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2024 DISCOVER KII PENINSULA TOUR#7

Osaka/ Wakayama Marina / Nanki Shirahama /Kushimoto / Matsuzaka /Ise Jingu / Nagoya and more!

DATE:

3 June (Mon) 2024 — 15 June (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. Jun 3 – HONOLULU: Depart Honolulu

Day 2: Tue. Jun 4 – HOTELNIKKO KANSAI AIRPORT

Welcome to Japan! Upon arrival at either **Kansai 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 **DISCOVER KII PENINSULA TOUR**.

Day 3: Wed. Jun 5 – WAKAYAMA MARINA CITY HOTEL

This morning, we'll embark on a journey to explore Yayoi Culture at the Osaka Prefectural **Yayoi Culture Museum**, a unique institution dedicated to this period. The Yayoi era marked the introduction of rice cultivation in Japan and offers intriguing insights into the country's history and lifestyle during this crucial time.

Following our visit, we'll head to the **Kishiwada Danjiri Museum**. Here, you'll be immersed in the rich history of the Kishiwada Danjiri Festival, which boasts a 300-year legacy. The museum's event area showcases authentic danjiri floats, and a 27-panel multi screen brings the festival's vibrancy to life with captivating reenactments.

Our next destination is the **David Austin English Rose Garden**, a haven for rose enthusiasts. The garden is thoughtfully arranged into thematic sections, where English climbing roses adorn arches and obelisks, creating a picturesque and fragrant spectacle. After a day of exploration, we'll head to the hotel nestled within **Wakayama Marina**. It's a perfect base for exploring the marina, enjoying the nearby onsen, and visiting the fish market, all within walking distance.

Day 4: Thu. Jun 6 – SHIRAHAMA COGANOI RESORT & SPA (Onsen)

Today, our journey commences as we set our sights on Nanki Shirahama, a coastal haven in Wakayama Prefecture. Wakayama is renowned for its exquisite fruits, and we have a delightful **fruit-picking experience** awaiting us. Following our fruity adventure, we'll venture to **Yuasa**, the birthplace of soy sauce and one of Japan's finest condiments. At the **Soy Sauce Brewery**, you'll witness the traditional soy sauce-making process and get up close to the fascinating wooden barrels used in fermentation. Weather permitting, we'll make a stop at the **Shirasaki Ocean Park Observation Deck**. This location is often likened to the Aegean Sea due to its striking white cliffs contrasting with the cobalt blue sea.

After a day filled with exploration and discovery, we'll head to our hotel in Nanki Shirahama. Unwind in the soothing **hot springs**, a perfect opportunity to relax and prepare for the adventures that await us tomorrow.

Day 5: Fri. Jun 7 – SHIRAHAMA COGANOI RESORT & SPA (Onsen)

Today, we embark on an exciting adventure as we head to **Adventure World**, a one-of-a-kind theme park that's home to an astounding variety of animals—140 species, to be exact—and over 1,400 individual animals. This park offers an incredible opportunity to connect with wildlife from around the globe. From the adorable pandas to the majestic elephants and the playful penguins, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Don't forget to catch one of the thrilling dolphin shows—it's a real crowd-pleaser.

After our exhilarating visit to Adventure World, our journey takes us to a place where flavors come alive, a best **Ume factory**. Here, we'll delve into the world of Kishu Nanko Ume plums, a variety that proudly represents Wakayama, Japan's top plum-producing region. These plums are known for their generous size and succulent flesh, and when transformed into umeboshi (pickled plums), they become tender and melt in your mouth.

As the day winds down, we'll return to our starting point, the same hotel where our adventure began. It's the perfect opportunity to unwind, soak in the day's experiences, and prepare for the adventures that await us tomorrow.

Day 6: Sat. Jun 8 – HOTEL & RESORTS WAKAYAMA KUSHIMOTO (Onsen)

This morning, we have an exciting plan ahead, weather permitting. We'll embark on a **glass-bottom boat ride** to explore the crystal-clear waters off the coast. Shirahama and Honolulu became sister cities in 2004, and their beautiful beaches are a testament to this friendship.

