

A journey to discover the beauty of Kyushu

Kyushu abounds with charm that is profound and emotionally stirring.

A “Seven Stars in Kyushu” journey delivers the as-of-yet unknown charm of Kyushu to you.

Rediscover novel encounters with the following journeys.

Journeys around Kyushu aboard the “Seven Stars in Kyushu”

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★ Journeys of cruise train “Seven Stars in Kyushu”

The charm of a journey on “Seven Stars” lies in its carriages, its cuisine, as well as the local hospitality you’ll experience, and the interactions you’ll have with the train’s crew. The Seven Stars train carriages are the pure essence of artisan skill and heart, and are unique in the world. Its cuisine, infused with thought and effort, regularly uses ingredients from Kyushu, which is considered to be a treasure trove for food. Those features, along with the heart-warming hospitality you’ll experience with locals at the stops on your journey and your interactions with the train’s crew are what give Seven Stars its charm.



P.3 - 4 4 Days 3 Nights Journey Autumn-Winter route

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★ Special Pre-Journey Dinner + 2D1N Seven Stars Journey

On the night before guests board the Seven Stars, we have a Special Pre-Journey dinner planned. We hope guests can get to know each other before their 2 day journey on the train.



P.7-8 3 day Special Pre-Journey Dinner + 2D1N Journey on Seven Stars

★ Kyushu Pre-Tour + Cruise Train “Seven Stars in Kyushu”

Here, Pre-Tours or a Specially arranged 4 days 3 Nights Seven Stars Journey are presented. In these pre-tours, guests will be guided to sights in Kyushu via bus, before boarding the Seven Stars. These pre-tours are designed to uncover the charm Kyushu as a whole has to offer, not only the parts of Kyushu along the Seven Stars routes, but from a variety of viewpoints, including Kyushu’s nature, food, history, culture, and traditional crafts. We hope guests can enjoy a journey where they will encounter the depths of Kyushu thorough the Seven Stars.



P.9-10 Seven Stars Journey - specially arranged for Christmas Tour A : 4 day Seven Stars Journey to discover the charms of winter in Kyushu.

P.11-12 Kyushu Pre-Tour + 2D1N Seven Stars Journey. Tour B : 5 day tour to feel the beginning of spring in Southern Kyushu.

From application to departure

<p>1 Application</p>	<p>Once you have decided on the particular journey and date that you would like to apply for, please make an online application at the address stated in the application procedure below.</p> <p>Applications for October 2019 to February 2020 journeys: Please note that if applications exceed available rooms, a lottery will be conducted to draw participants. Application period: April 1st to 15th 2019. Application procedure: Please apply via the form on the official Seven Stars homepage between April 1st-15th 2019. * The results of the lottery will be sent to all applicants by around mid June 2019.</p>
<p>2 Application procedure</p>	<p>Please apply via the official application form on the Seven Stars website. Home page : https://www.cruisetrain-sevenstars.jp/english/ Form : https://www.cruisetrain-sevenstars.jp/english/application/</p>
<p>3 Payment of fare</p>	<p>We will send passengers an invoice via e-mail. Passengers must pay the full amount by credit card within seven days. Information regarding the procedures and application flow will be sent beforehand by e-mail.</p>
<p>4 Pre-departure contact</p>	<p>Passengers will be contacted at least one month before their day of departure via e-mail. We will confirm the passengers excursions, and will also ask about passengers pre and post journey plans, status of health, and food allergies etc.</p>
<p>5 Forwarding of final schedule</p>	<p>A digital copy of the final schedule will be forwarded to all passengers at least two weeks before departure via e-mail. This will contain important information relating to meeting places and times, accommodation, and updated information on the journey. Please make note of the journey dates on the final schedule as dates quoted on pamphlets are subject to change. A printed copy will be given to passengers at “Kinsei Lounge”.</p>
<p>6 Day of departure</p>	<p>Please arrive at the designated meeting place, the Kinsei Lounge in Hakata station, at the scheduled time as stated in the final schedule. Here at Kinsei Lounge, passengers will be welcomed by Seven Stars staff and crew.</p>

