

Pre-journey dinner

Premium Pre-journey dinner + Seven Stars in Kyushu 2D1N Journey



Departure Date • October 23rd (Fri) 2020, March 5th (Fri) 2021

Schedule / travel route



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.

Chef Koji Konishi

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

Yorozu (Japanese tea)



Opened in 2012, Yorozu has been promoting Japanese tea and tea culture to the world from Fukuoka. Yorozu was opened with hopes that guests would enjoy meeting other people and conversing with them through tea at this tea house. Owner Mr. Tokubuchi strives to connect the 1200-year history rich Japanese tea culture with the modern day. He works to promote activities in Japanese tea education and to contribute to the tea producers. In this plan, guests can enjoy a special collaboration with Georges Marceau and Yorozu, to create a fusion of French cuisine and Japanese tea.

Suguru Tokubuchi

Born in 1977, he originally worked as a bar tender, and trained extensively in the fields of modern Japanese tea, alcoholic beverages, and cuisine. Yorozu opened in 2012, with hopes to promote Japanese tea and culture to the world. In 2019, Yorozu was selected by the "50 Best Discovery", a database of restaurants and bars for the best restaurants and bars around the world.

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 collaboration menu at Fukuoka French restaurant "Georges Marceau", together with the owner of Yorozu, which specializes in Japanese tea and its culture. 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.

Professional Train Photographer Hirokazu Fukushima



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.

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.

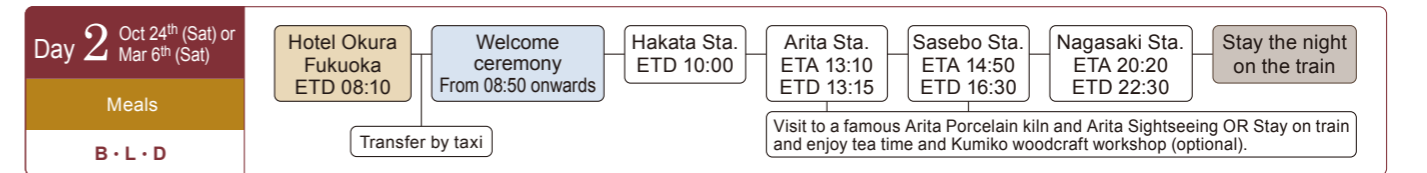
Accommodation

Hotel Okura Fukuoka (central Fukuoka)

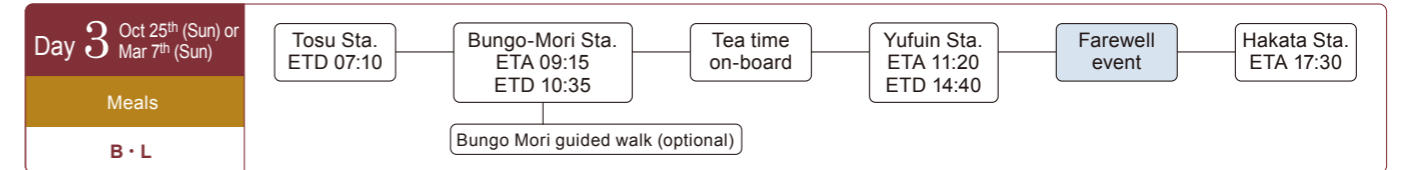


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*Guests will board the Seven Stars from day 2.



**optional* activities are included in the fare



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

Departure dates and fares

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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	—	¥489,000	¥808,000
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)		Deluxe Twin	¥530,000	¥581,000	¥955,000
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)		Deluxe Twin	¥560,000	¥622,000	¥1,011,000

*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.

*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 October 24th) or (Sat March 6th).

Summary for 7th Anniversary Premium Kyushu Tours (A,B,C,D) 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 8 for the summary for the 4D3N and 2D1N tours.

*All photos used are for illustrative purposes.