

HIGASHI HONGANJI NORTH AMERICA DISTRICT | **TOUR TO JAPAN**

For the 850th Celebration of the Birth of Shinran Shōnin and
the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of Jōdo Shinshū

APRIL 17–27, 2023

Similar to the 750th Goenki memorial service for Shinran Shōnin that was held in 2011, the special birthday celebration occurs only once every 50 years also and is considered to be a once in a lifetime opportunity. Our head- quarters is hoping that many members not only from areas throughout Japan but also from our overseas districts join in the celebration at our mother temple in Kyoto.

Our North America District is planning to organize a group tour to invite all of you to this historical occasion. Please join us for this tour that'll be historic, educational and fun. The trip includes visiting our mother temple in Kyoto to observe Shinran Shonin's 850th Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the founding of Jodo Shinshu. We'll also travel to Niigata, near the Japan Sea, where Shinran lived in exile, and where today, there are many Jodo Shinshu temples, including Rev. Koen Hosokawa's temple, which we will visit. Under his former name (Rev. Mishima), he served as minister in Southern California three decades ago. He anxiously awaits our visit.

To encourage your participation, our mother temple is generously providing a \$300 subsidy each to help fund your trip. This offer is for North America District temple members only and limited to the first 20 during early registrations. Sign up now and join the fun! The deadline for early registration is November 30th.

We hope that you will consider joining us for this historical event and represent our district to participate in one of the grand celebration services at our Kyoto mother temple.

Tour Plans

Plan A: Kyoto & Japan Sea Side Region (April 17–April 27)

Plan B: Kyoto Only (April 17–April 23)

Costs (Estimate) – Airfare (ANA), Lodgings and Taxes Included

Plan A: \$4,900 (15–19 persons, double occupancy) or \$4,600 (20–24 persons, double occupancy),
+\$700 for single occupancy

Plan B: \$2,420 (double occupancy), +\$300 for single occupancy

Itinerary (Tentative)

April 17 (Mon)	Check in at the ANA counter of LAX	April 23 (Sun)	Transfer to the Japan Sea side region
April 18 (Tue)	Depart from LAX (midnight flight)		Sightseeing in the region (Stay in Kanazawa)
April 19 (Wed)	Arrive at Haneda (Tokyo) Int'l. Airport	April 24 (Mon)	Transfer to Niigata
	Depart from Haneda Int'l. Airport		Sightseeing in Niigata (Stay in Niigata)
	Arrive at Itami (Osaka) Airport	April 25 (Tue)	Sightseeing in Niigata
	Transfer to Kyoto (airport limousine)		Transfer to Nagano (Stay in Nagano)
	Sightseeing in Kyoto (Stay in Kyoto)	April 26 (Wed)	Sightseeing in Nagano
April 20 (Thu)	Sightseeing in Kyoto (Stay in Kyoto)		Transfer to Tokyo
April 21 (Fri)	Participate in the Celebration service <i>Kikyōshiki</i> (Confirmation Ceremony) (Stay in Kyoto)	April 27 (Thu)	Sightseeing in Tokyo
April 22 (Sat)	Enjoy the Celebration events (Stay in Kyoto)		Depart from Haneda Int'l. Airport back to LAX

Deadlines to Apply

Registration: November 30, 2022 (with a deposit of \$1,400 per person)

Final deadline for payment: January 31, 2023

Contact

Please contact the North America District office to express interest or acquire more information.

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