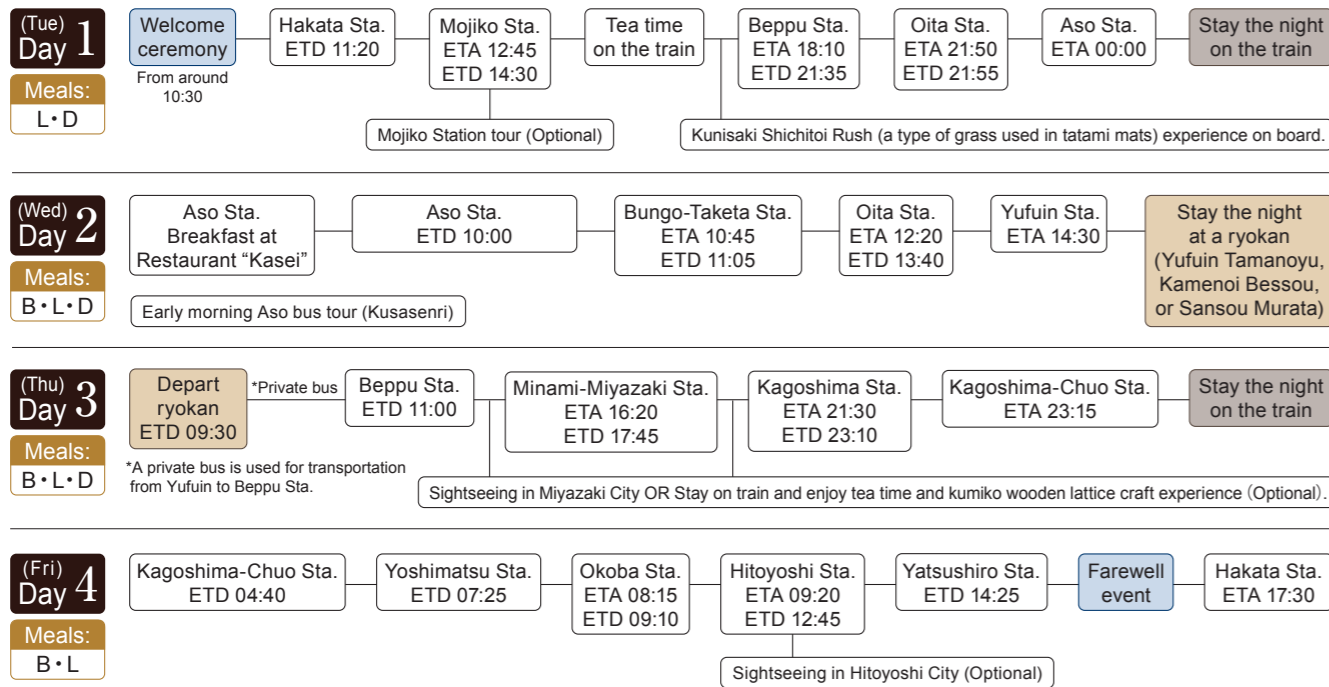
Seven Stars in Kyushu

4 Days 3 Nights (Autumn - Winter)

On this route, you will ride the "Seven Stars in Kyushu" cruise train around 5 of Kyushu's prefectures (Fukuoka, Oita, Miyazaki, Kagoshima, and Kumamoto), and can enjoy strolls and tours along your journey. On the 2nd night of your journey, we've also prepared for you to stay at one of Japan's most well-known hot springs, "Yufuin Onsen". You'll also enjoy a concentration of the charm of Kyushu and its bountiful nature, including views of tropical landscapes with vast stretches of ocean and sky, as well as spectacular scenery that is counted among Japan's three best views from a train.



Trip schedule / travel route



*Please be aware that the above schedule is subject to change.

Departure dates and fares (Tuesday departure – Friday return)

Please see summary on P5

October 15th, 29th, November 12th 2019

Room type (Seven Stars)	Accommodation (day 2)		Fares (yen per person)		
	Ryokan name	Room type	3 people / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
Suite (12 rooms)	Yufuin Tamanoyu	Japanese & Western (4 rooms)	—	¥725,000	¥1,225,000
	Kamenoi Bessou	Japanese (4 rooms)	—	¥740,000	¥1,270,000
	Sansou Murata	① Annex Japanese & Western (2 rooms)	—	¥725,000	¥1,225,000
		② Annex Japanese & Western (2 rooms)	—	¥740,000	¥1,270,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)	Yufuin Tamanoyu	Annex Japanese & Western (1 room)	¥780,000	¥850,000	¥1,350,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)	Kamenoi Bessou	Japanese & Western (1 room)	¥880,000	¥950,000	¥1,550,000

December 10th 2019, January 21st, February 11th, 25th 2020

Room type (Seven Stars)	Accommodation (day 2)		Fares (yen per person)		
	Ryokan name	Room type	3 people / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
Suite (12 rooms)	Yufuin Tamanoyu	Japanese & Western (4 rooms)	—	¥675,000	¥1,175,000
	Kamenoi Bessou	Japanese (4 rooms)	—	¥690,000	¥1,220,000
	Sansou Murata	① Annex Japanese & Western (2 rooms)	—	¥675,000	¥1,175,000
		② Annex Japanese & Western (2 rooms)	—	¥690,000	¥1,220,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)	Yufuin Tamanoyu	Annex Japanese & Western (1 room)	¥730,000	¥800,000	¥1,300,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)	Kamenoi Bessou	Japanese & Western (1 room)	¥830,000	¥900,000	¥1,500,000

*Please see P5 for summary for all tours.

[NOTE] From the Deluxe Suite A observation window, it is possible to enjoy views from the end of the train. Depending on the direction and the position of the train engine, views may be blocked in some parts of the journey.

4 Days 3 Nights Journey - Seven Stars selections

Kunisaki Shichittoi Rush



Kunisaki Shichittoi is a rug made of shichittoi (plant of the Cyperaceae family originating in Southeast Asia), a plant grown in Kunisaki City or Kizuki City, Oita. Compared to ordinary reed mats it is 5 to 6 times stronger. For this reason, it has been an indispensable rug used for judo tatami, craftsmen's studios and theater galleries since olden times. Even today, farmers grow and cultivate this plant by hand, using techniques said to originate from Ryukyu (Okinawa Prefecture), with a history of over 350 years. Today it is only produced in Kunisaki, Oita Prefecture. With use, Kunisaki Shichittoi gradually changes its color from cream to yellow-brown, and unlike ordinary reed facing, it develops a sheen and becomes increasingly refined over time. In 2017, the product "Kunisaki Shichittoi Omote" was registered as a Japan "Geographical Indication Protection System" (GI) product, protecting it as intellectual property whose quality, reputation and other established characteristics are attributable to its geographical origin. We hope that this traditional product and its techniques can be shared with those visiting on a Seven Stars journey.

