

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, 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, uses ingredients from Kyushu, abundantly, 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.



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

The “Seven Stars in Kyushu” will celebrate its 7th anniversary in 2020 after starting to run on October 15th 2013. In celebration of this anniversary, we have prepared two special journeys. We hope that guests can discover deep Kyushu on these tours.



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

On the day before the 2D1N Seven Stars Journey, guests can celebrate the start of the tour with a special Pre-Journey Dinner together. This dinner features a specially created menu exclusive for guests on this tour.



P.21-22 Special Pre-Journey Dinner + 2D1N Seven Stars Journey

From application to departure

1	Application	<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 April to September 2020 journeys: Please note that if applications exceed available rooms, a lottery will be conducted to draw participants. Application period: October 1st to 22nd 2019. Application procedure: Please apply via the form on the official Seven Stars homepage between 10:00 October 1st to 23:59 October 22nd 2019. (JST) * The results of the lottery will be sent to all applicants by around late November 2019.</p>
2	Application procedure	<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>
3	Payment of fare	<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>
4	Pre-departure contact	<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>
5	Forwarding of final schedule	<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>
6	Day of departure	<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>

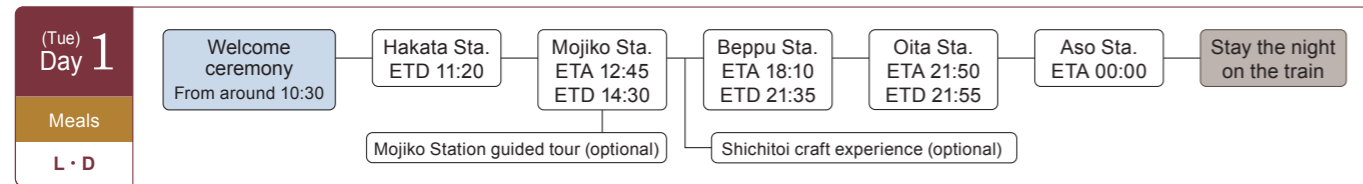
4D3N
2D1N

Tour A
Tour B

Special Dinner
+2D1N



Schedule / travel route



Mojiko Station

Built in 1914, the Mojiko Station Building has played an important part in history as Kyushu's railhead station. This tranquil, elegant, and modern Western structure was designated as one of Japan's Important Cultural Properties in 1988. Re-opened after 6 years of refurbishment in March 2019.



Kunisaki Shichittoi Rush experience

Shichittoi is a plant cultivated on the Kunisaki Peninsula in Oita Prefecture and used to make Ryukyu tatami mats. Try your hand at making small articles on board the train.



(Wed) Day 2



Restaurant "Kasei"

Designed by Eiji Mitooka, restaurant "Kasei" (Mars) was built new on the platform of Aso Station especially for Seven Stars in Kyushu passengers. Guests can relax and enjoy their breakfast here in this comfortable lodge adjacent to the train.



Aso

The overwhelming scale of Mt. Aso led to it being worshipped by locals since ancient times. Seven Stars in Kyushu visits Aso every week, where guests can feel a true coexistence with nature.



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 excursions 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 top three best views from a train.



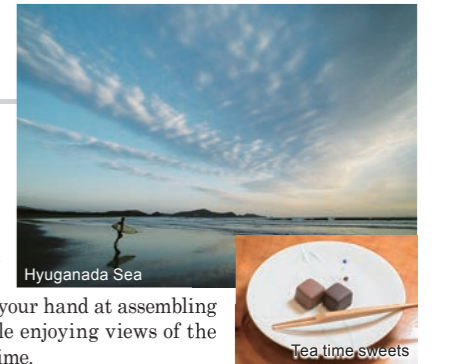
Sightseeing in Miyazaki Aoshima Shrine

Miyazaki Prefecture has two sides – the sunny resorts of its seemingly endless coastline and the forests and valleys of the interior, where many of Japan's myths and legends originated. At Aoshima, guests can enjoy sights of the "Devil's washboard" and subtropical plants designated as protected species.



Kumiko workshop / Tea time

The Kumiko woodwork that embellishes the interior of the Seven Stars does not use a single nail. Instead, each minuscule, thin, wooden chip is fitted together by hand in this traditional technique. Try your hand at assembling a Kumiko woodwork, while enjoying views of the Hyuga-Nada Sea, and tea time.



(Fri) Day 4



Hisatsu Line Top 3 train views in Japan

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, and the charming stations along the line that still bear vivid traces of bygone days.



Places of interest for excursion

Okuba Station

This wooden station building is located on a loop line. Guests can enjoy looking at the unique design of the waiting room, and the business cards which have been placed all over the walls.



Aoi Aso Shrine

Five of the structures of this shrine have been designated as National Treasures of Japan; the main hall, the offering hall, the oratory, the two storied Romon gate and corridor.



Kinsei Lounge - Welcome to the Seven Stars

Kinsei Lounge

A journey on the Seven Stars in Kyushu starts at Kinsei Lounge, inside Hakata Station. Guests are welcomed here with an original dessert from Takao Mishima, "Gâteau Frais de la Maison 16°", together with a beverage to match.



Chef intro.



