such service:

- \* Airline research fees (inclusive of ticketing fee) - \$50-\$75/person for travel within the continental US
- \* Airline research fees (inclusive of ticketing fee) - \$100-\$150/person for Hawaii, Alaska, and international destinations
- \* Restaurant reservations start at \$100 per week
- \* A la carte tours and events - \$50/tour
- \* A la carte rail tickets - \$30/per person
- \* Spa reservations - \$30/per reservation

Apartments and villa rentals:

- \* Finder's fee for apartment and villa rentals: Up to 15% of net rental rate.
- \* Percentage will be determined based on net versus commissionable rate offered by the property manager.

### **CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS**

- \* Changes to the itinerary made post final payment are subject to \$100-\$150 fee per occurrence
- \* BTA reserves the right to charge a service fee of up to 10% of the booking costs if trip is cancelled by you after the first deposit. BTA encourages you to submit cancellation fees as part of claim in the event that you have trip insurance and deem your cancellation to be for a covered reason.

Note: Other supplier cancellation terms & conditions may apply and are the traveler's sole responsibility.

- \* Cancellation terms & conditions assed by suppliers are specific to each booking. Your travel may not be refundable and/or subject to cancellation or rebooking fees.

- \* While we can not guarantee reimbursement, change and cancellation fees should be submitted with any trip insurance claim made due to cancellation for a covered reason.

### **AFTER-HOURS ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES:**

BTA advisors are available Monday- Friday during standard business hours on MST and an appointment basis.

Travel itineraries booked with destination management companies and wholesalers may include complimentary after-hours customer support, in-destination emergency contacts, and concierge service lines.

After-hours support with a BTA advisor during travel is subject to \$100/hour, billed in 1-hour increments. The fee will be charged at the time of service.

### **SPECIAL REQUESTS:**

Specific requests, including connecting rooms, bedding configurations, room assignments, and meal preferences, should be advised at the time of booking. While we make an effort to secure special requests, they cannot be guaranteed.

### **PRICES & ARRANGEMENTS**

The price for your custom itinerary includes planning, handling, and operational charges and is quoted based on the current exchange rates and tariffs.

Entrance fees for scheduled sightseeing tours are included in this price when specified.

This price is subject to revision in line with significant changes in foreign currency, tariff rates, taxes etc. Quote and proposals are subject to change & availability until confirmed.

### **DESCRIPTIONS AND IMAGERY**

Photographs, videos, imagery, and descriptions used by BTA are intended to present an example of the types of sights, experiences, and scenery you may encounter in your travel destination. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, it is foreseeable that some destinations will change in appearance.

BTA cannot guarantee sightings of animals in the wild or marine life in its natural habitat. We are also not responsible for inclement or undesirable weather.

### **CONFIRMATION OF SERVICES**

A non-refundable itinerary design fee is required to begin the planning process. Typically, a non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking to secure custom travel components.

The deposit amount will be specified at the time of booking and varies depending on the supplier's Terms and Conditions.

The client understands that BTA's Terms and Conditions may vary from those of cruise lines, land operators, airlines, hotels, and other travel companies involved in your trip. All applicable Terms and Conditions shall be enforced.

### **PAYMENT METHOD:**

Payments may be made by the following methods:

- Credit card
- Bank transfer

Travelers are liable for all bank and related transaction charges. Some suppliers may charge additional credit card processing fees. These fees are strictly the responsibility of the traveler.

### **CREDIT CARD MERCHANT:**

We also strongly recommend that you use a credit card for your purchase, so that you can exercise your rights under the Fair Credit Billing Act if you do not receive the services you purchased. However, if we are the credit card merchant, our role is to facilitate the sale, collect funds on your behalf, and remit those funds to the Suppliers. If the Suppliers do not provide the services, your only recourse would be against the Suppliers, and you agree not to initiate a chargeback against us.

### **FLIGHT PREPARATION:**

BTA recommends that you check your flight for any changes at least 48 hours before departure and check in before arrival at the airport when possible. We recommend that you arrive at the airport 3 hours before traveling internationally and at least 2 hours before flying domestically. BTA is not liable for any travel interruption or disruption.

### **RISKS OF TRAVEL AND TRAVEL RELEASE:**

BTA assumes no responsibility for and shall not be liable for the acts or omissions on the part of any other party not under our control or any acts of God, unsafe conditions, terrorism, health hazards including pandemics, illness, weather hazards, or the suitability for a disabled person of any portion of any trip. We have no special knowledge of dangers during travel or at destinations.

For information related to such hazards, we recommend you visit the State Department travel website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), click on "Find International Travel Information," then click on "Country Information," and fill in the name of the destination country.

For medical and health information, we recommend you visit the Centers for Disease Control website at [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel), then click on "Destinations" and scroll to the destination country's name. It is your personal decision to travel, and you are doing so with full knowledge of current travel recommendations and travel restrictions regarding the risks of COVID-19 or any other pandemic.

### **FORCE MAJEURE:**

Force majeure means unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond BTA's control or the control of our suppliers, the consequence of which neither BTA nor its suppliers could avoid even with all due care, including, but not limited to, war, threat of war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity (actual or threatened), industrial dispute, unavoidable technical problems with transport, machinery or equipment, power failure, changes imposed by rescheduling or cancellation of flights by an airline, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, flood, drought, adverse weather conditions, epidemics or outbreaks of illness and level of water in rivers.

In the event of a cancellation or material alteration to the trip as a result of the circumstances as described in this clause, BTA may, in their sole and absolute discretion: a) offer the traveler (s) alternative travel arrangements or products of comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances; or b) if BTA does not offer alternative travel arrangements or products, BTA will make every effort to obtain a prompt proportional refund of monies paid by the traveler to the suppliers.

YOU HEREBY EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL OF THESE RISKS AND DANGERS, AND YOU HEREBY EXPRESSLY AGREE TO RELEASE FOREVER, DISCHARGE, AND HOLD US, AND OUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATES, AFFILIATED COMPANIES, GUIDES, GROUP LEADERS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS HARMLESS AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTIONS, SUITS, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF ANY AND EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER WHICH YOU NOW HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THESE RISKS AND DANGERS.

**CLAIMS DEADLINE AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION:**

You agree to present any claims against us within 30 days after your travels end and to file suit within one year of the incident, and you acknowledge that this expressly limits the applicable statute of limitations to one year. Any unresolved disputes arising out of or in connection with our services shall be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce by one or more arbitrators appointed in accordance with the said Rules.