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Minimal activity	Moderate activity	Oceania Exclusive	Beyond Blueprints	Go Green
Easy activity	Strenuous activity	Oceania Select	Culinary Discovery	Go Local
Evening excursion	Meal included	ADA Accessible	Food & Wine Trails	Wellness Tour

Oarai, Japan

OAD-004 HISTORICAL RECORD OF MITO

Date: Mar 23, 2026 Time: 09:30 AM

Duration: 4.75 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Delve into the intriguing history of Mito by visiting attractions that reveal how the city rose to prominence in the peaceful Edo Period. Tokugawa Ieyasu, the feudal lord who unified Japan in the early 1600s, chose Mito as a major power base and many of his family treasures are in the Tokugawa Museum. Browsing the museum's displays and historical documents will offer great insight into the family that significantly shaped Mito. In 1841 the city's 9th lord, Tokugawa Nariaki, founded Kodokan, a school for the local samurai. You will see where the students were taught subjects such as the military arts and Confucianism, one of Japan's three traditional religions. The plum trees that surround it only hint at the natural beauty that awaits you at Howaen, a garden known for its 6,000 hydrangeas. Tokugawa Mitsukuni, a grandson of Tokugawa Ieyasu, named the garden but was better known for his comprehensive rewriting of Japanese history with a nationalistic flair.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse the treasures in the Tokugawa Museum, including relics from the first Edo Period shogun.
- See the 19th-century school where the children of the samurai were taught military arts and history.
- Meander through a serene garden with more than 6,000 hydrangeas.

HELPFUL HINTS

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

OAD-001 SAKE BREWERY AND KASAMA HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Mar 23, 2026 Time: 09:31 AM

Duration: 6.50 Hrs Price: \$269.00



OVERVIEW

Discover the allure of Kasama that goes far beyond its famed pottery, beginning with a tour of Shunpu Banri-so, the former farm residence of revered artist Kitaoji Rosanjin. Now an annex of the Kasama Museum of Art, the home is noted for its Edo Period design that features a thatched roof and samurai-style gate. Although respected as a potter, Rosanjin was known more as a calligrapher, painter and culinary visionary, and his artwork is displayed inside. Nearby, you will find Sudohonke, a brewery where the Sudo family has been producing sake since 1141. While enjoying a traditional lunch, you will sample a selection of the brewery's premium sakes. You will also visit Kasama Inari Shinto Shrine by entering through a torii gateway said to separate the sacred from the profane. Be sure to notice the purification font at the door of the shrine's Hall of Worship; it encourages visitors to cleanse their minds before entering.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain insight into the life of creative genius Kitaoji Rosanjin while visiting his former residence.
- Sample sake at a brewery where the Sudo family has been making rice wine for 55 generations.
- Browse a Shinto shrine after entering through a gate said to separate the sacred from the profane.

HELPFUL HINTS

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is available to guests with limited mobility who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

OAD-002 TASTES & GARDENS OF OARAI

Date: Mar 23, 2026 Time: 09:45 AM

Duration: 4.75 Hrs Price: \$179.00



OVERVIEW

Observe an authentic slice of Japanese daily life at the Nakaminato fish market and then stroll through a botanical wonderland that a powerful feudal lord created. While browsing the rows of fish and other marine creatures in the market, you will observe the diversity of species caught in the surrounding waters, often near the crease where the cold and warm waters of the Pacific meet. You might see whole Bluefin tunas, piles of prawns and long-legged spider crabs, all on ice. You will view a different side of the natural world at Kairakuen, a beautiful garden that lord Tokugawa Nariaki constructed in 1841 for the enjoyment of his family and the public. You can expect to see towering bamboo groves, a multitude of flowering shrubbery and thousands of plum trees. Plums are used to make a wine known as umeshu, which you will learn more about at a museum that focuses solely on plum wine and sake.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse Nakaminato fish market and see the diversity of marine species caught nearby.
- Walk the winding paths of a hillside garden that feudal lord Tokugawa Nariaki created.
- Gain a deeper understanding of plum wine and sake at a museum dedicated solely to those drinks.

HELPFUL HINTS

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of walking. It is available to guests with limited mobility who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

OAD-005 THE LEGACY OF THE MITO CLAN

Date: Mar 23, 2026 Time: 09:45 AM

Duration: 4.25 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Recognize the lasting influence of the Mito clan by exploring two attractions that Tokugawa Nariaki, the 9th lord of Mito, founded in the mid-1800s. The powerful lord established Kodokan as a school for local samurai, and it presents an authentic look into that lifestyle. You will see the traditional tatami classrooms where the students were taught history, Confucianism and military arts such as fencing. The lord also created Kairakuen Garden, which broke precedent as it was magnanimously designed for the public as well as the ruling clan. In fact, the name Kairakuen means "a park to enjoy together." While meandering through the serene setting, you will soon understand why it is considered one of the three most beautiful gardens in Japan. While Kairakuen features a distinctive groves of bamboo and cedars, it is more well-known for its more than 3,000 plums. When they bloom in the spring, the garden becomes an explosion of color.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the 19th-century school where the children of the samurai were taught military arts and history.
- Walk the winding paths of Kairakuen Garden, which the 9th lord of the Mito clan created.
- Marvel at the thousands of plum trees that line many of the paths within Kairakuen Garden.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

OAR-003 HIGHLIGHTS OF MITO
Date: Mar 23, 2026 Time: 10:00 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Walk through a garden considered to be one of the three most beautiful in Japan and then browse an art museum with treasures from the Mito branch of the Tokugawa clan. Lord Tokugawa Nariaki constructed Kairakuen Garden in 1841, and it remains one of the most delightful landscapes in Mito, even though much of it was rebuilt following an earthquake in 2011. The name Kairakuen, which means “a park to enjoy together,” is still appropriate, as the hillside setting is extraordinarily popular among residents and visitors. You will also browse the Tokugawa Museum, whose collection includes a wealth of arts, crafts, historical photographs and personal effects that the Tokugawa family donated. The most treasured items are relics from Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first shogun of the Edo Period, who unified Japan at the beginning of the 17th century. As a result, the country enjoyed 250 years of relative peace and stability.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk the winding paths of Kairakuen Garden, which feudal lord Tokugawa Nariaki created.
- Marvel at the thousands of plum trees that line many of the paths within Kairakuen Garden.
- Browse the treasures in the Tokugawa Museum, including relics from the first Edo Period shogun.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of walking. It is available to guests with limited mobility who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

OAR-006 CULTURAL KASAMA
Date: Mar 23, 2026 Time: 10:15 AM
Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$169.00



OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW Delve into the cultural roots of Kasama, a city renowned for its unique pottery and the former residence of pioneering 20th-century artist Kitaoji Rosanjin. As you tour his thatched-roof farmhouse Shunpu Banri-so, you will learn about its Edo-Period design and traditional features such as the samurai-style gate. The historical property is so impressive that the Kasama Nichido Museum of Art annexed it. Although acclaimed as a potter, Rosanjin was even more famous as a culinary visionary,

calligrapher and painter. His artwork is displayed inside. While visiting a nearby pottery studio, you will discover the wonders of Kasama ceramics, which date back more than 250 years. Much of pottery is earth tone, the result of the granite fragments and high iron content that pleasantly browns the clay once it is fired. The potters originally created general household pieces but branched out into decorative pottery after World War II, when plastic containers became the rage.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Edo-Period farmhouse where famed artist and potter Kitaoji Rosanjin lived.
- Gain insight into the prodigious talents of Rosanjin while browsing his artwork.
- Watch artisans create various pottery pieces characteristic of Kasama.
- Learn about the long history of pottery-making in Kasama, which began in the Edo Period.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE This tour includes a moderate amount of walking mainly at the guest’s discretion. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Local currency is required for purchases. Credit cards are accepted at some places but not everywhere. The order of the site visited or viewed may vary.