Gâteau Frais de la Maison 16°
Owner / Chef

Takao Mishima

Born in 1944 in Fukuoka City, Takao learnt the basics of pastry at the Imperial Hotel, before travelling to Europe to train. He trained at a famous store in Europe for 4 years, before returning to Japan to open "Gâteau Frais de la Maison 16°" in 1980.

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*All photos used are for illustrative purposes.

Yufuin Tamanoyu (5 rooms)

Room types

- Japanese & Western: 1 room 110㎡ (Deluxe Suite B)
- Annex Japanese & Western: 4 rooms 72-78㎡ (Suite)

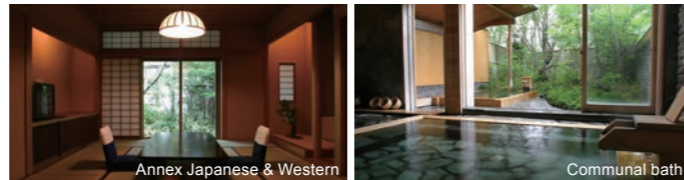
Information

- 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).

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.



Yufuin Tmanoyu Exterior



Annex Japanese & Western

Communal bath

Kamenoi Bessou (5 rooms)

Room types

- Japanese & Western: 1 room 90㎡ (Deluxe Suite A)
- *Please note this room has stairs.
- Japanese style: 4 rooms 70-80㎡ (Suite)

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).

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.



Kamenoi Bessou Exterior



Japanese Style

Japanese & Western

Sansou Murata (4 rooms)

Room types

- Annex Japanese & Western: 2 rooms 59-63㎡ (Suite)
- Annex Japanese & Western: 2 rooms 132㎡ (Suite)
- *Please be aware that the bedroom is on the second floor, and is connected by stairs.

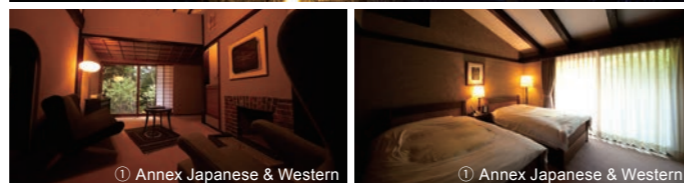
Information

- Meals: ① Annex Japanese & Western 59-63㎡: Dinner and breakfast in guest room. ② Annex 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.

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.



Sansou Murata Exterior



① Annex Japanese & Western

① Annex Japanese & Western

Delight in the Seasonal Treasures Cultivated on the Island of Kyushu that Fill Your Meals Over 4 days and 3 nights

Day 1

Lunch | Yamanaka (Japanese)



Yamanaka has been frequented by food connoisseurs from all over Japan as the go-to place for Hakata-style sushi since 1972. Guests on board the Seven Stars will be served freshly made sushi by the highly skilled chefs of this establishment.

Dinner | Hosun (creative Japanese cuisine)



This hideout restaurant that serves Japanese fusion cuisine is located in a quiet corner in downtown Oita City. From the dishware to the presentation, each plate is prepared with care. These delicious meals, filled with the delights of Oita that express the region's landscape and passage of the seasons, will satisfy even the heart.

Day 2

Breakfast | olmo coppia (Western cuisine)



Located near Aso Station, Olmo Coppia is a restaurant in a traditional, 160-year-old storage house and serves hearty organic meals that are good for both body and soul. Savor the heart-warming meals that are made from scratch, using safe, organic ingredients.

Lunch | Japanese cuisine at an establishment in Oita

Dinner | Japanese cuisine served at guest's ryokan

Day 3

Breakfast | Western cuisine served at guest's ryokan

Lunch | Wakaeya (Japanese cuisine)



Founded in 1698, Wakaeya is a long-established, traditional Japanese restaurant in Kitsuki City, Oita Prefecture, with a history that goes back more than 300 years. The secret behind the flavor of this famed dish, this sauce is called Ureshino, after the fact that the local lord had commented, "Ureshiinoo... (How delightful this is!)," upon eating this chazuke (rice with tea).

Dinner | Manor House Shimadu Shigetomiso (French cuisine)



The head chef selects farm-fresh ingredients, which are delivered directly from contract farmers to guarantee origins and producers. On the final night of your trip, the hospitable chef will serve gentle yet deeply flavorful, made-in-Satsuma French cuisine that fills the senses.



Breakfast | Head chef of the Seven Stars (Western cuisine)

This is a Western cuisine course prepared by the Head chef of Seven Stars, featuring freshly picked vegetables and produce from around Kyushu. These freshly prepared dishes and original juice from Tsuno, Miyazaki, will surely serve as a great start to your day.

Lunch | Hotel & Ryokan Ayunosato (Japanese cuisine)



Enjoy the Japanese-Western lunch prepared by the chef of this long-standing traditional inn at Hitoyoshi Onsen (hot spring), located on the bank of Kuma River, which is one of Japan's 3 most rapid waterways. This region of Hitoyoshi is a treasure trove of food from both river and mountain; you will be served a beautifully presented meal cooked with seasonal ingredients that have been nurtured in the abundant, surrounding nature.

Departure dates and fares (Tuesday departure – Friday return)

• May 12th, 26th 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)	—	¥739,000	¥1,248,000
	Kamenoi Bessou	Japanese (4 rooms)	—	¥754,000	¥1,294,000
	Sansou Murata	① Annex Japanese & Western (2 rooms)	—	¥739,000	¥1,248,000
		② Annex Japanese & Western (2 rooms)	—	¥754,000	¥1,294,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)	Yufuin Tamanoyu	Japanese & Western (1 room)	¥795,000	¥866,000	¥1,375,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)	Kamenoi Bessou	Japanese & Western (1 room)	¥897,000	¥968,000	¥1,579,000

• June 9th, 23rd, July 28th, August 4th, 25th, September 8th, 22nd 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)	—	¥688,000	¥1,197,000
	Kamenoi Bessou	Japanese (4 rooms)	—	¥703,000	¥1,243,000
	Sansou Murata	① Annex Japanese & Western (2 rooms)	—	¥688,000	¥1,197,000
		② Annex Japanese & Western (2 rooms)	—	¥703,000	¥1,243,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)	Yufuin Tamanoyu	Japanese & Western (1 room)	¥744,000	¥815,000	¥1,325,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)	Kamenoi Bessou	Japanese & Western (1 room)	¥846,000	¥917,000	¥1,528,000

*Please see P16 for a 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. *All photos used are for illustrative purposes.



Trip schedule / travel route



The Charms of Arita

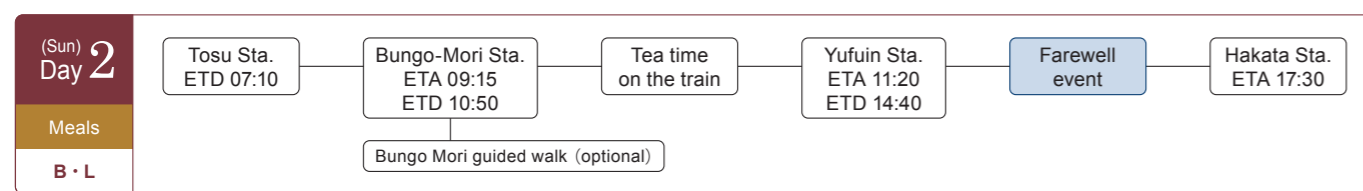
The beginnings of Japanese porcelain can be traced back to 1616 in the present Mt. Izumiyama in Arita. Arita is a town that gave birth to Japanese porcelain. Arita ware became known for its beautiful pictures in blue, red, yellow and gold on milky white spaces. Here, you will visit the kilns that boast of their pasts and traditions.



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

Kumiko Woodwork Workshop

The Kumiko woodwork that embellishes the interior of the Seven Stars does not use a single nail. Instead, each minuscule, thin, wooden chip is fitted together by hand in this traditional technique. Experience on-board firsthand this traditional hand craft from Okawa, Fukuoka Prefecture.



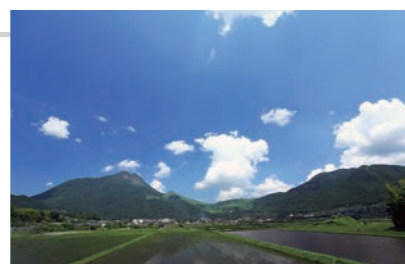
The Old Bungo-Mori Round House

The "Bungo-Mori Round house" is located next to Bungo-Mori Station, which originally opened in 1929. In front of the Bungo-Mori Round house, there is also a "railway turntable" that changes the direction of a train.



Yufuin

The last destination of the journey is the peaceful Yufuin, Oita. Guests can enjoy their time here with views of Mt. Yufu, and beautiful Japanese countryside scenes such as the rice paddies.



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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.

Delight in the Seasonal Treasures Cultivated on the Island of Kyushu that Fill Your Meals Over 2 days and 1 night

Day 1

Lunch |
Head Chef of Seven Stars
(Western cuisine)



This is a flavorful Japanese cuisine course prepared by the head chef of Seven Stars, filled with the choicest food from Kyushu's 7 prefectures. Enjoy a leisurely lunch to start off your journey as you take in the view that passes by.

Dinner |
Hotel New Nagasaki
(French cuisine)



Honorary Executive Chef Kawabata never ceases to explore the depths of the unique gastronomy that took root in Nagasaki, which has been heavily influenced by Chinese and Western cultures for centuries. On the Seven Stars, he will skillfully prepare and serve French cuisine.

Day 2

Breakfast |
Ishidobashi Shiratsugu
(Japanese cuisine)



Ishidobashi Shiratsugu is located in the Teramachi neighborhood of Hakata district in Fukuoka City, surrounded by venerable temples and shrines. Relish the fresh, seasonal delights that are gathered at Hakata, from the comfort of your dining seat on board.

Lunch |
Housun
(Creative Japanese cuisine)



This hideout restaurant that serves seasonal Japanese fusion cuisine is located in Oita City. From the dishware to the presentation, each plate is prepared with care. These delicious meals, filled with the delights of Oita that express the region's landscape and passage of the seasons, will satisfy even the heart.

