



Japan Holidays

TOHOKU CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR 2025

Fri 18th April - Sat 26th April 2025

From \$7800 Per Person Twin share



TOUR DESCRIPTION



9 Days / 8 Nights tour

Begin: 18th April in Tokyo

End: 26th April in Tokyo



\$7800 pp - Twin Share

(Single Supplement available.)

*Subject to exchange rate.

Inclusions



8 daily breakfasts,
7 lunches, 7 dinners



8 nights
premium accommodation



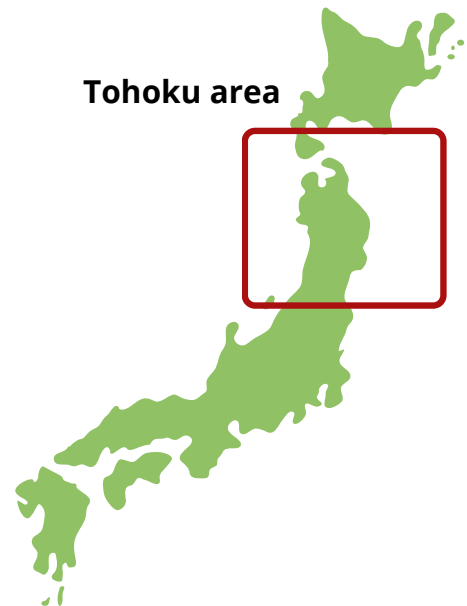
Private escort, & tour guide

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

Highlights

Japan's Tohoku – or northeastern – region is rich with history, natural beauty and noteworthy cultural sites. This tour will immerse you in all of this, including ancient temples, shrines, samurai residential areas, castles, and local crafts – all set against the fragrant beauty of peak cherry blossom season. You'll enjoy scenic countryside, high-speed bullet trains and peaceful *ryokan* inns at day's end. The tour begins and ends in Tokyo – a city of unparalleled shopping, tourism and activities to introduce you to Japan's commercial side. To peer into Japan's soul, you'll need to see the timeless Tohoku region, unique for its mountains, gorges, forests, natural beauty and ancient samurai culture and lifestyle.

Tohoku 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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1 TOKYO Arrival
Arrive at either Narita Int'l Airport or Haneda Int'l Airport. The Park Hotel Tokyo is located on the 25th floor of the Shiodome Media Tower downtown, where you'll enjoy a stunning panorama of the city from your window.

Accommodation: Park Hotel Tokyo (2 nights)



2 TOKYO
You'll be met by your English-speaking tour guide for a tour of Tokyo. Among many highlights of the day will be the **Imperial Palace**, **Meiji Shrine**, **Omotesando** shopping area, **Ginza** district, and **Hama Rikyu Gardens**. We'll travel on Tokyo's super-efficient public transportation. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner this evening overlooking Tokyo night view.

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3 TOKYO- KORIYAMA
We'll travel to Koriyama, gateway to Fukushima's mountain ranges to the east and west. Your guide, Ken Takenaga, will meet you. Your first stop by private bus is the famed **Tsuruga Castle**. After a local lunch, we'll continue on to **Bukeyashiki Aizu** samurai residence. We end the day at **Ouchijuku**, a former post town in a beautiful mountain setting.

Accommodation: Ashinomaki Onsen Okawaso, Aizu

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4 KORIYAMA -KITAKAMI - HANAMAKI
Today, we'll travel leisurely by car to our destination, stopping en-route at the famous Tenshochi Park in Kitakami. Registered as one of the 100 Best Sakura Viewing Sites in Japan. After that, you'll be ready to relax in a steaming hot springs bath at our onsen inn tonight.

Accommodation : Osawa Onsen Sansuikaku (2 nights)

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5 HANAMAKI - HIRAIZUMI - HANAMAKI
We depart hotel and head south to Hiraizumi and its top attraction: Chusonji Buddhist Temple. This Tendai-sect Buddhist temple commands a spectacular view of cherry blossoms in full bloom. Among the few remaining sites here is the fabulous Golden Pavilion, completely covered in gold leaf.

Accommodation : Osawa Onsen Sansuikaku

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6 HANAMAKI- MORIOKA
After breakfast, we will depart for Morioka, with a stop at the Morioka Handy-Works Square. This amazing cultural craft "village" offers workshops as well as a wide range of stores selling popular gift items by master craftsmen.

Accommodation : Hotel Metropolitan New Wing (2 nights)

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7 MORIOKA - KAKUNODATE
Today, you'll step back in time to the samurai era in fabled **Kakunodate**. The wide open streets lined by a lacy canopy of cherry blossoms frames a picture-perfect view into the past. There are museums, gift shops, gardens and architecture to explore here.

Accommodation : Hotel Metropolitan New Wing

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8 MORIOKA - AOMORI
Check out from your hotel after breakfast and depart for Aomori. Upon arrival, we will pick up our car and depart for the Sannai-Maruyama Site. After lunch, we will depart for the Hirosaki City-renowned as one of best places to see cherry blossoms in Japan.

Accommodation : Hotel Aomori

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9 AOMORI - TOKYO
Depart for Tokyo by bullet train viewing the countryside while enjoying onboard snacks and beverages. On arrival at Tokyo Station Meet & Greet & private transfer to Airport for departing flight.

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End of Tour.... *Sayonara!*