



# Air & Sea Travel Center

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## Kyushu Spring Sakura Discovery Tour

**Traveling Dates:**  
**March 23 – April 1**  
**2026 (10 Days)**

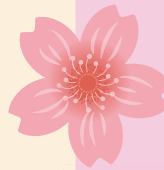
Kumamoto Castle

Cities covered: Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Kagoshima, Ibusuki, Miyazaki, and Aso

### Tour Package Includes

- \* International Direct Flight from Honolulu by Japan Airlines
- \* Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- \* **13** Meals & Admissions as Stated
- \* Circle Kyushu Island Tour
- \* Discover the Beauty of the Japanese Cherry Blossom
  - Mifuneyama Rakuen Garden
  - Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine
  - Maizuru Park
- \* Discover Natural Landscapes and Historical Treasures in Kyushu
- \* **3** Nights Natural Hot Springs Hotel
- \* Steaming Black Sand Baths at Ibusuki Hot Springs
- \* Castella Tasting
- \* Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers

**FREE**  
Use of  
Wireless  
Tour Guide System



**Price per person:**

from \$ **3,888**

**Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge**

**Single Supp: \$ 1,050**



Dazaifu Tenmangu

**Day 1\*\*Mar.23****Honolulu → Haneda**

We will begin our journey by boarding an international flight to Fukuoka via Haneda. Fukuoka is located in Kyushu, Japan's third largest and southernmost of the four main islands. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane.

**Day 2\*\*Mar.24****Haneda**

Upon arrival at Haneda Airport, we will walk to our overnight hotel located at the airport.

**Day 3\*\*Mar.25****Haneda → Fukuoka****(B)**

After breakfast, we will walk back to the airport for our flight to Fukuoka. Upon our arrival at Fukuoka International Airport, we will meet with an Air and Sea Travel representative who will escort us to our hotel. Fukuoka is the capital city of Fukuoka Prefecture and is located on the southern end of Kyushu Island.

**Day 4\*\*Mar.26****Fukuoka – Saga****(B, D)**

After breakfast, we will travel west to enjoy a series of scenic views in Saga Prefecture, located in the northwest part of Kyushu Island, known for its long history of rice farming culture. Our first stop is Niji No Matsubara (Rainbow Pine Grove), a stunning area featuring over a million old black pine trees that stretch 1 km wide and 5 km long along the Genkai-Nada seaside road. This forest was originally planted by the feudal lord Terasawa as a countermeasure against the strong winds and tides in Karatsu Bay. Saga has also been a major manufacturing hub for ceramics for centuries, with Imari-yaki and Arita-yaki being the most famous and distinctive types. We will enjoy a stroll through Imari Okawachiyama, a charming ceramic village known as the "Village of Secret Kilns" due to its secretive nature. Next, we will visit Mifuneyama Rakuen Garden, a beautiful park in Saga Prefecture covering 150,000 square meters. During spring, the garden is filled with visitors admiring thousands of cherry blossoms, azaleas, and plum trees. After the amazing cherry blossom viewing, we will check into our hot spring hotel and enjoy our dinner at the hotel.

**Day 5\*\*Mar.27****Saga – Nagasaki – Kumamoto****(B, L)**

This morning, we will continue our journey to Nagasaki Prefecture. Our first stop is the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, a solemn site commemorating the second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki on August 9, 1945, at 11:02:35 AM. Adjacent to the museum is the Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims, built in 2003 as a place to remember and pray for those who lost their lives in the bombing. As we drive along the Chijiwa Coast, we will have the opportunity to **taste Castella**, a popular Japanese sponge cake originating from Nagasaki. After lunch, we will board a ferry from Shimabara Pier to cross the Ariake Sea to Kumamoto. The name Kumamoto means "origin of the bear," and it is nicknamed Hi No Kuni (Fire Country) due to the nearby giant volcano, Mt. Aso, as well as Mori no Miyako (Capital of the Forest). Upon arrival, we will check-in to our hotel and enjoy the rest of day on our own.

**Day 6\*\*Mar.28****Kumamoto – Kagoshima****(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will head south to Kagoshima, with the highlight of the day being **Senganen Garden**, also known as Isoteien. This beautiful Japanese-style landscape garden is situated on the coastline north of downtown Kagoshima. The garden cleverly incorporates views of Sakurajima and Kagoshima Bay, blending them seamlessly with the garden's own landscapes, making it one of Senganen's most striking features. It has also served as a filming location for the popular Japanese TV drama, Princess Atsu. After touring the garden, lunch will be served. Later, we will proceed to Sakurajima, the iconic landmark of this destination, and also one of the most active volcanos in the world. We will board to a sightseeing cruise to enjoy breathtaking views of Sakurajima volcano and Kagoshima Bay. Finally, we'll transfer to Ibusuki, located at the southernmost tip of the Satsuma Peninsula. This coastal town is famous for its "Suna Mushi" onsens (steaming black sand baths), where you can experience the unique sensation of being covered in warm volcanic sand. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hot spring hotel.

