



*Japan Holidays*  
EXCLUSIVE TOUR

# KYUSHU AUTUMN COLOURS TOUR 2022

4th November – 11th November 2022

From \$6300 Per Person Twin Share



# TOUR DESCRIPTION



8 Days / 7 Nights tour

Begin: Friday 4th November 2022 in Tokyo  
End: Friday 11th November 2022 in Tokyo



\$6300 per person - Twin Share

(Single Supplement - \$1,500)

\*Subject to exchange rate

## Inclusions



7 Breakfasts,  
6 Lunches,  
6 Dinners



Accommodation  
Western &  
Japanese style



Transfers, Tours &  
Entrances  
as per Itinerary



Private Escort  
Guide in Japan

Exclusion: International or domestic airfares / Entrance fees & Meals not shown in itinerary

## Highlights

Escorted by a local Historian with unsurpassed knowledge of Kyushu. Places visited and insights gained on this tour are all unique to Japan Holidays. This tour is perfectly suited for persons seeking to gain valuable knowledge of remote Japan. A small group tour with personalized attention to detail. Experience local cuisine and hospitality unique to countryside Japan. Seasonally a perfect time to visit Kyushu.

The dynamism that is Kyushu --- the southernmost major island of Japan. A series of volcanic ranges, including the world's largest active volcanic crater, Mount Aso, are located in Kyushu. Kyushu's strategic position near South Korea and China have allowed it to act as a focal point of cultural, religious, and artistic exchanges since the ancient Japanese world. The arrival of the Europeans to Kyushu also started during this time. In the later years, the Nagasaki port of Kyushu started receiving Western trade. Ill fate, however, met the island when, during World War II, on August 9th, 1945, Nagasaki was ravaged by the atomic bomb. So much to see and so much to experience in this small island.

**Highlight!** Direct exposure to this fascinating diverse island of Japan

**Highlight!** Soak in the natural hot springs that abound in the island

**Highlight!** Be immersed in history in staying in Home of Heike samurai clan

**Highlight!** Personalised tour with highly experienced Escort

**Highlight!** Enjoy local tastes and foods unique to Kyushu

**Highlight!** Experience the warmth and hospitality of the local people



*Your Japan Holidays Escort – Mr Ken Takenaga*

Born in Yatsushiro City, Kumamoto Prefecture, on the island of Kyushu in southern Japan, Ken moved to the USA as a teenager. He was immersed in American culture and language, which he combines with his deep understanding of Japan's colourful history in a way few tour guides accomplish. Ken's passion for and profound knowledge of southern Japan's history and key historical sites plus his fluency in English make him the perfect guide for English-speaking tourists here. He is a rare combination of military precision, comprehensive knowledge, and genuine connection, qualities invaluable as a tour guide for both large groups or smaller custom tours. Ken has more than a decade of experience guiding groups.

# ITINERARY

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## 1 TOKYO Arrival

Arrive Narita International Airport. After clearing Customs transfer to hotel near the Narita Airport using the Hotel shuttle bus.

Accommodation: *Narita View Hotel (or similar) (1 night)*

## 2 TOKYO - KUMAMOTO

Depart Narita on a flight to Kumamoto. Upon arrival, Ken Takenaga, will meet you and be your guide throughout the tour. Kumamoto City sightseeing will include Suizenji Japanese Garden and a Jyosai En Cultural Center to experience the history of Kumamoto, Enjoy dinner at one of Kumamoto's favourite restaurants.

Accommodation: *Hotel Nikko Kumamoto (2 nights)*

## 3 KUMAMOTO - MT ASO

Today you will see first-hand why Kumamoto is referred to as The Land of Fire and Water. Enjoy a spectacular 360 degree view of the Aso Valley and the Five Mountains of Aso.

## 4 GOKANOSHO

The Land of the Last Samurai, Gokanosho 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.

## 5 AMAKUSA

Say goodbye to Gokanosho after a sumptuous Japanese breakfast and leave for Amakusa, enjoying a scenic drive over five picturesque bridges strung out like a strand of pearls.

Accommodation: *Amakusa Santa Coming Hotel (1 night)*

## 6 SHIMABARA, UNZEN

An exciting day of castles, conflict and kaiseki, we begin with a vehicular ferry from Amakusa to Shimabara to see the ruins of Hara Castle, the battleground of the Christian rebellion in the year 1637.

Accommodation: *Iseya Ryokan Obama (1 night)*

## 7 NAGASAKI

Our final day of sight-seeing takes us to Nagasaki, a city steeped in tragedy, but now resolved to ensure a lasting legacy of peace. The Nuclear Atomic Bomb Museum and Peace Park is a quiet, contemplative park that will resonate with your conscience long afterwards. We will also visit the Urakami Cathedral and a Dutch Village amongst other sites. There is plenty of time to enjoy this port city and discover the Portuguese and Dutch influences.

Accommodation: *Hotel JAL City Nagasaki (1 night)*

## 8 NAGASAKI - TOKYO

After Breakfast and checking out of the hotel, we depart for our flight from Nagasaki to Haneda, Tokyo. A bus transfer to Narita will be arranged for passengers departing Japan from Narita Airport. Should you wish to extend your stay to explore other parts of this wonderful country, please consult with Japan Holidays.

## Kumamoto Castle



## Mt Aso



## Gokanosho Bridge



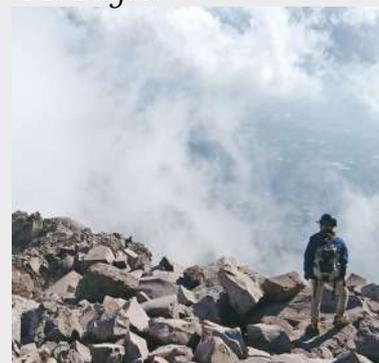
## Sendan Totodo Waterfall



## Satsuki Cathedral



## Mt Fugen



## Nagasaki Peace Park

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