



DELUXE-PLUS Fully Escorted Tour Package

Discover Kyushu

DATES & PRICES

Please see website



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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- INCLUDES**
- Excellent mix of Western and Japanese style accommodations
 - Meet and greet and airport transfers
 - Breakfast everyday, lunches & dinners as listed in the itinerary
 - All entry fees to sites, activities listed in the itinerary
 - Comprehensive guided service, escorted by AJT professional English speaking guide

TOUR DURATION 12 Day

DESTINATIONS

FUKUOKA - KARATSU - URESHINO ONSEN - KASHIMA - NAGASAKI - KUMAMOTO - KAGOSHIMA - CHIRAN - IBUSUKI - YAKUSHIMA - TAKACHIHO - BEPPU - USA - FUKUOKA

Book a Discover Kyushu group tour with AJT for a 12-day journey experiencing the history, nature, and culture of Kyushu, including the exciting Karatsu Kunchi Festival.

Discover the unspoiled natural beauty, historical treasures, and fascinating local culture of Kyushu, Japan on our Discover Kyushu Group Tour, featuring the thrilling Karatsu Kunchi Festival. Kyushu is a little island in southern Japan that has a lot for travelers to enjoy, and guests on this tour will gain a good introduction to its charms. Travelers looking to explore Japanese history can find thought-provoking sites in such places as Nagasaki, Kumamoto, and Kagoshima, and those interested in Japanese spirituality step into Shinto legend when they visit Takachiho. Visitors in search of natural beauties will find much to admire on Yakushima Island and across the region. And those looking for rare cultural immersion are in for a treat: the heart-pounding energy of the Karatsu Kunchi - an important and exciting local festival featuring enormous colorful "Hikiyama" floats!

The tour departs from Fukuoka and begins with an unforgettable experience: a day at the Karatsu Kunchi festival in Karatsu City. This historic religious and cultural festival involves large groups of people pulling enormous floats called "Hikiyama" through the town and over the sand of nearby Nishinohama Beach. The Karatsu Kunchi has been held in Karatsu for over 400 years and is one of Japan's most important festivals.

But the festival is only the beginning of your immersive journey through Kyushu. We walk through the bright red torii shrine gates at Yutoku Inari Shrine and tour a brewery at Hizenya, and tour the Peace Park, Dejima District, Glover Garden, the Twenty-Six Martyrs Museum, and Oura Church - one of Nagasaki's UNESCO World Heritage Hidden Christian Sites. We see an impressive Japanese castle at Kumamoto, take a bullet train to Kagoshima to visit Senganen Garden, stop at Chiran to see the Peace Museum for Kamikaze Pilots, and take a Sand Bath at Ibusuki before going to UNESCO World Heritage Yakushima Island to admire the ancient thousand-plus year-old "Yakusugi" cedar trees. Enjoy an Evening Kagura Performance at Takachiho and a trip to breathtaking Takachiho Gorge, appreciate the hot springs of the Beppu Hells, and taste foods that have been cooked in the steam of the hot springs, spend some time in the company of wild Monkeys at Mt. Takasaki, and stop at Usa Shrine before returning to Fukuoka for the end of the tour.

Book one of AJT's Discover Kyushu Tours for an unforgettable trip through Kyushu Island, exploring its history, natural beauty, and culture - including a day at the Karatsu Kunchi Festival. The tour includes all hotel accommodations (some Japanese style), transportation via private coach bus, and full escort by one of our friendly, professional English-speaking guides. Please browse our detailed itinerary below for more information.



ITINERARY IN BRIEF



Kashiwa: Yutoku Inari Shrine



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Nagasaki: Nagasaki Peace Park



Nagasaki: Glover Garden



Nagasaki: Oura Catholic Church



Kumamoto: Kumamoto Castle



Kumamoto: Suizenji Garden



Chiran: Peace Museum for Kamikaze Pilots



Yakushima Island: Yakusugi Land



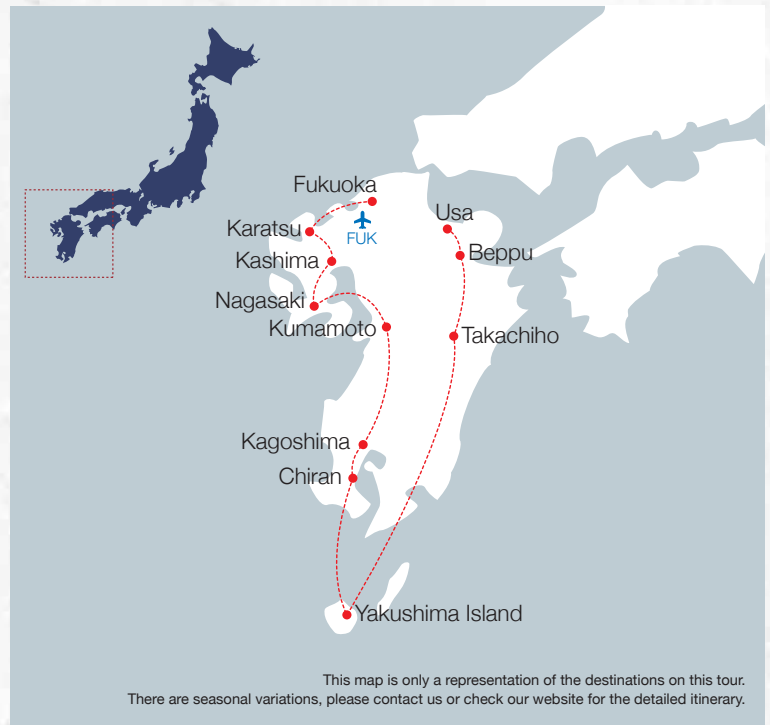
Takachiho: Takachiho Gorge



Beppu: Beppu Hells



Usa: Usa Shrine



WHAT MAKE THIS TOUR DIFFERENCE

- ✓ Cheer for the teams pulling massive Hikiyama floats across the beach during the Karatsu Kunchi Festival.
- ✓ Hike enchanting Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine on the UNESCO World Heritage Yakushima Island.
- ✓ Learn Shinto myth and legend during an Evening Kagura Performance in Takachiho.
- ✓ Take in the view from Yutoku Inari Shrine, one of Japan's most beautiful Shinto Shrines to Inari.
- ✓ Taste delicious foods that have been cooked in the steam of the Beppu Hells hot springs.
- ✓ Bathe in sand enriched with mineral hot spring water at the Ibusuki Sand Baths.
- ✓ Stroll the Nagasaki Peace Park and contemplate the monuments to those lost to the atomic bomb.
- ✓ Discover the raw, personal stories of the WW2 Kamikaze at Chiran's Peace Museum for Kamikaze Pilots.

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

- Day 1 Arrive in Fukuoka
- Day 2 Fukuoka - Karatsu - Ureshino Onsen
- Day 3 Ureshino Onsen - Kashima - Nagasaki
- Day 4 Nagasaki
- Day 5 Nagasaki - Kumamoto - Kagoshima
- Day 6 Kagoshima - Chiran - Ibusuki - Kagoshima
- Day 7 Kagoshima - Yakushima
- Day 8 Yakushima
- Day 9 Yakushima - Kagoshima - Takachiho
- Day 10 Takachiho - Beppu
- Day 11 Beppu - Usa - Fukuoka
- Day 12 Tour ends



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