

THE BEST OF KYUSHU

NOVEMBER 04 ~ NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Thousands of years ago, two mythological gods stood on a bridge to heaven in a warm embrace. Here they created the islands of Japan – designing a scenic wonderland of infinite coastlines, wooded and mountainous terrains, and deep, lush valleys. Here they patterned a natural beauty that moves sensitively by season, stretching the most primitive senses. From this blissful state evolved Japan, a land with a calm and gentle spirit. Come journey with us to a most intriguing and beautiful land!

Fukuoka – (1 Night) Hotel Okura Fukuoka

- Hakata Machiya Furusato-kan Museum

Nagasaki – (2 Nights) Hotel New Nagasaki

- Arita Tour, Kyushu Ceramic Museum, Arita Kiln
- Peace Memorial & Glover Mansion, Hashima Island

Unzen Onsen – (1 Night) Miyazaki Ryokan

- Unzen's Jigoku

Kumamoto – (1 Night) Kumamoto Hotel Castle

- Kumamoto Castle, Suizenji Park

Chiran – Day Trip

- Kamikaze Museum, Samurai House

Ibusuki – (2 Nights) Ibusuki Iwasaki Hotel

- Nagasaki-bana Cape, Lake Ikeda
- Kiln of Satsuma-yaki

Kagoshima – (1 Night) Shiroyama Kanko Hotel

- Iso Garden, Shouko-Shuseikan Museum

Miyazaki – (1 Night) Miyazaki Kanko Hotel

- Udo Jingu Shrine at Nichinan Coast & Aoshima

Beppu – (1 Night) Beppu-wan Royal Hotel

- Jigoku, Mt. Takasaki Nat'l Natural Animal Park
- Bamboo craft Museum

Guide: Tour Conducted in English by Professional Guide

Meals: Breakfast Daily & 5 Banquet Style Dinners

Onsen: Unzen Onsen, Ibusuki, Kagoshima, Miyazaki, Beppu

Total Land Cost: \$4,265.00

Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy, Tax Included

Airport Transfers in Japan Included

International Air Approx: \$1,100.00 ~ \$1,400.00

Deposit Payment: \$300.00

Single Supplement: \$700.00

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 & 2: Nov. 04 & 05: USA/Tokyo/Seoul/Fukuoka

Board our flight to Fukuoka Japan. Cross the Int'l Date Line and lose one calendar day. Upon arrival in Fukuoka our guide will meet you at the airport. Please take a taxi to the hotel, which you will pay directly to taxi driver. **Since our Japan Tours is Land Only, Polaris Tours can assist in getting air itinerary & cost for you or you can arrange your own air.**

Accommodation: (1 Night) Hotel Okura Fukuoka

Day 3: Nov. 06: Fukuoka/Arita/Nagasaki (B)

Fukuoka Prefecture, Kyushu's northern gateway, faces the Korean Peninsula and Asian Continent across the sea. Fukuoka has flourished for centuries, which it was here that the Dazaifu reigned over Kyushu for some 300 years from the mid-7th century. The influence of this remarkable heritage remains in place. Today's sightseeing will include a visit to the Hakata Machiya Furusatokan and Kushida Shrine. Then in the afternoon we proceed to Arita, home of Arita-yaki, where we visit the Kyushu Ceramic Museum and an Arita kiln. Arita pottery dates back some 380 years, when a naturalized Korean potter opened a kiln to make porcelain for the first time in Japan. Each year in May, Arita hosts Japan's largest porcelain fair. The tradition of porcelain making has been passed down since the late 17th century, when the ruling Nabeshima Clan moved its own kiln from Arita to Imari. Imari/Arita porcelain has had an immense influence on European pottery. We continue



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our drive to Nagasaki. Geographical proximity to continental Asia has made Nagasaki a bridge between the continent and Japan since ancient days. In the 16th century ships from Spain and Portugal dropped anchor in the ports of Nagasaki and Hirado. Nagasaki remained the sole port open to Japan's overseas trade with Holland and China from the 17th to late 19th centuries during the country's period of seclusion.