Sendai, Japan

SDA-004 HISTORIC SENDAI
Date: Mar 24, 2026 Time: 08:30 AM
Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Become immersed in the life of Date Masamune, the feudal lord that founded Sendai, by visiting his mausoleum, castle and a museum with his personal effects. The Zuihoden mausoleum’s intricate woodwork and vivid colors reflect the high esteem in which the people held Masamune. It was originally constructed in 1637 shortly after his death, but was destroyed during World War II. The building that stands today was re-built in 1979. You will delve further into the life of Masamune at Aoba Castle, where you will see a statue of him on horseback wearing his iconic battle helmet adorned with a crescent-shaped moon. The fierce lord lost an eye to smallpox when he was a child and became known the One-Eyed Dragon. From the castle grounds, you will enjoy a panoramic view of Sendai, which you will then visit to browse the Sendai Museum. Inside, you will find items that reveal even more about Date Masamune, including his suit of armor.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into the fascinating life of Date Masamune, the feudal lord that founded Sendai.
- Behold Masamune’s artifacts in his mausoleum and castle and in the Sendai Museum.
- Gain insight into how Sendai was rebuilt after being carpet-bombed in World War II.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes nearly three hours of walking and standing on mostly flat terrain with about 100 steps to negotiate at Zuihoden Mausoleum. It is not

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Easy activity	Strenuous activity	OS Oceania Select	CD Culinary Discovery	GL Go Local
Evening excursion	Meal included	ADA Accessible	FW Food & Wine Trails	WT Wellness Tour

recommended for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

SDA-001 MOUNT ZAOH & SENDAI

Date: Mar 24, 2026 Time: 08:45 AM

Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$309.00



OVERVIEW

Gaze down on the crater lake at the center of the area's most active volcano and then explore Aoba Castle, the fortification from which Sendai's founder ruled. After departing from the pier, you will drive inland, through mountain roads, toward Mount Zao, an active volcano. You will enjoy a spectacular view of the deep crater-lake at its center, from an observatory nearby. The color of lake changes dramatically with the seasons and throughout the day, depending on the intensity of sunlight that shines on it. Regardless of when you visit, Lake Okama as it is known, will be a spectacular sight. The elevated observatory will also afford you a panoramic view of the Yamagata and Miyagi Prefectures, as Mount Zao straddles both of them. After lunch, you will visit the remains of Aoba Castle. Over the centuries, Aoba Castle was repeatedly damaged by fires and earthquakes and then almost completely destroyed by carpeting bombing during World War II. However, the remnants of its outer stone walls and guard tower are original and important enough for the castle to be designated a National Historic Monument. The legendary feudal lord Date Masamune founded Sendai around 1600 and ruled from Aoba Castle, which perches on a wooded plateau above Sendai, offering great views of the city. While touring the castle, you will see a statue of Date Masamune on horseback, wearing his iconic battle helmet adorned with a crescent-shaped moon. He was a fierce warrior known as the One-Eyed Dragon because he lost an eye to smallpox as a child.

PLEASE NOTE

The drive to/from Mt. Zao is approximately 1.5-hours through mountain roads with many hairpin curves. This tour includes approximately 1.5-hours of walking/standing on both flat and steep terrain, with a few steps to negotiate. This tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests. Weather appropriate clothing, adequate sun protection and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

SDA-005 SAKE BREWERY & MATSUSHIMA

Date: Mar 24, 2026 Time: 08:45 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Enjoy an insider's look at how sake is made and then tour a Zen Buddhist temple with architectural features usually only found in fortifications. At the brewery Ichinokura, you will see the process of making sake with water from underground streams and locally grown rice. You will have the opportunity to sample this iconic drink before traveling to Zuiganji, one of northern Japan's most important Zen Buddhist temples. Although founded in the 9th century, the building that stands today dates to the early 17th century. Date Masamune, the feudal lord that founded of Sendai, oversaw its renovation. Zuiganji temple is an official National Treasure and Important Cultural Property because of its intricate construction and remarkable history. The architectural highlights include a defensive watchtower and nightingale alarm floors that make noises when unknowing intruders walk across them. You may also see Masamune's original armor displayed in the temple museum.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Watch sake being brewed and sample this iconic drink following a behind-the-scenes tour.
- Marvel at the architecture of Zuiganji, a national treasure Zen Buddhist temple.

- Discover fascinating details of the temple's 17th-century renovation.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 2½ hours of walking and standing on mostly flat terrain and dozens of steps to negotiate at the brewery. It is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair and are able to make their own way on and off the transportation. Guests must be self-sufficient or they should travel with a companion who can provide assistance. Those with mobility concerns should evaluate their ability and stamina before joining the tour. Bring Japanese Yen for shopping as credit cards and foreign currencies are not accepted. Shoes must be removed to enter some areas of the temple.

SDA-002 SENDAI HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Mar 24, 2026 Time: 09:00 AM

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$159.00



OVERVIEW

Explore two of Sendai's most impressive landmarks: the castle from which the city's founder ruled and the Shinto shrine that he ordered built, which has become a national treasure. After departing from the pier, you will drive through Sendai, a city that legendary feudal lord Date Masamune founded around 1600. He ruled from Aoba Castle, which perches on a wooded plateau above Sendai, offering great views of the city. Over the centuries, Aoba Castle was repeatedly damaged by fires and earthquakes and then almost completely destroyed by carpeting bombing in World War II. However, the remnants of its outer stone walls and guard tower are original and important enough for the castle to be designated a National Historic Monument. While touring the castle, you will see a statue of Date Masamune on horseback, wearing his iconic battle helmet adorned with a crescent-shaped moon. He was a fierce warrior known as the One-Eyed Dragon because he lost an eye to smallpox as a child. Continuing on, you will next visit nearby Osaki Hachimangu shrine, which Date Masamune also ordered to be constructed in the early 17th century. The shrine's deity is the Shinto god of war that is considered to be the protector of Sendai. The greatest craftsmen of the time built the shrine, and it remains a Momoyama-style architectural masterpiece. It features elaborately decorated gables and is painted with black lacquer that lends it a dignified appearance. In contrast, the main worship hall is understated.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2-hours of walking/standing on mostly flat terrain, with approximately 100 steps to negotiate at Osaki Hachiman Shrine. This tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests or those with walking or mobility concerns. Weather appropriate clothing, adequate sun protection and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

SDA-003 MATSUSHIMA HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Mar 24, 2026 Time: 09:15 AM

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$259.00



OVERVIEW

Cruise around the enchanting islands that dot Matsushima Bay and visit a Zen Buddhist temple so extraordinary that it has been declared a national treasure. The bay is wonderfully picturesque, as you will discover while cruising around its pine-covered islands, which number in the hundreds. For centuries, monks made pilgrimages to Matsushima to behold its stunning beauty and to pray in the surrounding caves. Upon disembarking, you will walk to Zuiganji, a temple that a legendary monk founded. Date Masamune, the regional ruler that founded Sendai, ordered his master

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

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Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

craftsmen to renovate the temple in the 17th century. Highlights include nightingale alarm floors that make noises when unknowing intruders walk across them, a defensive measure usually only found in castles. Treasures dating back as far as 1000 years are displayed in the temple museum, including Date Masamune's armor. Later, you will pause for photos at the bright-red bridge that connects Fukuura Island to the mainland.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at the architecture of Zuiganji, a national treasure Zen Buddhist temple.
- Discover fascinating details about the temple's 17th-century renovation.
- Admire the setting of island-dotted Matsushima Bay, one of Japan's most scenic spots.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about two hour of walking and standing on mostly flat terrain and a few steps. It is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair and are able to make their own way on and off the transportation. Guests must be self-sufficient or they should travel with a companion who can provide assistance. Those with mobility concerns should evaluate their ability and stamina before joining the tour. Shoes must be removed to enter some areas of the temple.

