

2015 TOHOKU & NORTHERN NIHON KAI

October 15-25, 2015 -- (11 days)



**Oct. 15
(Thu)**

LEAVE HONOLULU - NARITA

Leave Honolulu via Japan Airlines.
Due to crossing the International Date Line, you will lose one day.

**Oct. 16
(Fri)**

ARRIVE NARITA - MITO

Arrive Narita and clear immigration and customs.
Transfer by motorcoach to your hotel in Mito.
Dinner is on your own.
Accommodations at MITO PLAZA HOTEL

**Oct. 17
(Sat)**

MITO - MATSUSHIMA (B)(L)(D)

Breakfast at hotel.
Depart Mito and drive north to Sendai.
Visit Zuihouden and Kirin Beer Brewery.
Continue to your hotel in Matsushima.
Dinner included at your hotel.
Accommodations at MATSUSHIMA CENTURY HOTEL



Oct.18 **MATSUSHIMA - MORIOKA** (B)(L)
(Sun)

Breakfast at hotel.

Take a ferry cruise on Matsushima Bay. Visit Zuiganji Temple and experience making Sasakamaboko.

Afterwards, drive north to Morioka.

Accommodations at HOTEL ROYAL MORIOKA

Oct. 19 **MORIOKA - AKITA** (B)(L)
(Mon)

Breakfast at hotel.

This morning sightseeing of Morioka. Experience making Nanbu Senbei (rice crackers) at Morioka Tezukuri Village.

Then enjoy apple picking before driving to Akita.

Dinner is on your own.

Accommodations at HOTEL METROPOLITAN AKITA



Oct. 20 **AKITA - ATSUMI** (B)(D)
(Tue)

Breakfast at hotel.

Sightseeing of Akita visiting the Namahage Museum. Take a stroll in the Buke Yashiki area.

Continue along the Japan Sea heading south to Atsumi Onsen.

Dinner and accommodations at BANKOKUYA (onsen)



Oct. 21 **ATSUMI - SADO ISLAND** **(B)(L)(D)**
(Wed)

Breakfast at hotel.

Leave this morning for Niigata Port and take a Jet Foil to Sado Island.

Arrive Sado Island and take a tour visiting the Sado Gold Mine.

Dinner and accommodations at RYOTSU YAMAKI (onsen)



Oct. 22 **SADO ISLAND - NIIGATA** **(B)(L)**
(Thu)

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning sightseeing of Sado Island visiting the Sado Japanese Crested Ibis Conservation Center.

Next have fun in a Tarai Bune Boat; then experience making Soba.

Transfer to Ryotsu Port and take the Jet Foil to Niigata port.

Arrive Niigata and transfer to your hotel.

Accommodations at NIIGATA GRAND HOTEL

Oct. 23 **NIIGATA - TOKYO - YOKOHAMA** **(B)**
(Fri)

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning sightseeing of Niigata visiting the Northern Culture Museum, Niigata Furusato Village and a Sake Brewery.

Transfer to Niigata Station and leave for Tokyo via JR Super Express.

Arrive Tokyo and transfer to your hotel in Yokohama.

Accommodations at YOKOHAMA SHERATON HOTEL



Oct. 24 **YOKOHAMA** (B)
(Sat)

Breakfast at hotel.
Free day at leisure to explore Yokohama city or venture to Tokyo.
Accommodations at YOKOHAMA SHERATON HOTEL

Oct. 25 **YOKOHAMA - NARITA - HONOLULU** (B)
(Sun)

Breakfast at hotel.
Free day until your afternoon transfer to Narita.
Depart Narita at night via Japan Airlines.
Arrive Honolulu the same day in the morning.

***** S A Y O N A R A *****

Let us know if you plan to stay back in Japan so we can figure out your airfare and hotel (if needed)

Tour Price: **with 20 tour members, each person based on double occupancy --**
Tour costs (land+airfare) based on 115 yen to the dollar **\$3,893.00**
if Single supplement, additional **\$450.00**

Note: **Deposit \$100 per person (check only) by August 15, 2015**
Land costs subject to change depending on the currency exchange.
Airfare (\$1001.40) also subject to change, depending on fuel costs and taxes and yen exch.

