

7th Anniversary Premium Kyushu Tours

4D3N tour to feel the nature of Aso with "Aru Ressha"



Departure Date • Tour A: October 1st (Thu) 2020, Tour B: November 26th (Thu) 2020

Schedule / travel route

*Guests will travel by bus on days 1-2, and will be on the Seven Stars on days 3-4.

Chef Koji Konishi

chase as a gift.

Born in Nagasaki in 1967,

Konishi trained in Tokyo's

Aoyama, Ginza, Kokubunji etc.,

then opened "Georges Marceau"

in Fukuoka in 2004. Up till

March 2019, Konishi has served

the dinner on day 1 of the 4D3N

Seven Stars journey for over 6

years. Konishi's famous Seven

Stars curry is available for pur-

1980. He opened "olmo coppia"

in 2008, focusing on fertilizer

free organic grown produce. His

vegetables, straight from the

Chef Naoki Takehara

Fukuoka Ai

Aso Aso Kumamoto Ai



First outdoor dining event at "Kasei"

In these tours, we have planned an exclusive premium lunch at restaurant "Kasei". The chefs will prepare a meal using ingredients primarily from the Aso area, and create a special meal for the day. This meal will be prepared by one of Seven Stars chefs, Koji Konishi, who is head chef and owner of Fukuoka restaurant "Georges Marceau", and chef Naoki Takehara from restaurant "olmo coppia". Takehara will carefully select local ingredients for this special lunch, and chef Konishi will prepare the meal in front of guests. Guests are bound to appreciate the local flavors of Aso with this specially prepared lunch at "Kasei" restaurant, Aso Station.







*Please be aware that depending on weather conditions, the outdoor dining event may be cancelled

In these tours, before participating on a 2 day 1 night journey, guests go on a pre-itinerary tour to the Aso area (Kumamoto Pref.), and enjoy a sweet course on the "JRKYUSHU SWEET TRAIN". Here, guests can feel the vastness of nature in the Aso Area, and take in the autumn views before enjoying a specially prepared lunch at Seven Stars exclusive restaurant "Kasei". In the evening, guests will be treated at the famous Kurokawa Onsen hot spring area, when they stay at the ryokan "Miyama Sansou". On day 2, we have excursions or activities prepared, depending on the tour selected, to ensure all guests can fully enjoy their time in the Aso area. Guests will then ride a specially reserved run of the "Sweet Train", and will be served an exclusive course of sweets while they take in the rural views.

| $Day^{2}\operatorname{Cct}^{\operatorname{2nd}}(Fri) \operatorname{or}_{Nov} \operatorname{27^{th}}(Fri)$ | Ryokan Bungo-Mori Sta. ETD 10:00 Around 12:30 | JRK Spec | | | |
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| Meals | Tour A: A walk in the highlands: Higotai Park Tour B: Potpourri Scented Wax Tablet workshop | | | | |
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Highlights of Tour A

A walk in the highlands: Higotai Park

Higotai Park is around 15 ha, and is located inside Ubuyama Village, which is in the northeast of Kumamoto Pref. "Higotai" (echinop setiferus) is a summer flower, which when bloomed resembles fireworks in the sky. From this park guests can take in spectacular views of Mt. Aso, Mt. Kuju, and Mt. Sobo. This park is famous for being beautiful year round, with a variety of flowers to enjoy throughout the seasons. In tour A, guests will have time to explore the park, enjoy sights of Autumn, and to experience horse riding in the highlands of Aso.



Highlights of Tour B

Potpourri scented wax tablet workshop

Located in Minami-oguni, in the north of Aso, "FIL" is a lifestyle brand which specializes in using the local Oguni-sugi (Cedar) for wood furniture such as chairs, tables and interior accessories and fragrances. Guests on tour B will participate in a workshop where they will create their own one of a kind potpourri scented wax tablet, and can also watch how FIL extracts the essential oil from the Cedar trees.



in charge of breakfast at Aso for Seven Stars in Kyushu guests on day 2 of the 4D3N journey.



*Please be aware that the above schedule is subject to change *All photos used are for illustrative purposes

JRKYUSHU SWEET TRAIN "ARU RESSHA"

In 1906, despite Kyushu Railway having ordered a luxury passenger train from the J. G. Brill Company in the United States, due to Kyushu Railway being nationalized, there were never any opportunities for the Brill Passenger Car for Kyushu Railway, also known as "ARU RESSHA," to be of service. The luxury passenger "Train of Dreams," which included the most luxurious facilities of Japan at the time, revives in the summer of 2015 in Kyushu. The model is that of the late Mr. Nobutaro Hara, who had an extreme love for railways and was called a god of the global model railway. Using this model as a base, Mr. Eiji Mitooka made the designs and plans. Mr. Kento Hara, deputy director of the HARA Model Railway Museum, supervised. This plan includes riding "ARU RESSHA" from Bungo-Mori to Hakata.





Nobutaro Hara

Born in Tokyo, he had been interested in railways since childhood, and built a model for the first time when he was in the sixth grade of elementary school. He loved railways and technology his whole life, and traveled around the world building and collecting models. The number of models he possessed amounted to around 6,000 trains. In July 2012, he opened the Hara Model Railway Museum in Yokohama, which showcased some of his collection. In 2014 he passed away at the age of 95, but his passionate wishes have been inherited by this train production.



Model of "ARU RESSHA" made by Nobutaro Hara



Chef **Yoshihiro** Narisawa

Owner chef of restaurant "NARISAWA", in Minamiaoyama, Tokyo. Taking the rich culinary culture of the Satoyama, and the wisdom of our ancestors, he passes it

through the NARISAWA filter to create a new, independent genre called "Innovative Satoyama Cuisine". Narisawa is the director for the cuisine on the JRKYUSHU Sweet Train "Aru Ressha", and restaurant "Mikado Shokudo by Narisawa", opened in the recently restored Moji Station. Narisawa continues to focus on produce from Kyushu, and in promoting it to the world.



*Please note that the pictured sweets are for illustrative purposes. The menu is subject to seasonal change

Guide to accommodations

Yamamizuki Miyama Sansou

Miyama Sansou is built like a village on the grounds of the historic Yamamizuki inn in Oku-Kurokawa Hot Spring, Kumamoto Prefecture. It consists of a main building, restaurant, and 8 duplex cottages that provide a total of 16 rooms with different types of hot spring baths. A variety of floor plans are available to choose from, but each room comes with its own private bath and distinctive view of the surrounding scenery that guests can enjoy while soaking. At Miyama Sansou, you put yourself inside Japan's original rural landscape.



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. They welcome every guest with our heart-warming hospitality to make your stay pleasant and memorable.







Fares and departure dates (Tour A & B)

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| Seven Stars in Kyushu | Accommodation (night 1) | | Accommodation (night 2) | | Fares (yen per person) | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| room type | Ryokan | Room type | Hotel | Room type | 3 people / 1 room | 2 people / 1 room | 1 person / 1 room |
| Suite (12 rooms) | | All rooms annex type | Hotel Okura Fukuoka | Large Twin | | ¥675,000 | ¥1,157,000 |
| Deluxe Suite B (1 room) | Miyama Sansou | | | Deluxe Twin | ¥666,000 | ¥772,000 | ¥1,310,000 |
| Deluxe Suite A (1 room) | | | | Deluxe Twin | ¥696,000 | ¥813,000 | ¥1,366,000 |

*Guests will ride the Seven Stars in Kyushu on day 3 and 4.

*Please be aware that the dining out event may be cancelled depending on weather conditions at the time, and in this case the tour will continue, but there will be no refund of fare. *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





"optional" activities are included in the fare

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