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Applications to open for bookings on the Cruise Train “Seven Stars in Kyushu”, for spring- summer 2020 journeys



The Cruise Train “Seven Stars in Kyushu” is to celebrate 7 years since it made its first run on the 15th of October 2013. The train was created collaborating traditions of Kyushu, and the craftwork of local artisans. 2020 will mark the 7th anniversary since it started running in 2013.

In celebration of the 7th anniversary, we have prepared several special anniversary journeys, including a 2 Day Spring Pre-Tour to Ukiha, to enjoy the beautiful cherry blossoms before boarding the Seven Stars for a 2 day journey, and a nostalgic Seven Stars journey. The regular journeys of the Seven Stars can also be applied for during the application period, which starts from the 1st of October 2019.



1. Outline of the “Seven Stars in Kyushu”

Official name: Cruise Train “Seven Stars in Kyushu”

First run: October 15th 2013

Origin of name:

- A. Represents the 7 prefectures of Kyushu Island (Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Oita, Kagoshima, and Miyazaki)
- B. Represents the 7 major attractions of Kyushu: nature, food, onsen (hot springs), history and culture, power spots, warm hospitality, and trains)
- C. Represents the 7-cars of the train

Cars of the train:

Car 1: Lounge Car, car 2: Dining car

Cars 3-6: Suite rooms (up to 2 guests per room x 12 rooms approximately 10m² each)

Car 7: Deluxe Suite A (up to 3 guests x 1 room approximately 21m²)

Deluxe Suite B (up to 3 guests x 1 room approximately 17m²)

Artisans from Kyushu: Kumiko woodwork (Kinoshita Mokegi – Fukuoka)

Arita Ware: Kakiemon (Kakiemon kiln, Saga)

Train emblem: Tsuchie Corporation (Fukuoka)

2. Outline of Spring-Summer 2020 journeys

A. Application period:

October 1st to 22nd 2019

B. Runs to be sold:

Total of 20 runs (Spring-Summer 4D3N x 9, 2D1N x 8, 7th Anniversary plans x 2, Special Pre-Journey Dinner x 1)

C. Route of journeys

Spring – Summer journeys

A. 4D3N (departs Tuesday)

- On this route, guests travel to 5 of Kyushu's prefectures (Fukuoka, Oita, Kumamoto, Miyazaki, and Kagoshima). On day 2, guests spend the night at a hot spring inn (ryokan) in Yufuin (one of Yufuin Tamanoyu, Kamenoi Besso, Sansou Murata).

B. 2D1N (departs Saturday)

- On this route, guests travel to 4 of Kyushu's prefectures (Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki, and Oita). One of the highlights is the visit to Arita town, to a Arita-ware kiln (workshop).

7th Anniversary Tours

1) April 2nd 2020 (Thu)

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

- Highlights include a 2 day journey visiting Ukiha to see the 1,000 cherry blossoms, Monju-Senji temple for a fire ritual, then the regular 2D1N journey on the Seven Stars in Kyushu.

2) April 28th 2020 (Tue)

Tour B: Nostalgic Seven Stars 4D3N Journey

- Highlights include following the same original itinerary as was completed on the 15th of October 2013, when the Seven Stars made its first run.

Special Pre-Journey Dinner + 2D1N Seven Stars Journey

Departure: June 19th 2020 (Fri) (only 1 departure)

- On the day before the 2D1N Seven Stars Journey, guests can celebrate the start of the tour with a special pre-journey dinner together. The restaurant "Georges Marceau" is booked exclusively for this dinner event.

3. Departure dates / fares

See attached documents for this information.

4. Application procedure

Internet application: please complete the form on the Seven Stars official webpage to make an application for a booking on the Seven Stars.

Application period: Oct 1st 10:00 to 22nd 23:59 (JST).

Official webpage: <https://www.cruisetrain-sevenstars.jp/english>

1. Spring to Summer journeys

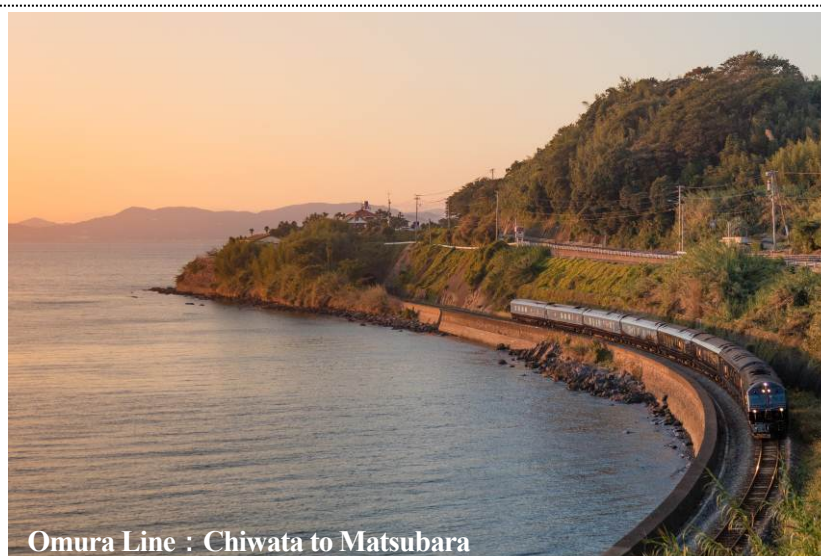
A. Departure dates

Month	4D3N	2D1N
April 2020	—	11 th
May 2020	12 th , 26 th	9 th , 23 rd
June 2020	9 th , 23 rd	6 th
July 2020	28 th	25 th
August 2020	4 th , 25 th	22 nd
September 2020	8 th , 22 nd	5 th , 19 th