If you want to guarantee the land costs, costs will be based on the exchange at time of payment.
Only airfare can be charged on your credit card; Land costs have to be paid by check.

What tour price includes:

- Hotel – 2 people in a room occupancy basis at the hotels as specified in the itinerary**
- Meal – (9)Breakfast, (5)Lunch, (3)Dinner**
- Transfer/Sightseeing – by chartered motorcoach throughout the tour with toll fee, parking charge and travel expense for bus driver included**
- Admission – entrance fee to all the places as specified in the itinerary**

TOUR CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS / DEPOSITS

Reservations with your deposit and completed tour registration form should be made as soon as you decide on joining the tour.

Refer to each tour for the deposit amount.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure date for USA & Canada tours; 45-60 days for international tours; 120 days for cruise tours — or refer to your invoice for due date of your final payment.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

You have the right at any time to cancel the booking but if you do so you must make the cancellation in writing.

You'll receive a full refund on cancellations 45 days or more before departure date (120 days or more for cruise tours; 60 days for international tours), less any out-of-pocket costs. For cancellations received fewer than 45 days before departure date (or fewer than 120 days for cruise tours; 60 days for international tours), the deposit amount is charged regardless of the reason for cancellation plus any nonrefundable expenses incurred for hotels, carriers or ground contractors, cruise companies or other out-of-pocket expenses.

No refunds are possible for unused portions of a tour unless arrangements are made before departure. If you must return home, refunds will be whatever net funds Travel Ways recovers from contractors.

If any tour must be withdrawn, Travel Ways' liability is limited to refund of monies received. Cruise ship, airline and other transportation penalties are subject to the rules of carriers.

To protect against cancellation charges, Travel Insurance (cancellation, health, luggage) is strongly recommended (see below).

TRAVEL INSURANCE (optional)

Trip Cancellation coverage begins when you submit your insurance application and insurance premium directly to the Insurance Company. Most Insurance Companies require that you pay the premium within two weeks of your deposit to be covered for any pre-existing illnesses. Other coverage begins at the point and time of tour departure. Coverage continues for the duration of your tour or as specified with your particular plan.

Details of benefits and exceptions/limitations of coverage are specified in the Travel Insurance brochure which will be mailed to after you register for the tour. These facts about the plan should be read carefully. Premiums are based on the amount of coverage you want and your age.

You should call us before you submit your insurance application to verify the amount of coverage that you need. Normally, you do not need to take coverage for the full amount of the tour cost and only for the amount of non-refundable expenses.

If Trip Cancellation Insurance has been declined, the cancellation of a tour is subject to the cancellation fees outlined above under Cancellation/Refunds.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Air transportation via services of any scheduled carrier. Certain travel restrictions apply depending on the type of fare used. Stopovers are allowed on most tours at an additional cost as charged by the carrier. Airfares are based on tariffs in effect March 1, 2015 and are subject to change by the airlines. In the event of change in tariffs, the new rates will apply and must be paid accordingly. If passenger desires to be protected from any increases in airfares, the air ticket must be purchased according to the fare in effect.

MILEAGE PROGRAMS — Mileage program Travel Awards (e.g. free or upgrade certificates) may be used but your credit amount will be the group net fare. You will be responsible to book your own

flights with the airlines. Also, if the group flights or dates are changed or if the tour is cancelled, Travel Ways will not be responsible for any fees for changes or re-credit of your award ticket.

Travel Ways will give the mileage number on your registration form to the airline, however, we will not be responsible for missing credit (always present your mileage number when you check-in). Also, if you are not a member of the mileage program, we will not be responsible for your enrollment.

To enroll, call or go to the airline web site:

American - www.aa.com or call 1(800) 882-8880

Delta - www.delta.com or call 1(800) 323-2323

Hawaiian - www.hawaiianair.com

Japan Airlines - www.jal.com or call 521-1441

Korean Air - www.koreanair.com

United - www.united.com or call 1(800) 421-4655

LAND TRANSPORTATION

Transportation by motorcoach, rail and ship/boat as pre-arranged by Travel Ways and tour organizers.

Land costs are based on tariffs in effect on March 1, 2015 and are subject to change. In the event of change in tariffs or foreign exchange rates, new rates will apply and must be paid accordingly.