Departure dates and fares (Saturday departure – Sunday return)

• April 11th, May 9th, 23rd 2020

Room type (train)	Fares (yen per person)		
	3 people / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
Suite (12 rooms)	—	¥352,000	¥607,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)	¥403,000	¥433,000	¥744,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)	¥433,000	¥474,000	¥800,000

• June 6th, July 25th, August 22nd, September 5th, 19th 2020

Room type (train)	Fares (yen per person)		
	3 people / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
Suite (12 rooms)	—	¥321,000	¥576,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)	¥372,000	¥403,000	¥713,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)	¥403,000	¥444,000	¥769,000

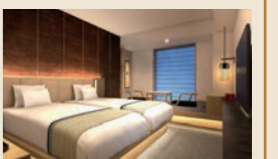
*NOTE: From the Deluxe Suite A observation window, it is possible to enjoy views from the end of the train. Depending on the direction and the position of the train engine, views may be blocked in some parts of the journey. *All photos used are for illustrative purposes.

Summary for all tours

- Start and finish point : Hakata Station
- Minimum number : 16 people. of passengers
- 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. (Includes the use of a taxi for some portions).
- 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)
- Other : **2 Days 1 Night** 1st night: Sleep on train
- We do not accept the selection of specific "Seven Stars in Kyushu" 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 in Kyushu" train.

Recommended hotels near Hakata Station

"THE BLOSSOM HAKATA Premier"



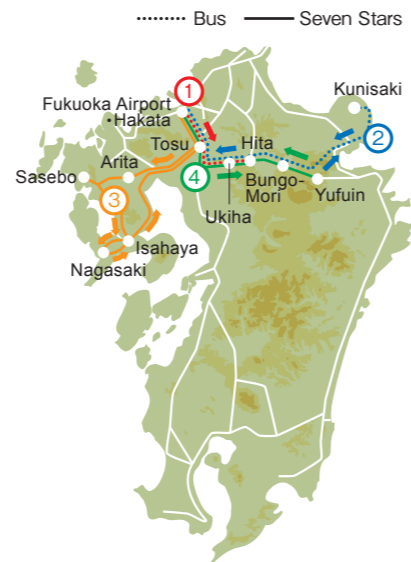
History, tradition, culture, and kindness. A new hotel opens with a sense of beauty and style passed down through the ages in Hakata. The exterior appearance uses patterns of Hakata-ori textiles as its motif. The 14th floor "HAKATA floor" features 13 special rooms, and an exclusive lounge. Have a splendid time in the stylish and sophisticated Hakata Premier.

*Photos are illustrative.

Tour A 2 Day Kyushu Spring Pre-Tour + Seven Stars 2D1N Journey



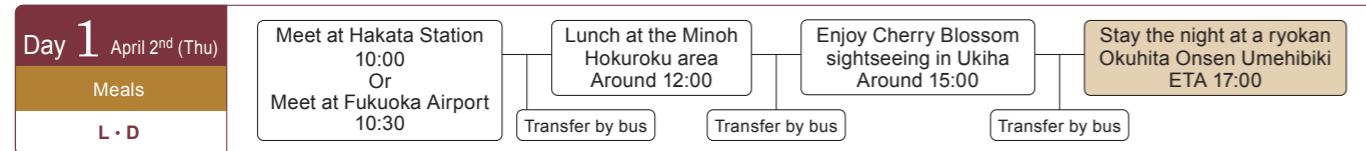
Kyudai main line (Kita-Yamada Sta.)



Departure Date • April 2nd (Thu) 2020

*Please note: guests will travel by bus on days 1-2, then on the Seven Stars on days 3-4.

Itinerary



*Please be aware that the Cherry Blossoms may not be in full bloom depending on the weather conditions at this time.

Highlights of this tour

Day 1

Ukiha Cherry Blossoms

Along the Kose River flowing through Nagarekawa Ward in Ukihamachi, Ukiha City, there are about 1,000 cherry blossom trees blooming over about 2 km. Walking there from the end of March to the beginning of April, is like going through a long cherry blossom tunnel. The contrast with the nanohana (yellow rape blossoms) blooming along the river is also beautiful to see, so it attracts many visitors.



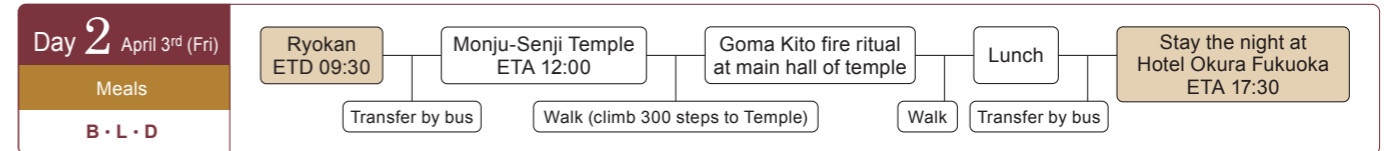
Accommodation

Okuhita Onsen Umehibiki

Oyama, the annex to the feudal lands of "Hita," is also a plum town, and the picturesque scenes of the "Hibiki Valley" that you can view from the lodge are like a Chinese ink painting. Additionally, the lodge's baths face this valley, allowing you to enjoy your soak while commanding a view of spectacular scenery.



On this journey, you will be able to enjoy the first signs of spring visiting the Mino-Hokuroku area (Fukuoka Pref.), and the Kunisaki Peninsular (Oita Pref.) The area has similar geological and geographical features to the famous wine-producing region of Bordeaux, France. The area is ripe with various farm products and fruits. Enjoy the famous 1,000 cherry blossom trees in Ukiha, along the Kose River. In the Kunisaki Peninsular area, guests can experience a traditional Japanese Goma Kito (Homa) fire ritual at Monju-Senji Temple, one of Japan's three main temples for the Bodhisattva of wisdom and intellect.



Day 2

Monju-Senji Temple

A saying in Japanese relates that if three people put their heads together they could come up with something as wise as Monju might devise. Monju is usually represented as eternally young, and seated. He holds the scroll of knowledge in the left hand, and in the right, the vertical sword of wisdom.



Goma Kito Fire Ritual

Goma comes from the word Homa, which is a Buddhist fire ritual involving burning wooden sticks. This fire ritual has been passed down for over 1300 years. Guests participating in this journey will be able to participate in this ritual.



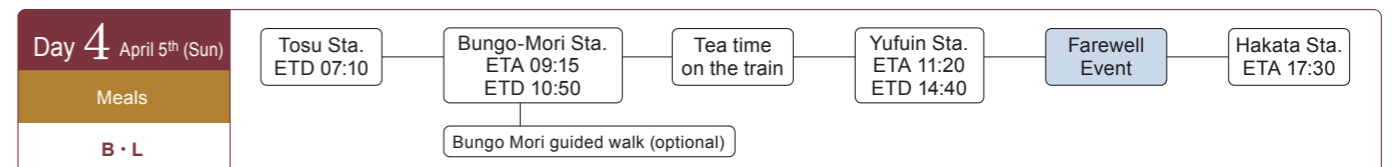
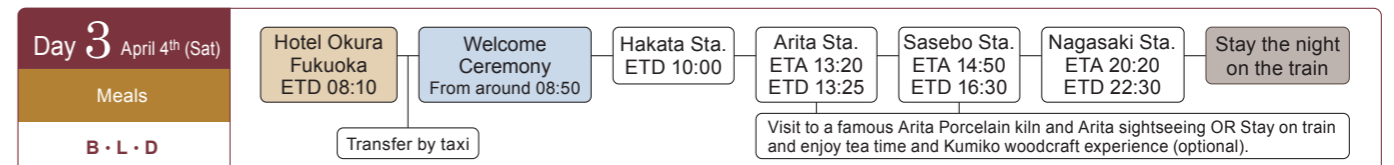
Accommodation

Hotel Okura Fukuoka (central Fukuoka)

FUKUOKA - known as the "Gateway of Asia" in Japan. Hotel Okura Fukuoka was founded in this international city with a dream. Hotel Okura's corporate philosophy has traditionally been to offer the best facilities, cuisine and service. We welcome every guest with our heart-warming hospitality to make your stay pleasant and memorable.



Trip schedule / travel route *guests will board the Seven Stars from day 3.



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

Fares

Seven Stars in Kyushu Room type (train)	Accommodation (night 1)		Accommodation (night 2)		Fares (yen per person)		
	Ryokan	Room type	Hotel	Room type	3 people / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
Suite (12 rooms)	Okuhita Onsen Umehibiki	Oshuku Deluxe Japanese & Western	Hotel Okura Fukuoka	Large Twin	—	¥610,000	¥980,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)		Oshuku Suite Japanese & Western		Deluxe Twin	¥640,000	¥710,000	¥1,140,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)		Annex Ryukyo Japanese & Western		Deluxe Twin	¥670,000	¥750,000	¥1,190,000

*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. *Guests will ride the Seven Stars in Kyushu from day 3 (Sat April 4th). *Please be aware that the Cherry Blossoms may not be in full bloom depending on the weather conditions at this time. *At Monju-Senji Temple, there is an itinerary that requires climbing around 300 stairs. *All photos used are for illustrative purposes.

Tour A

Tour B Nostalgic Seven Stars 4D3N Journey



Nippo Main Line (Shigetomi - Ryugamizu)

