



Japan Holidays
EXCLUSIVE TOUR

TOUR OF SPECTACULAR KYUSHU OCTOBER 2025

18th Oct – 26th Oct 2025

From \$6100 Per Person Twin Share



TOUR DESCRIPTION



7 Days / 8 Nights tour

Begin: 19th Oct 2025 in Kumamoto

End: 26th Oct 2025 in Takeo City



\$6100 pp - Twin Share

(Single Supplement - \$1250)

*Subject to exchange rate

Inclusions



Daily breakfasts, lunches & dinners



Transfers, tours, craft & entrance fees as per itinerary



Private escort / guide in Japan



8 Nights' accommodation in Western hotels & traditional Japanese ryokans

Includes 1 nights accommodation in either Haneda or Narita on arrival Sat 18th Oct 2025

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

Highlights



Highlight! Visit the world-famous Suizenji storybook garden



Highlight! View Mount Aso's dramatic landscape and active volcano caldera up-close



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



Highlight! Experience a Kaiseki Dinner feast around open fire pits



Highlight! Enjoy traditional Japanese Minshuku accommodation and onsen baths



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



Highlight! Observe ancient Christian sites and marine activities in the "pearl" islands of Amakusa



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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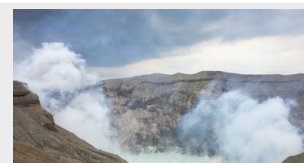
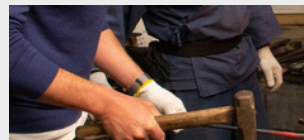
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| 1 | Kumamoto Arrival
Arrive at the Aso Kumamoto Airport, where you'll be met by Ken Takenaga, your engaging guide throughout this tour. You are in for a full day of nature, culture, historical attractions and enjoyable shopping.
<i>Accommodation: Kumamoto Castle Hotel (2 nights)</i> | L
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| 2 | Japanese Sword Experience Highlight!
Learn how Japanese swords are made and Experience trial sword cutting with master swordsmith, Mr. Genrokuro Matsunaga, in Arai City. After lunch at a local restaurant, a visit to the Yachiyoza Kabuki Theater. | B
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| 3 | Mt Aso
Today you will see first-hand why Kumamoto is referred to as "The Land of Fire and Water". You'll journey from the cataclysmic, volcanic formations in Aso Valley to the soothing, tranquil natural springs of Shirakawa.
<i>Accommodation: Kurokawa Onsen Fumoto Ryokan (1 night)</i> | B
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| 4 | Power spot in Kumamoto
After breakfast, we check out, then head for a "power spot" steeped in Japanese mythology. Places included on this day are Takachiho which is of profound religious importance and natural beauty, Takachiho Gorge (including Amaterasu trolley train ride) and the Tsujunkyo Stone bridge, built in 1854.
<i>Accommodation: Heiko-So Minshuku (2 nights)</i> | B
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| 5 | Kumamoto
After breakfast at the inn, depart for Gokanoshio, dubbed "Land of the Last Samurai". Villages here are the home of the Heike clan fugitive legend - a rare treat for tourists. Along the way stops will be made at Sendan Totodo Waterfall and Suspension Bridges.
<i>Accommodation: Heiko-So Minshuku and feast around an open fire pit.</i> | B
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| 6 | Hidden Christians
Say goodbye to Gokanoshio after a sumptuous Japanese breakfast and leave for Amakusa, travelling by a private vehicle over the 5 scenic famous bridges. First we will move to the Christian Museum and learn about the history of the Hidden Christians in Amakusa.
<i>Accommodation: Amakusa Santa Coming Hotel (1 night)</i> | B
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| 7 | Shimabara and Takeo City
After breakfast, we will depart Amakusa on a vehicular ferry to Shimabara and visit the ruins of Hara Castle, Mt Fugen and Shimabara Castle. Then an afternoon sightseeing in Takeo City and the famous Keishu-En Japanese garden..
<i>Accommodation: OND Hotel, Takeo (1 night)</i> | B
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| 8 | Takeo City departure
Depart Takeo City after a traditional Japanese breakfast for your next destination. | B |



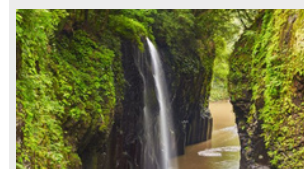
Suizenji Garden

A magical tour in miniature of the 53 post stations of the Tokaido is arrayed in this beautifully blossomed, storybook Japanese garden.



Nakadake Active Volcano

Weather and nature permitting, we'll check out Mt. Naka, an active crater, which has been actively rumbling and spewing smoke for the past 70 years.



Takachiho Gorge

Resembling the scales of a dragon, the steep walls of this dramatic, narrow gorge cut through solid rock of the Gokase River.



Gokanoshio

Dubbed "Land of the Last Samurai", Gokanoshio is hidden in the secluded forests of Kumamoto Prefecture.



Amakusa

Amakusa is well known for the "Hidden Christians" who secretly kept their faith for about 400 years. Enjoy amazing seafood dinner at the hotel at the end of the day.



Takeo City

Takeo Onsen is a hot spring town in western Saga Prefecture that is said to have a history of over 1300 years.

End of Tour....

Sayonara!

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