Miyako, Japan

MIY-001 SCENIC MIYAKO

Date: Mar 25, 2026 Time: 08:30 AM, 09:30 AM

Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Marvel at the extraordinary natural beauty of Miyako, particularly along its coast where you will find the Sanno Iwa Rocks. The three rock formations rise out of the sea just offshore and are one of the most iconic sights within the Iwate Prefecture. The towering pine tree-topped middle rock is considered male, the next largest sandstone rock female and the roundish rock is said to resemble a taiko drum. Although the stratified male and female rocks were once connected, the drum rock supposedly rolled there from elsewhere. You will also view Miyako's dramatic shoreline from the water by cruising past some of the most picturesque areas. You will end up at Jodogahama Beach, a sheltered stretch of sand whose name means "pure land," which reflects a Buddhist concept of paradise. It is impossible to take a bad photo there as the seascape features calm waters, a white pebble shoreline and a collection of jagged, rocky islands.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Feel a sense of awe when viewing Miyako's dramatic coastline from the land and sea.
- See how water and wind have shaped the beautiful and iconic Sanno Iwa Rocks.
- Snap photos of Jodogahama, a gorgeous beach named for a Buddhist concept of paradise.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking mainly at the guest's discretion. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair.

MIY-005 JAPAN: LEARN ABOUT TSUNAMI DESTRUCTION

Date: Mar 25, 2026 Time: 08:45 AM, 11:45 AM

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Discover how the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 and the tsunami that soon followed forever changed life in this part of the country. A towering concrete seawall now follows Miyako's shoreline and should protect the city from future tsunamis. It rises about 40 feet high and looks especially imposing up close. You will see the devastation that the earthquake and tsunami left behind by watching a film of the disaster in the Taro Kanko Hotel. It is an appropriate setting for the screening as the tsunami reached the hotel's fourth floor and only the steel frame remained when the waters receded. The earthquake was the most powerful ever recorded to hit Japan, and the toll in lives and damage was nearly incalculable. Sanno Iwa Rocks survived intact just offshore, and as you will see, the natural phenomenon is quite the sight. The guide will explain the significance of the three rocks that rise out of the sea.

HIGHLIGHTS

- View the towering coastal seawall built to protect Miyako from future tsunamis.
- Watch a film that shows the devastation from the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011.
- Gain insight into the destructive power of the tsunami that followed the earthquake.
- See how water and wind have shaped Miyako's beautiful and iconic Sanno Iwa Rocks.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking mainly at the guest's discretion. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can both make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. There are approximately 30 steps at the seawall. When guests arrive at the hotel, they will be required to remove shoes and sit on the floor for the duration of the film. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

MIY-002 RYUSENDO CAVE TOUR

Date: Mar 25, 2026 Time: 09:00 AM, 09:45 AM

Duration: 4.25 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Behold the geological wonders above and below the surface and come away with a deep appreciation for the power and beauty of nature. While pausing for photos of the three coastal Sanno Iwa Rocks, you will learn about their formation millennia ago. You will notice that two of the rocks feature horizontal strata much like the shoreline, but the third massive rock is different and supposedly originated elsewhere. A walk through Ryusendo Cave will present a contrasting view of the local geology, as it was created out of limestone. From the winding path and observation platforms, you will see brilliant-blue, spring-fed underground lakes and an array of stalactites and stalagmites, all illuminated with colored LEDs for dramatic effect. Some of the formations have names that describe their shapes such as Turtle Rock and Dragon's Abyss. Legend has it that if you drink from the cave's Fountain of Long Life, you will add three years to your life.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See how water and wind have shaped the beautiful and iconic Sanno

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

Iwa Rocks.

- Walk through Ryusendo Cave, a massive limestone cavern full of unusual formations.
- Marvel at the clarity of the underground lakes and the bizarre stalactites and stalagmites.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

Kushiro (Hokkaido), Japan

KUH-001 KUSHIRO WETLAND & CRANE RESERVE

Date: Mar 26, 2026 Time: 08:31 AM
Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Observe red-crowned cranes in Japan’s largest marshland and in a reserve that studies these rare birds. Although revered as a symbol of immortality, the red-crowned crane is highly endangered due to loss of habitat, specifically the wetland where it thrives. While browsing the visitors center at Kushiro National Park, you will learn about the environmental and manmade conditions that have threatened the birds’ survival. You will see these beloved avians in their natural habitat while walking through the park’s wetlands. The birds were thought to be extinct until the 1920s when a few dozen of them were found living in the national park. To ensure the survival of the species, red-crowned cranes are bred at the crane reserve nearby. The exhibits there will detail the some of the characteristics and behaviors that make these birds so special. The red-crowned crane is named for the patch of bare red skin atop its head.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk through the wetland in Kushiro National Park, home to 1,000 red-crowned cranes.
- Learn why these birds are so beloved and how their habitat is being threatened.
- Visit a reserve where red-crowned cranes are bred to ensure their survival.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately more than 2 hours of walking and standing outside. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Visitor Center at Kushiro Marshland is closed on Tuesday. Please have local currency on hand for any purchases at the sites. The order of the sites viewed may vary.

KUH-002 CRANE RESERVE & KUSHIRO CITY MUSEUM

Date: Mar 26, 2026 Time: 08:31 AM
Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Watch red-crowned cranes in a reserve where they are bred and browse a museum designed to resemble one of these revered birds. Researchers

study red-crowned cranes in the reserve to ensure their survival since they were once thought to be extinct. Although the crane population is still low, these birds have made a comeback thanks to sanctuaries such as the reserve. Its exhibits will present an intriguingly detailed picture of these iconic Japanese avians that symbolize longevity and loyalty in recognition of the fact that they mate with one partner for life. As you will discover on the approach to the Kushiro City Museum, the building was designed to emulate the shape of a red-crown crane spreading its wings. Inside, you will find an array of natural history treasures, including a mounted crane, the skeleton of a blue whale and artifacts relating to the indigenous Ainu culture.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit a reserve where rare red-crowned cranes are bred to ensure their survival.
- Gain insight into how red-crowned crane came back from the brink of extinction.
- Browse a museum whose exterior resembles a red-crowned crane with its wings spread.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately more than 2 hours of walking and standing outside. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Please have local currency on hand for any purchases at the sites. The order of the sites viewed may vary.

KUH-003 CRANE RESERVE & FISH MARKET

Date: Mar 26, 2026 Time: 08:31 AM
Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Learn about red-crowned cranes, an extraordinarily rare species of bird, and in contrast behold the bounty of the sea at Washo Market. You can watch the cranes in a reserve where they are bred in hopes of continuing their comeback from the brink of extinction. The graceful red-crowned crane is a symbol of longevity and loyalty and is so emblematic of Japan that its image is featured on everything from shrines to sake bottles. The reserve serves an invaluable function because the natural breeding grounds for these highly endangered birds are rapidly disappearing. Seafood, however, is abundant in the waters off Japan, which you will discover firsthand while meandering through Washo Market. You can expect to see every imaginable marine species on ice, including ones that may be unknown to you. If you’re hungry or just adventurous, be sure to order kate-don, a rice bowl topped with your choice of raw, sushi-grade fish. It’s a local favorite.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit a reserve where rare red-crowned cranes are bred to ensure their survival.
- Learn about the behavior of red-crowned cranes and why they are so revered in Japan.
- Wander among the stalls of fresh seafood on ice at Washo Market.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately more than 2 hours of walking and standing outside. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to

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Easy activity	Strenuous activity	OS Oceania Select	CD Culinary Discovery	GL Go Local
Evening excursion	Meal included	ADA Accessible	FW Food & Wine Trails	WT Wellness Tour

evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Please have local currency on hand for any purchases at the sites. The order of the sites viewed may vary.

