



# Air & Sea Travel Center

**BEST GROUP TOURS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

## Kyushu Flower Viewing - Wisteria

Cities and sites covered: Fukuoka, Kurume, Kagoshima, Kirishima, Miyazaki, Tsuetate, and Kitakyushu

**Traveling Dates: April 18 – 26, 2026 (9 Days)**

**Price per person: \$3,988**

**Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge**

**Single Supp: \$ 950**

### Tour Package Includes:

- International Direct Flight from Honolulu by Japan Airlines
- Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- **15** Meals & Admissions as Stated
- Kyushu Spring Flower Viewing
  - Bokusui Park – Azaleas
  - Kawachi Wisteria Garden – Wisteria
  - Umi no Nakamichi Seaside Park - Nemophila
- Discover Natural Landscapes and Historical Treasures in Kyushu
- **2** Nights Natural Hot Springs Hotel
- Steaming Black Sand Baths Experience
- Sake Tasting – Kitaya Sake Brewery & Kuncho Sake Brewery
- Strawberry Picking Experience
- Traditional Japanese Market – Tanga Market
- Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers

**B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner**

**Day 1\*\*Apr 18 Honolulu → Haneda → Fukuoka**

We will begin our journey by boarding an international flight to **Fukuoka** via Haneda, 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\*\*Apr 19 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 3\*\*Apr 20 Fukuoka – Kurume 🚆 Kagoshima (B, L)**

After breakfast, we will transfer to the **Yame Central Tea Plantation**. Yame takes great pride in its delicious tea, with tea bushes visible throughout the city and countryside. This extensive plantation is a major production area for Yamecha, a representative brand of tea from Fukuoka. The observation deck on the rooftop offers breathtaking views of the land carpeted in green. Following our tea experience, we will stop by **Kitaya Sake Brewery** for a tour to learn about sake production. After lunch, we will transfer to **Kurume Station** for a **bullet train ride** to **Kagoshima**, a seaside city on Japan's Kyushu Island and the capital of Kagoshima Prefecture. It is best known for Sakurajima, an active volcano overlooking Kinko Bay. Upon arrival, we will transfer to our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at our leisure.

**Day 4\*\*Apr 21 Kagoshima (B, L)**

This morning, 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 make a photo stop at **Cape Nagasakibana**, the southernmost headland on the Satsuma Peninsula at the entrance to Kagoshima Bay. The cape features a lighthouse, a statue of Urashima Taro (the fisherman from a Japanese fairy tale), and the Ryūgū Shrine. After lunch, we will have a chance to enjoy the **sand bath experience**. At the “Suna Mushi” onsens (steaming black sand baths), you can experience the unique sensation of being covered in warm volcanic sand. Finally, we will return to our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at our leisure.

**Day 5\*\*Apr 22 Kagoshima – Kirishima – Miyazaki (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will transfer to **Kirishima**, an active volcanic mountain range that lies on the border between Miyazaki and Kagoshima Prefectures. Kirishima features mountains, highlands, volcanic lakes, and hot springs, providing excellent hiking opportunities amidst stunning mountainous scenery. First, we will tour the **Sakamoto Kurozu Factory**. Kurozu is a type of black vinegar produced from unpolished rice using the traditional tsubo-dzukuri (jar-making) method in Fukuyama Town. After lunch, we will visit one of Japan's oldest Shinto shrines, **Kirishima Shrine**, which is often referred to as the "Nikko of the West" for its stunning vermilion facade and detailed, colorful reliefs that contrast beautifully with the surrounding greenery. Kyushu is famous for **strawberry picking** from January to early June. During this activity, we will pick bright red strawberries ourselves and enjoy eating them fresh! Before we check into our hotel, we will enjoy **Yakiniku BBQ** as our dinner.

**Day 6\*\*Apr 23 Miyazaki – Tsuetate 🌋 (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will visit **Bokusui Park**, a serene mountain sanctuary in Hyuga City, Miyazaki Prefecture, dedicated to the poet Wakayama Bokusui. The park features lush greenery, hiking and camping facilities, and a memorial museum focused on the poet's life and work. Visitors can explore scenic trails and find peaceful spots for relaxation. In April, the **azaleas bloom**, creating a beautiful landscape. Next, we will stop by **Takachiho Gorge**, a V-shaped ravine formed by the erosion of the Aso lava plateau by the Gokase River. The sheer cliffs lining the gorge are composed of slowly formed volcanic basalt columns that resemble the scales of

a dragon, where the stone twisted and flowed as it solidified. After that, we will transfer to **Tsuetate**, a traditional hot spring village founded in the 1800s. This charming onsen town is one of the main tourist attractions in the region, attracting visitors from all over the country with its rustic buildings and natural hot springs. Part of the charm of Tsuetate Onsen is its Showa period alleys, which visitors can stroll through to step back in time. Tonight, we will check in to our hot spring hotel and enjoy dinner there.

