









MARUKAI NIHON NO AJI TOUR ITINERARY MICHINOKU SAKURA TOUR

Monday, April 18-Friday, April 29, 2011



DATE	PLACE	ACTIVITY	MEAL:	B	L	D
18-Apr Mon	HONOLULU	Check in at Honolulu International Airport @. Depart Honolulu to Narita:			*	
19-Apr Tue	NARITA KISARAZU	Arrive at Narita International Airport Board bus, enjoy Narita Old Town w/ lunch on own. Drive to Kisarazu. Welcome dinner.				X
20-Apr Wed	KISARAZU  KAMOGAWA ONSEN	Breakfast at hotel Depending on the tide, we may enjoy shio higari, clam digging; We all participate in jibiki ami, pulling in our net of fresh fish, Our catch is our lunch/barbecue We go to a sakagura to sample sake and purchase if you like We have strawberry picking to enjoy before we go to our onsen Check in. Dinner is kaiseki ryori/enkaijyo.		X	X	X
21-Apr Thurs	KAMOGAWA ONSEN  TSUKUBA	Breakfast at hotel Short stop at popular country style Katsuura Morning Market. Enjoy challenge to dig fresh takenoko. Lunch is takenoko ryori We drive to Tsukuba and check in at our hotel There are lots of shops at a mall directly across our hotel. It's a nice time to browse/shop at the mall and at the same time enjoy dinner on your own.		X	X	
22-Apr Fri	TSUKUBA  ASHI NO MAKI ONSEN	Breakfast at hotel Enjoy a very refined sake tasting stop that is not normally opened to anyone. Lunch is kaiten sushi. We may see a maguro cutting show. In the afternoon we go to see Miharu no taki, one of Japan's three largest cascading cherry trees Drive to Ashinomaki Onsen Check in. Dinner is kaiseki ryori and enkaijyo		X	X	X



23-Apr Sat	ASHI NO MAKI ONSEN  SENDAI	Breakfast at hotel Leisure walk, browse through beautiful Ouchijiku, old Edo style Lunch is at local restaurant We enjoy painting, and creating, our own unique kokeshi doll. Continue to Sendai city. Check in. Dinner is meal coupon at hotel	X	X	X
24-Apr Sun	SENDAI  SENDAI	Breakfast at hotel It's a free day, lunch and dinner on own, to explore Sendai city We'll take those who wish to see Matsushima, one of Japan's three most scenic places, and have free time there Explore this easy to shop, Sendai city, and enjoy late lunch and dinner on your own.	X		
25-Apr Mon	SENDAI  AKITA	Breakfast at hotel Enjoy listening to the sendo-san sing and enjoy the beautiful scenery as we take a boat ride through Geibikei Gorge Our lunch is Maezawa beef Enjoy a sakura matsuri at Kakunodate, known as 'Michinoku no little Kyoto,' browse through stalls and find unique items. Dinner at local restaurant	X	X	X
26-Apr Tues	AKITA  TOWADA ONSEN	Breakfast at hotel Enjoy one of Tohoku's three large summer matsuri museum, Akita Kanto Matsuri with a special demonstration Participate and challenge yourself with the kanto At Odate, lunch is prepared by the community, inside or out. We have another taiken using Akita sugi; Akita sugi being one of Japan's three large cedars. Enjoy this taiken. Drive to Towada Ko and check in. Dinner is kaiseki/enkaijo	X	X	X
27-Apr Wed	TOWADA ONSEN HIROSAKI AIRINKAN	Breakfast at hotel Drive to Hirosaki to Hirosaki castle park for another Michinoku sakura matsuri. Enjoy a suzu painting taiken. Hopefully, we can see spectacular cherry blossoms. Lunch at local restaurant. Sayonara Party Dinner	X	X	X
28-Apr Thur	AIRINKAN  TOKYO	Breakfast at hotel Enjoy the third sakura matsuri at Kitakami. It's a nice walk under cherry trees, hopefully in bloom. Board our bus to Tokyo. It's a nice drive and along the way, at a michi no eki, we stop for lunch. It will be on your own. Continue into Tokyo Check in at our hotel Walk to our dinner place for a very delicious shabu shabu dinner.	X		X



