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June 12 – 22, 2022

VISIT:

Fukuoka • Sasebo • Nagasaki • Kumamoto • Kagoshima • Ibusuki • Miyazaki • Beppu

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Dazaifu • Canal City Hakata • Yamaya Mentaiko Factory

Hakata Machiya Furusato Kan • Kushida Shrine • Huis Ten Bosch Theme Park

Kujukushima Cruising • Tenkaiho Park • Glover Garden • Chinatown • Dejima

Nagasaki Peace Park • Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum • Unzen Jigoku • Unzen Ropeway

Ferry to Kumamoto • Suizenji Park • Sakura no Baba • Shinkansen Bullet Train Ride

Senganen • Chiran Peace Museum • Chiran Samurai Residence Garden

Ferry to Sakurajima Island • Stroll Around Sakurajima Island • Oni no Sentaku Ita

Michi-no-Eki • Umi Jigoku • Chinoike Jigoku • Fukuoka Tower • Otori Park • AEON Mall

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES:

Kimono Dress Up • Shochu Brewery Tour and Tasting • Ibusuki Hot Sand Bath

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Day 1: Sun, Jun 12 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Mon, Jun 13 – FUKUOKA. Arrive in Fukuoka. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to hotel in Fukuoka. THE ROYAL PARK HOTEL FUKUOKA (2 Nights)

Day 3: Tue, Jun 14 – FUKUOKA. After a sumptuous breakfast buffet at your hotel, depart for a full day of sightseeing. **Dazaifu** was established in the late 7th century and served as the administrative center of the entire island of Kyushu for over 500 years. Nowadays, Dazaifu is a small, quiet city on the outskirts of the large city of Fukuoka. Next stop is **Canal City Hakata**, a large shopping and entertainment complex, calling itself a “city within the city.” Attractions include about 250 shops, cafés and restaurants, a theater, game center, cinemas, two hotels and a canal running through the complex. The fifth floor consists of the “Ramen Stadium,” which has eight ramen shops with noodle dishes from across Japan, including the local specialty Hataka Ramen. Enjoy lunch here (on your own). After lunch, take a tour of the **Yamaya Mentaiko Factory** and learn about cod ovum and how its processed. Next tour **Hakata Machiya Furusato Kan**, a reconstructed textile manufacturing house of the Meiji era. Finally, visit the nearby **Kushida Shrine** before returning to the hotel. A special chicken hot pot dinner has been arranged for tonight. (B, D)

*Baggage will be sent from Fukuoka to Nagasaki, skipping Sasebo. Prepare overnight bag for 1 night.

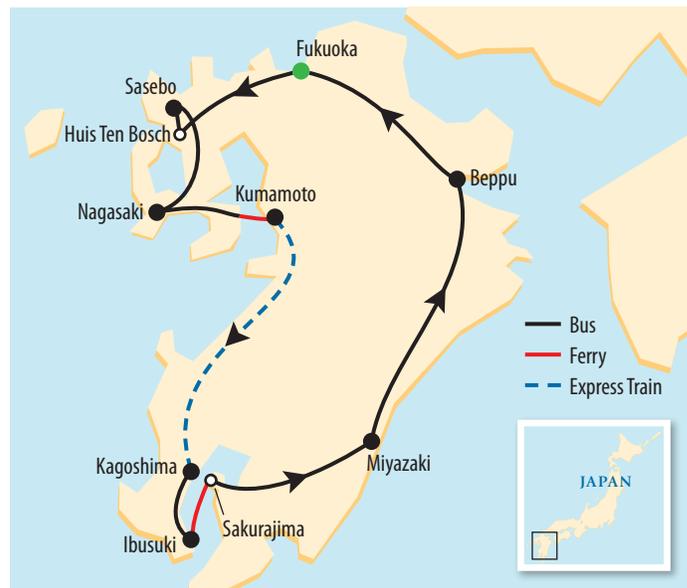
Day 4: Wed, Jun 15 – FUKUOKA – HUIS TEN BOSCH – SASEBO. Start the day with visit to **Huis Ten Bosch** (Hausu Ten Bosu) a theme park in Nagasaki Prefecture which recreates a Dutch town. This spacious resort is suffused with a European atmosphere with its picturesque canals, iconic windmills, beautiful gardens and architecture. Enjoy the spring time flowers. Japan is a nation of many islands but most travelers never get beyond the main four. At **Kujukushima National Park** near Sasebo in Nagasaki Prefecture, however, you can up your island quotient by taking a scenic cruise of the region’s waters. **The word “kujuku” literally means “99” but has come to refer to a vast number or something uncountable.** In truth, there are 208 islands off the coast of Sasebo, the largest concentration of islands anywhere in Japan. If these islands look familiar, chalk it up to the fact that they featured prominently in the opening scenes of the film *The Last Samurai*. **Tenkaiho Park** offers a great vantage point for overlooking the islands. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel tonight. Don’t forget to try out the onsens (before or after dinner). The onsens – which are divided for men and women – allow you to **enjoy the hot springs** whether indoors or outdoors. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. YUMIHARINOOKA HOTEL (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 5: Thur, Jun 16 – SASEBO – NAGASAKI. Start the day by exploring **Glover Garden**, an open air museum, exhibiting mansions of former Western residents of Nagasaki. A nice panorama of the city can be enjoyed from the garden. After lunch, take a stroll through **Chinatown**. Then visit **Dejima**, the artificial island built in the shape of a fan, that was used as the sole trading spot with foreign countries from the 17th to the 19th centuries. For 200 years, until Japan reopened the country in the 19th century, Dejima was its only window to the world. While at Dejima, experience first-hand what **wearing a kimono** is like. Then visit the **Nagasaki Peace Park**, which commemorates the atomic bombing of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945, that destroyed wide parts of the city and killed tens of thousands of inhabitants. Above the park stands the sobering **Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum**. HOTEL NEW NAGASAKI (1 Night) (B, L, D)

*Baggage will be sent from Nagasaki to Kagoshima, skipping Kumamoto. Prepare overnight bag for 1 night.

