

SPRING CHERRY BLOSSOM KYUSHU with Okinawa

April 2, 2015 (12 days)

Spring in Japan is one of the most popular seasons for travel. Our Cherry Blossom tour visits Okinawa first then we fly over to Kyushu visiting many popular cities where sakura blossoms may still be in bloom.

HONOLULU - NARITA

(1) April 2, Thursday

Leave Honolulu this morning. Arrival in Japan will be one day later due to crossing the Int'l Date Line.

Arrive NARITA - OKINAWA

(2) April 3, Friday

Arrive Narita and transfer to your connecting flight to Okinawa. Arrive Naha, Okinawa at night and check-in for 3 nights at the **Hotel Royal Orion**.

OKINAWA

(3) April 4, Saturday (B,D)

All day sightseeing of the Southern part of Okinawa Island. Visits will include Mabuni Hill, the site of the fiercest battle during World War II, Gyokusendo Stalactite Cave to witness a huge network of stalactites, very rich in color and shape, Habu Museum for habu and mongoose fight, Himeyuri-no-To Memorial Park, the former Japanese Underground Naval Headquarters and Shri Castle. "Teppan-yaki" lunch included today.



OKINAWA

(4) April 5, Sunday (B,L,D)

All day sightseeing tour of Central and Northern Part of Okinawa Island by motorcoach. Visits include Manzamo

Beach to see its soaring cliffs, Oceanic Exposition Memorial Park at Motobu to visit the largest aquarium in the Far East and to enjoy their famous Dolphin Show. After enjoying the famous Nago Soba lunch, visit the location where the movie "Ryukyu No Kaze" was filmed, Ryukyu-mura Village Open Air Museum and Glass Factory. In the evening, enjoy our farewell to Okinawa dinner with Ryukyu Dance entertainment at a leading restaurant in Okinawa.



OKINAWA - FUKUOKA

(5) April 6, Monday (B)

Leave Okinawa this morning for Fukuoka. Arrive Fukuoka in the afternoon and overnight at the **Solaria Nishitetsu Hotel**.



FUKUOKA - MT. ASO - BEPPU

(6) April 7, Tuesday (B,D)

After breakfast, drive to Mt. Aso. Take a cable-car ride to the crater for a full view of this great volcano. Visit Umi Jigoku boiling pond. Then to the quaint Yufuin Onsen town with many art museums, cafes and boutiques. Many travelers come to the city just to stroll about town for the day. Continue to Mt. Takasaki, home of more than 1,500

monkeys. Finally reach Beppu, known throughout Japan for its abundant hot springs. Dinner and accommodations at the **Beppu-wan Royal Hotel** (onsen).



BEPPU

(7) April 8, Wednesday (B,D)

Free day to relax at this famous onsen town.

BEPPU - AOSHIMA

(8) April 9, Thursday (B,D)

Continue to Miyazaki's famous tourist destination of Aoshima, well known as a famous hot spring area. Visit Aoshima Island... a small beautiful island just off the coast of the beaches connected by a bridge. Continue via Horikiri Pass and enjoy the view of the coastline. Then to Udo Shrine dedicated to Yamasachihiko, the father of Emperor Jimmu, the mythical first emperor of Japan. This brightly painted shrine is set in a cave on the side of a cliff overlooking the ocean and so enjoys a spectacular view. Overnight at **Aoshima Palm Beach Hotel**.



AOSHIMA - SAKURAJIMA - KAGOSHIMA - IBUSUKI

(9) April 10, Friday (B,D)

Leave Aoshima and stop at Fukuyama to visit the famous Kurozu (black vinegar) factory. Continue to Sakurajima, once an island in the Bay of Kagoshima, now part of a peninsula formed when the flow of lava in the great eruption of 1914 dammed up the narrow channel which formerly



separated the island from the mainland. Arrive Kagoshima and visit Shiroyama Park and Iso Garden Park, formerly of the Shimazu Clan and well-known site for cherry blossoms. Continue to Ibusuki, famous sand baths, for overnight at the **Ibusuki Hakusuikan Hotel** (onsen).

that departed from Chiran and other bases during the Battle of Okinawa. Then to Kumamoto visiting Kumamoto Castle and Suizenji Park. Dinner and accommodations at **Kumamoto JAL Hotel**.



NAGASAKI - FUKUOKA - HONOLULU

(12) April 13, Monday (B,D)

Morning leave for Fukuoka airport for your mid-afternoon flight to Narita then to Honolulu.



KUMAMOTO - SHIMABARA - UNZEN - NAGASAKI

(11) April 12, Sunday (B)

This morning leave Kumamoto for Shimabara by Ocean Arrow Ferry. Then proceed to Unzen National Park. Take a brief tour of Unzen, visiting "Jigoku" or hot spring hells. Then to Nagasaki visiting the Peace Park, Atomic Bomb Museum and Glover Mansion — an old British residence with beautiful gardens overlooking the Nagasaki Harbor. Overnight at **Hotel New Nagasaki**.



IBUSUKI - NAGASAKIBANA - CHIRAN - KUMAMOTO

(10) April 11, Friday (B)

In the morning, visit the town of Chiran, famous for its samurai gardens built during Edo times and stone lanterns to memorialize the 1,036 kamikaze pilots



TOUR DATES

Depart	Return	Code
April 2	April 13	JP15-0402

TOUR PRICE

Adult twin: \$4793.00
 Adult single: \$5380.00

Note:
 based on at the yen at 1USD = 105 yen and minimum 15 tour members. Final costs will depend on the exchange and number of participants. Reservation deposit is \$100 per person. Travel Insurance is optional.