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TAIHEIJI BULLETIN



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

New Year's Blessing Service & Daihannya Service

Thursday, January 1, 2026

As we welcome the beginning of 2026, Taiheiji will once again open the year with our traditional in-person (inside the temple) New Year's Blessing and Daihannya Services. These services provide a meaningful opportunity to pause, reflect, and set our intention for the year ahead. The services will begin at 9:00 a.m. With our new parking lot completed, there are many more stalls to use! Please arrive early to participate in "Joya no Kane," the ringing of the temple bell to dispel negative energy and bring in good luck for the new year.

During the Daihannya service, the ministers will chant the "Maka Hannya Haramitta Shingyo" to the sound of the taiko, in a ceremony that symbolizes the awakening of wisdom. Through this service, we express our aspiration to let go of confusion, attachment, and fear, and to cultivate insight and understanding. Rather than seeking wisdom somewhere outside ourselves, the Daihannya Service reminds us that wisdom is revealed through sincere practice and mindful living. For the first time in Taiheiji's 100+ year history, the ministers will fan brand new Daihannya Tendoku books, sets of accordian style books with holy scriptures printed on them. This spectacular ceremony is both visually and spiritually moving.

The New Year's Blessing Service invites us to step into the coming year with mindfulness and gratitude. It is a time to offer prayers for peace, good health, harmony in our families, and stability in our wider community. In Soto Zen, the new year is not simply a change on the calendar but a reminder that each moment presents an opportunity to begin again with clarity and compassion. Together, these services ground us at the start of the year, encouraging us to walk forward with steady hearts, supported by the Dharma and by one another.

The Ofuda packets you ordered will be distributed in the social hall at the conclusion of the services. Please also stick around to partake in special New Year's food like ozoni and zenzai, prepared by Mrs. Jaymie Komagata.

New Year's Message by Bishop Shuji Komagata



As we greet the New Year, I extend my heartfelt wishes for peace, good health, and continued strength to all members and friends of Taiheiji.

In the Japanese zodiac, 2026 is the Year of the Horse. The horse has long been regarded as a symbol of vitality, forward movement, and determination. Horses are known for their energy, endurance, and willingness to travel long distances with purpose. In this sense, the Year of the Horse encourages us to move forward with confidence, guided by a clear direction and a steady mind.

At the same time, traditional teachings also remind us that the horse's strong spirit can sometimes become restless or impulsive. When energy is not balanced with reflection, it can lead to exhaustion or distraction. From a Buddhist perspective, this is a helpful reminder. As we move through 2026, we are encouraged to bring awareness to how we use our energy, choosing thoughtful action over hurried reaction. The Year of the Horse invites us to ask ourselves: Where am I headed, and why? Are my actions rooted in compassion and wisdom? When guided by mindful intention, forward movement becomes a source of growth not only for ourselves, but for everyone around us.

This year also marks an important moment in the life of our temple. On February 1, 2026, we will celebrate the grand opening of the Soto Mission of Aiea Activity Center, followed by our annual New Year's Party. This new space represents years of planning, dedication, and shared effort, and it reflects our commitment to creating a place where community, learning, and fellowship can continue to flourish.

I also warmly invite you to consider joining the 2026 Soto Zen Japan Tour, scheduled for October 13 through October 21, 2026. This journey will offer participants a chance to experience the roots of Soto Zen, visit temples, and deepen their understanding of practice and tradition.

May this Year of the Horse be one in which we move forward together with purpose, kindness, and gratitude.

January Services

Hatsu Kannonko & Dogen Birthday Services

Ofuda-Yaki ceremony

On Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., Taiheiji will observe several important services that help us begin the year with reflection and renewal.

We will hold Hatsu Kannonko, the first Kannon service of the year. Kannon Bodhisattva embodies compassion, reminding us of our capacity to respond to suffering with kindness and care. Beginning the year with this service encourages us to keep compassion at the center of our daily lives.

During the same service, we also commemorate the Birthday of Dogen Zenji, the founder of Soto Zen in Japan. Dogen's teachings continue to guide us in understanding zazen, mindful living, and the inseparable nature of practice in everyday life. Honoring his birth is an expression of gratitude for the teachings that have been passed down to us across generations.