Aso



"Mt. Aso", one of the largest volcanoes in the world, is a general name that refers to the central group of active volcanoes known as the "Aso Gogaku", the vast caldera, and the crater rim that surrounds it. Aso's overwhelming scale has long attracted people, and it has even been an object of worship. The Seven Stars will visit Aso, a land where people coexist with nature. On the platform at Aso Station, passengers will eat breakfast at "Kasei" (Mars), a Seven Stars-exclusive restaurant. Fresh vegetables and the cool morning air of the highlands create a feast that will nourish you, body and spirit.

A peaceful memory "Yufuin"



In southwest Oita prefecture there is a basin-shaped valley at the base of Mt. Yufu, a 1584m dormant volcano. Nutrients are abundant in this basin due to the rain and snow, which seeps here after falling on the surrounding mountains and absorbing the natural goods from the earth. The result is beautiful fresh cold water and hot spring water. The people who live in this area are very welcoming and warm. I hope that passengers will enjoy their time in Yufuin, and have memories of a peaceful experience.



Taro Nakaya
Kamenoi Bessou
Managing Director

Hisatsu Line One of the 3 best train views



When the Hisatsu Line opened during the Meiji period, it modernized transportation in southern Kyushu all at once. On this line, you'll enjoy the true charms of railway travel. The majestic views from the train's windows, which are among the best three in Japan; the loop lines and switchbacks that exist to conquer the steep slopes; the charming stations along the line that still bear vivid traces of bygone days... Due to its rich history, the line is celebrated as the "century rail". By taking a leisurely journey along it, we hope you'll experience the true sophistication of traveling by railway.

Accommodations for the second night

Yufuin Tamanoyu (5 rooms)

- Room type
- Annex Japanese & Western 1 room 78㎡ (DXB)
 - Annex Japanese & Western 3 rooms 72㎡ (Suite)
 - Japanese & Western 1 room 110㎡ (Suite)



Appearance of Yufuin Tamanoyu

Yufuin Tamanoyu began as a Zen temple sanitarium in Showa Year 28 (1953). Small cottages are scattered through a 9,900㎡ mixed forest. Enjoy the four seasons at Yufuin through the new green of the forest, wildflowers swaying in the wind, and the songs of birds in flight. Spacious guestrooms, abundant hot springs, soft light through the trees... Relax and enjoy a day of rest at Yufuin.

Information

- Meals : Dinner and breakfast in dining room
- Facilities : TV, refrigerator, safe, free internet, amenities.
- Wheelchair access to the entrance of the rooms. (There is a difference in level on floor inside the rooms)

Kamenoi Bessou (5 rooms)

- Room type
- Japanese & Western 1 room 90㎡ (DXA)
 - Japanese 4 rooms 70~80㎡ (Suite)



Appearance of Kamenoi Bessou

A quiet, venerable old inn on an approximately 33,000㎡ lot on the shore of Kinrin Lake. Eleven traditional cottages and six Western-style rooms are scattered across the garden, allowing you to enjoy time that flows gently and the changing views of the seasons. Dishes created with local ingredients, smooth hot water that flows directly from the spring, the sound of rustling leaves and birdsong. Enjoy the early-morning mist on Kinrin Lake and the fresh green of the garden.

Information

- Meals : Dinner and breakfast in guest room
- Facilities : TV, refrigerator, safe, free internet, amenities.
- Wheelchair access to the entrance of the rooms. (There is a difference in level on floor inside the rooms)

Sansou Murata (4 rooms)

- Room type
- Annex Japanese & Western 2 rooms 59~63㎡ (Suite)
 - Annex Japanese & Western 2 rooms 132㎡ (Suite)



Appearance of Sansou Murata

A mountain retreat that's composed entirely of cottages, built in the quiet foothills of Mt. Yufudake, far from the noise of the city. Spend time that isn't bound by the clock in these spaces, which are old, reclaimed private houses that have been restored according to novel, modern ideas. Savor "creative mountain village cooking": Japanese dishes with a subtle European flair.

Information

- Meals : ①Annex Japanese & Western 59~63㎡: Dinner and breakfast in guest room. ②Annex Japanese & Western 132㎡: Dinner in guest room. Breakfast in dining room (private room)
- Facilities : TV, refrigerator, safe, free internet, amenities.
- No wheelchair access to the rooms.

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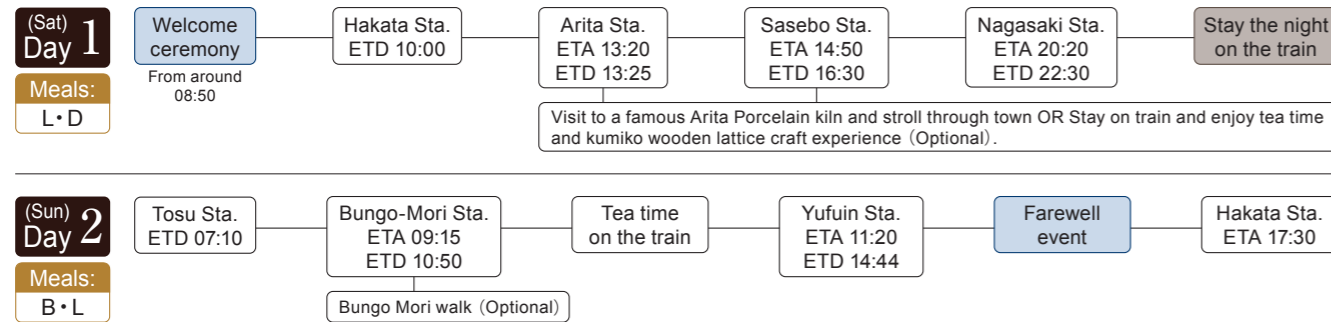
Seven Stars in Kyushu

2 Days 1 Night (Autumn - Winter)



On this route, you will ride the “Seven Stars in Kyushu” cruise train around 4 of Kyushu's prefectures (Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki, and Oita). The main attraction of the first day is the visit to a pottery kiln in Arita, a city that has a 400-year long history of pottery production. By visiting a historic pottery kiln and seeing the streets of Arita, you'll be able to feel the skill and beauty of traditions that were cultivated in Arita. On the 2nd day of your journey, we'll head to Yufuin. On our train of uncompromising quality, your journey will surely be exceptional.

