



Japan Holidays
EXCLUSIVE TOUR

CHERRY BLOSSOM TRAIL & LAST SAMURAI TOUR KYUSHU 2024

Fri 22nd March – Sat 30th March, 2024

From \$6515 Per Person Twin Share



TOUR DESCRIPTION



9 Days / 8 Nights tour

Begin: Friday 22nd March 2024 in Fukuoka
End: Saturday 30th March 2024 in Takeo



\$6515 pp - Twin Share

(Single Supplement - \$1,500)

*Subject to exchange rate

Inclusions



Daily Breakfast, Lunches & 8 Dinners



Private escort / guide in Japan



Transfers, tours and entrance fees listed
on the tour



8 Nights accommodation Western
& traditional Japanese Ryokans

Exclusion: International or domestic airfares / Entrance fees & Meals not shown in itinerary.
Tour commences in Fukuoka and finishes in Takeo City.

Highlights

Japan's annual Cherry Blossom season attracts multitudes with its lacy, pastel beauty. On this unforgettable tour you'll enjoy the colours, culture and creative history of Japan. Scenic drives, historical landmarks, soothing spas and even a creative workshop will colour your senses in a way that no other country can offer.

Highlight! View spectacular cherry blossoms and picturesque waterfalls.

Highlight! Enjoy creating traditional handicrafts such as indigo dyeing and pottery making

Highlight! Stroll through colorful Japanese gardens of Kumamoto

Highlight! Experience Heike clan samurai family life as their guest, enjoying intimate meals around an open fire-pit.

Highlight! Feel the warmth of the local hospitality and cuisine unique to the Kyushu area.



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.

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ITINERARY

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Fly to FUKUOKA

Depart Tokyo after breakfast for a short flight to Fukuoka, where you'll be met at the airport by Ken Takenaga, your engaging guide throughout this tour. You're in for a day of cultural immersion and uniquely Japanese entertainment.

Accommodation: Kumamoto Castle Hotel (3 nights)

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KUMAMOTO

You are in for a full day of nature, culture, historical attractions and enjoyable shopping.

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KUMAMOTO & Mt ASO

Today you will see first-hand why Kumamoto is referred to as The Land of Fire and Water. Stunning views and refreshing spring waters will quench your spirits.

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GOKANOSHO

Today we travel into the past to Gokanosho, the very cauldron of conflict between warring samurai clans.

Accommodation: Heiko-So Minshuku, (1 night)

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AMAKUSA

We leave Gokanosho after a traditional Japanese breakfast, before embarking on a beautiful drive to Japan's pearl enclave. We then visit a site rich with religious history and unspoken secrets, before ending the day with an amazing seafood dinner at our hotel

Accommodation: Amakusa Santa Coming Hotel, (2 nights)

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AMAKUSA

Today's drive treats you to opalescent scenes along the East China Sea, past verdant rice fields, and to sites of religious significance entwining East with West over many centuries.

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SHIMABARA

After breakfast, we take a short ferry to Shimabara, where you'll enjoy an exciting day of castles and conflict, tales of explosive volcanology, topped off with a good hot soak in a historic spa.

Accommodation: Takeo Onsen Hotel Toyokan (1 night)

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TAKEO CITY

We combine a deep appreciation for nature with hands-on creativity today, as we wrap up a memorable tour with a genuine, hand-crafted article to remember the trip by.

Accommodation: Takeo Onsen Hotel Toyokan, (1 night)

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TAKEO CITY

Japan's ceramics and pottery industries are legend. Before leaving Japan, you'll tour one of the most renowned ceramic centers in the country in Arita, and have a last opportunity to buy that special gift or keepsake!

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End of Tour....

Sayonara!

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