Following the service, we will hold the Ofuda-yaki Ceremony, in which members are invited to bring ofuda and omamori from the previous year. These items are respectfully returned through fire, symbolizing gratitude for past protection and the release of what is no longer needed. This ceremony allows us to step into the new year with a sense of renewal and openness.

February Services

Nehan-e, Kannonko, & Setsubun

On Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., we will gather for an important series of services marking the transition from winter toward spring.

The Nehan-e (Parinirvana Service) commemorates the passing of Shakyamuni Buddha. Nehan, or Parinirvana, refers to the Buddha's final liberation at the time of his death. Rather than being a moment of sorrow, this observance invites us to reflect deeply on impermanence and the enduring nature of the Buddha's teachings. Through remembering the Buddha's life and awakening, we are reminded that wisdom and compassion continue to live on through our actions.

We will also observe Kannonko, offering prayers to Kannon Bodhisattva, and Setsubun, a traditional observance that symbolizes the casting out of unwholesome influences and the welcoming of positive qualities as we approach spring. Setsubun encourages us to reflect on habits we wish to release and intentions we hope to cultivate.

These services prepare us spiritually for a day filled with celebration and community, as we move from reflection into joyful activity.

Soto Mission of Aiea Activity Center Grand Opening

Immediately following the Nehan-e, Kannonko, and Setsubun Services on Sunday, February 1, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. for the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Soto Mission of Aiea Activity Center.

The ceremony will take place in front of the new center's gateway and will include a short program featuring congratulatory messages, a blessing service for the building, the unveiling of the Soto Mission crests that adorn the gateway between the temple and the Activity Center, and a ribbon cutting ceremony.

This new facility represents more than a physical structure. It reflects our shared commitment to nurturing community, supporting temple activities, and providing a welcoming space for future generations. We invite everyone to take part in this meaningful moment and be among the first to walk through the doors of the Activity Center.

Shinnenkai New Year's Party

Following the Grand Opening on Sunday, February 1, we invite everyone to stay and celebrate at our annual Shinnenkai New Year's Party, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Doors will open immediately after the ceremony.

Shinnenkai is a time to gather in fellowship, enjoy a meal together, and celebrate the beginning of the year as one temple family. This year's event is especially meaningful as it coincides with the opening of the Activity Center.

The cost to attend is:

- Adults: \$25
- Children ages 6 to 12: \$15
- Children 5 and under: Free

Invitations will be mailed in January with additional details. We hope you will join us for a joyful and memorable celebration filled with good food and drinks, entertainment, and fun games for all.

Mahalo for Supporting Our Zippy's Fundraiser

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported the **Zippy's Fundraiser** held around the Thanksgiving season. Your participation and generosity were instrumental in supporting temple activities and programs.

Fundraisers such as this succeed because of the strong spirit of cooperation and care within our temple community. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and encouragement.

Columbarium is reopened!

The Taiheiji Columbarium, or Nokotsudo, is now open regularly on Tuesdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For now, please contact Bishop Shuji if you are planning to visit the nokotsudo to ensure that the room is open for you. Mahalo!!

Are you observing a Memorial Service in 2026?

Memorial Services (*Nenki Service*)

1 Year Service	3rd Year Service	7th Year Service	13th Year Service
17th Year Service	23rd Year Service	27th Year Service	33rd Year Service

We remember our departed loved ones and ancestors with love and gratitude at memorial services. We remember the ways in which they enriched our lives and pray for their continued peace. Prayers are also made for the well being of the family. This is the traditional custom of properly honoring the deceased.

If possible, the first memorial service should be conducted just before the first year has passed. For subsequent memorial services, the memorial services should be conducted before the beginning of the particular memorial year. For example: using the date of passing (*meinichi*) as a starting point, the seventh year memorial service should be held right before the sixth anniversary after passing. Please contact Bishop Shuji to schedule a memorial service.