Trip schedule / travel route



*Please be aware that the above schedule is subject to change.

Departure dates and fares (Saturday departure – Sunday return)

• October 5th, November 9th, 30th 2019

Room type (train)	Fares (yen per person)		
	3 people / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
Suite (12 rooms)	—	¥345,000	¥595,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)	¥395,000	¥425,000	¥730,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)	¥425,000	¥465,000	¥785,000

• December 7th, 21st 2019, January 11th, 18th, February 8th 2020

Room type (train)	Fares (yen per person)		
	3 people / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
Suite (12 rooms)	—	¥315,000	¥565,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)	¥365,000	¥395,000	¥700,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)	¥395,000	¥435,000	¥755,000

[NOTE] From the Deluxe Suite A observation window, it is possible to enjoy views from the end of the train. Depending on the direction and the position of the train engine, views may be blocked in some parts of the journey.

Summary for all tours

- Start and finish point : Hakata Station
- Minimum number of passengers : 16 people.
- Number of passengers : 30 people maximum (2 persons per room for the 12 Suite rooms, and 3 persons per room for the 2 Deluxe Suite rooms).
- Condition : All passengers must be over 12 years old.
- Tour conductor : There will not be a tour conductor, but the crew will guide passengers.
- Bus company : JR Kyushu Bus Company. (Include a use of taxi in part).
- Accommodation : **4 Days 3 Nights** 1st, 3rd night: Sleep on train, 2nd night: Suite (Yufuin Tamanoyu, Kamenoi Bessou, or Sansou Murata), Deluxe Suite A (Kamenoi Bessou), Deluxe Suite B (Yufuin Tamanoyu)
2 Days 1 Night 1st night: Sleep on train
- Other : • We do not accept the selection of specific “Seven Stars” rooms. Also, due to events and other plans, there may be departure dates when some rooms are unavailable. Please be aware of this in advance.
• You are free to participate in sightseeing. (They are included in the price for the journey. “Sightseeing in Miyazaki” in 4 days 3 nights and “Visit to a famous Arita porcelain kiln or stroll through town” in 2 days 1 night needs to be reserved in advance.)
• The “Farewell Event” is an event that takes place on the final day on the “Seven Stars” train.

2 Days 1 Night Journey - Seven Stars selections

The charms of Arita



The beginnings of Japanese porcelain can be traced back to 1616 in the present Mt. Izumiyama in Arita. After the Chinese Qing administration banned foreign trade due to the civil war during the change of government from the Ming to Qing, the Dutch East India Company began to take interest in Arita porcelain. From then, Arita Porcelain was exported through Dejima Island in Nagasaki for around 100 years, and many pieces reached distant Europe as a result. The Kakiemon style of Arita porcelain is one style that was popular at around this time. This style which utilizes asymmetric drawings and skillfully contrived blank spaces on the milky-white pieces was well received in Europe, and became collectors' items. It is said that Kakiemon pottery had influences on the history of European porcelain, which started from Meissen porcelain in the 18th Century. 2016 was the the 400th year anniversary since the foundation of Arita porcelain. I hope that in visiting Arita you can appreciate our nature, history, traditional workmanship, and aspirations for the future.



Sakaida Kakiemon XV
Kakiemon Kiln

* Please note the kiln (workshop) visited changes every week.

Omura Line (Haiki Sta. - Isahaya Sta.)



On the first day, after departing from Sasebo, we will ride along the Omura Line from Haiki to Isahaya. The views that pass your window as the train runs along the serene Omura Bay will put you under a wonderful spell from time to time and make you feel as if you're running above the ocean. The area between Huis Ten Bosch Station and Matsubara Station gives you particularly spectacular view points on the 2 Days 1 Night Journey that runs along the ocean. The ability to watch beautiful landscapes flow by while feeling the passing of time is a luxury that can only be experienced on our cruise train.

The Old Bungo-Mori Round house



The “Bungo-Mori Round house” is located next to Bungo-Mori Station, which originally opened in 1929. At the time, the Bungo-Mori Kikanko was a valued base that was used as a station where steam engines running on the Kyudai Main Line could replenish their supplies of coal and water. At its peak in 1948, 25 steam engines and over 200 employees were stationed there. Later, as the steam engine fell out of use, the shed completed its duties, and today it stands as Kyushu's only “semicircular engine shed.” In front of the Bungo-Mori Round house, there is also a “railway turntable” that changes the direction of a train, and a “steam locomotive” that was built in 1919 is on display, allowing you to view and experience the nostalgia of what once was.

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A Seven Stars in Kyushu tour including a pre-journey dinner event

Special Pre-Journey Dinner + 2D1N Seven Stars Journey

“Seven Stars in Kyushu” will be hosting a “Special Pre-Journey Dinner” to take place the day before train departure. On the way to the “Restaurant Sola”, the venue for the “Pre-Journey Dinner” participants will receive a special guided tour on the “Fukuoka Open Top Bus” where they will be introduced to the history and culture of Fukuoka, a city constantly developing as the “Gateway to Asia”. In the evening before departing on the train, participants will enjoy a special dinner prepared by Hiroki Yoshitake, an exceptional chef known in Paris, France, as well as introductory guide from the crew. We aim to provide an exceptionally luxurious experience for this trip.