KUH-004 KUSHIRO WETLAND & FISH MARKET

Date: Mar 26, 2026 Time: 08:31 AM
Duration: 3.5 Hrs Price: \$279.00



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a meandering walk through the pristine wetland in Kushiro National Park and browse the seemingly endless array of seafood in Washo Market. The wetland supports Japan's largest concentration of red-crowned cranes, a bird so revered that it is almost sacred. These rare, highly endangered cranes were once thought to be extinct, but over the past century they have made a steady comeback and about a thousand of them now reside in Japan. Your best chance to view one is in this wetland, as red-crowned cranes need an aquatic habitat to survive. The surrounding seas provide an ideal environment for marine life, and you will see a remarkable variety of it at Washo Market. Since opening in 1954 as Kushiro's first market, it has grown substantially and pretty much anything you can imagine is displayed on ice, especially seafood. Its most famous offering is katte-don, a bowl of rice topped with raw, sushi-grade fish of your choosing.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk through the wetlands of Kushiro National Park, home to 1,000 red-crowned cranes.
- Learn why these birds are so beloved and how their habitat is being threatened.
- Wander among the stalls of fresh seafood on ice at Washo Market.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately more than 2 hours of walking and standing outside. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Visitor Center at Kushiro Marshland is closed on Tuesday. Please have local currency on hand for any purchases at the sites. The order of the sites viewed may vary.

KUH-005 KUSHIRO WETLAND WITH NATURE GUIDE

Date: Mar 26, 2026 Time: 08:31 AM
Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$299.00



OVERVIEW

Follow a nature guide through Kushiro National Park and learn about the flora and fauna that make this protected wetland so special. The park has been synonymous with red-crowned cranes ever since these rare birds where discovered there in the 1920s after being considered extinct. About 1,000 red-crowned cranes – more than half their population in the entire world – now live within the wetland. As the guide will explain, they are still highly endangered, primarily due to loss of habitat. The park is also home to the Siberian salamander, a remarkable species that crossed the sea from mainland Asia during the Ice Age. Even if frozen stiff in a harsh winter, this amphibian can survive because it uses glycerol, a naturally occurring alcohol, to prevent ice crystals from forming in its blood and tissues. The guide will elaborate on fascinating facts about other animals and plants, and you will learn even more through the exhibits in the park's visitors center.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk through the wetland in Kushiro National Park with a highly informed

nature guide.

- Hear about the remarkable animals that live there, including the iconic red-crowned crane.
- See unusual plants such as yachibozu, a round grass clump that slowly forms over decades.
- Browse the park's visitors center to learn even more about the flora and fauna.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately more than 2 hours of walking and standing outside. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Visitor Center at Kushiro Marshland is closed on Tuesday. Please have local currency on hand for any purchases at the sites. The order of the sites viewed may vary.

KUH-006 CANOE ADVENTURE AT KUSHIRO MARSHLAND

Date: Mar 26, 2026 Time: 08:31 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$329.00



OVERVIEW

Paddle a canoe along a river in Kushiro National Park while following a naturalist guide that will point out and describe the most representative plants and animals. You will first stop at Hosooka Observatory, which will afford a sweeping view of the winding river and marshes that comprise much of the parkland. The observatory also contains exhibits that detail the surrounding environs. The red-crowned crane is certainly the most well-known species that lives in this pristine natural habitat. The bird is highly endangered with not even 2,000 of them in the world, more than half of which reside year-round in the park. Chances are, you will see these graceful cranes and learn why they became beloved symbols of longevity and loyalty. You will likely spot other species of birds such as the Steller's sea eagle, a magnificent white-shoulder avian that is the largest of its kind. It too is rare and fiercely protected.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Canoe a river in the Kushiro National Park with a naturalist guide.
- Look for rare red-crowned cranes, more than a thousand of which live in the park.
- Hear about the other species of fauna and flora that thrive in this pristine environment.
- View the parkland from the Hosooka Observatory and browse its exhibits.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour requires a strenuous amount of activity and participants should be in good physical condition. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Guest must be able to row a canoe by themselves along the way. This tour is not available for the guests either higher than 190cm/6.2ft or heavier than 100kg/220lbs. Please have local currency on hand for any purchases at the sites. The order of the sites viewed may vary.

KUH-007 KUSHIRO WETLAND & CITY MUSEUM

Date: Mar 26, 2026 Time: 08:31 AM
Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$299.00



Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

OVERVIEW

Explore a vast marshland teeming with wildlife and browse a museum with exhibits that highlight other animals and their cultural importance. The wetland within Kushiro National Park supports a population of red-crowned cranes, a bird that is a beloved symbol of immortality and loyalty as they mate with one partner for life. Once thought to be extinct, these cranes are still highly endangered, although they are making a comeback thanks to protected natural areas such as the wetland. The exhibits and videos within the park's visitor center showcase their characteristics, behavior and significance to the Japanese and indigenous Ainu cultures. More exhibits await you at the Kushiro City Museum, whose exterior was designed to resemble a red-crowned crane with its wings spread. Inside you will find a collection of extraordinary artifacts that include a massive skeleton of a blue whale, mountings of Siberian salamanders and a replica of a mammoth skeleton.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk through the wetland in Kushiro National Park, home to 1,000 red-crowned cranes.
- Gain insight into how red-crowned crane came back from the brink of extinction.
- Browse a museum whose exterior resembles a red-crowned crane with its wings spread.
- See museum exhibits featuring other animals, including ones that are long extinct.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking and standing outside. Tour is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Visitor Center at Kushiro Marshland is closed on Tuesday. Please have local currency on hand for any purchases at the sites. The order of the sites viewed may vary.

Muroran (Hokkaido), Japan

MUR-003 AINU CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Date: Mar 27, 2026 Time: 08:31 AM
Duration: 5.25 Hrs Price: \$329.00



OVERVIEW

Browse a museum devoted to the indigenous Ainu people and become immersed in local customs by learning a traditional dance. Long forgotten and marginalized, the Ainu people are now being recognized for their cultural importance. The National Ainu Museum is leading the effort to depict Japan's first people in a more favorable and accurate light. While browsing the museum, you will see artifacts that reflect the intricacies of the Ainu culture. The exhibits are fascinating, especially the ones that show the deep relationship between the Ainus and the brown bear, which has become one of their chief symbols. Traditions also run deep in the community of Kojohama, where you will learn to prepare beko-mochi. This rice-cake confection is usually eaten during holidays and is as tasty as it is beautiful. The elders will also teach you a traditional fisherman's dance that dates back hundreds of years.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain an understanding of Japan's indigenous Ainu people by browsing a national museum.
- Meander the museum grounds, where the Ainus often demonstrate

traditional dances.

- Prepare and eat a holiday dessert known as beko-mochi in the community of Kojohama.
- Learn a traditional fisherman's dance from the community elders.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair.

MUR-001 NATIONAL AINU MUSEUM & CAPE CHIKYU

Date: Mar 27, 2026 Time: 09:00 AM
Duration: 4.25 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Delve into the culture of the indigenous Ainu people and then admire the sweeping view of the sea from the observatory at Cape Chikyu. The Ainus were predominantly hunters and gatherers with their own language, and over time they were forced to resettle in the northern reaches of Japan in areas such as Hokkaido Island. Although once heavily discriminated against, the Ainu are now being recognized for their cultural contributions as you will discover at the National Ainu Museum. The enlightening exhibits contain ceremonial artifacts, jewelry made with natural materials and traditional bark clothing decorated with geometric designs. The natural beauty in and around Muroran will take center stage as you drive to Cape Chikyu. From this elevated vantage point at the top of a cliff, you will enjoy a phenomenal view of Muroran, the bay beyond and a landmark lighthouse in the foreground. The name Chikyu is derived from an Ainu word for "cliff."

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain an understanding of Japan's indigenous Ainu people by browsing a national museum.
- Meander the museum grounds, where the Ainus often demonstrate traditional dances.
- Take in the spectacular beauty of Hokkaido Island and the sea from atop Cape Chikyu.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is available to guests with limited mobility who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. The order of the sites visited or viewed may vary.