Memorial service offerings that are traditionally brought to the temple by the family:

- ☐ Ihai (Wooden Memorial Tablet)
- ☐ Photo of the deceased (optional)
- ☐ Flowers (non-thorny, of any color, cut or potted)
- ☐ Food offerings (*osonaemono*) - sweets or fruits
- ☐ Osaisen Small monetary offering by everyone attending the service (place in the offertory chest)
- ☐ “Ofuse,” or Donation to Soto Mission of Aiea*
Average “Ofuse” donation amount is \$200
- ☐ “Orei,” or Discretionary Gift of Appreciation to Minister*
Average “Orei” amount to minister for a memorial service is \$200
**It is customary to place monetary “Ofuse” donation to temple and “Orei” to minister in separate envelopes*

Donating \$1 a day makes a difference!

Donating \$1 a day makes a difference! The recent facelift of the Taiheiji’s website has really given the temple a broader readership and made online giving an alternative, yet effective way to contribute to Taiheiji. Please visit the temple website to learn more about Taiheiji, and participate in the “Dollar a Day Donation Drive.” Donating to the Dollar a Day Drive is a positive expression of dana (selfless giving) and helps Taiheiji look optimistically to the future in sharing the Buddha-Dharma. This tax-deductible gift is collected monthly (\$30.00). Donors will be recognized in the Taiheiji Bulletin when they sign up to participate in the Dollar a Day Donation Drive. Instructions: Please enter \$30.00 (or more if you choose) as your donation amount. This amount will be charged to your credit card each month. Please contact Bishop Shuji Komagata at 808 -488-6794 for more information.

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Soto Mission of Aiea Membership

Taiheiji strives to serve the social, spiritual, and religious needs of its members through its ongoing mission to provide a place where people are welcomed with open arms to receive the guidance of the Buddha Dharma.

Whether for happy occasions like weddings and blessing services, or for the times to remember departed loved ones during memorial services and funerals, your Taiheiji membership enables you to access the variety of religious services available. We at Taiheiji certainly feel that your membership donation we receive is an encouraging sign of confidence that you place in the temple as an important and relevant part of your life.

Taiheiji regularly receives requests from nonmembers for services. The requests often comes at the time of a wedding or a funeral, or when people know of no other place to call. The strongest confirmation we receive that we have positively impacted someone's life is when they decide to join the temple as new members.

An additional benefit active members receive is the opportunity to use the social hall to host parties and events. The social hall can comfortably accommodate up to 150 guests.

Please use the above membership/donation form for your household to join the temple or renew membership. Please send your membership in if you have not already done so. **Please also encourage your parents, adult children, and relatives to renew their membership or to join our temple community by becoming a member.**

The annual membership donation is \$100 per household, and is customarily received in December and January. If you have any questions, please call Bishop Shuji at 488-6794.

Acknowledgement of Generous Donations Received

Glenn & Elizabeth Tango	Activity Center Sponsorship Program: \$25,000 for Gateway
Amy & Ken Mijo	Activity Center Sponsorship Program: \$5,000 for Bodhi Tree
Candace & Gary Tasoe	Activity Center Sponsorship Program: \$5,000 for Bamboo Tree
Frederick Takakawa	Activity Center Sponsorship Program: \$5,000 for Bodhi Tree
Bishop Shuji Komagata	Activity Center Sponsorship Program: \$5,000 for Bodhi Tree
Jaymie Komagata	Activity Center Sponsorship Program: \$5,000 for Bodhi Tree
Remi Komagata	Activity Center Sponsorship Program: \$5,000 for Bodhi Tree
Reigen Komagata	Activity Center Sponsorship Program: \$5,000 for Bodhi Tree
Tateishi Family	One Year Memorial for the late Mildred Tateishi
Yamamoto Family	50th Memorial Service for the late Pauline Yamamoto
Miki Okoji	Funeral Service for the late Annie Okoji
Ed Akahori	Makuragyo Service for the late Al Akahori
Ed Akahori	Funeral Service for the late Al Akahori
Ed Akahori	49 Day Memorial Service for the late Al Akahori
Calvin & Carol Matsuo	Home Blessing Service
Douglas Kazama	Funeral and Inurnment Service for the late Sachiko Kazama
Sandra Tanaka	Inurnment Service for the late Elaine Tanaka
Jane Tsukamoto	Donation to Temple
Aiko Karaoke School	Donation to Temple
Fukiya	Donation to Temple
Beth Iwamoto	Donation to Temple
P. Maki McHenry-Arens	Donation to Temple
Paul Murato	Donation to Temple
Diane Miyasato	Donation to Temple

