

KYUSHU SPLENDID SAKURA TOUR 2024

FULL ITINERARY

 = well-known spot for cherry blossoms

DAY 1
MAR 24

Meet group members at HNL
Relax at HIS-exclusive LeaLea Lounge
Depart from HNL on Hawaiian Airlines
Direct flight to Fukuoka Airport


DAY 1
MAR 25

Arrive at Fukuoka Airport
Meet local guide and bus driver
Short drive to hotel (about 15-20 minutes)
Rest at hotel (**Hotel Monterey Fukuoka** or similar)


DAY 2
MAR 26

Breakfast at hotel
Dazaifu Tenmangu, one of Japan's most important Shinto shrines
Dazaifu Government Office historical park 
Transfer to Yufuin, a beautiful onsen village, then lunch at local restaurant
Sightseeing around Yufuin Floral Village & Lake Kinrin, then move to Beppu
Arrive at hotel, deluxe buffet dinner at hotel (**Suginoi Hotel** or similar), [enjoy onsen](#)

DAY 3
MAR 27

Breakfast at hotel
Beppu Ropeway sightseeing 
Beppu "Hells", fantastically colored geothermal pools
Lunch at local restaurant in Beppu
Depart from Beppu, heading toward Mt. Aso region
Kokonoe Yume Bridge sightseeing - Japan's longest & highest pedestrian bridge
Continue to Mt. Aso region
Check in to hotel (**Senomoto Kogen Hotel** or similar), kaiseki dinner at hotel, [enjoy onsen](#)

DAY 4
MAR 28

Breakfast at hotel
Mt. Aso Nakadake Crater / Kusasenri Plateau sightseeing
Isshingyo Park, home to a famous 400 year-old giant sakura tree 
Begin heading toward Miyazaki City
Lunch at local restaurant
Takachiho Gorge sightseeing, a gorgeous volcanic canyon bounded by an impressive waterfall
Continue to Miyazaki City
Arrive at hotel (**Sheraton Grande Ocean Resort** or similar), deluxe buffet dinner, [enjoy onsen](#)

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DAY 5
MAR 29

Breakfast at hotel
Aoshima Island sightseeing (Aoshima Shrine, "Devil's Washboard" rock formations & tidepools)
Shopping at Kirishima Factory Garden (shochu brewery), then lunch at local restaurant
Heading toward Kagoshima
Mt. Sakurajima + Arimura Lava Observatory sightseeing, ride Sakurajima Ferry to Kagoshima
Shopping around Tenmonkan district, full of regional Kagoshima specialties
Dinner at local restaurant, check in to hotel (**Shiroyama Hotel** or similar), [enjoy onsen](#)


DAY 6
MAR 30

Breakfast at hotel
Chiran Samurai Residence complex sightseeing, known as "The Little Kyoto of Satsuma Domain"
Lunch at local restaurant
Chiran Peace Museum - examines the legacy of kamikaze pilots during World War II
Hot Steam "Sand Bath" Experience in Ibusuki
Making sushi hands-on experience and dinner at local restaurant
Return to hotel (**Shiroyama Hotel** or similar), [enjoy onsen](#)

DAY 7
MAR 31

Breakfast at hotel
Senganen Japanese gardens & sightseeing 
Glass accessory crafts hands-on experience
Lunch at local restaurant
Shopping at black vinegar factory - "Kirishima Kurozu" is a local specialty product
Kirishima Shrine sightseeing - said to be where Japan's imperial family descended from heaven
Check in to hotel (**Kirishima Hotel** or similar), kaiseki dinner and [enjoy onsen](#)

DAY 8
APR 1

Breakfast at hotel
River boat riding experience
Driving toward Kumamoto
Lunch at local restaurant, then Kumamoto Castle sightseeing 
Strawberry picking experience at local farm
Shopping at Tosu Premium Outlets, then deluxe farewell dinner in Fukuoka
Arrive at hotel (**ANA Crowne Plaza Fukuoka** or similar)

DAY 9
APR 2

Breakfast at hotel
Free day to explore Fukuoka! Ask us for suggestions!
*No bus or guide on this day
ANA Crowne Plaza Fukuoka or similar

DAY 10
APR 3

Breakfast at hotel
Free morning to explore Fukuoka! Ask us for suggestions!
Meet bus in afternoon, transfer to Fukuoka International Airport
Shopping at airport, then depart for HNL on Hawaiian Airlines direct flight