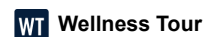
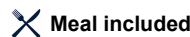
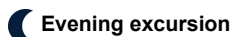
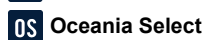
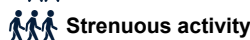
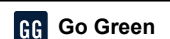
MUR-002 HISTORICAL MURORAN

Date: Mar 27, 2026 Time: 09:15 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Ride the ropeway toward the summit of Mount Usu for a spectacular view of the volcano and watch a master sword maker demonstrate his art. The still-active volcano last erupted in the year 2000 and, as you will clearly see from the ropeway's observation car, past eruptions have left a number of craters. During the ride, you will enjoy a literal bird's-eye view of the countryside and the volcanic caldera Lake Toya. The geology is so significant that UNESCO declared the landscape a Global Geopark. For a historical and cultural immersion into the area, you will visit the Date City Museum. You can expect to see exhibits on the Jomon Period, which



began about 12,000 years, and learn about the indigenous Ainu people. As more settlers arrived, the samurai culture and the fine art of sword-making emerged. As the resident sword-maker will explain, it takes about 10 months to make a single sword of the quality he demands.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a 360-degree view of a still-active volcano from an observation car on a ropeway.
- Gaze out over the surrounding UNESCO Global Geopark from a point near the summit.
- Browse museum exhibits depicting the earliest Japanese cultures.
- Watch a master sword maker demonstrate skills that he has plied for more than 40 years.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

MUR-005 VOLCANO GEOPARK

Date: Mar 27, 2026 Time: 09:30 AM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$279.00



OVERVIEW

View some of the still-active and dormant volcanoes on Hokkaido Island and become further immersed in volcanology at a science museum. As you ride the ropeway toward the summit of Mount Usu, you will overlook a UNESCO designated Global Geopark with an extraordinary volcanic terrain. Although it has been two decades since the last volcanic eruption, volcanoes have been erupting there since prehistoric times. The lake you will see below is Toya, which filled in a volcanic caldera left after one of those eruptions. Japan chose the picturesque setting to host the G8 summit in 2008. You will delve even deeper into the world of volcanoes by browsing the Volcanic Science Museum, much of which is devoted to Mount Usu's most recent eruption. The photography is particularly eye-opening, as it shows the sheer powerful of an eruption and the devastation left behind.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a 360-degree view of a still-active volcano from an observation car on a ropeway.
- Gaze out over the surrounding UNESCO Global Geopark from a point near the summit.
- See exhibits detailing the destructive power of volcanoes at the Volcanic Science Museum.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

MUR-004 NOBORIBETSU HOT SPRING EXPERIENCE

Date: Mar 27, 2026 Time: 09:45 AM

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$319.00



OVERVIEW

See various types of natural hot springs near Noboribetsu before easing into one to enjoy its soothing, therapeutic waters. The landscape on the outskirts of town has so many steaming hot springs that it is appropriately known as Hell Valley. While there, you can expect to see orange and yellow volcanic rocks, steaming vents in the earth's surface and bubbling mud ponds. Legend has it that demons and ogres inhabit the valley. To

better understand the attraction of the geothermal phenomena, you will soak in one of the hot springs in Noboribetsu. The content of the water varies from spring to spring, although they are all wonderfully relaxing and highly celebrated for their healing properties. The sulfur-rich waters tend to refresh the skin, while the metal-infused waters boast other beneficial qualities. During free time that follows lunch, you can further explore Noboribetsu and perhaps shop in the center of town.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Behold the steaming vents, mud ponds and hot springs that give Hell Valley its name.
- Soak in one of the hot springs in downtown Noboribetsu and thoroughly relax.
- Enjoy free time for shopping and further exploration in Noboribetsu.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair or guests with mobility concerns. Please note that the guests are required remove all articles of clothing at the hot spring as it is not allowed to wear swimsuits. Tattoos are prohibited. Guests should watch their step going into the hot spring as surfaces may be slippery. Guests are discouraged from wearing accessories as the color may be changed due to hot spring water. Please do not bring valuable items.

Aomori, Japan

AOJ-008 PANORAMIC AOMORI

Date: Mar 28, 2026 Time: 08:00 AM

Duration: 5.45 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Behold the tallest seated Buddha in Japan and gaze out over a spectacularly scenic national park while riding the cable car ropeway above the slopes of Mount Tamoyachi. Erected in 1984, the massive bronze Showa Daibutsu Buddha peacefully overlooks the grounds of Seiryu-ji Temple, whose five-story pagoda is also impressive. Much of the temple was constructed from locally sourced cypress, a species of tree found within the densely forested Towada-Hachimantai National Park. You will enjoy a literal bird's-eye view of that protected mountainous park while riding the Hakkoda Ropeway. If the day is clear, you can see well beyond the city of Aomori and Mutsu Bay. The summit offers 360° views that you may find even more majestic. Jogakura Bridge presents a different perspective of the wooded national park. While standing on this deck-arch bridge – the longest of its kind in Japan – the views will seem to go on forever.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit a temple that Japan's largest seated statue of Buddha overlooks.
- Ride a cable car ropeway that offers sweeping views of a densely wooded national park.
- See the national park from another vantage point on Jogakura Bridge.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of moderate uphill walking/standing; There will be some inclines, steps and cobblestone surfaces to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Bring Japanese yen if you wish to purchase anything. The order of sites visited may vary.

AOJ-011 ICONIC AOMORI

Date: Mar 28, 2026 Time: 08:00 AM
Duration: 5.50 Hrs Price: \$169.00



OVERVIEW

See some of the beloved attractions that define Aomori and its namesake prefecture, including a seaside Shinto shrine with hundreds of bright vermilion torii gates. These gates signify the boundary between the sacred and the secular and can be surprisingly large. The torii at Takayama Inari Shrine are so close together that they form a tunnel that snakes along the forest, giving the setting an almost mystical atmosphere. The shrine is dedicated to the gods of harvest and maritime safety. The bounty of the surrounding seas will be especially apparent at the Aoga Fresh Market, where you can expect to see everything from live octopus to nori, a dried seaweed used in countless Japanese dishes. You may wish to snack there before independently exploring Shinmachi Street, Aomori's main thoroughfare for shopping. Whether you prefer department stores or one-of-a-kind boutiques, you can find plenty of them along this bustling street.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore a Shinto shrine known for its tunnel of brightly painted torii gates.
- Browse a downtown market with an incredible array of freshly caught seafood.
- Spend free time along Shinmachi Street, the heart of Aomori's shopping district.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate uphill walking/standing; There will be some inclines, steps and cobblestone surfaces to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Bring Japanese yen if you wish to purchase anything. The order of sites visited may vary.

AOJ-001 BEST OF AOMORI

Date: Mar 28, 2026 Time: 08:01 AM
Duration: 8.00 Hrs Price: \$319.00



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a comprehensive tour of the Aomori Prefecture while admiring its finest contemporary and historical landmarks. Your immersion into Aomori will begin at Hirosaki Castle, a fortification that Lord Tsugaru built when he governed the region in the early 17th century. The castle sits atop a sloped stone wall surrounded by fortified moats and looks impenetrable. You will also see the original castle grounds, which are now an expansive park dotted with thousands of cherry trees. Nearby, you will browse Tsugara Neputa Village, a museum full of enormous parade floats depicting Japanese gods, historical figures and mythological beings. You will also visit Zenringai, a district of Soto Zen temples. Incredibly, nearly three dozen of them line one street. For a glimpse of Aomori's natural beauty, you will meander through Siebien, a Bugaku-style garden that combines formal and semi-formal plantings. Don't miss the yew tree pruned in the shape of a revered god.