2026 Tentative Calendar*

January	1	New Year's Day Blessing Service
	1	Daihannya Services
	11	Dogen's Birthday, Kannonko, Ofuda-yaki Services
February	1	Nehan-e & Kannonko Services
March	9	Spring Higan & Kannonko Services
April	5	Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service
	12	Hanamatsuri
	18-19	UHSSWA Conference (Host: Kona)
May	3	Fujinkai Tsuicho-e & Kannonko Services
June	18,20,21	Taiheiji Bon Services
August	7, 8	Taiheiji Bon Dance
September	6	Autumn Higan, Ryosoki, and Kannonko Services
October	13-21	Soto Zen Japan Tour
November	1	Keizan's Birthday, Eitaikyo & Kannonko Services
December	6	Hawaii Buddhist Council Bodhi Day Service
	13	Taiheiji Bodhi Day & Kannonko Services

*Dates Subject to Change

Fujinkai Membership

If you haven't done so already, please submit your Fujinkai membership dues (\$10) for 2026. Please call Bishop Shuji if you need new membership forms. Mahalo!

Memorial Services for 2026

1st Memorial Year: 2025

02/09/25	Fukuhara	Robert
02/19/25	Nakashima	Leslie
02/22/25	Otani	Kiyoko
03/23/25	Kazama	Wallace
04/01/25	Hasegawa	Richard
04/29/25	Shibata	Roy
06/03/25	Takakawa	Frances
07/01/25	Toyama	Daniel
07/04/25	Toyoshima	Hisako
07/20/25	Kanada	Norman
08/08/25	Saito	Neal
09/01/25	Okoji	Annie
10/01/25	Kazama	Sachiko
10/21/25	Akahori	Al

3rd Memorial Year: 2024

02/24/24	Izumi	Norma
03/10/24	Saiki	Harold
03/22/24	Iinuma	Yatsue
03/27/24	Fukumae	Noriko
04/23/24	Ishikawa	Kazuo
07/06/24	Tanaka	Elaine
07/11/24	Akahori	George
07/15/24	Togami	Mitsue
07/28/24	Fukuhara	Clifford
09/20/24	Tateishi	Mildred

7th Memorial Year: 2020

3/5/2020	Doi	Sumiko
03/10/20	Matsui	Clarence
3/23/2020	Iwata	Ronald
4/4/2020	Kosuga	Kieko
4/15/2020	Kono	Esther
04/30/20	Ono	Betsy
05/03/20	Yoshioka	Kazuo
05/10/20	Shimizu	Tazuko
5/28/2020	Sumimoto	Janet
05/29/20	Hamada	Henry
07/08/20	Kurosawa	Reiko
09/05/20	Shiraki	Fujiko
10/05/20	Kawachi	Karl
11/03/20	Kurosawa	Roy
11/04/20	Yoshimura	Midori

13th Memorial Year: 2014

01/14/14	Eto	Clifford
02/03/14	Fernandez	Alejandro
02/23/14	Kaya	Grace
03/14/14	Kaya	Haruyoshi
04/21/14	Fukutomi	Arnold
09/08/14	Matsukawa	George

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10/09/14	Chun	Aileen
10/26/14	Enga	Colleen
11/03/14	Tsumaki	Kazumi
12/04/14	Nagamine	Ruth
12/16/14	Koga	Alan

17th Memorial Year: 2010

01/05/10	Tengan	Teisei
02/05/10	Maeda	Momoe
02/15/10	Watanabe	Eleanor
02/24/10	Miyasawa	Hideo
03/13/10	Yokouchi	Yaeno
03/14/10	Shishido	Yoshiko
03/28/10	Mizusawa	Mildred
04/23/10	Sakami	Takeo
05/12/10	Kiriu	Hisao
06/09/10	Imai	Aiko
06/10/10	Matsubara	Chizuko
07/22/10	Koizumi	Loretta
10/02/10	Tanioka	Alice
12/24/10	Hirai	Kowashi