TOUR PROGRAM

The tour programs have been arranged by Travel Ways and tour organizers.

Membership. All USA departures are subject to a minimum of twenty-five (25) tour members and International departures are subject to a minimum of twenty (20) tour members. If the minimum number of tour members is not met, Travel Ways will either (1) offer the client to travel in a small group at revised costs, (2) offer the client an alternate departure, or (3) cancel the tour and refund the full amount paid.

Accommodations. Based on double occupancy (two persons sharing the same twin-bedded room). The hotels listed in the itinerary will be used on almost all departures. If a change becomes necessary for any reason, hotels substituted will be equivalent of category.

Single, Triple, Teenager, Child rates are shown as available.

Meals. Included meals are indicated as B for breakfast, L for lunch and D for dinner. Las Vegas and Reno hotel packages usually include meal coupons (adults only).

Transfers. Included from airports, rail terminals, ship docks to hotels and vice versa, while with group flights.

No Smoking. Please kindly note that smoking will not be allowed in motorcoaches.

Health. Tour participants who require any form of assistance must be accompanied by a helper who is capable of and totally responsible for providing such assistance. We regret that because of space limitations, wheelchairs and walkers cannot be carried on motorcoaches.

Any health problems must be disclosed at time of tour reservations and Travel Ways reserves the right to refuse or expel from the tour any participant whose physical condition impairs customary operation of the tour.

While on tour, if a tour member requires medical attention, any expenses incurred by the tour escort (taxi fare, long distance calls, telex charges, etc.) will be payable by the tour member.

Immigration. For tours which include Canada, passengers must now carry a U.S. Passport. Non-U.S. passengers must carry a valid passport or alien card. All non-U.S. passengers must have a "multiple entry" visa for tours entering Canada and returning to the USA.

For International tours, some countries require visas and you will be notified on the required number of photos and forms to be completed and signed. Processing fees may apply.

TOUR ESCORTS

The tour will be escorted from Honolulu provided the minimum passenger count is met.

TAXES, SERVICES AND TIPS

All expected tipping is included to luggage porters and bellmen, so you do not need to be concerned about it. Tips to sightseeing guides, bus drivers, maids or for personal services are not included.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Not included are personal items such as room service, valet/laundry service, optional activities, meals not indicated, tipping for personal services not a part of the tour's included features, visa fees for international tours and any other items not specifically mentioned as being included.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Airline baggage allowance and fees varies from carrier to carrier. Information is available on each carrier's web site.

While on tour, portage for one bag per person is included in the tour price. If a second piece of luggage is carried, a fee of \$45 will be collected for extra portage.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passengers' belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

RESPONSIBILITY

Travel Ways reserves the right not to accept or retain as a tour passenger any person whose condition or general deportment impedes the operation of the tour or affects the rights, welfare or enjoyment of other passengers. A refund for unused tour services is the limit of Travel Ways' liability if such a person is required to leave the tour.

These tours are planned a year or more in advance. Between planning time and the actual tour operation some changes or improvements may be made or unforeseen conditions beyond our control may deem necessary changes. Travel Ways will arrange for the provision of comparable services and any resulting additional expense will be payable by tour participants and any resulting saving will be refunded by Travel Ways to tour participants.

The responsibility of Travel Ways and/or its agents or cooperative cosponsors of its tours is limited. They act only in the capacity as an agent for the passenger in all matters connected with hotel and dining services, sightseeing tours and other suppliers of services, and transportation whether by rail, air, motorcoach, car, ship/boat or by any other means. As agent, Travel Ways holds itself free of responsibility for any damage, injury or loss resulting from any cause. We cannot be responsible for any extra costs or losses resulting from any damage, expense or inconvenience caused by delayed or cancelled transportation services, changes of schedule, strikes or other conditions beyond Travel Ways' control. Travel Ways neither owns nor operates any of the suppliers of services. All suppliers of services are independent of Travel Ways. Travel Ways is neither responsible nor liable for actions or defaults of those not directly under our control.

If Travel Ways cancels a tour, it shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of all monies paid to Travel Ways by the tour participant or the tour participant's travel agent.

The airline and other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircraft or other conveyance. The passenger's contract, in use by the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger.