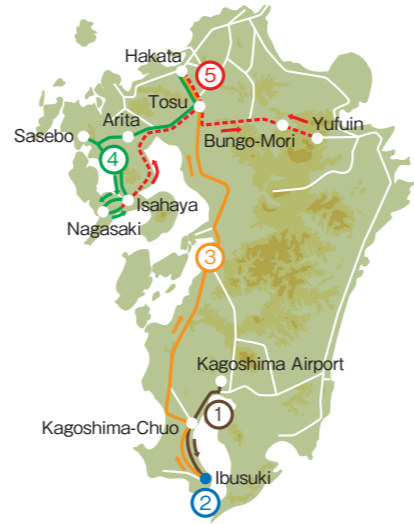


# Tour B

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 2020

### Trip schedule / Travel route

Via Bus / Taxi	<b>February 19<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Day 1</b>	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
	<b>February 20<sup>th</sup> (Thu) Day 2</b>	Depart ryokan at around 09:30	Ibusuki experience plans	"Sume" lunch in Unagi Onsen	The southernmost station Nishioyama Sta.	Ibusuki experience plans
	<b>Meals</b> 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	<b>February 21<sup>st</sup> (Fri) Day 3</b>	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
	<b>Meals</b> B • L • D	Transferred by Kyushu Shinkansen (Regular reserved seats)				
	<b>October 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sat) Day 4</b>	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
<b>October 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sun) Day 5</b>	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
<b>Meals</b> 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.