(Photo: Fukuoka City)

●Aboard the “Fukuoka Open Top Bus” to the venue for “Special Pre-Journey Dinner”.



(Photo: Fukuoka City)

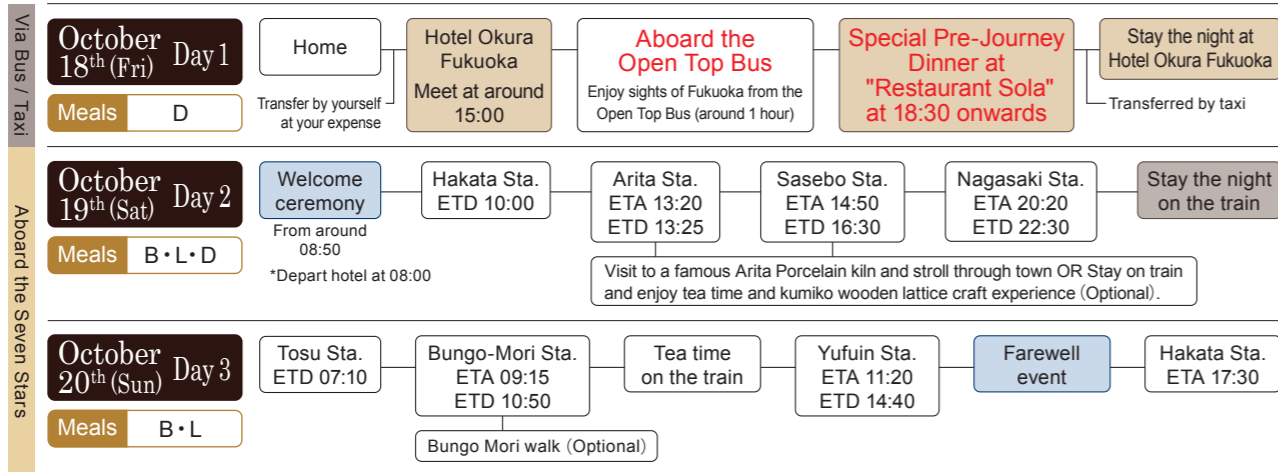


(Photo: Fukuoka City)

We will be providing our first exclusive charter on the “Fukuoka Open Top Bus” for those participating in the “Special Pre-Journey Dinner”. The bus will take participants along a special route through the main tourist attractions including Hakata, Fukuoka area and the seaside area of “Momochi” to allow everyone to experience the history, nature, ocean and breeze of Fukuoka City. “Fukuoka Open Top Bus”, a roofless two-story bus, offers a unique view of Fukuoka that can only be experienced on such a tour. (Off-bus sightseeing is not included.)



Trip schedule / Travel route



*Please be aware that the above schedule is subject to change.

Departure date and fares • October 18th 2019

Room type (Seven Stars)	Accommodation (day 1)		Fares (yen per person)		
	Hotel		3 person / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
Suite (12 rooms)	Hotel Okura Fukuoka	Luxury Twin (12 rooms)	—	¥580,000	¥830,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)		Deluxe Twin (1 room)	¥635,000	¥665,000	¥970,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)		Deluxe Twin (1 room)	¥665,000	¥705,000	¥1,025,000

*Guests will board the Seven Stars on day 2 and 3.

*Above fares include “Special Pre-Journey Dinner at Restaurant Sola”, “accommodation fee for Hotel Okura Fukuoka” and “transportation fees of Open Top Bus as well as taxi from the restaurant”.

[NOTE] From the Deluxe Suite A observation window, it is possible to enjoy views from the end of the train. Depending on the direction and the position of the train engine, views may be blocked in some parts of the journey.

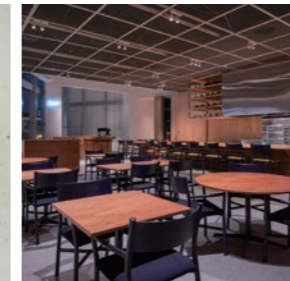
Summary

- Start and finish point : Meet at Hotel Okura Fukuoka, dismiss at Hakata Station
- Minimum number of passengers : 20 people.
- Number of passengers : 30 people maximum (2 persons per room for the 12 Suite rooms, and 3 persons per room for the 2 Deluxe Suite rooms).
- Condition : All passengers must be over 12 years old.
- Tour conductor : There will not be a tour conductor, but the crew will guide passengers.
- Bus company : JR Kyushu Bus Company, Nishi-Nippon Railroad Co., Ltd. (Include a use of taxi in part).
- Accommodation : 1st night: Hotel Okura Fukuoka, 2nd night: Sleep on train.
- Other : Please note that it is not possible to only participate in the Seven Stars in Kyushu portion of the tour. Please see Summary of all tours on P.5 for details of Seven Stars in Kyushu.

[Precautions Regarding Open Top Bus]

We reserve the right to suspend or cancel tours due to circumstances that may compromise safety, such as stormy weather or the issuance of an official storm advisory or alert. Traffic restrictions due to public events, etc., may cause changes in the route or suspension of the tour. On rainy days we will hand out rain ponchos. There are no toilets on the bus nor toilet stops along the way. Use of an umbrella or parasol on the bus is prohibited.