Accommodation: (2 Nights) Hotel New Nagasaki

Day 4: Nov. 07: Nagasaki (B)

This morning, our sightseeing highlights include taking a ferry to the deserted Hashima Island aka: Gunkanjima, which is 9 miles off the shoreline. The island was known for its undersea coal mines and the island had a population of 5,259 persons living on the island. However the island was abandoned in 1974. In the afternoon back in Nagasaki sightseeing includes Peace Memorial Park, Glover Mansion, Jurokuban-kan (16th Mansion).

Day 5: Nov. 08: Nagasaki/Unzen Onsen (B,D)

We make a stop in Unzen to view "Jigoku" before arriving at our hotel in the early afternoon. Tonight you will enjoy a nice Japanese dinner with your fellow travelers.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Miyazaki Ryokan

Day 6: Nov. 09: Unzen Onsen/Kumamoto (B)

We transfer by coach to Shimabara Port to board our Speed Boat to Kumamoto, once the prosperous stronghold of the powerful feudal lord, Hosokawa. Its history and tradition are still instilled in Kumamoto's character as a culturally advanced Japanese prefecture. On arrival, our sightseeing includes Kumamoto Castle, one of Japan's three most famous castles; and beautiful and serene Suizenji Park.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Kumamoto Castle Hotel

Day 7: Nov. 10: Kumamoto/Chiran/Ibusuki (B,D)

We depart for Ibusuki, at the southern tip of Kyushu; en route, we stop in Chiran. Here we visit a "Samurai" house and also the famous Kamikaze Museum. Tonight enjoy a nice Buffet dinner.

Accommodation: (2 Night) Iwasaki Hotel



Day 8: Nov. 11: Ibusuki (B,D)

This morning, we visit Nagasaki-bana Cape, Lake Ikeda and a kiln of the famous Satsuma-yaki. This afternoon is free to enjoy the hotel's wonderful onsen and "sand baths". Tonight enjoy a nice Japanese Dinner.

Day 9: Nov. 12: Ibusuki/Kagoshima (B)

From Ibusuki, we travel to Kagoshima, once the seat of the mighty Shimazu Clan during the feudal period. Due to the dynamic presence of Sakurajima Volcano at its front door, Kagoshima was given the nick-name, "Naples of the Orient". We make a stop at Iso Garden and the Shouko-Shuseikan Museum. The Satsuma lords ruled southern Kyushu; and their legacy is Iso Garden, admired for the subtlety and grace with which it incorporates Kagoshima Bay and distant Sakurajima into the overall landscape design. You will also visit a Shochu Brewery to taste and learn how it's made.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Shiroyama Kanko Hotel

Day 10: Nov. 13: Kagoshima/Nichinan Coast/Miyazaki(BD)

We are off to Miyazaki via the Nichinan Coast. Sightseeing today will include a visit to the Udo Jingu Shrine perched on a cliff at the edge of the sea. This shrine is dedicated to the father of Jimmu, Japan's first Emperor. Japan's colorful mythology abounds here. You will make a visit to Aoshima Islet. Miyazaki's streets are lined with lush palms and Phoenix trees which enhance the city's subtropical ambience. Miyazaki contains many sites of mythological interest which are associated with the foundation of Japan. This area is often called "the Cradle of Japanese Civilization.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Kanko Hotel

Day 11: Nov. 14: Miyazaki/Beppu (B,D)

Today we continue on to Beppu, Japan's hot spring resort of international fame. Today's tour includes the famous "Jigoku", the "Eight Hells" - a great natural wonder of boiling, gurgling holes which eject mud and mineral water up into the air. We also visit Mt. Takasaki Nat'l Natural Animal Park and Japan's Bamboo Craft Museum. Tonight enjoy a Japanese style dinner.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Beppu-wan Royal Hotel

Day 12: Nov. 15: Beppu/Fukuoka/Tokyo or Seoul/USA (B)

Today we must say Sayonara to Japan and to our new friends. We fly back to San Francisco with warm memories of "onsen"- ofuros, delicious meals, and great times.

