




MARUKAI HOKKAIDO SAKURA - NORIKURA - HAKONE TOUR
MAY 8 (Tuesday) - 18 (Friday), 2012

DATE	PLACE	ACTIVITY	MEAL:	B	L	D
8-May Tues	Honolulu	Departure Honolulu to Japan			*	
9-May Wed	Narita	Arrive Narita Complete immigration/customs Go to Haneda Airport by bus limousine Check in for Haneda to Hakodate flight with bento on board Check in at our hotel at Hakodate				x
10-May Thurs	Hakodate 	Breakfast at hotel Drive to former castle town of Matsumae where we enjoy special Matsumae taiken with pressed flower and crafting cedar into wood spatula. We also have fun opportunity to dress up into warrior costumes with armors and parade. Lunch is Matsumae specialty. In the afternoon, we enjoy a leisure walk through beautiful sakura blossoms where the branches and flowers extend outward to form a 'tunnel of beautiful sakura'. We also learn about the different kinds of varieties that blossom here. Return to our hotel. Welcome dinner tonight.		x	x	x
11-May Fri	Hakodate Niseko	Breakfast at hotel Spend a nice mid-morning canoe ride at Onuma Lake. Then enjoy sakura sightseeing at Mori Park where there are over 1,500 someiyoshino sakura trees. Lunch at local restaurant. We'll shop today, if we didn't yesterday, at an all konbu shop. We continue our drive to Niseko. Check in. Dinner at hotel.		x	x	x
12-May Sat	Niseko Otaru Sapporo	Breakfast at hotel An early morning wake-up experience--Nikka Whiskey visit and tasting. Then enjoy nigiri sushi making taiken. Do it well enough to enjoy for lunch! Visit to Otaru. (Kitaichi Glass and music box stores) Drive to Sapporo. Free time to browse, shop, dinner on own.		x	x	



13-May Sun	Sapporo	<p>Breakfast at hotel</p> <p>Drive to popular Tomakomai Fishing Port/fish market and purchase omiyage, if you wish.</p> <p>We'll have lunch here before going to Chitose Airport.</p> <p>Check in for flight to Nagoya</p> <p>Arrive at Nagoya</p> <p>Check in at hotel and go to station area</p> <p>Time to browse, shop. We have dinner at local restaurant.</p>	x	x	x
14-May Mon	Nagoya Takayama	<p>Breakfast at hotel</p> <p>Drive to Hida mountains and have the unique experience of hunting for sansai, first mountain greens after winter is over.</p> <p>Listen, watch, and enjoy walking, picking experience.</p> <p>Lunch is sansai dishes, healthy and delicious</p> <p>After lunch sightsee gassho zukuri (thatched roofed homes that are world cultural sites) and then enjoy the Edo-style street of Takayama.</p> <p>Check in at hotel.</p> <p>Dinner at hotel.</p>	x	x	x
15-May Tues	Takayama Matsumoto	<p>Breakfast at hotel</p> <p>Visit (with enough time) to Takayama Morning Market. Then drive to the Norikura skyline (highest altitude highway in Japan) and the first highway opening. If it isn't available because of poor weather, then we will take a ropeway to Shinhodaka.</p> <p>Lunch at local restaurant.</p> <p>Enjoy taiken crafting Tombo dama. But we have to listen well and be careful because of the high heat that we use.</p> <p>Check in at our hotel at Matsumoto.</p> <p>Nice walk to shopping, dining place for dinner on own.</p>	x	x	
16-May Wed	Matsumoto Izu Hotel	<p>Breakfast at hotel</p> <p>We drive to our taiken where we make beautiful semi-precious gem necklaces. If you follow your pattern correctly, you will have a beautiful necklace of your own.</p> <p>Lunch is a special experience where we have a simple barbecue but under wisteria trees, blooming with blossoms that hang down. After lunch we sightsee beautiful, beautiful tsutsuji (azelea) blossoms. You will be taking lots of photos today! We check into our onsen.</p> <p>Dinner at hotel.</p>	x	x	x



17-May Thurs	Izu Hotel	Breakfast at hotel Experience wasabi picking and making wasabi-zuke. Lunch at local restaurant Continue our drive into Tokyo If we arrive with enough time, we may stop so you can enjoy/experience Ginza Check in at our hotel Tonight is our sayonara dinner	x	x	x
18-May Fri	Tokyo	Breakfast at hotel We will have all day to explore one or two places that make up Tokyo. Lunch on own Drive to Narita Airport. Check in Depart to Honolulu at	x		*
Arrive at Honolulu at					

*meal on airplane

Itinerary may have changes to enhance tour or to provide alternative if necessary. Price is also subject to change if necessary.