HIGHLIGHTS

- View the 17th-century Hirosaki Castle and the lush park that covers the original castle grounds.
- Browse a museum dedicated almost entirely to enormous, wildly colorful parade floats.
- Travel a street lined with dozens of Zen temples and discover why they were moved there.
- Revel in the serenity of Siebien, a traditional garden with formal and semi-formal plants.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 4 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

AOJ-002 LAKE TOWADA & OIRASE GORGE

Date: Mar 28, 2026 Time: 08:01 AM
Duration: 7.75 Hrs Price: \$329.00



OVERVIEW

Gaze out over the natural beauty south of Aomori from scenic lookouts and by riding the Hakkoda Ropeway to the summit of towering Mt. Hakkoda. You will enjoy an unobstructed panorama of the dual-crater Lake Towada from the Hakka-Toge observation deck at its southern end. From this elevated vantage point, you will have a sweeping view across the crystal-clear waters to the mountain ridge that forms the edge of the caldera and far beyond to Mt. Hakkoda. It will be a sight to behold. More natural beauty awaits you at Oirase Gorge, which the Oirase River continues to carve through the foothills at the base of Lake Towada. The river's most dramatic cascades have been colorfully named after their physical characteristics and to recognize local legends. The waterfall names include Bead Curtain and Happy Marriage. Still, few views will rival the one from the aerial tram that you will ride to the top of Mt. Hakkoda.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gaze out over Lake Towada and beyond to Mt. Hakkoda from an elevated observation deck.
- Behold the dramatic cascades at Oirase Gorge, many of them named for their physical appearance.
- Ride the aerial tram to the summit of Mt. Hakkoda, taking in gorgeous natural scenery below.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

AOJ-009 GLIMPSE OF AOMORI

Date: Mar 28, 2026 Time: 08:01 AM
Duration: 5.45 Hrs Price: \$269.00



OVERVIEW

Visit attractions that present vastly different side of Aomori, the capital of its namesake prefecture. For the ultimate view of the city's mountainous backdrop, you will ride a cable car on the Hakkoda Ropeway to the summit of Mount Tamoyachi. Few settings are quite so magnificent as national parkland blankets the slopes. Aomori is also synonymous with apples and has become the largest apple producer in Japan. The climate is ideal for

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

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cultivating the fruit as the extreme differences in temperature produce exceptionally sweet and juicy apples. You will have the opportunity to pick a few and taste their celebrated quality. A more complete meal will follow at the Aomori Gyosai Center fish market, where you will create your own *nokke-don*, which literally means rice bowl with toppings. Dozens of vendors offer seafood right off the fishing boats so you can easily custom-build a lunch that suits your taste.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride a cable car ropeway that offers sweeping views of a densely wooded national park.
- Sample Aomori's extra sweet and juicy apples after picking some yourself.
- Build your own rice bowl with fresh seafood toppings at a popular fish market.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 4 hours of moderate uphill walking/standing; There will be some inclines, steps and cobblestone surfaces to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Bring Japanese yen if you wish to purchase anything. The order of sites visited may vary.

AOJ-010 HIROSAKI SIGHTSEEING

Date: Mar 28, 2026 Time: 08:01 AM

Duration: 5.25 Hrs Price: \$189.00



OVERVIEW

Explore a seemingly impenetrable castle as a prelude to apple-picking, an activity just as synonymous with the area. Although a devastating fire from a lightning strike destroyed the original Hirosaki Castle, it was rebuilt in the 19th century. That version stands today atop a sloped stone wall that fortified moats protect. Although the castle was scaled down from five stories to three to comply with restrictions of the Edo Period, it is an absolutely beautiful structure around which the castle town of Hirosaki developed. The surrounding park is dotted with thousands of cherry trees that put on quite the show when in bloom. Apple trees are just as revered as you will discover at the Hirosaki Apple Park, where nearly 80 varieties are grown. Besides eating apples that you pick right off the trees, you can visit an apple house that sells everything from apple curry to apple sundaes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour an Edo Period castle considered to be one of the most beautiful fortresses in Japan.
- Meander through the surrounding park, which is known for its thousands of cherry trees.
- Sample different varieties of apples that you pick off the trees at orchard park.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate uphill walking/standing; There will be some inclines, steps and cobblestone surfaces to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to

carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Bring Japanese yen if you wish to purchase anything. The order of sites visited may vary.

AOJ-003 NEPUTA VILLAGE & HIROSAKI CASTLE

Date: Mar 28, 2026 Time: 08:15 AM

Duration: 5.50 Hrs Price: \$259.00



OVERVIEW

Delve into the cultural and historical sides of the city of Hirosaki by visiting a museum filled with outrageous parade floats and a spectacular castle surrounded by cherry trees. The museum of Tsugara Neputa Village holds massive floats with painted screens created for the annual summer festival in Hirosaki, and they look even more spectacular up close. The museum also includes exhibits of cultural items such as three-string shamisen musical instruments, local handicrafts and antique toys. Nearby, you will find the 17th-century fortification Hirosaki Castle. The original castle tower was destroyed by fire after being struck by lightning, but it was rebuilt in the early 19th century, although scaled down from five to three stories to comply with restrictions of the Edo Period. The castle will appear even more imposing from ground level, as it rises above the fortified moats below. Thousands of cherry trees blanket the adjacent park on the original castle grounds.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse a museum dedicated almost entirely to enormous parade floats.
- View the 17th-century Hirosaki Castle, which was altered to conform to Edo Period restrictions.
- Marvel at the thousands of cherry trees in the lush park that covers the original castle grounds.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

AOJ-006 NEPUTA VILLAGE & FUJITA MEMORIAL GARDEN

Date: Mar 28, 2026 Time: 08:30 AM

Duration: 4.75 Hrs Price: \$279.00



OVERVIEW

Browse a museum full of enormous, brightly colored parade floats and meander through a Japanese landscape garden designed in an Edo Period style. The annual summer festival held in the ancient castle town of Hirosaki is renowned for its gigantic and outrageous floats, many of which are later housed in a museum in Neputa Village. You will enjoy a close-up look at these masterful pieces made with wire, bamboo and fragile washi paper. They typically depict Japanese gods, historical figures and mythological beings. Cultural items such as three-string shamisen musical instruments, local handicrafts and antique toys are displayed, as well. You will also stroll through the century-old Fujita Memorial Garden, which is named for its original owner, entrepreneur Fujita Kenichi. The property's upper and lower gardens feature classic elements such as ponds, waterfalls and thoughtfully placed rocks and trees that create a harmonious and serene atmosphere.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse a museum dedicated almost entirely to enormous parade floats.
- Gain an understanding of the scope of the annual festival that features the floats.
- Stroll through a classic Japanese garden designed to maximize views.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

• Enjoy in the serenity of the garden at a leisurely pace that encourages relaxation.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately two hours of walking with approximately 75 steps at venues. It is not recommended to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Please bring local currency as credit cards are not accepted everywhere.

