



Japan Holidays
EXCLUSIVE TOUR

ULTIMATE TOUR OF JAPAN AUTUMN 2017

Thu 19th Oct - 28th Oct' 2017

Price from \$4500 per person



TOUR DESCRIPTION

Introduction:

Departure Date:

Thursday 19th October 2017 Australia

Arrival Date:

Sunday 29th October 2017 Australia

(Depart Japan Saturday 28th October)

Period:

10Days/9 Nights

Price:

\$4500 per person - (Single Supplement extra \$500)

* Price subject to exchange rate

INCLUSIONS

9 B'Fasts, 8 Lunches, 8 Dinners

9 Nights accommodation Western or Japanese

Ryokans

Transfers, Tours & Entrances as per itinerary

Private Escort/Guide in Japan

NON INCLUSIONS

International & Domestic Flights

Highlights:

The Japan less travelled – The Ultimate Tour of Japan introduces authentic Japan through a visit to Kyushu – in particular the Kumamoto area- in southwest Japan- a place rich in natural beauty and the history of the samurai.

- Stay in traditional Japanese accommodation, indulge in hot spring bathing and feel the warmth of the local hospitality and cuisine unique to the Kyushu area
- View the breath taking beauty of Mount Aso caldera (volcano) from up close
- Stroll though the Japanese Gardens of Kumamoto, the famous Kumamoto castle and enjoy a traditional tea ceremony
- Enjoy a traditional Japanese bento box dinner ,while watching largest fireworks competition in Western Japan
- Visit Suizenji Japanese garden – one of the most acclaimed gardens in Japan
- Visit Gokanosho – home of the last samurai

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Day 1 - Thu 19th Oct : Tokyo

Depart Australia for Tokyo Meet & Greet on arrival and transfer via shared shuttle direct to Tokyu Stay Ginza Hotel (or similar)

Accommodation: Tokyu Stay Ginza (Breakfast)



Day 2 - Fri 20th Oct : Tokyo - Kagoshima - Kumamoto

Leisurely Buffet Breakfast Meet & Greet and transfer via shared shuttle to Haneda Airport Depart Haneda on domestic flight to Kagoshima Met by Ken Takenaga, Tourism Representative and Guide. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, depart for the inspection of the Underground Imperial Navy Command Post, which was used to train Kamikaze pilots, engineers and man-made human torpedo boats. Transfer to your accommodation for the night. Check into Japanese Ryokan Suiranrou. Enjoy Authentic Japanese Dance Performance at dinner.

Accommodation: Ryokan Suiranrou (Dinner & Breakfast)

Day 3 - Sat 21st Oct : Kumamoto

Check out from your accommodation after breakfast. Visit Aso-Aso Shrine, originally built in 806 AD and was designated as Japan's National Treasure in 2008. Watch a samurai performance by Tai -Sha-Ryu warriors at the Shrine. After paying respect at the shrine, visit Tateyama Tea Shop to learn correct way of preparing Japanese green tea and how to enjoy it. Lunch at Café Kura overlooking Hitoyoshi City. 14:38hrs Depart Hitoyoshi Station on Steam Locomotive Hitoyoshi for Yatsushiro City. 16:24hrs Arrive at Yatsushiro Station. Transfer from the station to the Yatsushiro Grand Hotel 17:00hrs Depart Hotel to watch the largest Fireworks competition in the Western Japan. Bento Box Dinner whilst watching Fireworks.

Accommodation: Yatsushiro Grand Hotel (Breakfast)



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Day 4 - Sun 22nd Oct : Kumamoto

Transfer from Yatsushiro to Kumamoto City. Commence inspection of tourism attractions in Kumamoto City, first visit Jyosai-En Cultural Center to learn the way the Kumamoto Castle was built by the Lord Kato Kiyomasa in 1607. Short walk to the Kumamoto Castle to view damages caused by the Earthquakes of

April 16th, 2016 and see recovery process. Lunch at Buffet Restaurant "Ginnan" in Jyosai-En We then visit the Kumamoto Prefectural Traditional Craft Center to view various local traditional products. Recommended product here is

Japanese kitchen Knives that are made by sword makers. We then visit Tsuruya Department Store for shopping opportunity. Check into Hotel Nikko