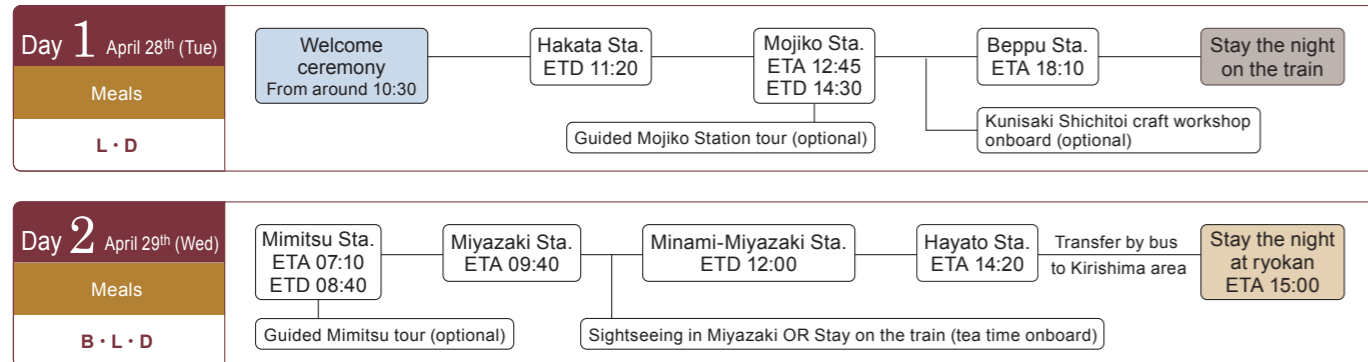


A nostalgic Seven Stars in Kyushu tour

On October 15th 2013, the Seven Stars in Kyushu made its first run. This tour will visit many of the original destinations and facilities as in the original itinerary. Highlights include; the ryokan in the Kirishima area, Chin Jukan kiln and Sengan-en gardens, we hope that guests can enjoy this tour like our first guests did.

Departure Date • April 28th (Tue) 2020

Itinerary / Route



Highlights of this journey

Day 2



Sunrise from the Hyuga-nada Sea

The Nippo Main Line runs along the East coast of Kyushu, and guests can enjoy spectacular views of the Hyuga-nada Sea, alongside Miyazaki Prefecture. The sight of the sunrise reflecting against the water is a sight only Seven Stars guests can enjoy as their morning begins.

Wasurenosato Gajoen and Tenku no Mori

Through the windows of the Seven Stars passengers are sure to enjoy the views of the beautiful landscape. The earth here has been cleansed through the pure white ash from the magnificent Mt. Sakurajima. Kirishima is said to be where the gods first descended to land. Kinko bay is also a spectacular sight. "Wasurenosato Gajoen" offers traditional rural hospitality in a nostalgic setting. "Tenku no Mori" is like an uninhabited island under the boundless sky. Surrounded by nature, here one can truly free your senses, and reset both body and psyche. Through this journey you may discover a new self, a new world, and a new future that you have not encountered before.



Tenku no Mori Owner
Tateo Tajima

This journey involves a special nostalgic itinerary for the Seven Stars in Kyushu. On day one, guests leave Hakata Station for the retro Moji Station, and can enjoy a guided tour there. In the afternoon, guests can experience a traditional craft workshop from Oita. On day 2, guests can enjoy the tropical views of Miyazaki, together with the great expanses of nature and sea. Tonight, guests will stay at a ryokan in the Kirishima area. On day 3, guests can enjoy views of Mt. Sakurajima in Kinko bay, as the train heads into the Kagoshima area. While here, guests can visit the Sengan-en gardens, or visit a famous potter "Chin Jukan" kiln. On the final day, the train travels on the Hisatsu Line, and guests can enjoy views here which are the top 3 views from a train in Japan. This special journey travels through Fukuoka, Oita, Miyazaki, Kagoshima, and Kumamoto.

Day 2 Accommodation

For guests in the Deluxe Suites

Tenku no Mori (2 rooms)

Room type (inc hot spring)
Separate bedroom with living room
 • "Villa Akanesasuoka" 160.32㎡ or
 • "Villa Rin'u no Mori" 74.3㎡
 • "Villa Tenku" 183.06㎡

Information
 • Meals / Dinner = served in restaurant, Breakfast = served in restaurant
 • Facilities / TV, fridge, in-room safe, internet connection, amenity set

This is the ultimate private resort. There is a 360-degree panoramic view from the private hot springs in each room. Homegrown ingredients are used as much as possible in the meals.

For guests in the Suites

Myoken Ishiharaso (5 rooms)

Room type (inc hot spring)
2 x Western style rooms, 1 x Japanese style rooms, 2 x Western/Japanese style rooms
 • "Ishikura" - Western style 65㎡
 • "Ishikura" - Western/Japanese style 85㎡
 • Main building - Japanese style 65㎡

Information
 • Meals / Dinner = served in restaurant or room, Breakfast = served in restaurant
 • Facilities / TV, fridge, in-room safe, internet connection, amenity set
 • Wheelchair available for loan. • Access to room by wheelchair possible.

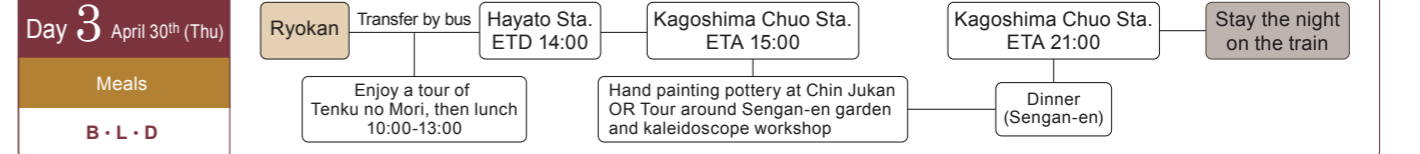
The Amorigawa River flows down from Mount Kirishima. The hot springs have an abundant output, meaning that there is no need to add or store additional water. The meals here are in traditional Japanese multi-course style (kaiseki), utilizing seasonal locally produced ingredients.

