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2024 WISTERIA SAKURA SADO TOUR #5

Nasu/ Aizu / Niigata / Sado / Obuse / Gunma / Tokyo and more!

DATE:

16 Apr (Tue) 2024 — 28 Apr (Sun) 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: Tue. Apr 16 – HONOLULU: Depart Honolulu

Departure Day we will leave Daniel K. Inouye International Airport on Japan Airlines to Narita or Haneda International Airport

Day 2: Wed. Apr 17 – ART HOTEL NARITA or Similar

Welcome to Japan! Upon arrival at either **Narita International Airport** or **Haneda International Airport**, complete the immigration procedures. After checking in at the hotel, take some time to unwind and prepare for the upcoming day. Put your feet up, relax, and get ready for the **WISTERIA SAKURA SADO TOUR**.

Day 3: Thu. Apr 18 – HOTEL EPINARD NASU (Onsen)

Today, we set our sights on Nasu Highlands, also known as the "Royal Resort," owing to its reputation as a retreat for members of the imperial family. Our first destination leads us to Tsukuba, a Science City that boasts the culmination of Japan's cutting-edge scientific achievements. Here, we'll visit the **Tsukuba Space Center**, where the "Space Dome" exhibition offers a close encounter with full-scale replicas of artificial satellites, authentic rocket engines, and even a life-sized model of "Kibo," the Japanese Experiment Module. Continuing our journey, we'll head to **Mashiko**, renowned for its pottery. With origins dating back to 1853, Mashiko-yaki holds the distinction of being recognized as a traditional craft of Japan.

As the day winds down, we'll retreat to a hotel with natural hot springs, allowing you to unwind and rejuvenate in preparation for the adventures that await tomorrow.

Day 4: Fri. Apr 19 – HOTEL LISTEL INAWASHIRO (Onsen)

Today promises a day of experiencing breathtaking landscapes and the lifestyle of samurai. Our first stop will be the majestic **To-no-Hetsuri**, a site shaped by erosion and weathering, resulting in a stunning landscape. This natural wonder has earned the designation of a National Natural Monument.

Continuing our journey, we'll head to **Aizu Bukeyashiki**, where you can step into the world of samurai culture and lifestyle. This historical district offers insights into the lives of feudal lords and their retainers, giving you a glimpse of the past.

Afterward, we'll make our way to a resort hotel near Lake Inawashiro, providing a serene environment for relaxation.

Day 5: Sat. Apr 20 – ANA CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL NIIGATA

Today marks the beginning of our journey to Niigata. Renowned for its rice production, Niigata holds the distinction of having the highest number of sake breweries in the nation, showcasing its identity as both a land of rice and a land of sake.

Departing from the hotel, our first destination will lead us along the riverside, where we can immerse ourselves in the beauty of cherry blossoms in full bloom. Following this, we'll venture to the "**Senbei Kingdom**," where we'll engage in shopping and partake in the experience of making traditional Japanese rice crackers.

Continuing our exploration, we'll head to "**Niigata Furusato Mura**," a facility that gathers all the local souvenirs and specialties from the Niigata region. Returning to the hotel, take the time to relax and prepare for the adventures that await us tomorrow.

Day 6: Sun. Apr 21 – SADO RESORT HOTEL AZUMA (Onsen)

Beginning our delightful two-day journey, we'll delve into the captivating history and cherished traditions of **Sado Island**.

Our day kicks off with a **Jetfoil** voyage to Sado Island, setting the stage for an exciting adventure.

Upon arrival, our initial stop is the **Sado Historical Legend Museum**, an interactive haven that employs life-sized robots and captivating exhibits to recount the island's historical figures and legends.

Continuing, we'll explore **Obata Sake Brewery**, renowned for "Manotsuru" sake. Their unwavering dedication to exceptional techniques is evident in innovative winter brewing. This commitment, upheld by their team, underscores quality pursuit. Blending heritage with modernity, they consistently raise the bar. Notably, their sake graces Air France's First Class, a testament to its excellence.

As the day winds down, our accommodation awaits—an exquisite onsen resort hotel on Sado Island. If fortunate, we might savor the delectable local treat of red snow crab, a culinary delight.

Day 7: Mon. Apr 22 – SADO RESORT HOTEL AZUMA (Onsen)

The Sado wake-up was a delightful experience. Today, we'll relish a delectable Japanese breakfast before embarking on a unique adventure. Our destination: the southern part of the island, where the enchanting "**tarai-bune**" wooden tub boat awaits. Dating back over 200 years, this traditional vessel stands as a cherished symbol of the past.

Next, our path leads us to the **Akadomari district**, home to **Hokusei Sake Brewery**. Engaging with the locals, we'll savor dishes created exclusively from local ingredients. If fortune smiles upon us, we may witness the captivating "oni-daiko" demon drum performance. As the day winds down, we'll depart the hotel and venture to a nearby restaurant for a delightful dinner.

After arriving at the hotel, make sure to carve out some time to relax and get ready for the exciting adventures that lie ahead tomorrow. If the timing aligns, you might also have the chance to enjoy a private bath with breathtaking views.

Day 8: Tue. Apr 23 – ANA CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL NIIGATA

Today, let's relish more of Sado Island before concluding in Niigata City. Our morning unfolds at **Senkaku Bay**, where you can marvel at the sea-sculpted wonders. The waves have crafted unique rock formations, making Senkaku Bay a visual delight.