23rd Memorial Year: 2004

1/8/2004	Ono	Hisako
2/8/2004	Omura	Peggy Yoshiko
3/17/2004	Kazama	Katsumi
3/26/2004	Nose	Sueko
4/23/2004	Azama	Shoichi
6/25/2004	Abe	Yoshiye
7/10/2004	Anzai	Yoshio
7/15/2004	Ishizaki	Hisao
8/4/2004	Kanemoto	Umeichi
10/7/2004	Kawauchi	Benjamin Takeo
10/14/2004	Kuroda	Bettie
11/12/2004	Fujimoto	Thomas Toshiyuki

27th Memorial Year: 2000

1/16/2000	Hasegawa	Tetsuko
4/25/2000	Takata	Edward Toraichi
8/27/2000	Takahashi	Shinji
11/19/2000	Kaneko	Fukue

33rd Memorial Year: 1994

2/21/1994	Kurashige	Kaoru
3/7/1994	Miyasato	Yoshitaka
5/24/1994	Enga	Michael Masaaki
10/12/1994	Saito	Haruko
11/3/1994	Hamada	Kensaku
12/14/1994	Kaya	Sada

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January

1	Thu	9:00 a.m.	New Year's Blessing Service
11	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Dogen Zenji Birthday Service, Hatsu Kannonko, and Ofudayaki

February

1	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Nehan-e, Kannonko, & Setsubun Ceremony
		10:00 a.m.	Soto Mission of Aiea Activity Center Grand Opening
		11:00 a.m.	Shinnenkai (New Year's Party)

Soto Zen Japan Tour 2026

By Bishop Shuji Komagata

On behalf of the Hawaii Soto Mission Association (HSMA) and the Bishop's Office, it is my great pleasure to invite Soto Mission members, family members, and friends to join us on a very special journey: the Soto Zen Japan Tour 2026, taking place from October 13 to 21, 2026.

The heart of this pilgrimage is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit Soto Zen Buddhism's two headquarter temples—Eiheiji and Sojiji. These temples are not only historically and spiritually significant; they are living centers of practice where the spirit of Dogen Zenji continues to be embodied through daily training, ritual, and community. For many practitioners, visiting these temples is a lifelong aspiration, and doing so as part of an organized Soto Mission tour adds a depth of meaning that cannot be replicated when traveling alone.

This journey also offers something refreshingly different from the typical "Golden Route" between Tokyo and Osaka. Beginning in Nagoya, our route takes us through regions rich in culture, history, and natural beauty—areas that many travelers never experience. Along the way, we will enjoy scenic landscapes, charming towns, and meaningful cultural encounters, traveling together at a relaxed and thoughtful pace rather than rushing by shinkansen from one major city to the next.

As outlined in the itinerary, the tour includes opportunities to:

- Visit historic temples and sacred training sites
- Experience regional Japanese culture and traditions
- Enjoy seasonal scenery and thoughtfully selected attractions
- Savor a variety of delicious local cuisine

Tour Cost (per person)

Air & Land Package (*Includes roundtrip airfare between Honolulu (HNL) and Nagoya (NGO), ground transportation, hotels, and several meals*)

- \$3,390 (twin occupancy)
- \$3,995 (single occupancy)

Land Only Package (*Meet the group at Nagoya Airport*)

- \$2,425 (twin occupancy)
- \$3,025 (single occupancy)

Please note that prices may decrease depending on the total number of participants.

Simply email the planning committee at: **japantour2026@sotomission.org** to let them know you are interested in getting more information about the trip and they'll send you trip updates and the registration link when online registration opens in early January. I warmly encourage you to review the itinerary carefully and imagine yourself walking the temple grounds, sharing meals and conversations, and journeying together through parts of Japan that are both beautiful and deeply meaningful. It is my hope that this tour will be not only memorable, but truly transformative—a journey of practice, connection, and gratitude that we will carry with us long after we return home.