B. Fares (for when 2 guests stay together in a room, yen per person)

Room type	Departure	4D3N	2D1N
Suite	APR / MAY	739,000 to 754,000 yen	352,000 yen
	JUN/JUL/AUG/SEP	688,000 to 703,000 yen	321,000 yen
Deluxe Suite B	APR / MAY	866,000 yen	433,000 yen
	JUN/JUL/AUG/SEP	815,000 yen	403,000 yen
Deluxe Suite A	APR / MAY	968,000 yen	474,000 yen
	JUN/JUL/AUG/SEP	917,000 yen	444,000 yen

- Please note that on the 2nd night of the 4D3N journey, guests will stay at a ryokan, and the ryokan to be used will determine the total fare for the journey. (Suite guests can choose from Yufuin Tamanoyu, Kamenoi Besso or Sansou Murata, Deluxe Suite B guests stay at Yufuin Tamanoyu, and Deluxe Suite A guests stay at Kamenoi Besso. Please see the brochure or homepage for the full fare chart including fares for when 1 or 3 guests are to stay in one room (Deluxe Suites only).



Omura Line : Chiwata to Matsubara

2. Seven Stars 7th Anniversary Tours

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

April 2nd 2020 (Thu) departure – 4D3N tour including a 2 day spring pre-tour to the Mino-Hokuroku area and the Kunisaki Peninsular.

*Guests will board the Seven Stars on April 4th (Sat) and 5th (Sun), for the regular 2D1N Seven Stars journey.

I. Highlights of the tour

- ★ Visiting the 1,000 (approximately) cherry blossom trees in Ukiha City (Fukuoka), that stretch for 2km along the Kose river.
- ★ Experiencing the Goma Kito Fire Ritual at Monju-Senji Temple, one of the three main temples for the Bodhisattva of wisdom and intellect (exclusive experience for Seven Stars guests).
- ★ Okuhita Onsen Umehibiki ryokan (the entire ryokan is booked for Seven Stars guests).

II. Fares (for when 2 guests stay together in a room, yen per person)

Seven Stars room type	Night 1		Night 2		Fare
	Ryokan	Room type	Hotel	Room type	
Suite	Okuhita Onsen Umehibiki	Oshuku Deluxe Japanese & Western	Hotel Okura Fukuoka	Large Twin	610,000 yen
Deluxe Suite B		Oshuku Suite Japanese & Western		Deluxe Twin	710,000 yen
Deluxe Suite A		Annex Ryukyo Japanese & Western		Deluxe Twin	750,000 yen



B. Tour B: Nostalgic Seven Stars 4D3N Journey

Departure date: April 28th (Tue) 2020. This is a nostalgic Seven Stars in Kyushu 4D3N journey, where guests will travel to many of the destinations of the original first run of the 4D3N journey on October 15th 2013. Highlights include the ryokans in the Kirishima area, Chin Jukan kiln, and Sengan-en gardens, and we hope that guests can enjoy this nostalgic itinerary like our first guests did.

I. Highlights of the tour

- ★ The Seven Stars will only travel on this nostalgic route for this exclusive tour.
- ★ Guests can enjoy an excursion to Tenku no Mori, which is booked exclusively for Seven Stars guests, and is spread out over an area around the size of 13 Tokyo Domes.
- ★ Meeting the 15th head of Chin Jukan kiln, and listening to an exclusive lecture from him about the 400 year history of Satsuma-ware and other topics (exclusive to Seven Stars guests).
- ★ Enjoy coastal views of the Hyuganada Sea while enjoying breakfast onboard.

II. Fares (for when 2 guests stay together in a room, yen per person)

Seven Stars Room Type	Night 2			Fare	
	Ryokan	Room type	Rooms		
Suite (12 rooms)	Wasurenosato Gajoen	Guest room with open-air onsen	JPN style	1	900,000 yen
		Living room with onsen		4	
		Special guest room with open-air onsen		1	905,000 yen
		Special living room with onsen		1	930,000 yen
	Myoken Ishiharaso	Ishikura	WST	2	910,000 yen
		Ishikura	JPN/WST	2	930,000 yen
		Main building	JPN	1	930,000 yen
Deluxe Suite B (1 room)	Tenku no Mori	“Villa Akanesasuoka” or “Villa Rin’u no Mori”	WST style	1	1,210,000 yen
Deluxe Suite A (1 room)		Villa Tenku	1	1,310,000 yen	



C. Special Pre-journey Dinner + 2D1N Seven Stars Journey

Departure date: June 19th 2020 (Fri)

*Please note that guests will board the Seven Stars from June 20th (Sat) to 21st (Sun), on a regular 2D1N Seven Stars journey.

I. Highlights of the tour

- ★ Guests are able to meet each other on the day before their journey on the Seven Stars, and celebrate the star of their tour together.
- ★ Enjoy an exclusive dinner at famous Fukuoka French restaurant “Georges Marceau”
- ★ Learn about photo spots for the Seven Stars from professional photographer Hirokazu Fukushima.

II. Fares (for when 2 guests stay together in a room, yen per person)

Seven Stars Room Type	Night 2		Fares
	Hotel	Room Type	
Suite	Hotel Okura Fukuoka	Large Twin	430,000 yen
Deluxe Suite B		Deluxe Twin	510,000 yen
Deluxe Suite A		Deluxe Twin	550,000 yen



Georges Marceau



Photo by Mr. Fukushima



Mr. Hirokazu Fukushima

D. Other dates

Please note that there are other dates that the Seven Stars will operate on, and these dates will be sold by travel agencies. Details will be announced at the discretion of each company.