Day 6: Fri, Jun 17 – NAGASAKI – KUMAMOTO. First stop this morning is at **Unzen Jigoku** (“Unzen Hell”), where hot water and gases spout out of the earth. **Unzen Ropeway** leads part way up the mountain slope. The lower and upper ropeway stations have observation decks with views over the surrounding mountains and the Ariake Sea all the way to Kumamoto Prefecture on a clear day. Enjoy the spectacular views. After lunch, enjoy a short **ferry ride** from Shimabara to Kumamoto. This evening, dinner suggestions will be made by the local guide. KUMAMOTO HOTEL CASTLE (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 7: Sat, Jun 18 – KUMAMOTO – KAGOSHIMA. **Suizenji Park** is a spacious, Japanese style landscape garden in Kumamoto, best enjoyed by scrolling along a circular path. It was built by the Hosokawa family in the 17th century. The garden reproduces the 53 post stations of the Tokaido, the important road, which connected Edo with Kyoto during the Edo Period, in miniature form, including a small Mt. Fuji. Find a taste of the old days at **Sakura no Baba**, an Edo-themed complex



just down the hill from Kumamoto Castle. Enjoy lunch here (on your own). We now make way to Kagoshima by **Shinkansen Bullet Train**. After arriving in Kagoshima, visit **Senganen Garden**, also known as **Isoteien**, is a Japanese style landscape garden along the coast north of downtown Kagoshima. One of the garden’s most striking feature is its use of Sakurajima and Kagoshima Bay as borrowed scenery. KAGOSHIMA SUN ROYAL HOTEL (1 Night) (B)

*Baggage will be sent from Kagoshima to Miyazaki, skipping Ibusuki. Prepare overnight bag for 1 night.

Day 8: Sun, Jun 19 – KAGOSHIMA – IBUSUKI. Begin the day with a visit to a **Shochu Brewery** and learn how this alcoholic drink is made. **Tour the facilities and taste some of their products.** After lunch, visit **The Chiran Peace Museum For Kamikaze Pilots**. It is a thought provoking, and to many, a controversial museum dedicated to the lives and deaths of 1,036 suicide pilots or kamikaze, who sacrificed themselves in the name of the Japanese emperor in the latter stages of World War II. Then explore the **Chiran Samurai Residence Garden**. Arrive in Ibusuki, an onsen town that is famous for its sand baths – where bathers are buried in naturally heated sand. At sand baths, guests get provided with yukata robes and are then buried by staff members in hot sand that is heated by natural steam coming up from below. After staying buried for typically 10 to 20 minutes, guests wash off the sand and enter regular hot spring baths. Try a **hot sand bath** for yourself at the hotel. Also **enjoy the natural onsen hot springs** and a specially prepared dinner at your hotel this evening. IBUSUKI HAKUSUIKAN (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 9: Mon, Jun 20 – IBUSUKI – MIYAZAKI. After breakfast, take a **ferry to Sakurajima Island**, and take a stroll around the “symbol of Kagoshima.” One of Japan’s most active volcanoes, Sakurajima smokes constantly, and minor eruptions often take place multiple times a day. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. View the unusual rock formations of the **Oni no Sentaku Ita** (Devil’s Washboard) before arriving at the hotel. ART HOTEL MIYAZAKI SKY TOWER (1 Night) (B, L)

*Baggage will be sent from Miyazaki to Fukuoka Airport, skipping Beppu. Prepare overnight bag for 1 night.

Day 10: Tue, Jun 21 – MIYAZAKI – BEPPU. On our way to Beppu, make a quick stop at “**Michi-no-Eki**” where you will find an array of farmer-direct merchandise along with other “omiyage” items. Enjoy lunch (on your own) here. Further north we arrive in the bather’s paradise – the celebrated hot spring resort of Beppu. Beppu is famous for its “hells” of dramatic pools of bubbling water, mud and geysers. Visit two: **Umi Jigoku** or “**Sea Hell**” is a pond of boiling blue water and **Chinoike Jigoku** or “**Blood Pond Hell**” with its bubbling blood red waters. At night we will savor local flavors in a **traditional Japanese Kaiseki Banquet** prepared by your hotel. Be sure to enjoy a soak in the **mineral waters of the hot springs onsen**. SUGINOI HTOEL (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 11: Wed, Jun 22 – BEPPU – FUKUOKA – HONOLULU. Take a tour of **Fukuoka Tower**. Then tour **Ohoi Park** – including the **Japanese Gardens**. Last-minute shopping at Fukuoka’s spacious **AEON Mall** before making our way to Fukuoka Airport for our flight home to Honolulu. Depart Fukuoka and arrive Honolulu the same day. Aloha and Welcome Home! (B)