Soto Zen Japan Tour 2026

7 nights 9 days **Tour 4-1**

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as of 12/22/2025

City	Time	Transportation	Schedule	Meal
Day1	10/13/2026	(Tue)		
HNL ↓	12:00 PM 2:15 PM	JAL 797	Meet at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport T2 Depart Honolulu for Nagoya Centrair International Airport (NGO) *****Cross International Date Line*****	
Day2	10/14/2026	(Wed)		
Nagoya	6:00 PM 6:45 PM 7:45 PM	Chartered bus ↓	Arrive at Nagoya Centrair International Airport T1 Meet with Japanese speaking assistant Transfer to Hotel in Nagoya Hotel check-in Dinner on own Nagoya JR Gate Tower Hotel or similar	
Day3	10/15/2026	(Thu)		
Nagoya			Breakfast at hotel Hotel check-out	B
	8:30 AM 12:00 PM	Chartered bus	Sightseeing with English Speaking Guide Lunch at Eiheiji	L
Fukui		3:00 PM	Eiheiji (3h) Depart Eiheiji for Kanazawa City Hotel check-in	
Kanazawa	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Dinner at Local restaurant Koko Hotel Premier Kanazawa KORINBO or similar	D
Day4	10/16/2026	(Fri)		
Kanazawa	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 1:00 PM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM	11:30 AM 2:15 PM 3:45 PM Chartered bus ↓	Breakfast at hotel Sightseeing with English Speaking Guide Shirakawago Ohmicho Market (Lunch on own) Kenrokuen Garden Return to hotel Dinner on own Koko Hotel Premier Kanazawa KORINBO or similar	B
Day5	10/17/2026	(Sat)		
Kanazawa			Breakfast at hotel Hotel check-out	B
	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:45 AM 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	10:15 AM 12:15 PM 3:30 PM Chartered bus ↓	Sightseeing with English Speaking Guide Toyama Glass Art Museum Purchase lunch at Michino-eki Marine Dream Nou and eat on the bus Asahi-shuzo (KUBOTA) Sake Brewery Tour Hotel check-in Dinner on own Hotel New Otani Nagaoka or similar	
Toyama Niigata				



Soto Zen Japan Tour 2026

7 nights 9 days **Tour 4-1**

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as of 12/22/2025

City	Time		Transportation	Schedule	Meal
Day6	10/18/2026		(Sun)		
Niigata	8:30 AM		Chartered bus	Breakfast at hotel Hotel check-out Luggage transfer from Nagaoka to Tokyo (same-day-arrival) Sightseeing with English Speaking Guide Ryukokuji (1h) Uonuma no Sato Lunch will be provided by Bishop's relative and eaten on the bus.	B
	9:45 AM	10:45 AM			
	11:00 AM	11:45 AM			
	12:15 PM	2:00 PM	↓	Untoan (1h 45min)	L
Tokyo	2:45 PM		Shinkansen Chartered bus	Echigo-Yuzawa Station Depart Echigo-yuzawa Station for Tokyo Station by Shinkansen Toki 324 Depart Tokyo station for Hotel Hotel check-in Dinner on own Shinagawa Prince Hotel or similar	
	3:12 PM	4:28 PM			
	5:30 PM				
Day7	10/19/2026		(Mon)		
Tokyo	8:00 AM		Chartered bus	Breakfast at hotel Sightseeing with English Speaking Guide Sojiji Lunch @Yokohama Chinatown Chinatown Strolling Red Brick Warehouse/Yokohama World Porters (shopping) Return to hotel Farewell Dinner at Hotel Shinagawa Prince Hotel or similar	B
Tsurumi	9:00 AM	12:00 PM			
	12:30 PM	1:30 PM			L
		2:00 PM			
	2:15 PM	4:00 PM			
	5:00 PM	7:30 PM			D
	6:00 PM				
Day8	10/20/2026		(Tue)		
Tokyo				Breakfast at hotel Free Day Dinner on own Shinagawa Prince Hotel or similar	B
Day9	10/21/2026		(Wed)		
Tokyo	11:00 AM			Breakfast at hotel Hotel check-out Sightseeing with English Speaking Guide Lunch at Local restaurant (Buddhist cuisine restaurant Hachinoki) Tsurugaoka hachimangu-shrine (Dogen Kensho-ji) Kamakura Daibutsu Depart Enoshima for Airport Arrive at Haneda International Airport Dinner on own	B
	12:30 PM	1:45 PM			
	2:45 PM	3:30 PM			L
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Haneda	6:30 PM				
	9:55 PM		JAL 72	Depart Haneda International Airport for Honolulu	
Honolulu	10:20 AM			Arrive at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport	

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