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Thursday · March 14th, 2024 - Sunday · March 31st, 2024

2-Week Custom Japan Luxury Honeymoon Program

17D/16N Private Tour of Tokyo, Hakone, Takayama, Kyoto & Osaka

Thursday · March 14th	Flight from Dulles to Tokyo 1:25 PM (14 hr, 25 min) +1
Friday · March 15th	Transfer · Tokyo Airport Arrival Transfer (HND)
Saturday · March 16th	Tokyo (Full Day City Tour)
Sunday · March 17th	Tokyo (Full Day Guide at Disposal)
Monday · March 18th	Tokyo (Free Day & Sushi-Making Lesson)
Tuesday · March 19th	Tokyo (Free Day at Leisure)
Wednesday · March 20th	Tokyo / Hakone
Thursday · March 21st	Hakone (Free Day at Leisure)
Friday · March 22nd	Hakone / Takayama (Unguided) Hidatei Hanaougi - Takayama, Japan (2 Nights)
Saturday · March 23rd	Takayama (Shirakawa-go)
Sunday · March 24th	Takayama / Ghibli Park / Kyoto
Monday · March 25th	Kyoto (Full Day Tour - Golden Pavilion, Kiyomizu, Yasaka Shrine & Gion)
Tuesday · March 26th	Kyoto (Free at Leisure / Kimono Wearing & Tea Ceremony)

Wednesday · March 27th	Kyoto (Full Day Fishimi Inari & Nara Tour)
Thursday · March 28th	Kyoto (Lake Biwa Countryside Excursion by E-Bike) / Osaka
Friday · March 29th	Osaka (Free Day at Leisure)
Saturday · March 30th	Osaka (Free at Leisure)
Sunday · March 31st	Transfer · Osaka City/Airport Departure Transfer
Itinerary Notes	Legal Notice

Pre Travel

Tour Summary (Tokyo-Hakone-Takayama-Kyoto-Osaka)

- Rail Tickets between Tokyo / Hakone / Takayama / Kyoto (Tourist Class)
- 5 nights at Cerulean Tower Tokyu Hotel in Tokyo (Superior Room)
- 2 nights at Ryokan Tensui Saryo in Hakone (Japanese Room with Onsen)
- 2 nights at Ryokan Hidatei Hanaougi in Takayama (Hijiri Room with Private Garden & Onsen)
- 4 nights at Dhawa Yura Hotel in Kyoto (Premium Room)
- 3 nights at Royal Classic Hotel in Osaka (Standard Room)
- Hotel Breakfasts Daily
- Kaiseki Dinners (2) during Roykan stays in Hakone & Takayama per itinerary
- Sightseeing by private guide with use of public transportation
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure by private car
- Separate Baggage Transfer (2 pcs) between Tokyo / Kyoto / Osaka

Thursday · March 14th

Dulles, Washington Dulles International Airport to Tokyo, Tokyo Haneda International Airport

United Airlines (UA)

UA803 Carrier/Flight	1:25 PM IAD •	4:50 PM +1 HND •	14 hr, 25 min Duration
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Notes

Flight(s) on passengers own arrangements

Friday · March 15th

Transfer · Tokyo Airport Arrival Transfer (HND)

Notes

Upon arrival at Tokyo Haneda Airport, be met and transferred to your hotel.

Note: Airport transfers is without accompanying guide.



Cerulean Tower Tokyu Hotel - Tokyo, Japan

81 3-3476-3000

26-1, Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan 150-8512

Mar 15

Check In

Mar 20

Check Out

5 Nights

Duration

High-rise hotel on floors 19 to 37 of shopping and entertainment complex - Stylish guestrooms with spectacular views of the city.

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: N/A

Accommodations: Cerulean Tower Hotel (Superior Room)

Saturday · March 16th



Tokyo (Full Day City Tour)

Today, enjoy a private tour of several of Tokyo's must-sees. Visit Meiji Jingu Shrine, Tokyo's most famous Shinto Shrine dedicated to the late 19th-century emperor who opened Japan to the West, home to a 40-foot-high torii gate and a 200-acre park made of 1,500-year-old cypress. Next, proceed to Tsukiji Market, the former site of the world's largest fish market, now a vibrant marketplace filled with produce and seafood stands and sushi joints. Continue to Tokyo's oldest Buddhist Temple at Senso-ji in Asakusa followed by a stroll thru its colorful Nakamise Shopping Street. Visit additional sights of your interest (i.e.

gardens, museums, markets, shopping, etc.) as time permits before returning to your hotel in the afternoon. Overnight in Tokyo. (B)