**Day 7\*\*Apr 24** **Tsuetate**  **(B, D)**

After breakfast, we will first visit the **Kokonoe "Yume" Grand Suspension Bridge**, which at 390 meters long and 173 meters high is Japan's largest suspension bridge exclusively for pedestrians. From the bridge, we can view the Shindonotaki Falls and the Kyusuikei natural forest. The valley presents different forms of beauty in each season. Next, we will transfer to **Yufuin**, the most popular onsen town among Japanese women. As we walk along the streets, we can experience the charming atmosphere of this small, old town, perfect for buying local snacks and souvenirs. We can enjoy our lunch here. Afterward, we will visit **Kuncho Sake Brewery**, located in Hita, Oita Prefecture. Part of the brewery, constructed in 1826, is designated as a museum dedicated to traditional sake brewing methods. Kuncho Sake is brewed from carefully selected local rice and soft water, making it very popular among locals and visitors alike. The brewery aims to preserve traditional sake-brewing techniques and produce high-quality sake and shochu. Their homemade ice cream, gelato, and bakery items should not be missed while visiting Hita. Finally, we will return to our hotel and enjoy another night in the hot spring.

**Day 8\*\*Apr 25** **Tsuetate – Kitakyushu – Fukuoka** **(B, D)**

This morning, we will drive to the **Yabakei Blue Cave**, known as Aonodomon (Blue Tunnel). This hand-carved tunnel is located in the Yabakei Gorge of Nakatsu City. The tunnel is famous for its impressive chisel marks and offers a unique historical perspective on the region's natural beauty. After that, we will visit **Tanga Market**, a covered local market street in Kitakyushu. Known as the "Kitchen of Kitakyushu," the market began in the early 1900s at its current location adjacent to the Kantake River, which allowed boats to easily deliver fresh ingredients. The market features about 120 shops selling seafood and prepared foods within a relatively small block, including several restaurants. We can enjoy our own lunch here. Next, we will head to **Kawachi Wisteria Garden**, a private garden nestled in the wooded hills south of central Kitakyushu, renowned for its spectacular displays of wisteria flowers. The garden is open to the public seasonally during the wisteria season, which typically peaks around late April to early May. The garden's most prominent features are two tunnels, each roughly 100 meters long, made of **wisteria trees** of different varieties and colors, ranging from white to dark purple. **Mount Sarakura** is one of the major peaks of the Hobashira Mountains, and the most popular peak for visitors on the mountains. The **Sarakurayama Cable Car** is one of the longest in western Japan, stretching 1,100 meters from Sanroku Station to Sanjo Station and covering an elevation difference of 440 meters. Visitors can enjoy magnificent views from the car's all-glass windows, which change depending on the time of day. After dinner, we will check into our hotel in Fukuoka.

**Day 9\*\*Apr 26** **Fukuoka → Honolulu** **(B)**

After breakfast, we will visit **Uminonakamichi Seaside Park**. This park is a popular destination for flower viewing, featuring millions of flowers planted throughout its various areas, including narcissus, tulips, nemophila, roses, hydrangeas, sunflowers, and cosmos, among others. The flowers bloom at different times of the year, with most flowering between mid-March and early autumn. In April, the nemophila are in full bloom. After that, we'll enjoy shopping at **Canal City Hakata**, a large shopping and entertainment complex located in Fukuoka Prefecture that describes itself as a "city within the city." Following some last-minute shopping at **Costco**, we will transfer to the airport for our return flight home, concluding our fantastic flower-viewing tour in Kyushu.

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

**Remarks:**

1. Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
2. Business class is available, please call your agent for the price
3. Refer to “General Condition of Air & Sea”
4. We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
5. 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
6. Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at the time of listing and pricing on Oct 27, 2025
7. Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
8. Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers is included
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 is due on **Jan 10, 2026**. 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.

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**Cancellation Policy:**

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

**\*\* Jan 11 to Feb 27, 2026, 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused by the cancellation;**  
**\*\* From Feb 28, 2026 to departure or withdrawing during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, 100% of total price, and request for other services as a substitute shall not be accepted.**

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