2017 SUMMER TOHOKU & HOKKAIDO

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9 Nights / 11 Days • Escorted from Honolulu • Includes English Speaking Local Guide
July 03 – 13, 2017 • Tour Manager: Harrison Kim Han

20 Meals (9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

VISIT:
Sendai • Matsushima • Kesennuma • Hiraizumi • Tsunagi • Tazawako • Morioka
Lake Towada • Aomori • Hakodate • Noboribetsu • Sapporo • Otaru

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:
Matsushima Scenic Cruise • Entsu In • Roman Kairyu 21 • Kadowaki School
Kaisen Seafood Market • Chusonji Temple • Tatsuko Statue at Lake Tazawa
Oirase Gorge • Lake Towada Cruise • Hirosaki Castle • Nebuta House Warasse
Shinkansen Bullet Train • Hakodate Night View Tour • Hakodate Morning Market
Goryokaku • Jidai Mura • Jigokudani (Hell Valley) • Lake Shikotsu • Susukino Shopping Area
Odori Park • Mt. Okura Lift • Otaru Walking Tour • Kitaichi Glass Shop • Le Tao
Kotakaro • Nikka Whisky Factory • Asahi Beer Factory • AEON Shopping Mall

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2017 SUMMER TOHOKU & HOKKAIDO DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY:

Day 1: Mon, July 03 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS flt #183 at 11:25 am.

Day 2: Tue, July 04 — SENDAI. Arrive Sendai, Japan at 7:40 pm via Narita. After entry formalities transfer by coach to hotel. Enjoy a bento dinner this evening enroute to the hotel. HOTEL METROPOLITAN SENDAI (4 Nights) (D)

Day 3: Wed, July 05 — SENDAI. Arrive Sendai, Japan at 7:40 pm via Narita. After entry formalities transfer by coach to hotel. Enjoy a bento dinner this evening enroute to the hotel. HOTEL METROPOLITAN SENDAI (2 Nights) (D)