Pick-up Time: 9am at hotel lobby

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Cerulean Tower Hotel (Superior Room)

Sunday · March 17th

Tokyo (Full Day Guide at Disposal)

Tokyo: Today, enjoy a full day tour of the city visiting the "cool spots" of your interest. Candidates include:

- Teamlab Planets Digital Art Museum (included with tickets)
- Akihabara & Namco Game Center
- Cat / Micro-pig Café
- Suginami Animation Museum
- Mirakan: National Museum of Science & Innovation
- Cherry Blossoms Sites, if in season (Shinjuku Gyeon Garden, Nakameguro, Imperial Palace East Gardens)

Pick-up Time: 9am at hotel lobby

Note: Includes admissions to Teamlab Planets

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Cerulean Tower Hotel (Superior Room)

Monday · March 18th

Tokyo (Free Day & Sushi-Making Lesson)

Morning at leisure to relax and further explore the city on your own. This afternoon, make your way to [Cooking Sun Studios](#) located in Shinjuku for a fun-filled Sushi-making lesson. (B,L)

Pick-up time: N/A (today's program is without guide)

Suggested visits while on your own:

- Parks & Gardens: Imperial Palace East Garden, Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden
- Ueno: National Museum, Ueno Park, Zoo and Ameyoko Food & Shopping Street
- Ginza, Shinjuku, Roppongi: Shopping, Eating & Nightlife
- Harajuku: Fashion & Youth pop culture
- Akihabara & Ikebukuro: Amine & Electronics
- Tokyo Tower
- [Nezu Museum](#):

Note:

- 1 Session time (join basis with other participants): 1:30pm to 4:30pm.
- 2 Cooking Sun Studios is located in Shinjuku. Please refer to [Google Maps](#) for address/directions.

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (cooking lesson)
Accommodations: Cerulean Tower Hotel (Superior Room)

Tuesday · March 19th

Tokyo (Free Day at Leisure)

Full day free at leisure to eat, shop and explore Tokyo on your own. (B)

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodations: Cerulean Tower Hotel (Superior Room)

Wednesday · March 20th



Tokyo / Hakone

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This morning, travel by rail to Hakone. Commence sightseeing of this scenic area, home to the sacred Fuji San. Here, enjoy various sights within Owakudani Valley, known for its beautiful lush mountain scenery including a ride on the Hakone Ropeway that boasts spectacular views of Fuji san (weather permitting), a boat cruise on Lake Ashi and a visit to the Hakone Open Air Museum. Check in to your resort and enjoy time at leisure with a Kaiseki Dinner served at the ryokan. (B,D)

Pick-up Time: 8am at hotel lobby

Note: Baggage transfer (2 pcs) between Tokyo and Takayama will be arranged (please leave your bags with bell stand at checkout **the hotel will handle this arrangement directly. Please do NOT use the labels provided in your packet**). Your baggage will be transferred directly to your hotel in Takayama the next day. Please bring easy-to-carry bags suitable for touring.



Ryokan Tensui Saryo

Mar 20

Check In

Mar 22

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Ryokan Tensui Saryo (Japanese Room with Onsen)

Thursday · March 21st

Hakone (Free Day at Leisure)

Full day free at leisure to relax and explore the Hakone/Fuji Area on your own using the [Hakone Free Pass](#) (included in your package) which includes access to a variety of transportation and attractions in the Hakone area. (B)

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Ryokan Tensui Saryo (Japanese Room with Onsen)



Hakone / Takayama (Unguided)

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Morning transfer by private car to Odawara Station for your Shinkansen ride to Takayama, connecting in Nagoya. Upon arrival, enjoy the afternoon exploring Takayama town, famed for its beautifully preserved San-machi Suji District (old town) of cobble streets and Edo-era shophouses reminiscent of Japan's yesteryears. Check-in at your ryokan with a Kaiseki Dinner served this evening. (B,D)

Pick-up Time (for train station transfer) : 8:45am at hotel lobby.

How to Get There:

- Hotel > Odawara Station: private car (driver only)
- Odawara > Nagoya: Hikari #637: Depart 10:07am; arrive 11:14am
- Nagoya > Takayama: Hida #9: Depart 11:43am; Arrive 2:14pm
- Takayama Station > Hotel: Hotel Shuttle Bus. Pick-up at Hakusan (West) Exit of Takayama Station. Shuttle runs every 30 minutes from 2:30pm to 5:30pm

Suggested sites to visit on your own:

- Takayama Old Town
- Yatai Kaikan Float Museum
- Takayama Jinya
- [Hankyu Dojo Archery Range](#): enjoy some laughs trying traditional Japanese archery

Note:

- 1 Due to daylight and operating hours of shops in Old Town, we suggest exploring around town first (approximately 10-minute walk from Takayama Station) before checking-in at hotel. You may transfer to hotel by taxi or by complimentary hotel shuttle at Takayama Station)
- 2 Last shuttle departs at 5:30pm from Takayama Station.