●Special Pre-Journey Dinner at “Restaurant Sola”



Hiroki Yoshitake is a chef who has worked in Paris for the last ten years. He has earned a Michelin star for his “Restaurant Sola” and is loved by many regardless of nationality. Hiroki recently returned to his home island in Kyushu and newly opened “Restaurant Sola” at Bayside Place, Hakata in December 2018. The theme of the restaurant is “Enjoy the day more with food” and offers superb hospitality with special dishes using fresh seasonal ingredients.



Profile of Hiroki Yoshitake

Born in Imari City, Saga Prefecture. Hiroki moved to France in 2008 after training at “La Rochelle” under master of French cuisine, Hiroyuki Sakai. He then trained at “Astrance”, Michelin 3-star restaurant, and “Ze Kitchen Galerie”, where he learned about state-of-the-art French cuisine. In 2010, he opened his own restaurant “Sola” in the 5th district of Paris and after only a year and three months, he achieved a Michelin star. In 2014, he oversaw the menu for in-flight meals of international JAL First Class and Business Class flights. In the same year, he also won a grand prize at second “RED U-35”, the largest cooking competition in Japan.

●“Shinobue” flute performance only for Special Pre-Journey Dinner Trip



Kazuya Sato, a professional musician, will be doing a special performance for this trip using the Japanese bamboo flute “shinobue”, an instrument seen throughout Japanese history. Feel the flute’s warm tones gently envelope you as you spend time on the “Seven Stars in Kyushu”.

Profile of Kazuya Sato

Born in Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture. He first learned to play the flute when he was in junior high school when studying the “Karatsu Kunchi” festival. After graduating from university, he discovered the “shinobue” and was so fascinated by its timbre that he decided to become a shinobue flautist. He made his major debut with record label Nippon Columbia in 2016 and now engages in many musical endeavors in Tokyo. His numerous works are evaluated as “21st Century Nostalgia”, the melody of which is simple and gentle, yet soulful “music without lyrics”, invoking nostalgia and a feeling of warmth.

Tour A

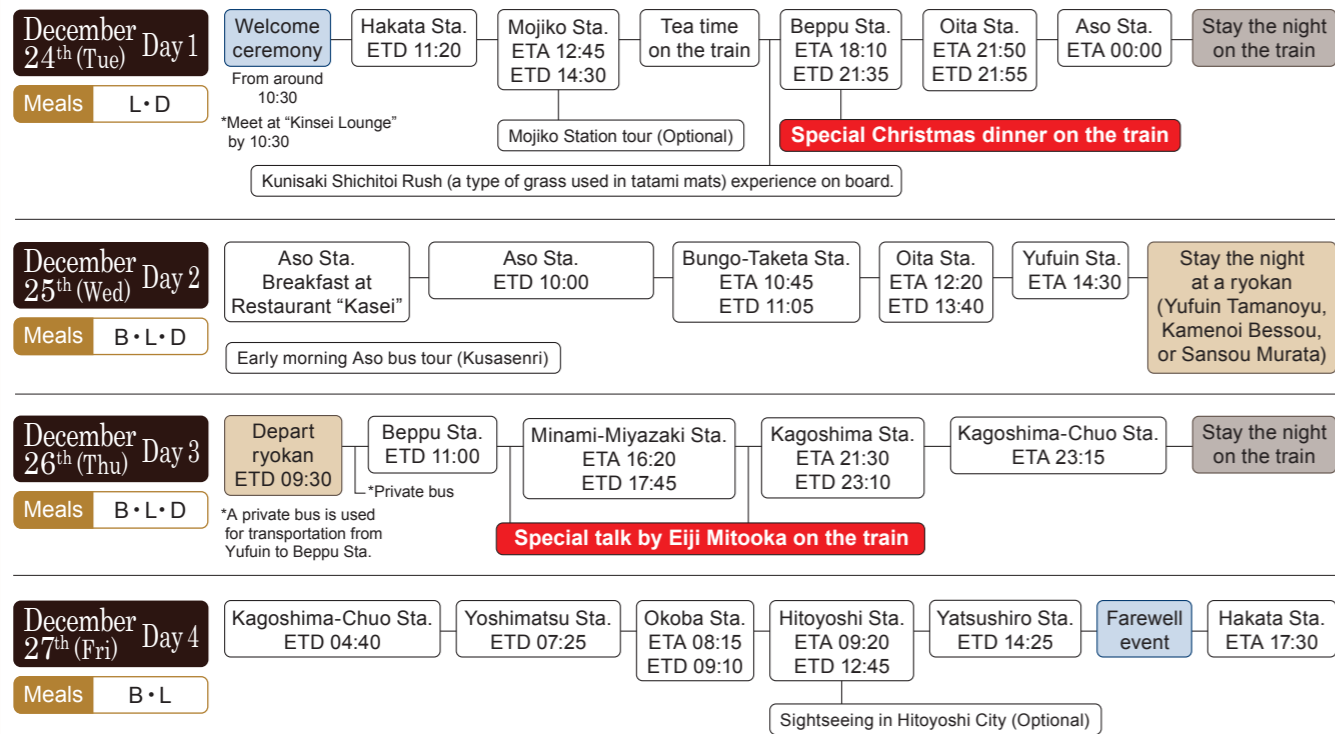
Seven Stars Journey - specially arranged for Christmas 4 day Seven Stars Journey to discover the charms of winter in Kyushu

We will be offering a special service on the “Seven Stars in Kyushu” 4 days 3 nights route for this departure date only in addition to the standard premium events as a Christmas/end-of-year treat. For the special service we have arranged once-in-a-lifetime experiences including a special Christmas dinner prepared by Fumiko Kono, a world renowned connoisseur of cuisine, and a lecture by Eiji Mitooka, designer of the “Seven Stars in Kyushu”. We hope you will enjoy the sophisticated, romantic and welcoming atmosphere of “Seven Stars in Kyushu” as we travel through the clear winter air of Kyushu.