Wasurenosato Gajoen (7 rooms)

Room type (inc hot spring)
All rooms are Japanese style only (futon bedding only).
 • "Run of house" 21㎡ to 35㎡
 • "Tsubaki" 43㎡ (2 floors)
 *Please note that all rooms are Japanese style only.

Information
 • Meals / Dinner = served in room, Breakfast = served in room
 • Facilities / TV, fridge, in-room safe, internet connection, amenity set

Gajoen is a ryokan where one can experience traditional Japanese lifestyle. The spring water flows straight from the source, and hence the quality is exceptional. For the meals, most of the ingredients used are produced on site and are organic. Here, the in-house chickens will come out to greet guests.



Day 3

Chin Jukan Kiln

For over 400 years in Kagoshima the Chin Jukan kiln has been producing Satsuma ware following the tradition of Joseon ceramics. Starting with Chin Tokichi, the Chin name has been passed down through the heads of the kiln to the current head, Chin Jukan XV. In this optional tour, after seeing the exhibits in the Chin Jukan Museum, passengers are able to experience Satsuma ware painting, and learn about its history.



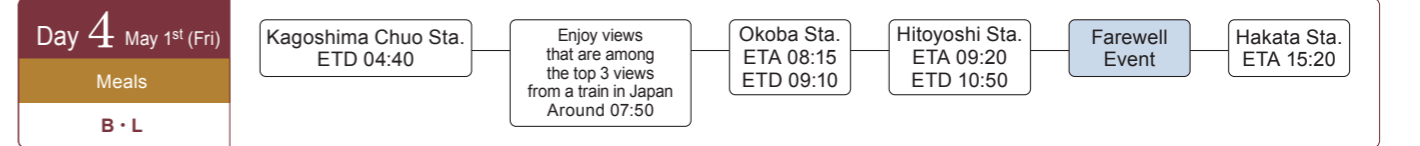
Hand paint pottery plan

Sengan-en gardens & "Shoko-Shuseikan"

Sengan-en was constructed by the Shimazu Clan, who used to rule Kagoshima for more than 700 years. The 19th head of the clan made the garden and house as a second home. The garden is famous for how it uses Mt. Sakurajima and Kagoshima Bay as borrowed scenery. Guests can enjoy a tour of the garden, and a kaleidoscope workshop using pieces of Satsuma Kiriko glass.



Sengan-en tour & kaleidoscope workshop



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

Fares

Seven Stars in Kyushu Room type (train)	Accommodation (day 2)			Fares (yen per person)		
	Ryokan	Room type	Size	3 people / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
Suite (12 rooms)	Wasurenosato Gajoen	Guest room with open-air onsen (1 Japanese room)	35㎡	—	¥900,000	¥1,525,000
		Living room with onsen (4 Japanese rooms)	21-24㎡	—	¥900,000	¥1,525,000
		Special guest room with open-air onsen (1 Japanese room)	33㎡	—	¥905,000	¥1,530,000
	Myoken Ishiharaso	"Ishikura" - Western style (2 rooms)	65㎡	—	¥910,000	¥1,545,000
		"Ishikura" - Western/Japanese style (2 rooms)	85㎡	—	¥930,000	¥1,550,000
		Main building - Japanese style (1 room)	65㎡	—	¥930,000	¥1,550,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)	Tenku no Mori	"Villa Akanesasuoka" or "Villa Rin'u no Mori"	74.3-160.32㎡	¥880,000	¥1,210,000	¥2,120,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)		"Villa Tenku"	183.06㎡	¥980,000	¥1,310,000	¥2,220,000

(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. *Please note that at room "Tsubaki" at "Wasurenosato Gajoen", is composed of two stories, and the second floor is only accessible by stairs. *All photos used are for illustrative purposes.

Pre-journey dinner

Special Pre-journey dinner + 2D1N Seven Stars Journey



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Itinerary



Highlights of this tour

Restaurant "Georges Marceau"



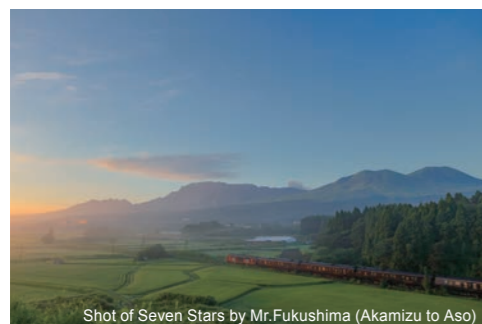
One of Japan's most renowned and highly acclaimed French restaurants, Georges Marceau's mission is to become a beacon of taste in Fukuoka in collaboration with producers throughout Kyushu. Enjoy at his restaurant an elaborate French meal crafted especially for this occasion with abundant, locally-sourced ingredients whose features are brought out skillfully by the chef, together with a fine selection of wine.

Profile of Chef Konishi

Koji Konishi

Born in Nagasaki in 1967, Konishi trained in Tokyo's Aoyama, Ginza, Kojunji etc., then opened "Georges Marceau" in Fukuoka in 2004.

