



DELUXE Fully Escorted Tour Package

Charms of Southern Japan Tour

DATES & PRICES

Please see website



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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INCLUDES

- Excellent mix of Western and Japanese style accommodations
- Meet and greet and airport transfers
- Breakfast everyday, lunches & dinners as listed in the itinerary
- All entry fees to sites, activities listed in the itinerary
- Comprehensive guided service, escorted by AJT professional English speaking guide
- Travelers who arrive on the first day of the tour after 11AM, and then stay at the designated hotel.

TOUR DURATION

8 Day · 9 Day

DESTINATIONS

HIMEJI, KURASHIKI, TAKAMATSU, SHIMANAMI KAIDO, HIROSHIMA, KITSUKI, BEPPU, TAKACHIHO, NAGASAKI

Discover the beautiful countryside, ancient landmarks, and tranquil surroundings on a unique adventure through Southern Japan.

Designed for travelers wishing to visit more rural Japan, our Charms of Southern Japan Tours is a great opportunity to see a Japan rarely seen by most visitors. Visit the islands of Kyushu and Shikoku while traveling along on a private coach bus with a knowledgeable English-speaking guide at your side. Learn more about the unique culture and take in the amazing sights that Southern Japan offers. Visit main attractions including Nagasaki, Hiroshima, Takamatsu, and Beppu.

Visit Himeji Castle, also known as "White Heron Castle" for its opulent white exterior. Cherry blossoms also decorate the castle grounds during late March and early April or the fiery reds and yellows of autumn leaves can be seen in November. Cross the Seto Inland Sea on the Great Seto Ohashi Bridge which will lead you to Shikoku, the smallest of Japan's four major islands. Take a peaceful stroll through Ritsurin Garden, where you can admire the many ponds, hills, ancient trees and beautiful pavilions. Travel to the main island of Honshu on a scenic drive across the Shimanami Kaido, one of three roads that connects Shikoku Island to the main island.

Once on Honshu, visit Hiroshima, a city destroyed by an atomic bomb during World War II. Today, the city flourishes and offers shopping centers, beautiful gardens, the Memorial Peace Park, and the Atomic Bomb Museum. A short ferry ride away lies Miyajima, a sacred city famed for its vermilion torii gate of the Itsukushima Shrine, also known as the "floating" torii gate. Experience a high-speed Shinkansen bullet train to visit the Kitsuki Samurai District, marvel at the steamy "Hells of Beppu" hot springs, and meet the monkeys of Takasaki Monkey Park. Afterwards, enjoy a trip to the mythological town of Takachiho, where you can watch as performers reenact the legend of Amaterasu, the Shinto Sun Goddess.

Pay a visit to the Nagasaki Peace Park, a beautiful memorial to the lives lost in the second atomic bombing, and has around 200 cherry trees that bloom in spring. The city now holds several parks and gardens, including Glover Garden, an open air museum where the oldest Western style house in Japan stands. Also visit Japan's most famous Christian church, Oura Church. In Fukuoka, you will have the opportunity to taste the famed Wagyu beef.

With dates in spring, summer, and autumn, each season offers something special. Select itineraries also include a night stay in Koyasan, the center of Shingon Buddhism, where you will visit some of the most sacred sites in Japan. This includes Okunoin Temple, the site where Kobo Daishi, the founder of Shingon Buddhism, was laid to rest. Stay overnight and enjoy the lifestyle of a monk, dining on vegetarian cuisine, Shojin Ryori. The Charms of Southern Japan itinerary is meant for travelers searching for a deeper look into rural parts of Japan while also visiting must-see sites in Southern Japan.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Osaka



Himeji Castle



Kurashiki: Kurashiki Canal Area



Onomichi: Shimanami Kaido



Miyajima Island: Itsukushima Shrine



Hiroshima: Peace Memorial Park



Beppu: Hot Springs



Takachiho: Takachiho Gorge



Nagasaki: Peace Memorial Park



Nagasaki: Glover Garden

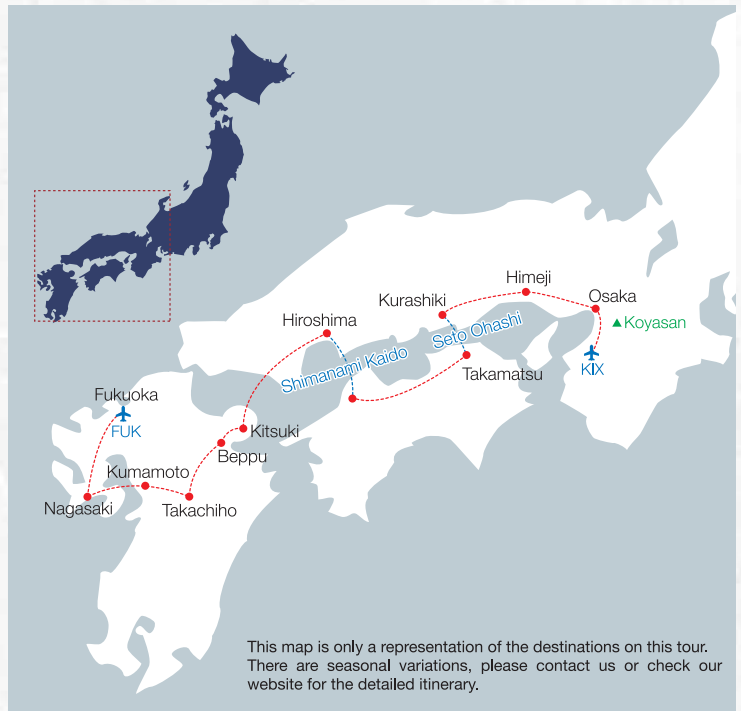


Autumn Leaves



Shinkansen Bullet Train

ITINERARY IN BRIEF



CHARMS OF SOUTHERN JAPAN TOUR

Day 1	Arrive in Osaka
Day 2	Himeji - Kurashiki
Day 3	Takamatsu
Day 4	Shimanami Kaido - Hiroshima
Day 5	Kitsuki - Beppu - Takachiho
Day 6	Takachiho
Day 7	Nagasaki
Day 8	Tour ends

CHARMS OF SOUTHERN JAPAN TOUR WITH KOYASAN

Day 1	Arrive in Fukuoka
Day 2	Nagasaki - Unzen Onsen
Day 3	Takachiho
Day 4	Beppu - Usa - Hiroshima
Day 5	Hiroshima
Day 6	Shimanami Kaido - Takamatsu
Day 7	Takamatsu - Tokushima - Koyasan
Day 8	Koyasan - Osaka
Day 9	Tour ends

* We plan our tours based on seasonal attractions, with must-see sites in every tour.
* Please contact us or check our website for detailed itineraries with seasonal changes.

WHAT MAKE THIS TOUR DIFFERENCE

- ✓ Explore the southern cities of Japan and enjoy its countryside and unique culture.
- ✓ Visit historical sites in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and Takachiho, a place of myths and legends.
- ✓ Experience a traditional Japanese onsen ryokan (inn) and unwind in a natural spa bath.
- ✓ Ride a high-speed shinkansen bullet train and enjoy a ferry ride to Miyajima Island.
- ✓ Enjoy a Yokagura Dance Performance as performers reenact the legend of Amaterasu, the Shinto Sun Goddess.
- ✓ Savour the world-famous Wagyu Beef in the popular city of Fukuoka.
- ✓ Select itineraries include one night at a temple lodging in Koyasan for first-hand experience of a monk lifestyle.
- ✓ Opportunities to see cherry blossoms in spring or autumn leaves in fall.



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