Following our aquatic adventure, we'll make our way to **Senjojiki**, a remarkable natural wonder. Covering approximately 4 hectares, this massive rock formation consists of sandstone that has been eroded by the crashing waves of the Pacific Ocean, creating a landscape that resembles a floor covered with thousands of tatami mats, hence its name, which means "**a thousand tatami mats**." Our next destination is the **Toretore Ichiba Nanki Shirahama**, the largest seafood market in western Japan. Operated by the local fishing cooperative, you can expect impeccable freshness and reasonable prices here. The market offers a wide variety of seafood from around the country, along with Wakayama's local specialties. Indulge in a seafood bowl and savor the bounties of the sea. Finally, we'll head to our hotel, located in **Kushimoto**, the southernmost town on the mainland of Japan. It's a serene location that provides an excellent opportunity to unwind and reflect on the day's adventures.

NOTE:(For those who cannot participate in the glass-bottom boat tour due to motion sickness concerns, we will make arrangements for nearby activities such as shopping.)

Day 7: Sun. Jun 9 – HOTEL VISON (Onsen)

This morning, our journey begins with a visit to **Hashigui Iwa**, the Bridge-Piling Rocks. These unique and awe-inspiring natural rock formations along the coast are a sight to behold.

Next, we'll head to the **Whale Museum**. Inside the museum, you'll find a wealth of exhibits related to whales and whaling. This includes whale skeleton specimens, traditional whaling tools, dioramas depicting historic whaling practices, and models of modern whaling harpoons and catcher boats. It's a comprehensive exploration of the world of whales and the history of whaling in this town. After our museum visit, we'll make our way to the **Kumano Kodo Center**. This center serves as a gateway to the Kumano Kodo, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed network of ancient pilgrimage trails. It's a unique opportunity to connect with the natural beauty, history, and culture associated with these historic routes.

To conclude our day, we'll head to a hotel that seamlessly combines a **resort experience with commercial facilities**. This hotel offers breathtaking views of the abundant nature surrounding the area. It's the perfect place to unwind and soak in the serene atmosphere for the next two nights. Tonight's dinner is planned to be **Sukiyaki made with Matsusaka beef**. This is an exquisite dining experience that you won't find elsewhere, and it promises to be a moment of pure indulgence.

NOTE:(Regarding Nachi Falls, we are considering a visit, but the decision will be based on the day's itinerary and conditions due to the considerable walking distance and the presence of steep slopes.)

Day 8: Mon. Jun 10 – HOTEL VISON (Onsen)

This morning, our journey begins with a visit to the **Matsusaka Handwoven Cotton Center**. Matsusaka cotton is celebrated for its naturally dyed indigo striped patterns, captivating the fashionable hearts of Edo-era commoners, even amidst clothing regulations. It's remarkable that this cotton reportedly sold around 500,000 rolls of fabric annually in Edo, a city of one million. Following this, we'll make our way to the revered **Ise Jingu**, a shrine with a history dating back nearly 2,000 years. It stands as an emblem of Japan's spirit and holds a unique sense of sacredness, touching all who visit.

En route, we'll also explore **Okage Yokocho**, a charming recreation of buildings from the Edo to Meiji eras along the Ise Pilgrimage Route. With over 50 shops offering local gourmet delights, specialty products, and Ise-themed souvenirs, you'll have the freedom to wander and immerse yourself in the local culture.

After these enriching experiences, we'll return to the same hotel for the second night. It's a chance to unwind, recharge, and prepare for the adventures that await us tomorrow.

Day 9: Tue. Jun 11 – TOBA KOKUSAI HOTEL

After visiting Ise Jingu and with the benefit of consecutive nights of rest, we hope everyone's energy is fully replenished. This morning, our destination is the **Toba region**. Firstly, we'll aim for the **Meoto-iwa** (Wedded Rocks), two massive rocks firmly bound together by a sacred Shimenawa rope. These rocks are not only a symbol of marriage but also renowned as a symbol of matchmaking for couples.

