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## **2024 OKINAWA AND FUJI CRAFT SAKURA TOUR #1**

**Atami / Shuzenji/ Kawasaki / Naha / American Village / Nago/ Zanpa and more!**

### **DATE:**

**22 Jan (Mon) 2024 — 3 Feb (Sat) 2024**

### **INCLUDED:**

11 Nights / 12 Days • 30 Meals  
(Daily Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 10 Dinners)  
Escorted from Honolulu  
English-Speaking Local Guide  
All Land Tour transportation  
Hotel Accommodation  
All support of your baggage  
Souvenir boxes (included pack in a box)  
Heartwarming Service

### **ITINERARY:**

#### **Day 1: Mon. Jan 22 – HONOLULU: Depart Honolulu**

#### **Day 2: Tue. Jan 23 – ART HOTEL NARITA or VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT**

Welcome to Japan! Arrive at **Narita International Airport** or **Haneda International Airport**. After going through immigration procedures, After Hotel check-in, relax and get ready for the next day. Put your feet up, relax, and get ready for the RNL Sakura Tour.

#### **Day 3: Wed. Jan 24 – HOTEL LAFORET SHUZENJI (ONSEN)**

Our journey starts in **Atami**, a charming coastal town in southeastern Japan famous for its hot springs, stunning ocean views, and rich history dating back to the Edo period. During our visit, we'll experience the **Sakura Matsuri**, a highly anticipated cherry blossom festival that adorns the streets with delicate pink petals. Next, we'll enjoy **mikan (mandarin orange) picking**, savoring the joy of harvesting fresh, juicy mandarin oranges directly from the trees. After this delightful experience, we'll head to **Shuzenji**, a historic hot spring town known for its rejuvenating hot springs, including the renowned "Shuzenji Onsen," favored for its relaxing and skin-beautifying properties. At the resort hotel in Shuzenji, surrounded by the beauty of nature and traditional Japanese architecture, we'll unwind in therapeutic hot springs and relish the region's delectable cuisine.

#### **Day 4: Thu. Jan 25 – NIHONDAIRA HOTEL**

After leaving Shuzenji, our journey continues to the captivating **Mishima region**. Our first stop is the impressive **Mishima Skywalk**, a pedestrian suspension bridge offering breathtaking views of Mount Fuji and Suruga Bay, creating unforgettable memories of the surrounding natural beauty. Next, we visit the revered **Mishima Taisha Shrine**, an ancient Shinto shrine with a profound sense of tranquility, allowing us to appreciate Japan's spiritual heritage as we explore its ancient structures and serene grounds. Our adventure then takes us to **Nihondaira**, recognized as the top destination in the "100 Best Tourist Spots in Japan" contest. The view from Nihondaira is truly unparalleled, showcasing picturesque landscapes like a living masterpiece. The sight of Mount Fuji rising above the tea plantations, along with the mesmerizing vistas of **Shimizu Port** and the **Izu Peninsula** and **Southern Alps**, leaves us in awe. Tonight, we stay at a remarkable hotel, themed around a landscape art museum, where large windows frame scenes resembling beautiful paintings. The comfortable atmosphere and unique views create an exceptional experience for all guests.

#### **Day 5: Fri. Jan 26 – HOTEL METROPOLITAN KAWASAKI**

Today's tour begins with strawberry picking at a unique farm in Shizuoka City. The **Ishigaki strawberries** are cultivated on mountain slopes using a special method, ensuring ample sunlight and warmth for optimal growth. Next, we'll enjoy a hands-on experience at **Takumishuku (Traditional Hand Craft Arts Center)**, a renowned traditional craft facility in Suruga. Here, we'll learn the art of indigo-dyeing and explore various other time-honored crafts that reflect the region's rich cultural heritage. Afterwards, we'll make a stop at **Shimizu Port**, where a variety of restaurants and stalls offer the freshest seafood dishes. From seafood bowls to grilled fish and tempura shrimp, we'll savor the unique flavors of Shimizu Port. Finally, we'll head to a hotel next to Kawasaki Station for a comfortable overnight stay. After check-in, the guide will take the group for a walk around the neighborhood.

#### **Day 6: Sat. Jan 27 – THE BEACH TOWER (ONSEN)**

Today's journey begins early as we head to Haneda Airport for our flight to **Okinawa**. Upon arrival, our first stop is the **Okinawa Prefectural Museum**, where we can explore the island's history and culture, from ancient times to the present day. Then we'll head to the famous **American Village**, known for its vibrant atmosphere blending Okinawan and American influences. Here, we can enjoy a variety of shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues in this lively area. In the evening, we might have the chance to witness a captivating fireworks display lighting up the night sky, making it a magical and unforgettable sight. With hearts full of excitement and anticipation, we'll rest in our hotel, ready to embrace more adventures in Okinawa. And at the hotel, we'll have the delightful opportunity to enjoy a relaxing hot spring bath, adding to the charm of our stay in this enchanting destination.

