



Japan Holidays
EXCLUSIVE TOUR

SAMURAI & SAKURA CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR 2023

Fri 7th April - Mon 17th April 2023

From \$7,399 Per Person Twin Share



TOUR DESCRIPTION



10 Nights / 11 Days

Starts: Friday 7th April 2023 in Tokyo
Ends: Monday 17th April 2023 in Tokyo



\$7,399 pp - Twin Share
(Single Supplement \$990)
*Subject to exchange rate

Inclusions



Daily breakfast,
8 lunches, 5 dinners



10 nights
premium accommodation



Private Local Guides
Escorted by Japan Holidays Staff



Transfers, day tours, entrance fees and activities as per itinerary

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

Highlights

Highlight! Discover Edo-period life in a 380 year old post town

Highlight! Experience a traditional Ryokan and relax in soothing onsen baths with spectacular views

Highlight! Inspect a multi-award-winning sake factory and enjoy the taste-testing.

Highlight! Walk in the footsteps of Samurai and discover their history

Highlight! See Tsunami devastated areas in Sendai

Highlight! Enjoy the Cherry Blossoms in uncrowded areas of Northern Japan

Highlight! Tantalise your taste buds with amazing Japanese cuisine.



Your Japan Holidays Tour Leader - Mrs Juliane Suzuki

Juliane spent almost 20 years living and working in Japan as an interpreter before moving back to Australia in 2015 and joining the Japan Holidays team. Travelling extensively throughout Japan and living in different regions of the country with her Japanese husband and bi-cultural children has given Juliane a really unique insight into this culture and lifestyle that few foreigners get to experience. Juliane loves being able to utilise her language skills and share her knowledge of Japan with clients to ensure they have the best possible experience during their time in Japan.

ITINERARY

7th April 2021 - 17th April 2023

1 TOKYO Arrival

Your unforgettable journey begins with either a daytime or evening flight to Japan. You'll be transferred to the hotel, where your Japan Holidays' Tour Leader will greet you.

Accommodation: Park Hotel Tokyo (2 nights)

2 TOKYO

Today we will explore the city with our local expert guide and see some of Tokyo's must see sites including: **Tsukiji outer markets**, Sensoji Temple, **the Imperial Gardens** and a unique fire ceremony. This evening Japan Holidays will host a Welcome Dinner.

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Tokyo



3 TOKYO - AIZU WAKAMATSU

Highlight!

Today we take a bullet train back in time and learn about Samurai history in Aizu Wakamatsu. The magnificent **Tsurugajo Castle** sets the scene for one of the areas saddest tales. We also enjoy a traditional **tea ceremony** and explore preserved Samurai homes.

Accommodation: Urabandai Lake Resort Hotel

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Tsurugajo Castle



4 AIZU - SENDAI

Highlight!

This morning we enjoy a peaceful walk through the picturesque **Goshikinuma** lakes before exploring the Edo period post town of **Ouchi-juku**. We make our way to Sendai this afternoon.

Accommodation: Metropolitan Sendai East (3 nights)

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Ouchi-juku

Ouchi-juku is former post town which connected Aizu with Nikko during Edo period. You can enjoy traditional building and local food.



5 SENDAI

Sendai was the epicenter of the 2011 Tsunami which claimed over 15,000 lives. With stunning Cherry Blossoms as our backdrop, we will see some of the devastated areas and also visit historically important places to the Samurai culture of Japan.

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Matsushima & Sendai

Highlight!



6 MATSUSHIMA

Known as one of Japan's three most scenic locations, Matsushima is a beautiful day trip from Sendai.

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7 SENDAI - HANAMAKI ONSEN

Today we travel via private coach back to the 12th Century when we visit UNESCO World Heritage site of Chusonji Temple Hiraizumi. We also take a peaceful boat ride through the Geibikei Gorge.

Accommodation: Hanamaki Onsen (1 night)

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Hanamaki Onsen



8 MORIOKA

Highlight!

Morioka is our destination today and on the way we'll experience traditional arts and crafts and taste some of the best sake Japan has to offer!!

Accommodation: Morioka Metropolitan Hotel (3 nights)

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Experience Morioka



9 MORIOKA

Today is a leisurely day with a morning walking tour of the city including the famous 'rock-splitting cherry blossom tree' and the afternoon free for you to explore further yourselves.

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10 KAKUNODATE

Our last full day of the tour takes us to the Samurai stronghold of Kakunodate and the picturesque Lake Tazawa. This evening Japan Holidays will host our Farewell Dinner at a famous local Izakaya with traditional entertainment.

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Kakunodate



11 MORIOKA - TOKYO

For those departing Japan today, you will make your way to Tokyo via Shinkansen and on to either Narita or Haneda International Airports.

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Extension Tours are available.

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