












MARUKAI NIHON NO AJI TOUR HOKKAIDO SPRING SAKURA SHIBAZAKURA

ENJOY BEAUTIFUL SPRINGTIME



Tuesday, May 10 - Friday, May 20, 2011

DATE	PLACE	ACTIVITY	MEAL:	B	L	D
10-May Tues	Honolulu	Check in at Honolulu International Airport Depart Honolulu to Narita				
11-May Wed	Narita Haneda Hakodate	Arrive at Narita International Airport Take chartered bus to Haneda Airport Check in domestic flight to Hakodate Browse and eat light lunch on own at Haneda Airport Before we board, bento dinner Arrive, drive to hotel				X
12-May Thurs	Hakodate  	Breakfast at hotel We sightsee along our drive to Matsumae to spend nearly the entire day at the Matsumae Sakura Matsuri. Matsumae is the northernmost castle town in Japan. We enjoy a pressed flower craft using sakura and another using cedar. Everyone can dress as a samurai with a Yoroi or a geisha. Lunch is at local restaurant. In the afternoon we walk on a road through rows and rows of different varieties of sakura. Then we drive back to Hakodate. Dinner is our welcome dinner		X	X	X
13-May Frid	Hakodate  Niseko Onsen	We have breakfast at Hakodate Morning Market and then enjoy shopping or staring at the seafoods available here. Then we drive to Mori Town to Aobagaoka Park to see Somei Yoshino Sakura trees. We have fun making our own soba which becomes a part of our Hokkaido Ishikari nabe lunch. Continue our drive to Niseko, where we can enjoy this beautiful mountain resort and make a hemp accessory. Dinner is meal coupon		X	X	X



<p>14-May Sat</p>	<p>Niseko Onsen</p>  <p>Otaru</p> 	<p>Breakfast at hotel Have fun at a visit to Nikka Whiskey factory where you can sample and purchase. Then we go to a nigiri sushi making class where you learn how to make your own nigiri sushi and enjoy them for lunch In the afternoon we drive to Otaru Enjoy a walking tour in Otaru to the Glass Factory and the Music Box Museum. Of course, you will be happy to make your own music box. Check in at our hotel in Otaru. Dinner is on your own at Otaru, where you can continue to explore the town</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	
<p>15-May Sun</p>	<p>Otaru</p>  <p>Sounkyo Onsen</p>	<p>Breakfast at hotel Along the way, we may stop at Maruyama Koen, famous for its sakura trees. Then we continue to Asahikawa Lunch is on your own where you can order your own ramen We stop at Otokoyama, one of the most popular sakaguras for sampling and purchasing. Continue on to Sounkyo where we go on the Sounkyo Kurodake ropeway. If the weather is nice, we can enjoy a grand view of the area. In case of rain, we'll visit elsewhere. Check in at Sounkyo Onsen. Dinner at hotel restaurant.</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>X</p>
<p>16-May Mon</p>	<p>Sounkyo Onsen</p>  <p>Saroma ko Onsen</p>	<p>Breakfast at hotel Drive a short distance to see Ginga/Ryusei no Taki Waterfalls and famous Takinoue Park, where the slopes and hills are covered with moss pink--shibazakura! Lunch at local restaurant We go to Tulip Park where we want to be lucky to see hundreds and hundreds of tulips in bloom. Drive to Saroma ko Onsen and check in, relax in furo Dinner is kaiseki and enkai</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>
<p>17-May Tue</p>	<p>Saroma ko Onsen</p>  <p>Kusshara ko Onsen</p>	<p>Breakfast at hotel We'll enjoy a craft from this area at Abashiri and then visit Mokotoyams Onsen shibazakura park. More beautiful flowers to enjoy. Lunch at local restaurant We have a taiken experience and then sightsee at Lake Mashu, lo-zan, the active volcano Drive to Kusshara ko Onsen, check in, relax in furo Dinner is buffet at hotel</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>



18-May Wed	Kusshara ko Onsen  Obihiro	Breakfast at hotel Relax and enjoy a sightseeing boart on Lake Akan. Visit an Ainu village. Lunch at local restaurant. Enjoy another boat ride down Tokachigawa River. Continue to Obihiro After check in, dinner is on your own as you do some last minute shopping.	X	X		
19-May Thur	Obihiro Sapporo	Breakfast at hotel Enjoy ichigo gari, strawberry picking Lunch at local restaurant Drive across the Hidaka range into Sapporo Free time, if any, at Sapporo after check in Sayonara dinner tonight		X	X	X
20-May Frid	Sapporo	Breakfast at hotel Go to Jogai Ichiba Market Drive to Chitose Airport Check in and time to shop and do last minute shopping Leave Chitose to Narita Connect Narita to Honolulu	X			

Itinerary and fare subject to change if necessary