GENERAL CONDITIONS & INFORMATION

The Tour Cost Include:

AIR TRANSPORTATION: PLEASE SEE FRONT PAGE TO CHECK IF THIS TOUR INCLUDES THE AIRFARE IF NOT WE WILL OFFER YOU AIR PRICE SEPARATELY. IF YOU CHOOSE TO ISSUE YOUR OWN TICKET AND IN THE CASE THE TOUR IS CANCELLED POLARIS TOURS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PENALTY FEE INCURRED BY THE AIRLINES.

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HOTELS: ACCOMMODATIONS WITH PRIVATE BATH, BASED ON 2 PERSONS SHARING A ROOM, AT HOTELS SPECIFIED OR SIMILAR.

MEALS: AS SPECIFIED IN ITINERARY: B = BREAKFAST, L = LUNCH, D = DINNER.

SIGHTSEEING: SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED IN THE ITINERARY, INCLUDES ADMISSION FEES.

GUIDES: SERVICES OF AN ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE AND THE ADDED SERVICES OF AN EXPERIENCED TOUR MANAGER.

TIPS & TAXES: HOTEL SERVICE CHARGES TAXES AND TIPS TO WAITERS AND BAGGAGE PORTERS FOR STANDARD SERVICES.

EXCLUSIONS: ANY PERSONAL EXPENSES, E.G. TELEPHONE CALLS, LAUNDRY, CLEANING, BEVERAGES, TIPS TO GUIDES, DRIVERS AND FOREIGN AIRPORT TAXES, ETC., ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

RESERVATION & DEPOSITS: A DEPOSIT OF \$300.00 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION FORM. THIS DEPOSIT FORMS PART OF YOUR FINAL PAYMENT DUE ON 10 NOVEMBER 2018. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO POLARIS TOURS.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: FOR MEMBERS MAKING DEPOSIT ANYTIME AN EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF \$50.00 PER PERSON WILL BE DEDUCTED ON YOUR FINAL INVOICE.

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CANCELLATIONS:

60 BUSINESS DAYS OR MORE PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	NO CHARGE
59 ~ 32 BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	\$300.00
31 ~ 16 BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	10% OF THE TOUR FARE
15 ~ 8 BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	30% OF THE TOUR FARE
7 ~ 3 BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	50% OF THE TOUR FARE
2 ~ 0 BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO, OR ON THE DEPARTURE DAY/NO SHOW.....	100% OF THE TOUR FARE

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE PENALTIES MAY BE ADDED. PENALTIES MAY BE WAIVED IF CANCELLATION IS RESULT TO ILLNESS.

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TOUR APPLICATION FORM

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Deposit Payment: \$300.00 Per Person (final payment due: 10 November 2018)

Sign Up By: Anytime to receive \$50.00 per person discount. (Discount applied on final invoice)

**Please make check payable to Polaris Tours.
For this tour credit cards are not accepted.**

Please send application form, deposit, and a copy of your passport to:

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Would you like Polaris Tours to arrange your Air Flights: YES or NO (Please Circle)

If Yes, What is your airline preference: _____ / Economy / Premium Economy / Business Class

Please list any food allergy or vegetarian type etc: _____

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ (Print name as it appears on Passport)

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ (Print name as it appears on Passport)

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Mobile Telephone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Airlines Mileage Numbers: _____

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Signature: _____ **Signature:** _____

Insurance forms will be send to you with you receipt. If you wish to purchase please contact us.

Pre-Tour Extension: Depart Date: _____, **Arrangements Needed:** _____

Post-Tour Extension: Return Date: _____, **Arrangements Needed:** _____

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