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Japan Hobby Show Tour

April 24 - May 1, 2012

Price:

**Land package: \$1250.00
(based on double occupancy)**

Single Supplement: \$300

Airfare on Japan Airlines: \$1110.00 plus taxes and surcharges

Tour Price Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare from Honolulu to Japan
- Daily Breakfast and one dinner
- Ground transportation to and from the hotel
- Hotel Accommodations
- Admission to sites as indicated by itinerary
- Escort from Hawaii

April 24, 2012 (Tue)

HONOLULU / TOKYO

Our tour leaves Honolulu in the late afternoon to Tokyo.

April 25, 2012 (Wed)

TOKYO

Due to the international date line, we will arrive in Tokyo on the evening of the following day and after clearing customs we will check into the **Shiba Park Hotel**.

April 26, 2012 (Thu)

JAPAN HOBBY SHOW

We will depart the hotel at 8:30 am for the **36th Annual Japan Hobby and 5th Annual Cooking Show**, the largest hobby craft show in Japan. The show hosts a wide range of domestic and Hobby Industry Association member craft suppliers exhibiting a variety of products. Nearly 800 exhibitors are expected from all parts of Japan as well as the U.S. You will be able to find "oshibana", quilts, paint crafts, "Ribbon Art Crafts", and many more. In addition, various workshops and demonstrations on these crafts will be held, in which you may participate if you desire. There is also a large cooking component, where you can try various regional foods and watch food demonstrations.

April 27, 2012 (Fri)

JAPAN HOBBY SHOW / Free Day

Today we will return to the Hobby Show to finish what we did not get to see or try the day before. For those who do not wish to return to the show, it is a free day to do as you please.

April 28, 2012 (Sat)

Funabashi/Kamata

After spending the day at the show, we have a good idea of the wide variety of crafts that can be found in Japan. Our first stop will be at Funabashi to visit Tokyo's largest 100 yen store. This seven story store has over 60,000 square feet of retail space. From there we will head to **Kamata City**, which has specialty handcraft stores. There is Yuzawaya, a crafter's dream store, with seven buildings in the area. Everything from beads and cords to fabric can be found in this area.

April 29, 2012 (Sun)

Asakusa/Kappabashi/Ameyoko

We head to one of Japan's most popular tourist areas, **Asakusa**. What draws us there is **Nakamise Dori**, a shopping area that holds small knick knacks that are used in handcrafts. From there we will walk to **Kappabashi Dogugai** an area that wholesales kitchen supplies, everything from plastic food to the kitchen sink. From there we head to **Ameyoko cho**, a wholesale area where we can find all kinds of snacks, from cookies to candies to konbu and other Japanese food specialties.

April 30, 2012 (Mon)

Shinagawa /Sugamo/Asakusabashi

This morning we will visit an indoor morning flea market in **Shinagawa**. This indoor market is three floors and has a wide variety of items including second hand kimono. From there we head to **Sugamo City**, known as the old people's Harajuku. We will be able to find great deals on clothes, towels, purses, and more. We can also find red undergarments used for good luck in Las Vegas. For our last stop we will head to **Asakusabashi**, a whole sale area where we can shop for sumie paint, Heiko brand products, beads, paper goods, stationary, wrapping paper and more.

May 1, 2012 (Tue)

Tokyo / Honolulu

On our last day the day is free to relax and do any last minute shopping. Since we will be leaving late in the evening, you will be able to go back and pick up anything you did not have a chance to get earlier.

We will be having our farewell dinner tonight and after that we will head to the airport for our flight back to Hawaii.

Special Note:

This tour will change or add locations depending on the needs and desires of the group. If enough members wish to visit a particular destination or are seeking similar items, please notify the escort so it can be taken into account. Possible areas to visit aside from those already listed in the itinerary are Akihabara, Tokyo's Electric Town, and Nippori, a fabric wholesaler. Also please notify the escort of any items that you are seeking in particular, so that it can be pointed out when the group is in the area where it might be found.