#### **Day 7: Sun. Jan 28 – HOTEL RESONEX NAGO**

Our exploration begins with a visit to the renowned **Churaumi Aquarium**, where you'll be mesmerized by the fascinating marine life and grand exhibits. Witness the magnificence of graceful whale sharks and other captivating sea creatures. Next, we'll take you to the **Sakura Festival at Nakijin Gusuku**, a historical site adorned with the beauty of cherry blossoms in full bloom. Immerse yourself in the enchanting ambiance created by the delicate pink petals, and explore the ancient Gusuku ruins, where Japan's rich cultural heritage comes to life. Following our delightful day of exploration, we'll head to a resort in the Nago area, where we'll be staying for two nights. Get ready to unwind and indulge in the tranquility of this picturesque coastal retreat.

#### **Day 8: Mon. Jan 29 – HOTEL RESONEX NAGO**

The first stop on our tour is a delightful visit to **Yaedake Sakura no Mori Park**, where we'll immerse ourselves in the enchanting beauty of cherry blossoms. The serene ambiance and delicate pink petals create a picturesque setting, perfect for capturing memorable photographs and appreciating the wonders of nature. Next on our itinerary is a trip to **Kouri Island Ocean Tower**, a magnificent observation deck offering unparalleled views of the surrounding ocean and breathtaking Okinawan landscape. The view from this vantage point is awe-inspiring, providing a remarkable perspective of the island's coastal allure. We'll also have the pleasure of exploring the fascinating **Shell Museum**, showcasing an impressive collection of seashells from around the world. Discover the intriguing diversity of shells, from delicate and intricate specimens to larger and more exotic ones. It's a unique opportunity to appreciate the beauty and intricacy of these marine treasures. Continuing our adventure, we'll head to **Tropical Kingdom and OKINAWA Fruits Land**, delightful tourist spots in Okinawa. Tropical Kingdom offers a beautiful garden with exotic plants, while OKINAWA Fruits Land allows you to savor delicious local fruits. Both spots showcase Okinawa's natural beauty and culinary delights.

#### **Day 9: Tue. Jan 30 – HOTEL NIKKO ALIVILA**

Today's exciting journey begins with a visit to the enchanting **Mori no Garasukan** (Glass House in Forest). Nestled amidst lush greenery, this unique house showcases a mesmerizing collection of intricate glass artworks crafted by talented artisans. As we wander through the exhibits, we'll be captivated by the play of light and colors reflecting off the delicate glass pieces, creating an atmosphere of wonder and awe. Next on our itinerary is **Orion Happy Park**, where we'll have the opportunity to learn about the process of making the famous Orion Beer, the most renowned beer in Okinawa. The park offers insights into the beer-making process, and we can even enjoy a refreshing taste of freshly brewed beer. Our adventure continues to the awe-inspiring **Manzamo**, a natural wonder of Okinawa. This breathtaking plateau overlooks the azure ocean, and its iconic elephant trunk-shaped rock formation is a sight to behold. The panoramic views from Manzamo are truly breathtaking, and we'll take our time to soak in the beauty of this scenic gem. As the day winds down, we'll head to our tranquil retreat at a hotel nestled in **Zanpa**. Surrounded by the calming sounds of the sea, we'll unwind and relax in the serene atmosphere of this coastal paradise. The hotel offers comfort and luxury, providing a perfect sanctuary to recharge after a day of exploration.

#### **Day 10: Wed. Jan 31 – AJ RESORT ISLAND IKEIJIMA (ONSEN) or Similar**

Today's itinerary begins with a visit to **Ryukyu Mura**, an immersive cultural village where we can immerse ourselves in the rich traditions and history of Okinawa. If the timing is right, we may have the opportunity to enjoy traditional performances, adding an extra touch of authenticity to our experience. Next, we'll head to **Okashi Goten**, a delightful confectionery shop offering a wide variety of traditional Okinawan treats. It's a perfect place to shop for local sweets and souvenirs, each with its own unique flavor and charm. Our adventure continues to **Higa Shuzo** (Higa Awamori Brewery), where we'll delve into the art of Awamori brewing and have the pleasure of sampling some of the finest sake produced in Okinawa. This is a fantastic opportunity to appreciate the craftsmanship and distinct flavors of local Awamori. As the day winds down, we'll make our way to **Ie Island (Ie-jima)**, where we'll spend the night. This picturesque island offers stunning views, beautiful beaches, and a tranquil atmosphere, providing the perfect setting for a relaxing and memorable stay. With a blend of cultural experiences, delightful treats, sake tasting, and the serene charm of Ie Island, today's journey promises to be a truly enriching and unforgettable adventure through the heart of Okinawa.