AOJ-004 BIG BUDDHA TEMPLE & NEPUTA HOUSE WARASSE

Date: Mar 28, 2026 Time: 08:45 AM
Duration: 3.25 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Behold Japan’s tallest seated Buddha statue at a contemporary temple and browse the massive, wildly colorful parade floats in a museum downtown. A greenish patina graces the outdoor statue of Buddha at the Seiryu-ji temple complex, which rises nearly 70 feet and blends harmoniously with the forested backdrop. Also known as the Temple of the Blue-Green Dragon, Seiryu-ji is constructed primarily of cypress, lending it a wonderful fragrance as you browse the interior. You will also visit the Neputa Museum Warasse, which showcases some of the gigantic parade floats from Aomori’s annual Neputa summer festival. To better understand the scope of the parade, which draws millions of people, you might watch a video in the museum or walk through the exhibits in the Neputa Tunnel. Both detail the history of the festival and how the techniques used to create the floats have changed over the years. They are now made with wire, bamboo and fragile washi paper.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the towering seated Buddha at Seiryu-ji temple, the tallest such statue in Japan.
- Notice the scent of cypress within the temple, as most of it is made with this fragrant wood.
- Browse the Neputa Museum Warasse, which showcases the importance of the Neputa festival.
- See the museum’s enormous parade floats and exhibits depicting the parade’s history.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

AOJ-005 HIGHLIGHTS OF GOSHOGAWARA

Date: Mar 28, 2026 Time: 08:45 AM
Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00



OVERVIEW

Admire the creativity of Goshogawara at a renowned ceramics studio and at a museum that exhibits outlandish parade floats from the city’s annual Neputa festival. Upon reaching Tsugaru Kanayama Pottery, you will learn about the various techniques used to produce its distinct pottery from local clay, which is coveted for its earthy hues ranging from copper brown to rusty red. Depending on the technique, the kiln’s pine ashes can leave characteristic patterns on the pottery such as teeny spots that look like

sesame seeds. For a different perspective of Goshogawara’s creativity, you will visit the Tachi-Neputa House, a museum that displays large parade floats featured in the city’s version of the joyous Neputa summer festivals held throughout the Aomori Prefecture. The floats were once taller but had to be scaled back as modern utility lines were added over the streets. Even so, the floats are magnificent, especially when illuminated to enhance their dramatic effect.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See how an esteemed pottery studio creates its distinctive, earthen-hued pottery.
- Gain an understanding of how different techniques and kilns affect the pottery’s appearance.
- Marvel at the colorful parade floats from Goshogawara’s version of the Neputa summer festival.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is available to guests with limited mobility who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

AOJ-007 SEIBIEN GARDEN & HISTORICAL DISTRICT

Date: Mar 28, 2026 Time: 09:00 AM
Duration: 4.25 Hrs Price: \$279.00



OVERVIEW

Appreciate the tranquility of a late Edo Period garden and an architectural gem within a preservation district that was constructed even earlier. Laid out in the early 1900s, Seibien Garden features a distinctive style that combines formal and semi-formal plantings, stone bridges and glass-smooth ponds with stepping stones. Few settings are quite so serene, especially in a city as large as Hirosaki. As you stroll the garden paths, be sure to seek out the yew tree pruned in the shape of a revered god, just one of the reasons that Seibien Garden is recognized as an official Place of Scenic Beauty. In nearby Kuroishi, you will walk along Nakamachi Komise, one of the primary streets in the historical shopping district. The setting has changed little since feudal times when the komise – a wooden arcade that runs the length of the street – was built to protect shoppers from winter snow and summer sun.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander the winding paths of Seibien Garden, a late Edo Period urban oasis.
- Delight in the serenity of the garden, an official Place of Scenic Beauty.
- Walk down Nakamachi Komise, an arcade-covered street in a historical shopping area.
- Get an up-close look at the wooden arcade, which dates to feudal times.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately two hours of walking. It is not recommended to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Please bring local currency as credit cards are not accepted everywhere.

Sakata, Japan

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

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Wellness Tour

SKT-006 BEST OF YAMAGATA

Date: Mar 29, 2026 Time: 07:30 AM
Duration: 6.50 Hrs Price: \$279.00



OVERVIEW

Visit iconic highlights that define Sakata and come away with a clear understanding of the city's importance within the Yamagata Prefecture. The 19th-century Sankyo-soko complex of rice storehouses may be the most revered attraction as it has become a symbol of the Sakata's early prosperity as a major trade hub. Huge quantities of rice were held there before being sent to market. To naturally cool the storehouses, Japanese zelkova trees were planted for shade and they still stand today. The villa of one of Sakata's wealthiest merchants during that time period is now part of the Honma Museum of Art property. While browsing the gallery and surrounding Kakubuen gardens, you will surely be taken by the serenity. Your experience at the Atsumi Onsen hot springs may be even more relaxing. There you will indulge in a foot bath that offers the soothing benefits of the mineral-rich water, which is said to have healing properties.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the 19th-century storehouses that once held rice that made Sakata so prosperous.
- View historical artifacts at the Honma Museum of Art and stroll through its gardens.
- Enjoy a soothing foot bath at a hot springs whose waters may be therapeutic.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is not recommended to guests who utilize a wheelchair due to cobblestone surface. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Shoes are not allowed at the Kakubuen garden villa. Guests who wish to try the footbath are advised to bring a small towel. Guests with tattoos are not permitted to use the hot springs at Atsumi Onsen.

SKT-010 YAMAGATA HIGHLIGHT

Date: Mar 29, 2026 Time: 08:00 AM
Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00



OVERVIEW

Gain insight into how life in the Yamagata Prefecture has long revolved around the sea, a fact that will become abundantly clear at the Kamo Aquarium in Sakata. Like most aquariums, this one presents an enormous variety of marine creatures, most of them indigenous to the local waters. The number and variety of jellyfish is what really sets apart Kamo. The aquarium holds the Guinness World Record for the largest collection of jellyfish, which are on display in the appropriately named Jellyfish Dream House. Being backlit, the jellyfish look even more otherworldly. You can even eat jellyfish at the aquarium as the restaurant serves them on ice cream, in steamed buns and sprinkled on ramen noodles. The hot springs at Atsumi Onsen is another water-based attraction in the prefecture. People have been relaxing in its therapeutic waters for at least a millennium, and you can enjoy a soothing foot bath there, if you wish.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Browse an aquarium with the world's largest collection of jellyfish.
- Observe the aquarium's other marine life, including sharks, sea lions and seals.
- Enjoy a soothing foot bath at a hot springs whose waters may be

therapeutic.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring a small towel for the footbath.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Guests who wish to try the footbath are advised to bring a small towel.

SKT-007 SAKATA CULTURE

Date: Mar 29, 2026 Time: 08:30 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00



OVERVIEW

Become immersed in Sakata's appealing culture by browsing a museum, watching a dance performance and enjoying a candid look at daily life in a bustling fish market. The collection at the Honma Museum includes colorful illustrations and rare artifacts such as samurai armor that local clans once wore. As you meander through the museum's 200-year-old Kakubuen gardens, be sure to notice the meticulously restored Edo Period villa nestled within the lush vegetation. You will delve even deeper into the local culture at the Somaro teahouse, where apprentice geishas known as maiko hone their skills in the classical Japanese arts of singing, dancing and playing musical instruments. Afterwards, the maiko will be happy to have their pictures taken with you. Being on the Sea of Japan, Sakata is also well known for its incredible variety of fresh seafood – ranging from whole octopus to squid sashimi – which you will see at a popular market.

HIGHLIGHTS

- View historical artifacts at the Honma Museum of Art and stroll through its gardens.
- Watch apprentice geishas perform classical Japanese arts at a traditional teahouse.
- Be awed by the sheer variety of seafood displayed in one of Sakata's largest fish markets.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of walking. It is not recommended to guests who utilize a wheelchair due to cobblestone surface and presence of stairs. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Shoes are not allowed during Zen meditation.

SKT-008 YAMAKATA CLASSICS

Date: Mar 29, 2026 Time: 08:30 AM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$179.00



OVERVIEW

Explore the oldest and perhaps most hallowed temple in the Yamagata Prefecture, followed by a sampling of classic sakes that have been brewed in Sakata for more than a century. Originally built in the 10th century, the five-story Zenpoji Temple holds the first Buddha statue brought to Japan when Buddhism was introduced in the 6th century. One of the Zen masters there will guide you through a meditation session with the aim of helping you live in the moment – free from worry, judgment and analytic thought. You can expect it to be an enlightening experience that can be transformative if practiced over time. Sakata is also well known for

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

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Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

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Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

its many sake breweries, which include Hatsumago, a landmark since 1893. Its sake is produced through the centuries-old labor-intensive method of kimoto, which yields a richly flavored mellow sake. It is a difference that you will taste while sampling several premium Hatsumago sakes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meditate with a Zen master at a Buddhist temple that was founded in the 10th century.
- Expect to see fishermen on pilgrimages praying at the temple for protection while at sea.
- Discover how Hatsumago brewery makes sake using the traditional method of kimoto.
- Sample a selection of inspiring sakes in the brewery's tasting room.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is not recommended to guests who utilize a wheelchair due to cobblestone surface. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. The minimum age to participate in Sake tasting is 21 years old.

