



# JAPAN ART + CULTURE TOUR

## FULL ITINERARY

### DAY 1 SEP 26

Meet group members at HNL  
Relax at HIS-exclusive LeaLea Lounge  
Depart from HNL on Japan Airlines  
Direct flight to Haneda Airport (HND)

### DAY 1 SEP 27

Arrive at Haneda Airport  
Meet local guide and bus driver, head to hotel  
Light dinner at local restaurant  
Rest at hotel (**Keio Plaza Hotel** or similar)

### DAY 2 SEP 28

Breakfast at hotel  
Hakone Open-Air Sculpture Museum  
Hakone Ropeway and Owakudani sightseeing -- Hakone's sulfurous active volcano!  
Lunch at local restaurant  
Lake Ashi Pirate Ship cruise -- spectacular views of Mt. Fuji (weather permitting)!  
Dinner at a local restaurant  
Rest at ryokan hotel (**Susuki no Hara Ichi no Yu** or similar), [enjoy PRIVATE onsen in room](#)

### DAY 3 SEP 29

Breakfast at hotel  
Hakone Yosegi Zaiku experience -- learn traditional Japanese marquetry woodwork!  
Lunch at local restaurant  
Yamanashi Winery tour + tasting  
Rest at hotel (**Karuizawa Prince Hotel** or similar), [enjoy onsen](#)  
Dinner on your own at Karuizawa Prince shopping mall (across the street from hotel)

### DAY 4 SEP 30

Breakfast at hotel  
Full day to enjoy a guided tour of Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale Festival!  
*See larger-than-life artwork nestled within Niigata's expansive natural landscape*  
*Only occurs once every three years!*  
Lunch at local restaurant  
Check in to hotel (**NASPA New Otani** or similar), [enjoy onsen](#)  
Deluxe dinner at hotel





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### DAY 5 OCT 1

Breakfast at hotel  
Ferry ride from Niigata to Sado Island (about two and a half hours, well-equipped ship)  
Lunch at local restaurant  
Sado Island Tarai Bune traditional tub boat riding experience -- feel like you're in a Japanese movie!  
Shukunegi Fishing Village sightseeing  
Check into hotel (**Hotel Oosado** or similar), [enjoy onsen](#)  
Deluxe dinner at hotel

### DAY 6 OCT 2

Breakfast at hotel  
Sado Gold Mine tour + hands-on gold leaf experience  
Sado Island Oni Taiko Drum experience  
Lunch at local restaurant  
Obata Sake Brewery tour + tasting  
Arrive at hotel (**Hotel Oosado** or similar), [enjoy onsen](#)  
Deluxe dinner at hotel

### DAY 7 OCT 3

Breakfast at hotel  
Take ferry from Sado Island back to Niigata  
Ponshukan Sake Museum -- hundreds of rare and premium sake to sample to your heart's content!  
Performance and special lunch with *geigi* (Niigata's version of geisha), very rare opportunity  
Tsubame-shi Sangyo Shiryokan Industrial Museum + metalworking hands-on experience  
Move to Minakami Onsen, check into hotel (**Minakami Hotel Juraku** or similar)  
Deluxe dinner at hotel, [enjoy onsen](#)

### DAY 8 OCT 4

Breakfast at hotel  
Apple picking experience at Minakami Fruits Land Mogitore  
Lunch at local restaurant  
Craft hands-on experience at Takumi no Sato agricultural village  
Head to Tokyo  
Check into hotel (**Keio Plaza Hotel** or similar)  
Special farewell dinner at local restaurant

### DAY 9 OCT 5

Breakfast at hotel  
Free day to explore Tokyo! Ask us for suggestions!  
\*No bus or guide on this day  
Rest at hotel (**Keio Plaza Hotel** or similar)

### DAY 10 OCT 6

Breakfast at hotel  
Free morning to explore Tokyo!  
Meet bus in early afternoon, visit TeamLab Planets Digital Art Museum  
Head to Haneda Airport, depart for HNL on nonstop flight with JAL. Welcome home!