#### **Day 11 Thu. Feb 1 –HOTEL COLLECTIVE**

Today's tour begins with a captivating visit to **Nuchimasu Salt Factory**, where we'll have the opportunity to witness the salt-making process up close and learn about this integral part of Okinawa's local culture. It's a unique chance to immerse ourselves in the traditional industry and understand the significance of salt production in the region.

Next, we'll proceed to explore two iconic historical sites - **Shuri Castle and Tamaudun Royal Mausoleum**. Shuri Castle, designated as a **UNESCO World Heritage** site, will transport us back in time as we delve into the rich history and exquisite architecture of the Ryukyu Kingdom. At Tamaudun Royal Mausoleum, we'll pay our respects to the resting place of the Ryukyu kings, gaining valuable insights into their royal legacy. Following our cultural excursions, we'll indulge in some retail therapy at **Aeon Shopping Center**. As the day draws to a close, we'll make our way to a conveniently located hotel along Kokusai Street. This vibrant area lies at the heart of Naha's entertainment and shopping district, providing a perfect setting to unwind and reflect on the enriching experiences of the day.

#### **Day 12: Fri. Feb 2 –HOTEL COLLECTIVE**

Today marks the final day of our tour. We'll begin by visiting the **Okinawa Peace Memorial Park**, a place of deep significance and reflection. Here, we pay our respects to the past and offer prayers for peace. Our next stop is the **Himeyuri Peace Museum** and the

Himeyuri Monument, where we'll learn about the courageous young women who endured hardships during World War II. Their stories of resilience and sacrifice are an important part of Okinawa's history. Afterward, we'll return to Naha city and visit **Makishi Public Market**. This bustling market is a vibrant hub of local culture and flavors. We can explore the various stalls offering fresh seafood, tropical fruits, local crafts, and other delights. It's a great opportunity to immerse ourselves in the lively atmosphere and savor the tastes of Okinawa. (Lunch and dinner will be at your own expense.)

**Day 13: Sat. Feb 3 – NAHA AIRPORT - HONOLULU**

At checkout time the guide will come to tape and tie-up the boxes and take the baggage to the airport. After check out we will head to **Naha Airport** and board flight # to Honolulu. We will arrive at Honolulu in the same morning.  
(Lunch and dinner will be at your own expense.)

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Members may return to Honolulu individually, but no later than 90 days from the day of departure.  
Please contact our office if you are planning to extend your stay. Thank you.  
\*Buffet meals are subject to change.

**\*\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE\*\***

Please sign up by **Dec 1, 2023**

Full Payment is due on **Dec 10, 2023**

Tour Cost: based on 25-35 maximum full paying tour members:

Final Tour Cost will depend on the yen rate, taxes & fuel surcharges.

\*\* Exchange rate: Price based @ 130 -135 JPY (\$1.00 USD) \*\*

The tour price is based on double occupancy and a minimum group size of 20 passengers. Fare adjustment may apply for groups of 20 or under. The rate is based on tariffs and exchange rates effective 7/29/2023. Tour fare is subject to change according to any airfare increase, additional fuel surcharges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency. In the event of revaluation, the land portion of the tour price may be adjusted prior to your final statement.

**COST of LAND TOUR:**

TWIN/ TRIPLE OCCUPANCY: \$5,400.00 per person

SINGLE OCCUPANCY (4 single rooms only) \$6,250.00 per person

PLUS AIRFARE \$1,800.00 (\*\*ESTIMATED AIRFARE\*\*)

**TOUR COST INCLUDES:**

11 Nights Hotel accommodations

Daily Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, and 10 Dinners

Admission Fees, Pre-luncheon get-together, Local experienced tour guide from RNL TOURS, LLC

**RESERVATIONS & DEPOSITS:**

Reservations should be made as soon as possible by filling out the application form and sending a deposit of \$200.00 per person. Reservations are based on a first come first serve basis. Returned check fee of \$25.00 per check.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

To protect against cancellation charges, optional travel insurance is recommended and is available through RNL Tours, LLC. Rates are subject to change. Coverage and rates for travel insurance may vary by state.  
For more information, please call our office or email us.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

45 days prior to departure – Full refund

44-30 days prior: 50% cancel fee of the tour price, per person charge

29-15 days prior: 75% cancel fee of the tour price, per person charge

14 days prior or less: 100% cancel fee of the tour price, per person, no refund.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS TOUR INCLUDES:**

Hotel accommodations, transfers, and sightseeing. Adjustments will be made if there is an increase in fuel surcharges and any fluctuation in exchange rates between US Dollars and Japanese Yen.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:**

Air service within tours is included except for people buying the land portion only.