Departure date December 24th 2019

Trip schedule / Travel route



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Fares

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	Ryokan name	Room type	3 people / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
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•“Seven Stars in Kyushu” Special Christmas dinner



For the evening meal on the first day aboard “Seven Stars in Kyushu”, guests can enjoy a special Christmas dinner by world renowned connoisseur of cuisine, Fumiko Kono. She has attracted much attention in Paris and now prepares dishes for VIP’s around the world. Using seasonal ingredients, this one night only exclusive dinner will be a highlight of this specially designed tour. We are sure you will be satisfied and impressed. Please spend your time enjoying the wonderful cuisine on this special Christmas night.

Profile of Fumiko Kono

Born in Tokyo. After graduating with honors from the culinary and hospitality institute of “Le Cordon Bleu” in Paris, she became sous-chef at Michelin 3-star restaurant “Arpège”. In 2005, she became the first Asian person and first women to be made executive chef at “FAUCHON” in Paris. In 2010, she won the grand prize in the woman chef category at the “Gourmand World Cookbook Awards”. In 2013, she was also chosen as a member of the dream team for the restaurant in the sky “Sky Auberge BEDD”, a new in-flight service provided by JAL on international flights for first class and business class.



•Special talk by the designer of “Seven Stars in Kyushu”



During your journey, there will be a lecture by Eiji Mitooka, designer of the “Seven Stars in Kyushu”. We hope you will enjoy the wonderful story of how Eiji came to create the “Seven Stars” and the concept behind it, and that through this time with such a special guest, you will rediscover the magic of the “Seven Stars”.



Profile of Eiji Mitooka

Born in Okayama Prefecture in 1947. He is a designer and illustrator involved in a variety of projects including architecture, rail cars, graphics, and products. He has gained particular attention, not only from train lovers, for his design of JR Kyushu’s railway cars and station buildings. He has received many design awards including the Brunel Award, an international rail-related award for outstanding visual design; Mainichi Design Prize; and the Kikuchi Kan Award. His recent design works include the JR Kyushu 800 series shinkansen, as well as the public space designs of Shin-Hakata Station and New Oita Station. Representative of Don Design Associates.

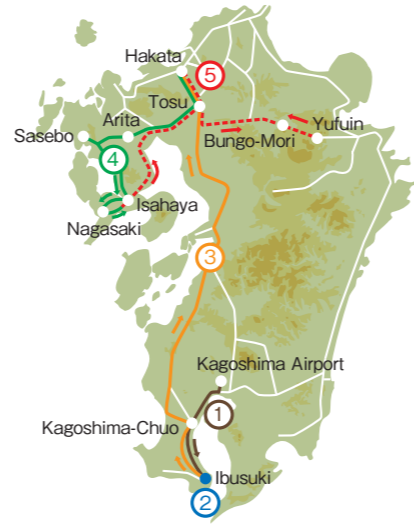
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- Tour conductor : There will not be a tour conductor, but the crew will guide passengers.
- Bus company : JR Kyushu Bus Company. (Include a use of taxi in part).
- Accommodation : 1st, 3rd night: Sleep on train, 2nd night: Suite (Yufuin Tamanoyu, Kamenoi Bessou, or Sansou Murata), Deluxe Suite A (Kamenoi Bessou), Deluxe Suite B (Yufuin Tamanoyu)
- Other :
 - We do not accept the selection of specific “Seven Stars” rooms. Also, due to events and other plans, there may be departure dates when some rooms are unavailable. Please be aware of this in advance.
 - You are free to participate in sightseeing. (They are included in the price for the journey).
 - The “Farewell Event” is an event that takes place on the final day on the “Seven Stars” train.

Tour B

Kyushu Pre-Tour + 2D1N Seven Stars Journey. 5 day tour to feel the beginning of spring in Southern Kyushu.

We will take you to Ibusuki, the best place to see the first signs of Spring, located on the southernmost tip of the Satsuma Peninsula in Kagoshima Prefecture. On the first day, world renowned violinist, Iwao Furusawa, will be giving a special concert for this tour only. On the second day, you will be able to enjoy the unique nature and culture of the area. The third day will give you time to savor the lush landscape of tea fields in one of Japan's leading tea production areas. Spend your fourth and fifth days on the "Seven Stars in Kyushu" enjoying the 2 days 1 night autumn-winter route.



Departure date February 19th 2020

Trip schedule / Travel route

Via Bus / Taxi	February 19th (Wed) Day 1	Meet at Kagoshima Airport at around 10:30 OR Kagoshima Chuo Sta. at around 11:30	Sightseeing in Ibusuki city	Welcome violin concert at Satsuma Denshokan	Dinner at restaurant "Restorante Feniche"	Stay the night at a ryokan Ibusuki Hakusuikan
	February 20th (Thu) Day 2	Depart ryokan at around 09:30	Ibusuki experience plans	"Sume" lunch in Unagi Onsen	The southernmost station Nishioyama Sta.	Ibusuki experience plans
	Meals L • D		Optional plans ①Peas harvest ②Visit Yamakawa Bonito Flakes maker		Optional plans ①Enjoy bathing in Ibusuki Onsen ②Learn the history and roots of "Tamatebako"	Stay the night at a ryokan Ibusuki Hakusuikan
Aboard the Seven Stars	February 21st (Fri) Day 3	Depart ryokan at around 09:00	Excellent landscape at Onodake climbing Chuju stairs	Kagoshima chuo Sta.	Hakata Sta.	Stay the night at Hotel Okura Fukuoka
	Meals B • L • D			Transferred by Kyushu Shinkansen (Regular reserved seats)		
	October 22nd (Sat) Day 4	Welcome ceremony From around 08:50 *Depart hotel at 08:00	Hakata Sta. ETD 10:00	Arita Sta. ETA 13:20 ETD 13:25	Sasebo Sta. ETA 14:50 ETD 16:30	Nagasaki Sta. ETA 20:20 ETD 22:30
Meals B • L • D			Visit to a famous Arita Porcelain kiln and stroll through town OR Stay on train and enjoy tea time and kumiko wooden lattice craft experience (Optional).			
October 23rd (Sun) Day 5	Tosu Sta. ETD 07:10	Bungo-Mori Sta. ETA 09:15 ETD 10:50	Tea time on the train	Yufuin Sta. ETA 11:20 ETD 14:40	Farewell event	Hakata Sta. ETA 17:30
Meals L • D		Bungo Mori walk (Optional)				

