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NIIGATA “SAKE NO JIN” was originally held in 2004 as a 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Niigata Sake Brewers Association. They studied the biggest beer festival, “October Fest” of Germany and used it as reference. Their goal is for people of Niigata prefecture and people from outside of Niigata and abroad to have fun with Niigata sake and local foods. By holding the event annually, Sake no Jin has grown tremendously, and had over 100,000 visitors for the two-day event in 2012. Enjoy over 500 sake from about 90 brewers along with local cuisine. They also have various stage performances and sake seminars.

Compared to other prefectures, Niigata Sake Brewers do not hesitate to polish rice. In fact, Niigata has the highest percentage of average rice-milled down ratio in Japan. In order to make Niigata sake, they only use the center core of rice, which contains purer, better starch. Because of this method, the artisanal sake production is small, and they are very particular about their sake quality.

4.5 STAR HOTELS:
Hotel Nikko Kansai Airport: Directly connected to Kansai International Airport.
Yahata-Kan (Sado Island): Surrounded by vast forests of Japanese red pine, this ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) features a combination of modern facilities and relaxing, Japanese-style guest rooms. Enjoy hot spring onsen baths.
Hotel Nikko Niigata: Located at the Niigata Convention Center, near the mouth of the great Shinano River, the longest river in Japan.

DINNER HIGHLIGHTS:
Sake Pork Shabu Shabu, Special Wagyu (Japanese Beef) French Course Dinner, Special Dinner with a Geiko Entertainer & Special Kaiseki Dinner.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES:
Soba Making Experience, Strawberry Picking, Kite Making Experience, Senbei (Rice Cracker) Making Experience, Chinkin (Gold Inlaid Lacquerware) & Sake Brewery Tour and Tasting

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Dancing, singing and playing fun games along with dinner, we are entertained by an authentic Geiko. This evening finish your kite-making information to visitors. Lunch on own. Enjoy strawberry corner and a corner providing Niigata historical and cultural brewery – Niigata. We start the day with a visit to DAIMON SAKE BREWERY for a tour and tasting. From Itami/Osaka Domestic airport to Niigata Airport via Japan Airlines flight #2247 at 2:15 pm. Upon arrival in Niigata, transfer to hotel. A special Kaiseki Dinner will be served at your hotel accompanied by an authentic ONI-DAIKO (Demon Drums) Performance. HOTEL YAHATAKAN (2 Nights) (B, D)

Niigata & Sado Island: Hidden Gems...not shiny, polished and pricey, but genuine gems

Day 7: Sat, Mar 09 – NIIGATA. After breakfast at hotel, walk to the Convention Center and enjoy a full day of sake tasting at SAKE NO JIN, from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. Niigata specialty foods are available for purchase along with unlimited sake tasting. This evening enjoy an exceptional Teppanyaki Dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Sun, Mar 10 – NIIGATA. This morning visit NORTHERN CULTURE MUSEUM which originally served as a mansion of Itou Bunkichi, who lived in the Edo Period (1603 – 1868) and was one of the greatest landowners in Japan. Nowadays, the museum houses calligraphy and ceramics, lacquer ware and documents related to Itou's family history. You can also visit the garden; it is a "walking" garden with a big pond. Enjoy Chinkin (Gold Inlaid Lacquerware) – a most rewarding experience. Next we experience Senbei (Rice Cracker) Making. We return to SAKE NO JIN in the afternoon. This evening enjoy a RIVER CRUISE with Dinner and Unlimited Drinks. Enjoy breathtaking night views while enjoying a Japanese style feast. (B, D)

Day 9: Mon, Mar 11 – NIIGATA. A full day at leisure. A perfect day for shopping! (B)

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