



Autumn in Kyushu Tour

November 7 - 17, 2011 (11 Days)

HONOLULU-NARITA

Day 1, Monday, November 7

Leave this morning on Japan Airlines via Tokyo to Fukuoka to begin our Autumn in Kyushu Tour .
Arrival in Narita will be one day later due to crossing the Int'l Date Line.

Arrive NARITA – FUKUOKA

Day 2, Tuesday, November 8

In Tokyo clear immigration and customs and board a domestic flight to Fukuoka. After gathering bags in Fukuoka, transfer by motor coach to overnight at the **Nishitetsu Grand Hotel**.

FUKUOKA - HIRADO

Day 3, Wednesday, November 9 (B, D)

This morning leave for Hirado. En route, stop at Niji-no-Matsubara, the noted scenic spot with black pine tree avenue. Then proceed to Imari and visit Imari-yaki kiln to see the process of Imari-yaki ceramics. Later head to Hirado and visit Matsuura Museum. Dinner and accommodations at the **Hirado Ranpu Hotel** (onsen).

HIRADO – SASEBO - NAGASAKI

Day 4, Thursday, November 10 (B)

This morning to Sasebo and take a boatcruise on the Sasebo Bay and sightseeing of Kujyu-Kushima, a scenic group of 170 islets. The tour proceeds to Nagasaki via Saikai Bridge spanning over the Haiki-no-Seto Strait. Upon arrival at Nagasaki, tour the city, visiting the Peace Park, Atomic Bomb Museum and Glover Mansion – an old British residence with beautiful gardens overlooking the Nagasaki Harbor. Accommodations at the **Hotel NewNagasaki**. Dinner is on your own.

NAGASAKI – UNZEN – SHIMABARA - KUMAMOTO

Day 5, Friday, November 11 (B)

Proceed to Shimabara via Unzen National Park. Take a brief tour of Unzen, visiting “Jigoku” or hot spring hells. Board Kyushu shosen’s ferry from Shimabara to Misumi across the placid Ariake Bay. (1 hour ride) Upon arrival at Misumi, visit the Amakusa Pearl Center before continuing to Kumamoto. At Kumamoto, tour the city, visiting Suizenji Park. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at **HOTEL NIKKO (JAL) KUMAMOTO**.

KUMAMOTO - SAKURAJIMA - KAGOSHIMA - CHIRAN - IBUSUKI

Day 6, Saturday, November 12 (B, D)

This morning visit Kumamoto Castle and drive south to Sakurajima, once an island in the Bay of Kagoshima, now part of a peninsula formed then the flow of lava in the great eruption of 1914 dammed up the narrow channel which formerly separated the island from the mainland. Arrive Kagoshima and visit Shiroyama Park, the Cemetery of Saigo Takamori and Iso Garden Park, formerly of the Shimazu Clan and well-known site for cherryblossoms. Continue to Ibusuki, famous “Suna-mushi Onsen” sand baths, for overnight at the **Ibusuki Iwasaki Hotel** (onsen).

IBUSUKI - CHIRAN - AOSHIMA

Day 7, Sunday, November 13 (B, D)

In the morning, visit the town of Chiran, famous for its samurai gardens built during Edo times and stone lanterns to memorialize the 1,036 kamikaze pilots that departed from Chiran and other bases during the Battle of Okinawa. Then via Kagoshima to the Nichinan Coast Quasi- National Park facing the Pacific Ocean and proceed to the beautiful islet of Aoshima easily accessible by foot over a bridge connected with the mainland. Dinner and accommodations at the **AOSHIMA PALM BEACH HOTEL**.

AOSHIMA - MIYAZAKI - TAKACHIHO – UCHINOMAKI SPA

Day 8, Monday, November 14 (B, D)

This morning leave for Takachiho via Miyazaki and visit the Takachiho Gorge well known for its weird rock formations and splendid autumn leaves. Continue to Uchinomaki Onsen for a relaxing overnight at **TSUKASA VILLA PARK HOTEL** (onsen).

UCHINOMAKI - MT. ASO - BEPPU

Day 9, Tuesday, November 15 (B, D)

After breakfast, drive to Mt. Aso. Take a cable-car ride to the crater for a full view of this great volcano. Continue to Beppu, known throughout Japan for its abundant hot springs and visit Takasaki yama Monkey Park. Dinner and accommodations at the **Suginoi Hotel** (onsen).

BEPPU - YABAKEI - HARAZURU SPA

Day 10, Wednesday, November 16 (B, D)

This morning take an excursion to Yabakei Gorge. You will enjoy the autumn colors and a magnificent view at Yabakei Gorge. Visit Ao-no-domon, a tunnel through rock hewn in 1764 by a Buddhist priest named Zenkai, who took some 30 years to complete the project, and Rakanji Temple where 3770 stone statues of Buddha are placed. Continue to haki to enjoy “Kakigari” persimmon picking. Then proceed to Harazuru Onsen and overnight at **Taisenkaku Hotel** (onsen).

HARAZURU SPA – FUKUOKA – KANSAI - HONOLULU

Day 11, Thursday November 17 (B)

Today we return home thru Fukuoka Airport to Kansai (May change) for your flight home. Just have your custom forms ready at immigration and Customs in the U.S. Citizens line. Gather bags and proceed to customs check.

TOUR DATES

Depart	Return	Code
November 7	November 17	JP0-1007

TOUR PRICE

Adult twin:	\$4650.00
Adult single:	\$5100.00

Note:

Our tours are based on at the yen at 1USD = 80 yen and minimum 25 tour members. US dollar adjustments will be made 30-45 days prior of departure. Reservation deposit is \$100 per person. Travel Insurance is optional.

