

# TOHOKU SPECTACULAR SAKURA TOUR 2024

## FULL ITINERARY



= well-known spot for cherry blossoms

DAY 1  
APR 06

Meet group members at HNL  
Relax at HIS-exclusive LeaLea Lounge  
Depart from HNL on Japan Airlines  
Nonstop flight to Haneda Airport (Tokyo)

DAY 1  
APR 07

Arrive at Haneda Airport  
Meet local guide and bus driver  
Short drive to Shinjuku area (about 30 minutes)  
Group welcome dinner, rest at hotel (**Keio Plaza Tokyo** or similar)

DAY 2  
APR 08

Breakfast at hotel  
Head out to Gunma Prefecture  
Lunch at local restaurant  
Takumi no Sato traditional crafts village and "Shippo Yaki" accessory-making experience   
Strawberry picking at Mogitore Fruit Land farm  
Arrive at hotel, deluxe buffet dinner at hotel (**Sarugakyo Sennotani** or similar), [enjoy onsen](#)

DAY 3  
APR 09

Breakfast at hotel  
Kiyotsukyo "Light Cave" artistic installation  
Michi no Eki shopping and lunch at local restaurant  
Head into Niigata City, senbei-making hands-on experience  
Furumachi Geigi show - special private music & dance geisha performance  
\*Niigata has its own geisha traditions separate from those of Kyoto/Tokyo. A rare opportunity!  
Move to local restaurant for dinner  
Check in to hotel (**ANA Crowne Plaza Niigata** or similar)

DAY 4  
APR 10

Breakfast at hotel  
Head to Fukushima Prefecture  
Sansai wild vegetable harvesting experience and traditional "irori" charcoal grilling lunch  
Move to Tsuruga-jo Castle in Aizu Wakamatsu  
Hanami sakura viewing & picnic experience   
Sake brewery tour & tasting at Suehiro Sake  
Continue to Yamagata Prefecture & Tendo Onsen  
Arrive at hotel (**Azumaso** or similar), deluxe kaiseki dinner, [enjoy onsen](#)

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DAY 5  
APR 11

Breakfast at hotel  
Sightseeing around Ginzan Onsen, a famous traditional hot springs village  
Move to Hiraizumi, ancient capital of the Tohoku region, and shopping at Hiraizumi Rest House  
Chusonji Temple, founded in 850, renowned for the gold-covered Konjikido hall  
Head to Geibikei, river gorge cruise on traditional wooden boats poled by a riverboat driver  
Drive to Hanamaki Onsen  
Check in to hotel (**Hanamaki Onsen hotel** or similar), deluxe buffet dinner, [enjoy onsen](#)

DAY 6  
APR 12

Breakfast at hotel  
Kamabuchi Waterfall sightseeing  
Head to Kitakami City, enjoy Kitakami "Sakura Street" & Tenshochi Festival   
Famous Iwate dish "Wanko Soba" lunch experience at local restaurant  
Head down toward Sendai, Kesennuma Tsunami Memorial & seafood market  
Arrive in Sendai, dinner at local restaurant  
Check in to hotel (**Hotel Monterey Sendai** or similar)

DAY 7  
APR 13

Breakfast at hotel  
Matsushima Bay boat cruise, one of Japan's "Top 3 Scenic Views"   
Yukata (Japanese traditional clothing) rental experience, strolling around Japanese garden  
Lunch at local restaurant  
Zuihoden Mausoleum, resting place of Date Masamune, one of the Edo period's most powerful lords  
Return to hotel (**Hotel Monterey Sendai**), free evening to have dinner around Sendai Station  
\*Recommended: try the local specialty of "gyūtan", thinly sliced and grilled beef tongue

DAY 8  
APR 14

Breakfast at hotel  
Head to outskirts of Sendai, Nikka Whisky Sendai distillery tour and tasting  
Return to Sendai city center  
Lunch at local restaurant  
Move to Sendai Station, board shinkansen bullet train for Tokyo (ride time about 1 hr 30 min)  
Arrive at Tokyo Station, deluxe farewell dinner in Tokyo  
Check in to hotel (**Keio Plaza Tokyo** or similar)

DAY 9  
APR 15

Breakfast at hotel  
Free day to explore Tokyo! Ask us for suggestions!  
\*No bus or guide on this day  
**Keio Plaza Tokyo** or similar

DAY 10  
APR 16

Breakfast at hotel  
Free morning to explore Tokyo! Ask us for suggestions!  
Meet bus in afternoon, transfer to Haneda Airport  
Shopping at airport, then depart for HNL on Japan Airlines nonstop flight