SKT-009 A TASTE OF SAKATA

Date: Mar 29, 2026 Time: 08:30 AM

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$159.00



OVERVIEW

Visit two historical attractions that showcase the vital role that rice has played in the prosperity and growth of Sakata. At the family-owned Oranda Senbei Factory, you will observe the step-by-step process of making senbei, a traditional type of rice cracker that is among Japan's oldest snack foods. They can be sweet or savory, infused with flavors such as wasabi or baked with other ingredients, including squid, seaweed or red chili peppers. Besides being offered a selection of senbei samples, you will learn to bake these toasty rice crackers in a hands-on experience at the factory. In the late 19th century, rice from local farmers was siloed at the Sankyo-soko rice storehouses, a complex of 15 buildings designed with double roofs to keep the rice from overheating. Japanese zelkova trees were planted nearby to further cool the storehouses. As you will discover while touring Sankyo-soko, rice was stored there as recently as 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See how traditional rice crackers are flavored and baked at a family-owned factory.
- Learn to bake your own rice crackers in a hands-on experience at the factory.
- Tour a complex of historical rice storehouses that were used until 2022.
- Gain an understanding of how important rice is to the culture of Sakata.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them.

Busan, South Korea

BSN-007 BEOMEOSA TEMPLE AND MARKETS

Date: Mar 31, 2026 Time: 04:13 PM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$109.00



OVERVIEW

Visit an ancient Buddhist temple that dates to the Silla Dynasty before returning to Busan for a revealing glimpse into modern daily life at two bustling marketplaces. The temple is Beomeosa, a sprawling complex nestled on a mountainside surrounded by wisteria woods. Many of the buildings date from the 7th and 8th centuries, although after countless invasions they have been repeatedly reconstructed. In all likelihood, you will see the monks praying and chanting in Buddha Hall. A glimpse into two of Busan's most bustling markets follows. Refugees of the Korean War started Gukje, which has grown into the country's largest traditional market. Fresh seafood is the allure of Jagalchi Fish Market, where every imaginable fish and exotic sea creature is displayed on ice. Both markets are excellent venues for people-watching and to observe daily life.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore a reconstructed Buddhist temple complex that looks like it did in the 7th century.
- Observe the monks at prayer.
- Stroll the maze-like aisles in Korea's largest traditional market.
- Browse countless stalls laden with exotic seafood in Jagalchi Fish Market.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes with non-slip soles.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about two hours of moderate to strenuous walking with some uneven surfaces and about 100 steps to negotiate at the temple. The aisles at the fish market are narrow and the floor can be wet and slippery. Lines may be long. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or to those with mobility concerns. The tour sequence may vary.

BSN-008 HAEDONG YONGGUNGSA TEMPLE & FISH MARKET

Date: Mar 31, 2026 Time: 04:45 PM

Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$109.00



OVERVIEW

Recognize how the sea greatly influences local life by visiting several representative coastal attractions. Unlike the majority of Buddhist temples, Haedong Yonggungsa was constructed right on the shore in honor of the fact that the Great Goddess Buddha lives in the sea. The temple that stands today is an exact replica of the 14th-century original. The designers of the modern APEC House believe its seaside location provides a calm setting for the meetings and international summits that are held there. Natural light bathes the airy interior, adding to the soothing ambiance. The sea's bounty will be evident as you browse the Jagalchi Fish Market, South Korea's largest seafood market. Each morning, fresh fish and every other imaginable marine creature is delivered, iced and displayed in the seemingly endless shops and stalls. Other seafood is kept live in water tanks. Besides its incredible variety of seafood, the market is an excellent venue for people-watching.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit a seaside temple that is one of three sacred places related to the Goddess Buddha.
- See South Korea's modern side at a seaside building used for international summits.
- Browse the stalls of Jagalchi Fish Market, observing the exotic marine creatures.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

OE Oceania Exclusive

BB Beyond Blueprints

GG Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

OS Oceania Select

CD Culinary Discovery

GL Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

FW Food & Wine Trails

WT Wellness Tour

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Guests will have to negotiate many steps at the temple and wet floors at the fish market. Casual clothing and comfortable, non-slip walking shoes are suggested. The order of the sites visited or viewed may vary.

BSN-001 CULTURAL PERFORMANCE & BUSAN CITY

Date: Mar 31, 2026 Time: 05:00 PM
Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$129.00



OVERVIEW

Delve into the culture of Busan by visiting some of its most representative attractions and by watching a traditional dance performance at the city's cultural center. The performance will include a selection of regional dances that are improvisational rather than choreographed. South Korean dances are more about feelings than telling stories, and you can expect the show to be quite moving. On the other hand, Yongdusan Park conveys a sense of serenity, as you will see by meandering the paths of this urban oasis. Now a symbol of the city, Busan Tower rises high above the park. To experience local life on a more intimate level, you will also visit the Jagalchi Fish Market, the country's largest seafood market. As you browse the stalls and stores, you can expect to find every imaginable marine creature, including live eels, sea squirts and skates, which are similar to stingrays.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Watch a traditional dance performance at a cultural center.
- Stroll through tranquil Yongdusan Park, which Busan Tower dominates.
- Browse the stalls of Jagalchi Fish Market, observing the exotic marine creatures.
- Stay in town after the excursion and return on your own, if you choose.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 1½ hours of easy walking and standing with some wet tile surfaces and narrow aisles at the Jagalchi Fish Market. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Guests with mobility concerns should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour. Entrance to the Busan Tower is not included. Drop-off location for free time will be at the Hotel Foret nearby Gukje Market and Jagalchi Fish Market. Photography is not allowed at the cultural performance. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary.

BSN-004 TEA CULTURE AND CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Mar 31, 2026 Time: 05:00 PM
Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$149.00



OVERVIEW

Participate in an elegant Korean tea ceremony, followed by a relaxing stroll through an urban park and a glimpse into daily life at a bustling fish market. Also known as a “darye,” meaning “etiquette for tea,” the ceremony has been practiced for thousands of years. During the elegant ceremony, you will discover many of the ritual’s nuances, which involve visual beauty, the aroma of the tea and its flavor. The experience is intended to heighten the senses and provide a path to spiritual enlightenment. Yongdusan Park

offers another venue ideal for relaxation, as it is a leafy urban oasis. Feel free to meander the grounds, where you are sure to see local residents enjoying the serenity. Jagalchi Fish Market will offer a change of pace, as it is a bustling energetic venue A favorite of locals, the fish market offers a wonderful glimpse into daily life and the bounty of the sea.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Join in a tea ceremony meant to provide spiritual enlightenment.
- Stroll through tranquil Yongdusan Park, which Busan Tower dominates.
- Browse the stalls of Jagalchi Fish Market, observing the exotic marine creatures.
- Stay in town after the excursion and return on your own, if you choose.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 1½ hours of easy walking and standing with some wet tile surfaces and narrow aisles at the Jagalchi Fish Market. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour. Guests must sit on the floor for about 40 minutes during the tea ceremony or in the few available chairs. Entrance to the Busan Tower is not included. Drop-off location for free time will be at the Hotel Foret nearby Gukje Market and Jagalchi Fish Market. Photography is not allowed at the cultural performance. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

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Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

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Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

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Wellness Tour

General Information

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Guides - Licensed, English-speaking local guides accompany all tours.

Admission Fees - Shore excursions include all required admission fees, where applicable.

Meals & Refreshments - Meals and/or refreshments are included only when indicated in the shore excursion description.

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- À la carte excursions are fully refundable until 36 hours in advance of the excursion. Excursions cancelled less than 36 hours in advance will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
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