Next, we'll visit **Meoto Iwa**, the Married Couple Rocks. These rocks, appearing to be in an affectionate embrace, symbolize marital harmony and love's enduring bond. Continuing our exploration, we'll venture to **Toki no Mori Park**. Although around 300 crested ibises (Toki) inhabit the wild, their full integration remains a work in progress. To facilitate their conservation, the park replicates their natural habitat within spacious enclosures. This allows us to observe their natural behaviors like flight and nesting up close.

Later, we'll board a jetfoil back to Niigata. Upon reaching the hotel, take time to unwind and prepare for the adventures awaiting tomorrow.

※Notification: Regarding the activities in Sado, we are currently in discussions with the local community. There is a possibility of upgrading and making changes to the final itinerary.

Day 9: Wed. Apr 24 – LOTTE ARAI RESORT (Onsen)

Our morning's first stop is a delightful **Strawberry-picking** experience, setting the stage for a day of delectable delights. Highly regarded by tour guides who have savored countless strawberry-picking experiences, this farm has earned a reputation for its exceptional strawberries that tantalize the taste buds. After strawberry picking, we'll visit **Tsubame Sanjo Local Industry Promotion Center** for shopping. Known for metalwork and porcelain, it's a hub of craftsmanship. The center offers a range of items, from cutlery and copperware to durable porcelain and kitchen essentials. Tradition and innovation combine in this collection, with globally popular items. Continuing our journey, we'll make our way to a hotel featuring relaxing hot springs. This serene oasis offers the perfect opportunity to unwind and prepare for the exciting journey that lies ahead.

Day 10: Thu. Apr 25 – MYOGI GREEN HOTEL & TERRACE (Onsen)

Today's itinerary encompasses a remarkable journey across three distinct locales, traversing Niigata, passing through Nagano, and making our way to Gunma. Our initial stop is **Obuse**, a charming town famous for chestnuts, the legendary Hokusai, and its vibrant flowers. Don't forget to try the mouthwatering chestnut-flavored ice cream. Obuse's streets are delightful, and the **Hokusai Museum** is a must-visit, featuring the artist's masterpieces. We're happy to guide interested individuals through this enriching experience.

Afterward, we'll head to the **Konnyaku Park**, offering insights into the production process of this fascinating ingredient. Known as a supporting character in Japanese cuisine, konnyaku appears in dishes like oden and hot pots.

Finally, we'll wrap up the day at a resort facility with a rejuvenating hot spring, providing a relaxing way to unwind before returning to the bustling city center.

Day 11: Fri. Apr 26 – ROYAL PINES HOTEL URAWA

Today promises to be a highlight of our journey, offering an experience that will surely leave a lasting impression. Our morning will be spent at the **Ashikaga Flower Park**, a breathtaking paradise of light and blooms that will capture your heart. This park is renowned for its 160-year-old wisteria and a splendid array of seasonal flowers. Highlighting the experience are vast wisteria trellises covering 600 tatami mats and an 80-meter-long tunnel of white wisteria. With over 350 wisteria plants in bloom, the view is captivating. In 2014, CNN named this park one of the "10 Dream Destinations Worldwide."

Following this enchanting experience, we'll make our way to an **Aeon Shopping Mall**, where you can indulge in shopping and savor a delightful meal. Later, we'll return to the hotel to prepare for tomorrow's adventures and unwind in relaxation.

Day 12: Sat. Apr 27 – ROYAL PINES HOTEL URAWA

Today marks the final day before your return, offering a splendid opportunity to relish Tokyo to the fullest.

To kick-start the day, we'll make our way to **Tsukiji Outer Market**, where bustling alleyways offer a delightful shopping experience. Discover a variety of goods and flavors that make this market a true gem. Following that, we'll head to the Imperial Palace, a symbol of Japan's rich history. Take in the majestic view of the Nijubashi Bridge and the serene surroundings that encapsulate the essence of the city. Later on, we'll immerse ourselves in the vibrant atmosphere of **Ameyoko**, a bustling shopping district known for its diverse range of products and bustling energy. As the day draws to a close, we'll return to the hotel. Take this time to neatly pack your belongings and make the necessary preparations for your journey tomorrow.

(Lunch and dinner will be at your own expense.)

Day 13: Sun. Apr 28 – TOKYO - 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 **Narita Airport** and board flight # to **Honolulu**. We will arrive at Honolulu in the same morning.

(Lunch and dinner will be at your own expense.)

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 Feb 1, 2024

Full Payment is due on Feb 10, 2024

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 25 passengers. Fare adjustment may apply for groups of 25 or under. The rate is based on tariffs and exchange rates effective 8/15/2023. 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: \$4,900.00 per person

SINGLE OCCUPANCY (4 single rooms only) \$5,750.00 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 were 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

2024 WISTERIA SAKURA SADO TOUR #5

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TOUR Number or Tour Name: 2024 WISTERIA SAKURA SADO TOUR #5

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: (Someone Not On Tour With You) _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

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 **Feb 10, 2024**, 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: \$4,90.00 per person _____ SINGLE: \$5,750.00 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:** _____ **TSA / GLOBAL #** _____

Mileage Numbers: JAL: _____ **HA:** _____ **GLOBAL #** _____

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:** _____