Next, we'll head to **Mikimoto Pearl Island**. Established in 1893, it was here that Mr. Kokichi Mikimoto achieved the world's first successful pearl cultivation. The island features a Pearl Museum where you can learn everything about pearls, a memorial hall that introduces the life of the Pearl King, and the Pearl Plaza, which includes shops and restaurants. You can also witness demonstrations by Ama divers, the traditional female pearl divers.

As the day draws to a close, we will be accommodated in ocean-view rooms designed with luxury and the panoramic view of Toba Bay in mind. Take this time to relax and prepare for tomorrow's journey.

Day 10: Wed. Jun 12 – HOTEL ASSOCIA TOYOHASHI

This morning, we embarked on a **one-hour ferry ride**, taking our group from Toba City in Mie Prefecture to Irako in Aichi Prefecture. Upon arrival, our first delight was savoring the **seasonal treat known as muskmelon**. "Muskmelon" is a type of netted melon with yellow-green flesh, and it's renowned for its rich fragrance, reminiscent of musk, hence the name.

Following this, we had the opportunity to visit the craftsmen who have been practicing their art for over two centuries. They create high-quality brushes known as **"Toyohashi Brushes,"** which hold the number one share nationwide. Every step of the process is carried out by skilled artisans, showcasing their remarkable craftsmanship.

While our inventory is limited, it's worth noting that our female travelers have the option to purchase these premium cosmetic brushes.

Tonight, we'll be at a hotel right by the train station. Take some time to relax and prepare for tomorrow's adventures.

NOTE:(Ferry boarding is mandatory for this specific ferry, but convenient boarding options, including EVs, are available.)

Day 11: Thu. Jun 13 – NAGOYA MARRIOTT ASSOCIA HOTEL

This morning, we'll head to **Okazaki**, the birthplace of Lord Tokugawa Ieyasu. Our first stop will be to savor the famous **Haccho Miso**. You'll have the chance to tour the miso brewery and see how Haccho Miso has been made using traditional methods since the early Edo period. The heavy stones placed on top are natural river stones, carefully stacked one by one by skilled artisans. Next, we'll make our way to **Maruishi Brewery**. This renowned establishment, with a history dating back to 1690, has won the gold award at the National New Sake Appraisal for an impressive 11 times. They produce a variety of sake, including Daiginjo and Junmai sake, as well as sake-based sweets and fruit-flavored sake like peach and mango.

Leaving Okazaki behind, we'll head to our final destination, Nagoya. Our hotel here is conveniently connected to the train station, allowing for easy shopping and dining opportunities.

Day 12: Fri. Jun 14 – NAGOYA MARRIOTT ASSOCIA HOTEL

This morning, let's head to the **Kirin Beer Factory**. It's a special experience at the Kirin Beer Factory where you can discover the secrets behind the deliciousness of Kirin Ichiban Shibori beer. Afterward, we'll make our way to the **Aeon Shopping Mall** for lunch and some shopping. Later, we'll return to the hotel for relaxation and to prepare for tomorrow's flight. **(Lunch and dinner will be at your own expense.)**

Day 13: Sat Jun 15 – NAGOYA to 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 **Chubu Centrair International 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 Apr 1, 2024

Full Payment is due on May 1, 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 10/22/2023. 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: \$5,100.00 per person

SINGLE OCCUPANCY (4 single rooms only) \$5,700.00 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 DISCOVER KII PENINSULA TOUR #7

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TOUR Number or Tour Name: 2024 DISCOVER KII PENINSULA TOUR #7

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): **Please Circle 1 or 2 Beds**

I am also signing up for:

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____

Occupation: _____ Birth Date: _____

Passport No.: _____ Issue Date: _____ Expiration: _____

***** Please send a copy of your passport!**

Meal Request: Things you cannot eat or Allergic: (Please indicate: Mr. or Mrs. or Both) 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 **Apr 1, 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: \$5,100.00 per person _____ SINGLE: \$5,700.00 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 # _____ TSA _____

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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: _____