Airfare inclusive rates are based on advanced purchase and may be subject to certain airline restrictions and penalties. Adjustments will be made if there is any increase on taxes.

**PASSPORTS:**

All clients are reminded that a valid passport is necessary in all cases.

The cost of obtaining these documents will be the responsibility of the traveler.

The organizer assumes no responsibility whatsoever, should a client, for any reason be refused entry into any particular country, and the subsequent costs entailed will have to be met by the traveler in accordance with obligations that the organizer has in virtue of the contracts held with third parties. Passport must be valid within 6 months at time of departure. A photocopy of your passport is required for all tours.

**IF THE TOUR OPERATOR CANCELS:**

Should RNL Tours, LLC. cancel a departure for any reason, your money will be fully refunded.

**CHANGES IN ITINERARIES:**

RNL Tours, LLC. will make every effort to operate all tours as disclosed in this document.

However, circumstances may arise which would require an adjustment to the tour. We will however do all that is possible to avoid such changes, but we must reserve the right to make such modifications if they are determined to be necessary

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

This travel agency and/or its agents, sub-agents, sub-offices and affiliates act only as agents for the owners and contractors providing means of transportation or other services and all tickets and/or vouchers are issued subject to any terms and conditions under which such means of transportation or other services where offered or provided. The issuance and acceptance of such tickets and/or vouchers shall be deemed to be consent to the further conditions that this travel agency, its agents, sub-agents, sub-offices and affiliates shall not become liable or responsible in any way in connections with such means of transportation or other services, or for any loss, injury or damages arising from the default of a tour operator/carrier, lost/damaged baggage, trip cancellation, bad weather, natural disaster or other acts of God.

We reserve the right to cancel any tour 45 days or more prior to departure date.

All rates in this brochure/itinerary are subject to change without notice.

## APPLICATION FORM

### OKINAWA AND FUJI CRAFT SAKURA TOUR #1

Jan. 22 - Feb. 03, 2024

**TOUR Number or Tour Name:** OKINAWA AND FUJI CRAFT SAKURA TOUR #1

**PLEASE TYPE or PRINT:** (Name as it appears on passport)

Mr. Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Name  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip code  
Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rooming: Single \_\_\_\_ Twin(1/2 beds) \_\_\_\_ Triple(3 beds) \_\_\_\_ Smoking Room: \_\_\_\_ No Smoking \_\_\_\_  
Requested roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

#### **I am also signing up for:**

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Please Send Copy of Passport!**

#### **Meal Request: Things you cannot eat or Allergic:**

Sashimi: \_\_\_\_ Fish: \_\_\_\_ Shellfish: \_\_\_\_ Raw Seafood: \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_  
Pork: \_\_\_\_ Meat: \_\_\_\_ Chicken: \_\_\_\_ Dairy Items: \_\_\_\_ Nuts: \_\_\_\_ Low Sodium: \_\_\_\_  
Detail Description of Items: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign up First Come First Serve Full Payment is due on **Dec 10, 2023**, Adjustments will be made if there is any increase in taxes, fuel surcharges, and fluctuation in exchange rates. Tour Cost: based on 25-35 full paying tour members:

**\*\* Exchange rate: Price based @ 130 -135 Japan Yen per U.S. dollars\*\***

**TWIN / TRIPLE: \$5,400.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ SINGLE: \$6,250.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make checks payable to RNL TOURS, LLC.**

A deposit of **\$200.00** per person is required to "Hold" reservation.

Credit Card Payment only for the air portion.

**Airlines Information:** Own Air: \_\_\_\_\_ Going with Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Extending Stay: \_\_\_\_\_

**Charging Air:** Yes \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_ Seating Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Traveling with: \_\_\_\_\_

Charge Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME on Mileage Card:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Mileage Numbers: JAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GLOBAL #** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bus Seating:** Motion Sickness \_\_\_\_ Rotate: \_\_\_\_ No Rotate \_\_\_\_ **Wheelchair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to purchase travel insurance?** Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_ (further information please call the office) I/We the undersigned have read carefully and understand the General Conditions pertaining to the above stated tour and agree to these conditions. All information will remain confidential.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_