Rail · Odawara / Nagoya (Hikari 637)

10:07 AM Departure Mar 22	11:14 AM Arrival Mar 22	1hr 7min Duration
Departure Location Odawara Station	Arrival Location Nagoya	Train Number HIKARI 637
		Train Type Shinkansen

Rail · Nagoya / Takayama (Hida 9)

11:43 AM Departure Mar 22	2:18 PM Arrival Mar 22	2hr 35min Duration
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Departure Location
Nagoya

Arrival Location
Takayama

Train Type
JR Limited Express

Notes

Transfer is required at Nagoya Station between Shinkansen to JR Train (located in different sections of train station)



Hidatei Hanaougi - Takayama, Japan

81 577-362000

411-1 Honobu-machi, Takayama, Japan 506-0003

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Mar 22 Check In	Mar 24 Check Out	2 Nights Duration
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Japanese-style hotel encircled by trees - 8 minutes drive from JR Takayama Station and 7 minutes drive from Hida Kokubun Temple.

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Ryokan Hidatei Hanaougi (Hiriji Room with Private Onsen)



Takayama (Shirakawa-go)

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Start the day with a visit to Takayama's famed morning market set along side the Miyagawa River. Stroll through the vibrant marketplace lined with colorful stalls and shophouses selling fresh local produce and mouthwatering snacks. Afterwards, proceed by express bus to Shirakawa-go, a UNESCO World Heritage site, famed for its traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses some dating 250 years back. Gassho-zukkuri translates as 'Praying Hands', as the farmhouses' steep thatched roofs resemble the hands of Buddhist monks pressed together in prayer, and are designed to withstand the heavy snowfalls in this mountainous region.

Return to Takayama for some sake tasting at a local brewery and a stroll around San-machi Suji district as time permits before returning to your hotel. (B)

Pick-up Time: 9am at hotel lobby

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Ryokan Hidaitei Hanaougi (Hiriji Room with Private Onsen)



Takayama / Ghibli Park / Kyoto

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Early morning departure from Takayama for Nagoya by express train. Continue to [Ghibli Park](#) by Taxi or Shuttle bus on your own. Enjoy time at the park before returning to Nagoya Station for your Shinkansen to Kyoto. Proceed to your hotel in Kyoto by taxi for your next 4 nights' accommodations. (B)

Pick-up Time: N/A (Today's program is without guide)

How to Get There:

- Hotel > Takayama Station: Taxi (please ask hotel to arrange)
- Takayama > Nagoya: Hida #2 Depart 6:46am; arrive 9:12am
- Nagoya > Ghibli Park: [Public Transportation](#) (60 minutes) / Taxi (30 Minutes). Access information [here](#)
- Ghibli Park > Nagoya Station: Public Transportation / Taxi
- Nagoya > Kyoto: Nozomi #51; depart 6:26pm; arrive 7pm
- Kyoto Station > Hotel: Taxi

Note:

- 1 Baggage transfer (2 pcs) between Takayama and Kyoto will be arranged (please leave your bags with bell stand at checkout). Bags will be transferred to your hotel in Kyoto the next day. Please bring a small carry-on size bag suitable for touring for 1st night stay in Kyoto (suggest leaving bags in coin locker at Nagoya Station while touring Ghibli Park.
- 2 Ghibli Park Tickets and transfers on passengers' own arrangements.

Rail · Takayama / Nagoya

6:46 AM Departure Mar 24	9:12 AM Arrival Mar 24	2hr 26min Duration
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Departure Location
Takayama

Arrival Location
Nagoya

Train Number
HIDA 2

Train Type
JR Limited Express

Rail · Nagoya / Kyoto

6:26 PM Departure Mar 24	7:00 PM Arrival Mar 24	34min Duration
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Departure Location Nagoya	Arrival Location Kyoto	Train Number NOZOMI 51	Train Type Shinkansen
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Dhawa Yura Kyoto - Kyoto, Japan
81 75-366-5800
84 Ohashicho Higashiyama ku, Kyoto, Japan 605-0009

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Mar 24 Check In	Mar 28 Check Out	4 Nights Duration
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Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Dhawa Yura Hotel Kyoto (Premium Room)

Monday · March 25th

Kyoto (Full Day Tour - Golden Pavilion, Kiyomizu, Yasaka Shrine & Gion)