Kumamoto 19.00hrs Dinner at local restaurant

Accommodation : Hotel Nikko Kumamoto (Breakfast)



Day 5 - Mon 23rd Oct : Kumamoto

07:00hrs Buffet Breakfast at Hotel 09:00hrs Depart hotel for Mt. Aso Volcano area. En route, we will venture to the Suizenji Japanese Garden – one of Japan's most acclaimed Japanese gardens. Arrive Mt Aso –and inspect Nakadake- active volcano if weather permits Arrive at New Kusasenri Restaurant and enjoy Yoganyaki Steak Lunch. Visit Aso Shrine and witness damages caused by the earthquakes of 16th of April, 2016 and restoration process. Enjoy "water tasting" visiting near by shops. Return to Hotel Nikko Kumamoto 19:00hrs Dinner at local restaurant

Accommodation : Hotel Nikko Kumamoto (Breakfast)

Day 6 - Tue 24th Oct : Kumamoto

After breakfast we will commence our journey to Gokanoshō – the Land of the Last Samurai. Gokanoshō is located in the centre of Kumamoto Prefecture and is often called the last secluded region in Kyushu. These villages are known as the "Home of the Heike fugitive legend" or the Hidden Samurai. Gokanoshō with its combination of waterfalls, mountains and dense forest offers an escape into a splendid piece of natural scenery never seen on regular sightseeing tours of Japan. On the way we will stop by the Sendan Totodo Waterfall and walk the suspension bridges. Stay Heike-so or Sakura-so with the local people and enjoy the generous hospitality of the mountain people that you will remember for your life. The food and local "moonshine" is superb. Stay overnight Heike-so or Sakura-so Minshuku, Gokanoshō

Accommodation : Heike-So Minshuku (Dinner & Breakfast)

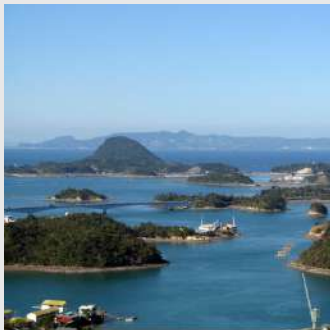


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Day 7 - Wed 25th Oct : Kumamoto

Say goodbye to Gokanoshio after sumptuous Japanese Breakfast and drive the scenic coastal route to Amakusa. The amazing natural scenery where the mountains meet the ocean creates a spectacular vista. We will cross the five famous Bridges of Amakusa. En route, stop over at Honda Pearl Center. Move to the Christian Museum and learn about the history of the Hidden Christians in Amakusa. Check into your accommodation. Enjoy Natural Hot Spring Spa

Accommodation : Kameya Hotel Hana Tsubaki (Dinner & Breakfast)



Day 8 - Thu 26th Oct : Kumamoto - Nagasaki

08:00hrs Leisurely Breakfast 09:00hrs Depart Hotel for inspection of Amakusa taking in all the historic sights and World Heritage listed Churches. Lunch at local restaurant. 14:00hrs Transfer from Amakusa to Shimabara by vehicular Ferry. Visit Mt. Fugen Volcanic Museum before checking into Japanese Ryokan in the town of Obama. Enjoy a traditional Japanese style accommodation stay wearing the Yukata. After relaxing in the hot spring Onsen, feast on a typical Japanese style kaiseki meal

Accommodation : Iseya Ryokan (Dinner & Breakfast)

Day 9 - Fri 27th Oct : Nagasaki

After Breakfast the tour travels to Nagasaki. Tour of Nagasaki City including the Nuclear Atomic Bomb Museum and Peace Park and Urakami Cathedral built by the persecuted Christians in 1914. View Dr. Nagai's house and museum en route to the Cathedral. The Book 'Songs of Nagasaki' is a good reference for the sights to be seen in Nagasaki. In Nagasaki we make time to enjoy local chanpon noodles Lunch. Visit crucified 26 Martyrs and the museum before checking into JR Kyushu Nagasaki. Dinner will be at local restaurant nearby Hotel.

Accommodation : JR Kyushu Hotel Nagasaki (Breakfast)



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Day 10 - Sat 28th Oct : Nagasaki - Hukuoka - Tokyo
After Breakfast and checking out we depart Nagasaki for Fukuoka for our flight to Tokyo.



End of Tour

Sayonara

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