Professional Train Photographer Hirokazu Fukushima



Shot of Seven Stars by Mr.Fukushima (Akamizu to Aso)



Hirokazu is a professional photographer who specializes in train photography, and has to date taken many photos of Kyushu Railway Company's trains, giving him unparalleled knowledge of them. He will share spots he recommends for shooting the Seven Stars, and of course some tips for photography. He has been taking pictures of the Seven Stars since it first started for more than 5 years, and has impeccable knowledge of spots of interest for shooting inside the train, and places to shoot along the route it travels.

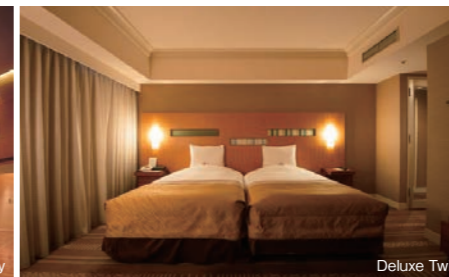
Profile of Hirokazu Fukushima

Born in 1975 in Fukuoka City, Hirokazu established his company "frap Inc." which specializes in commercial train photography in April 2013. He is mainly involved in photography for Kyushu Railway Company, for calendar and official photos of the trains, as well as film shooting.

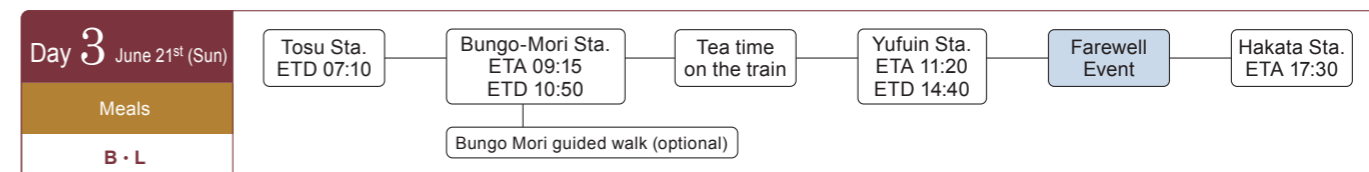
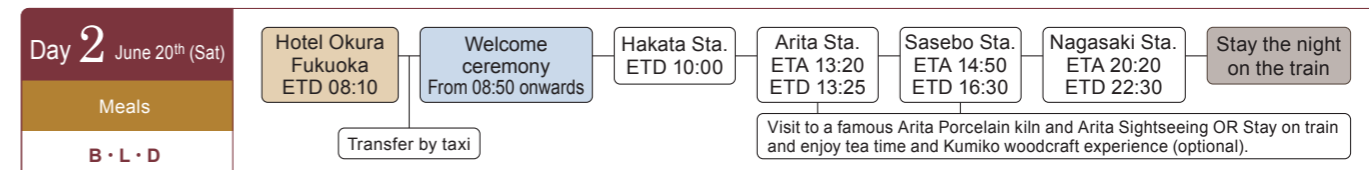
This tour features a pre-journey dinner on the night before guests join the 2 day 1 night journey on the Seven Stars. Dinner will be an original menu at the famous French restaurant "Georges Marceau", in Fukuoka. At this dinner, commercial train photographer and JR Kyushu train expert Hirokazu Fukushima will introduce recommended spots for photographing the Seven Stars. Also, crew from the Seven Stars will introduce points of interest to guests for their 2 day journey. This pre-journey event is sure to make the train journey even more enjoyable.

Accommodation

Hotel Okura Fukuoka (central Fukuoka)



FUKUOKA - known as the "Gateway of Asia" in Japan. Hotel Okura Fukuoka was founded in this international city with a dream. Hotel Okura's corporate philosophy has traditionally been to offer the best facilities, cuisine and service. We welcome every guest with our heart-warming hospitality to make your stay pleasant and memorable. 10 minutes from Fukuoka International Airport, directly connected to Nakasu-Kawabata station on the Fukuoka City subway Kuko Line.



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

Fares

Room type (Seven Stars)	Accommodation (day 2)		Fares (yen per person)		
	Hotel	Room type	3 people / 1 room	2 people / 1 room	1 person / 1 room
Suite (12 rooms)	Hotel Okura Fukuoka	Large Twin	—	¥430,000	¥700,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)		Deluxe Twin	¥480,000	¥510,000	¥840,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)		Deluxe Twin	¥510,000	¥550,000	¥900,000

*The above fares include the pre-journey dinner at "Georges Marceau", accommodation in a "large twin" or "deluxe twin" room at "Hotel Okura Fukuoka" (includes breakfast), and transportation by taxi from the hotel to the restaurant, as well as from the hotel to Hakata Station.

*Guests board the Seven Stars from day two of the itinerary (Sat June 20th).

*All photos used are for illustrative purposes.

Summary for pre-tour (tour A & B) and pre-journey dinner tour

- 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 : Seven Stars in Kyushu crew will join guests in the pre itinerary, but will not be on the Seven Stars portion of the journey.
- Bus company : JR Kyushu Bus Company (Includes the use of a taxi for some portions).
- Other : please be aware that it is not possible to participate in the Seven Stars journey by itself, participation in the pre-itinerary is required.
- For the Seven Stars in Kyushu information, please refer to page 16 for the summary for the 4 days and 2 days tours.

Special Dinner + 2D1N