This morning, enjoy a full day tour of beautiful Kyoto starting with Kinkaku-Ji (Golden Pavilion). Originally built as a retirement villa for the Shogun that later became a Buddhist Temple after his death at his request. Continue to Kiyomizu Temple, one of the most celebrated temples of Japan founded in 780 on the site of the Otowa Waterfall in the wooded hills east of Kyoto. This UNESCO world heritage site is best known for its wooden stage that juts out from its main hall, 13 meters above the hillside below boasting panoramic views of Kyoto City. Enjoy a stroll through the two famous shopping streets (Ninen-zaka & Sannen-zaka) for cherry blossoms view at Yasaka Shrine and Maruyama Park. Continue to Gion District before returning to your hotel. (B)

Pick-up Time: 9am at hotel lobby

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Dhawa Yura Hotel Kyoto (Premium Room)

Tuesday · March 26th

Kyoto (Free at Leisure / Kimono Wearing & Tea Ceremony)

Today, enjoy time at leisure to explore Kyoto on your own, plus a Kimono Wearing & Tea Ceremony Experience at [Maikoya](#). (B)

Pick-up Time: N/A (today's program is without guide)

Suggested sites to visit while on your own:

- Arashiyama Bamboo Forest and Iwatayama Monkey Park (please go early!)
- Nishiki Market: vibrant food market in the heart of Kyoto nestled in an open-air shopping arcade
- Pontocho (restaurant row): quaint restaurant area along narrow alleyways and wooden shophouses
- Evening Cultural Show at [Gion Corner](#)
- [Samurai & Ninja Museum](#)
- Anime: Pokemon Center, Kyoto International Manga Museum, Teramachi Shopping Arcade
- Kyoto Imperial Palace Park
- Take a stroll along Philosopher's Walk

Note: Kimono & Tea Ceremony Session time: 11am (passengers to make their own way to [Maikoya](#) located approximately 10 minutes by foot from your hotel. Address and Google Maps directions [HERE](#) for your reference.

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Dhawa Yura Hotel Kyoto (Premium Room)

Wednesday · March 27th



Kyoto (Full Day Fishimi Inari & Nara Tour)

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This morning, enjoy a visit to Fushimi Inari Shrine, famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates straddling a network of trails behind its main buildings leading into the wooded forest of the sacred Mount Inari. Afterwards, travel via Express Train to Nara, on the outskirts of Kyoto. Nara is Japan's first Capital from 710-784 A.D. and an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit Todaiji Temple, famed for being the world's largest wooden building and houses one of the country's largest Buddha statues. It is adjacent to Nara Park, where over 1,000 free-roaming deer abound. Last stop is Kasuga Taisha, one of the most celebrated shrines in all of Japan. Return to Kyoto in the afternoon. (B)

Pick-up Time: 9am at hotel lobby

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Dhawa Yura Hotel Kyoto (Premium Room)

Thursday · March 28th



This morning, make your own way to Kyoto Station where you'll be met by your guide who will accompany you on a 30-minute train ride to Lake Biwa. Here, we'll spend a relaxing and culturally-inspiring day in a traditional farm village mingling with the locals. The tour showcases a slow-paced, off-the-beaten-path experience of the countryside to see a different side of Japan. Your Lake Biwa experience begins with a leisurely bike ride along a beautiful lakeside road up to the stunning rice terraces where you'll spend a relaxing and culturally-inspiring day in a traditional farm village. Here, get a chance to visit a local family's residence where a simple Japanese lunch is prepared (with your help!).

After the tour, proceed to Osaka by train (transfer in Kyoto) and taxi to your hotel. This evening, be sure to venture out to the vibrant Dotonburi district located in the surroundings of your hotel that offers a myriad of shopping, dining and entertainment options. (B)

Pick-up: 9:00am at Kyoto Station (see meeting instructions below)

How to Get there

- Shiga > Kyoto Station: Train tickets to be provided by guide (**schedule to be advised**)
- Kyoto > Osaka Station: JR Express (trains run frequently. About a 30-minute ride)
- Shin-Osaka Station > Hotel (15-20 minute ride by taxi)

Note:

- 1 Passengers are to transfer to/from Kyoto Station on own arrangements. Meeting time is 9:15am in front of the Seven-Eleven located at the WEST GATE of JR Kyoto Station.
- 2 Your bags will be transferred directly to your hotel in Osaka, arriving the next day. Please bring an easy-to-carry bag for your 1st night's stay in Osaka.