**Day 7\*\*Mar.29**

**Kagoshima – Kumamoto – Aso**

**(B, D)**

After breakfast, our first stop is Chiran Bukeyashiki (Samurai Residences and Gardens), a well-preserved samurai district featuring houses and gardens that date back approximately 250 years. Next, we will visit the Chiran Peace Museum for Kamikaze Pilots, located at a former airbase that served as the launch point for hundreds of Special Attack sorties during the final months of World War II. The museum preserves valuable documents and artifacts related to these pilots, who executed kamikaze attacks by crashing their planes into enemy ships. Afterward, we will return to Kumamoto to visit Kumamoto Castle. Known as one of Japan's three greatest castles, Kumamoto Castle is situated in the heart of Kumamoto City, which relies entirely on natural groundwater for its water supply. Although the castle complex suffered devastating damage during the Kumamoto Earthquakes in 2016, the restoration work on the main tower was completed in 2021, symbolizing Kumamoto's resilience and recovery efforts. Visitors can explore a designated route to view the ongoing restoration process until the entire project is completed in 2052. The castle offers a glimpse into Japan's rich history and architectural beauty, making it a must-visit destination. After that, we will transfer to our hot spring hotel in Mt. Aso, and enjoy our dinner at the hotel.

**Day 8\*\*Mar.30**

**Mt.Aso – Miyazaki – Fukuoka**

**(B, L)**

Mount Aso is the largest active volcano in Japan and one of the largest in the world, located in Aso Kujū National Park in Kumamoto Prefecture on the island of Kyushu. Standing at 1,592 meters above sea level, Mt. Aso features a vast caldera measuring 25 km north-south and 18 km east-west, with a circumference of around 120 km (75 miles), though this figure may vary by source. This morning, we will visit the Mt. Aso Volcano Museum to learn more about the volcano's geology and history. After lunch, we will head to Takachiho Gorge (Takachiho-kyo), a stunning V-shaped ravine formed by the erosion of the Aso lava plateau by the Gokase River. The sheer cliffs of the gorge are made of slow-forming volcanic basalt columns, resembling the scales of a dragon, shaped by the stone as it twisted and flowed. Finally, we will transfer to Fukuoka, where you can enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

**Day 9\*\*Mar 31**

**Fukuoka**

**(B)**

Full day at leisure. “Shop till you drop; eat till you overflow!” Enjoy this free day to shop around the city and eat whatever looks interesting. You may want to go to Tenjin Underground Shopping Area, the largest underground shopping area in Kyushu, stretching about 600 meters from north to south in the downtown area. Canal City Hakata, a large shopping and entertainment complex located in Fukuoka Prefecture that calls itself a "city within the city".

**Day 10\*\*Apr. 1**

**Fukuoka → Honolulu**

**(B)**

After breakfast, we will visit Maizuru Park, a renowned spot for cherry blossom viewing. The Fukuoka Castle Sakura Festival typically takes place from late March to early April, making this the perfect time to enjoy the blossoms. The park features over 1,000 cherry trees, including Yoshino and weeping cherry varieties, which bloom beautifully around the ruins of Fukuoka Castle. The festival includes illuminated displays, food stalls, and various events, providing a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the arrival of spring. Next, we will proceed to Dazaifu Tenmangu, a revered Shinto shrine built over the grave of Michizane Sugawara. He is respected in Japan as Tenman-Tenjin, the deified spirit of Michizane, and the God of literature and calligraphy. After some last-minute shopping at Costco, we will transfer to the airport for our return flight home, concluding our fantastic Cherry Blossom tour in Kyushu.

*We wish you a safe journey and many wonderful memories to share with family and friends! ☺*

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner



### **Remarks:**

- ✦ Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
- ✦ Business class is available, please call your agent for the price
- ✦ Refer to “General Condition of Air & Sea”
- ✦ We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
- ✦ Tour price is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges, and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
- ✦ Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at the time of listing and pricing on Jul 1, 2025
- ✦ Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
- ✦ Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers is included
- ✦ It is mandatory to inform Air and Sea Travel of any existing conditions that may require medical attention or accommodations during the trip. You need to provide this information in writing in the Tour Supplemental Information section of the application. If you do not have a travel companion who can help you with your special needs, you need to talk to your agent to determine if this is an appropriate tour for you. Some tours may be too strenuous depending on your condition. Air and Sea Travel reserves the right to reject or cancel your booking. You are responsible for any cancellation penalty that this may incur.
- ✦ All travelers, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, are welcome to travel with us and will no longer be required to provide proof of pre-departure testing, except for specific countries where COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or additional documentation is required by law. Please visit or revisit the government site to verify the travel requirements. Fully vaccinated is recommended. Vaccines combined with multi-layered preventative health and safety measures will help us provide a safe and healthy vacation environment.
- ✦ As government regulations evolve, our health and safety protocols will evolve as needed to ensure compliance. This may mean different protocols from state to state and city to city based on local requirements.

### **Payment Policy:**

**CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY.** A deposit of \$ 350 per person is required at the time of application. The balance of payment is due on **Dec 13, 2025**. In the event balance payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a service fee for cancellation.

### **Cancellation Policy:**

**Written notice is required for any cancellation. The cancellation fee will be as follow:**

- \*\* **Dec 14, 2025 to Feb 1, 2026, 50%** of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;
- \*\* **From Feb 2, 2026 to departure** or withdrawal during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, **100%** of the total price, and the request for other service as substitute shall not be accepted.

**\*\*We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make a reservation\*\***