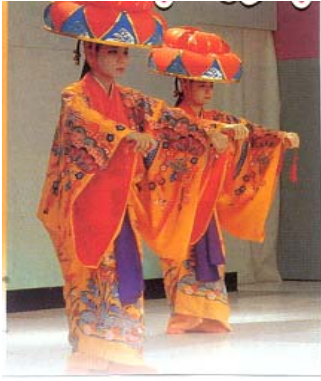









**MARUKAI NIHON NO AJI TOUR
OKINAWA MENSORE TOUR ITINERARY
March 4 (Friday) - March 15 (Tuesday), 2011**



Day	Place	Activity	B	L	D
Frid 4-Mar	Honolulu	Check in Leave to Kansai Airport		*	
Sat 5-Mar	Kansai Airport	Arrive at Kansai Airport Check in at our hotel for an overnight stay			
Sun 6-Mar	Kansai Airport  Ishigaki	Breakfast at hotel. Check in for flight to Ishigaki Island Lunch will be bento to eat on plane At Ishigaki, we have our first Okinawa experience of minsa weaving. Then most likely, we can have another unique taiken experience, ocean/textile' dyeing. Check in: welcome dinner	X	X	X
Mon 7-Mar	Ishigaki  Ishigaki	Breakfast at hotel We take a boat to Iriomote Island, remote, clear water, jungle-like greenery island. We'll explore some and then take a river boat into its interior; then we hike to Maruido Falls. Lunch is at local restaurant. With time, we may ride buffalo carts to Yufu Island. We'll return to Ishigaki Island. Dinner at hotel or at local restaurant	X	X	X
Tue 8-Mar	Ishigaki Island Taketomi Ishigaki Island Naha Onnason	Breakfast at hotel. We go to Taketomi Island by boat, where we have a short island sightsee and then we ride buffalo carts to explore their unique village with red roof tiles. Lunch is at local restaurant After lunch we catch a plane to Naha. After we arrive at Naha, we stop at Manzamo and then Onnason . Dinner at hotel with meal coupon.	X	X	X



Wed 9-Mar	Onnason  Onnason	Breakfast at hotel. Visit to Orion Beer Brewery and a shopping stop at Fruitland Lunch at local restaurant We go to the largest aquarium in Asia and to the World Heritage site of Nakijin Castle, where impressive parts still remain from the 14th century. Dinner at hotel	X	X	X
Thur 10-Mar	Onnason  Naha	Breakfast at hotel We have a fun taiken painting our own shisa at Ryukyu Mura and then spend some time, exploring and shopping. Lunch is Okinawan specialty soki soba with delicious side dishes. Then we go underground at Gyokusendoh, the largest grotto in Asia. Upon exiting, we have our own Ryukyu glassware taiken and then enjoy a tremendously energetic eisar performance. Dinner is on your own at Kokusai Dori.	X	X	
Fri 11-Mar	Naha  Kumejima	Breakfast at hotel. Visit to Shuri Castle and then to Kaneshiro Town where you can walk on 'ishi tatami', stone mats street Lunch at local restaurant Then we catch a plane to Kumejima, Kume Island. Small, clean, beautiful island--then we have a challenging but fun opportunity to make our own shisa with Kumejime yaki. Dinner at hotel.	X	X	X
Sat 12-Mar	Kumejima  Naha	Breakfast at hotel. We get to see how Umi Budo is processed and then have a special taiken at Kumejima Kumesen Awamori Brewery ...and tasting. Lunch is at local restaurant In the afternoon, we catch a late flight back to Naha. At Naha, we have a Bingata taiken. Dinner tonight is Ryuku ryori, our sayonara dinner	X	X	X
Sun 13-Mar	Naha  Naha	Breakfast at hotel Cooking class. We learn how to prepare Healthy Ryukyu meals and work in teams to prepare dishes to enjoy for our lunch Afternoon is free, so you can explore fascinating Kokusai Dori and have dinner on your own.	X	X	
Mon 14-Mar	Naha Naha	Breakfast at hotel We have another very unique opportunity to see Basho-fu processing. We also hope we can have a special adventure of kayaking through mangroves and learn about environmental concerns of Okinawa. There is no plan for dinner tonight. Complete shopping and packing.	X	X	



Tue 15-Mar	Naha	Breakfast at hotel We start our return home Naha to Kansai Arrive at Kansai @ Our Kansai-Honolulu flight is	X		*
Tue 15-Mar	Honolulu	Arrive Honolulu @			

Schedule subject to change without notice.

*Indicates meal on airplane