Royal Classic Hotel Osaka

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Mar 28

Check In

Mar 31

Check Out

3 Nights

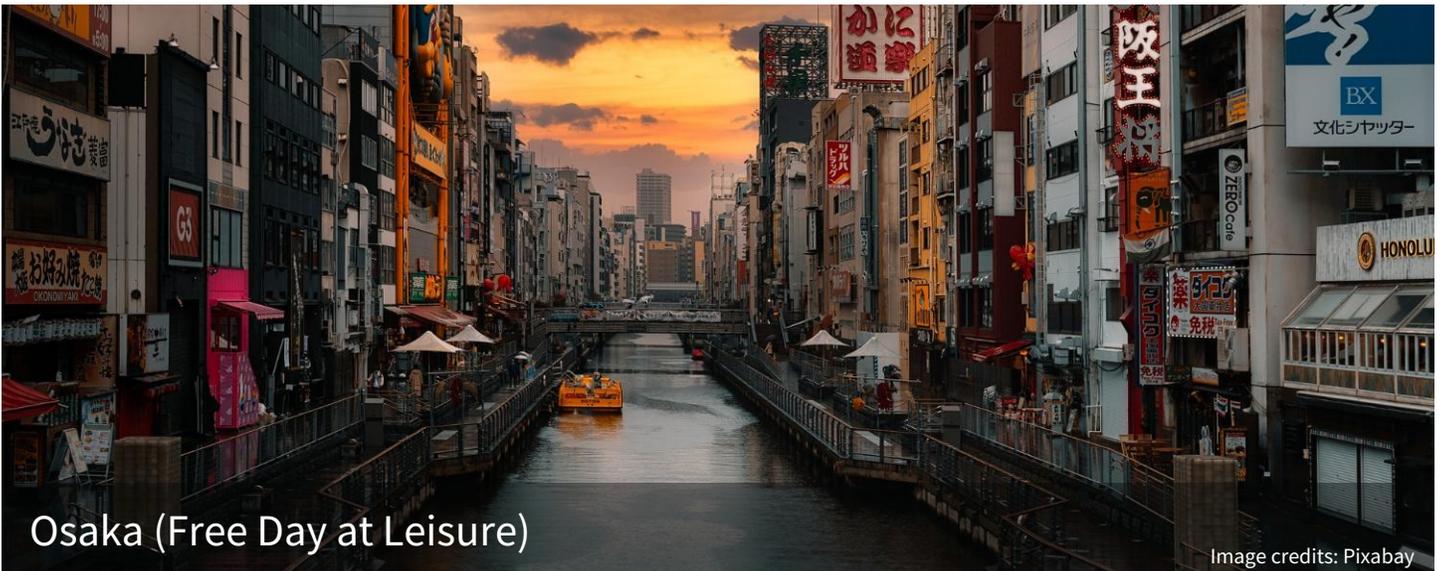
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Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Royal Classic Hotel Osaka (Standard Room)

Friday · March 29th



Osaka (Free Day at Leisure)

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Full day free at leisure to eat, shop and explore Osaka on your own. (B)

Pick-up time: N/A (today's program is without guide)

Suggested places to visit in Osaka

- Dotomburi & Namba District: Vibrant dining & entertainment district located near your hotel
- [Kuromon Ichiba Market](#) (a.k.a. Osaka's Kitchen) located near

- [Osaka Central Fish Market](#)
- Umeda: shopping district and Pokemon Center
- [Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan](#)
- Osaka Castle
- [Universal Studios](#)
- [Super Nintendo World](#)
- Den Den Town: Anime district walking distance from Dotoburi & Namba

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Royal Classic Hotel Osaka (Standard Room)

Saturday · March 30th

Osaka (Free at Leisure)

Full Day Free at leisure to explore the city or nearby destinations (Kobe, Himeji, Okayama, etc.) on your own. (B)

Pick-up time: N/A (today's program is without guide)

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Royal Classic Hotel Osaka (Standard Room)

Sunday · March 31st

Transfer · Osaka City/Airport Departure Transfer

Notes

Transfer to Kansai (KIX) or Itami (ITM) Airport by private car for your departure flight onward. (B)

Pick-up Time: 9am at Hotel Lobby

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: N/A

Osaka, Osaka Itami International Airport to Tokyo, Tokyo Haneda International Airport

ANA (NH)

NH24 Carrier/Flight	12:00 PM ITM •	1:15 PM HND •	1 hr, 15 min Duration
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Tokyo, Tokyo Haneda International Airport to Dulles, Washington Dulles International Airport

United Airlines (UA)

UA804 Carrier/Flight	3:45 PM HND •	3:45 PM IAD •	13 hr Duration
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Notes

Flight(s) on passengers' own arrangements

Itinerary Notes

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