Day 4: Thur, July 06 — SENDAI — KESENNUMA — HIRAIZUMI — TSUNAGI. We start the day with a stop at **Roman Kaiyu 21** for some shopping. Then drive by the **Kadowaki School** and witness the devastation caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami on March 11, 2011. We then make way to **Kesennuma’s Seafood Market, “Umino Ichii”** to see the incredible economic recovery taking place. Known as the “shark fishing capital of Japan,” you may want to try a bowl of shark fin soup or a super-fresh seafood donburi for lunch (on your own). Be sure to explore the many gift items made from shark skins and support the local economy. Hiraizumi’s most famous attraction, **Chusonji Temple** was established in 850 as a temple of the Tendai sect of Buddhism. The temple came to prominence when the northern branch of the Fujiwara clan moved their base to Hiraizumi. At peak, the temple consisted of a large network of dozens of buildings. Enjoy a soak in the luxurious onsen (hot springs) and a Crab and Seafood Buffet. HOTEL MAHOROBA (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 5: Fri, July 07 — TSUNAGI — TAZAWAKO — MORIOKA. Start the day with a fun hands-on activity. **Tezukuri Mura Senbei Making Experience**. Next visit **Lake Tazawa** (Tazawako). A scenic caldera lake that has not been overly developed and retains a natural and rustic atmosphere. At the western end of the lake there is a famous golden statue of a woman named **Tatsuko** that has become a local symbol. According to legend, Tatsuko was a beautiful girl who prayed to retain her beauty forever but was instead cursed and turned into a dragon and eventually sunk to the bottom of Lake Tazawa. HOTEL HIGASHI-NIHON (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 6: Sat, July 08 — MORIOKA — OIRASE — LAKE TOWADA. Oirase Stream is a picturesque mountain stream in Aomori Prefecture that is one of Japan’s most famous and popular destinations. The stream flows along the floor of the **Oirase Gorge**, winding among trees which, while a lush green in spring and summer, turn brilliant shades of red, yellow and orange from late October through early November. Over a dozen waterfalls cascade down into the stream all along its length from the walls of the gorge. After lunch, enjoy a **sightseeing cruise on Lake Towada**. The largest caldera lake on Honshu, Japan’s main island. It is characterized by two large peninsulas, which extend nearly a third way across the lake. This evening enjoy a Western-style dinner at your hotel. TOWADA PRINCE HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 7: Sun, July 09 — LAKE TOWADA — AOMORI — HAKODATE. This morning we make way to Aomori. **Hiroshi Castle** was built in 1611 by the Tsugaru Clan. A three-story castle tower, fortified moats, castle gates and some corner turrets (yagura) survive or were reconstructed. Next visit the **Nebuta House Warasse**, an interesting museum dedicated to the city’s famous Nebuta Matsuri which is held annually in early August. The museum attempts to capture the spirit of the festival and gives visitors a taste of its lively atmosphere, history and traditions. After lunch at a local restaurant, transfer to Hakodate by Shinkansen Bullet Train. To travel between the islands of Honshu and Hokkaido, trains pass through the **Seikan Tunnel**, the longest seabed tunnel in the world. After dinner at your hotel enjoy a spectacular, “night-view tour.” HAKODATE KOKUSAI HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Mon, July 10 — HAKODATE — NOBORIBETSU ONSEN. After breakfast, visit the world famous Hakodate Morning Market. Sample a variety of freshly caught seafood. Next visit, **Fort Goryokaku**, a massive, star shaped, Western style citadel, which was built in the last years of the Edo Period for the defense of Hakodate against the imperialist threat posed by the Western powers. After the fort had lost its military importance, it was turned into a public park. Now make way to **Noboribetsu Jidai Mura**, a history theme park highlighting the Edo Period, one of the most attractive era in Japanese history. Step back in time to enjoy traditional games, activities, theaters, street performances and more. The charm of ancient Japan is abundant as you mingle with the Ninja and Onsen courtesans so symbolic of the Edo Period. Next visit, **Jigokudani** or “Hell Valley”. A spectacular, appropriately named valley just above the town of Noboribetsu Onsen, which displays hot steam vents, sulfurous streams and other volcanic activity. It is a main source of Noboribetsu’s hot spring waters. This evening enjoy a soak in the onsen (hot springs) and a Crab and Seafood Buffet. HOTEL MAHOROBA (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 9: Tue, July 11 — NOBORIBETSU — SAPPORO. **Lake Shikotsu** is located in southwestern Hokkaido, west of the city of Chitose. It is a crater lake that was formed over 40,000 years ago by volcanic activity, and it has a maximum depth of 363 meters, making it the second deepest lake in Japan. Now we make way to Sapporo. First we stop at the **Susukino Shopping Area** for a lunch break at the famous **Ramen Alley** (on your own). A stop will be made at Odori Park before departing to enjoy the spectacular views from the top of **Mount Okura**. The 90 meter ski jump competitions of the Winter Olympics 1972 were held in the Okurayama Ski Jump Stadium. Nowadays, when the stadium is not being used for World Cup or other ski jump events, the Okurayama Observatory at the top of the hill can be accessed via a Chair lift for spectacular views of Sapporo. CENTURY ROYAL HOTEL (2 Nights) (B)

Day 10: Wed, July 12 — SAPPORO — OTARU — SAPPORO. This morning visit Otaru which served as a major trade and fishing port in the 1800s. The **Otaru Canal** makes for a pleasant stroll. Enjoy a walking tour with your tour guide. Visit **Kitaichi Glass Shop** and **Le Tao Sweet Shop & Cafe**, and **Kitakoro Bakery**. On our way back to Sapporo, stop at **Nikka Whisky Factory**. This evening let’s celebrate new friendships and discoveries at our **Welcome Dinner**. (B, D)

Day 11: Thur, July 13 — SAPPORO — HONOLULU. After breakfast we make our way to Chitose. Visit the **Asahi Beer Factory** then one last shopping stop at Sapporo AEDN Mall before checking in for our flight home. Depart via ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS flt #2154 at 2:05 pm. Arrive Honolulu at 3:45 pm. Depart Nara via ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS flt #184 at 8:35 pm. Arrive Honolulu, same day at 9:10 am. Aloha and Welcome Home! (B)