*Please be aware that the above schedule is subject to change.

Fares

Room type (Seven Stars)	Accommodation (day 1 & 2)		Accommodation (day 3)		Fares (yen per person)		
	Ryokan name	Room type	Hotel	Room type	3 people / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
Suite (12 rooms)	Ibusuki Hakusuikan	Rikyu Japanese & Western style rooms	Hotel Okura Fukuoka	Luxury Twin (12 rooms)	—	¥770,000	¥1,085,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)				Deluxe Twin (1 room)	¥810,000	¥855,000	¥1,240,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)				Deluxe Twin (1 room)	¥850,000	¥895,000	¥1,295,000

*Guests will board the Seven Stars on day 4 and 5.

[NOTE] From the Deluxe Suite A observation window, it is possible to enjoy views from the end of the train.

Depending on the direction and the position of the train engine, views may be blocked in some parts of the journey.

•Welcome violin concert in Satsuma Denshokan.



On your first day, we hope you will enjoy the welcome concert by violinist, Iwao Furusawa, at the "Satsuma Denshokan Museum" in Ibusuki Hakusuikan, where traditional Japanese beauty and the historical and cultural traditions of Satsuma are displayed. Water surrounds the museum while the building itself has gold-leaf walls on one side, a traditional Satsuma technique. Your first night of the trip will be brought to life with colorful world-class live performances resounding throughout this fantastic location.

Profile of Iwao Furusawa

He learned from musicians like Milstein, Végh, Gittlis, Bernstein and Celibidache. He won first place in the Music Competition of Japan and in 1986 began working for creative stages with Taro Hakase. He is a member of "The Three Violinists" with Taro Hakase, Chisako Takashima as well as a member of "TFC55" with coba and Hideki Togi. Furthermore, every year he holds a Christmas tour with the members of Berliner Philharmoniker. He plays the theme song of late night FM radio "Jet Stream", RKB TV show. He is also COCO FARM & WINERY Director, ambassador to Hyuga Hebesu, and wine ambassador of the Puglia region. His has released an album every year alongside HATS with the next album scheduled for May 2019.

•Ibusuki – abundant charms of nature and history



This place is endowed with rich nature including Mt. Kaimondake (one of the top 100 Mountains of Japan), Lake Ikeda and hot springs. Nishi-Oyama Station is JR Japan's southernmost station, from which you can see an amazing view of Mt. Kaimondake. Here you can feel the power of the earth with its hot springs that offer views of the sea. Also, experience the world's unique "sand steamed hot springs" and taste the "sume-ryori (steamed dishes)" that are cooked using the steam of the hot springs. Ibusuki also has many myths and historical legends such as Ryugu. The ichinomiya (highest-ranking shrine) "Hirakiki Shrine" in Satsuma within the town of Kaimon, Ibusuki City, particularly allows you to truly absorb the traditions and history of the area.

•Ibusuki Hakusuikan – Ibusuki city in Kagoshima Prefecture

*accommodation for the first and second night

This is a long-established Japanese-style lodging that embodies the culture of Ibusuki. The vast area is surrounded by the green of the pine trees and blue of the ocean. The inn blends with the area's rich nature and allows its guests to feel completely immersed in Japanese tradition. You can experience the public bath inspired by the Edo period (1603-1867) or try the sand baths (sand steamed hot springs). There is also the "Satsuma Denshokan Museum", a museum with a "shochu dojo" displaying more than 200 types of shochu (distilled spirits), as well as approximately 3000 works of art and other spectacular items such as Satsuma Ware (pottery). Please take your time absorbing the charm of this place as it cannot be experienced anywhere else.



Summary

- Start and finish point : Meet at Kagoshima Airport OR Kagoshima Chuo Station, dismiss at Hakata Station.
- Minimum number of passengers : 20 people.
- Number of passengers : 30 people maximum (2 persons per room for the 12 Suite rooms, and 3 persons per room for the 2 Deluxe Suite rooms).
- Condition : All passengers must be over 12 years old.
- Tour conductor : There will not be a tour conductor, but the crew will guide passengers.
- Bus company : JR Kyushu Bus Company. (Include a use of taxi in part).
- Accommodation : 1st, 2nd night: Ibusuki Hakusuikan, 3rd night: Hotel Okura Fukuoka, 4th night: Sleep on train.
- Other : Please note that it is not possible to only participate in the Seven Stars in Kyushu portion of the tour.
 - Please see Summary of all tours on P.5 for details of Seven Stars in Kyushu.
 - On day 3, please wear comfortable clothes and shoes for Chaju kaidan stairs, which has 108 steps.

