

JAPAN

NORTHEASTERN TOHOKU (08 DAYS TOUR)

Visit: Aomori, Hirosaki, Hakkoda, Morioka, Chusonji, Geibikei, Sendai, Aizu, Inawashiro, Nikko & Tokyo



Nebuta Warasse Museum



Mt. Hakkoda



Goshikinuma Pond



Kegon Waterfalls



GROUP TOUR

TOUR FARE: from ***USD2,888** p/person

Single Supp: USD600 Based on TWN/TRP Sharing

Departure Dates: 04/06, 05/09, 05/23, 06/06

Via: (Japan Airlines)

Holy Week Flight : 06 APR MNL / HND via JL078 (ETD2325/ETA0445+1)

07 APR HND / AOJ via JL141 (ETD0800/ETA0915)

14 APR NRT / MNL via JL746 (ETD1755/ETA2135)

Itinerary:

DAY 01 MANILA / TOKO / AOMORI

(D)

Assemble at the airport for your departure flight for Aomori via Tokyo. Upon arrival at Aomori Airport transfer to **Aomori city**, meet by local representative and proceed for set dinner at local restaurant. **Aomori City in Aomori Prefecture** is the northernmost prefectural capital city on Honshu, Japan's main Island. After dinner, proceed to **HOTEL JAL CITY AOMORI** or similar for overnight stay.

DAY 02 AOMORI / HIROSAKI / AOMORI

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today begin with tour of **Aomori** including **Nebuta-no-ie Warasse**. The **Nebuta Warasse Museum** is a great place to experience the beauty of the Nebuta Festival displays even when a festival is not being held. These gigantic displays are truly works of art. Then visit **Aomori Gyosai Center** to try **DIY Dish "Nokkedon"**. Transfer to **Hirosaki City**. **Hirosaki** is one of the largest apple producers in all of Japan. With over 3 million apple trees in the area. Apple is an icon of Aomori prefecture. It is sweet, bigger, have crispy texture, juicy and sweeter fragrance. You can try Apple picking and tasting at the Hirosaki farm

(Season : Mid August to Mid November only. Other fruits like strawberry, blueberry, cherry, etc will be available for picking outside of Apple season to be arrange either on Day 3 or 4).

Afternoon proceed to **Old Hirosaki City Library** for photo stop then continue to **Fujita Memorial Garden**, the former Home and Garden of the wealthy Fujita family, this beautiful example of a manicured Japanese garden is the second largest in **Tohoku**. It features a wonderful teahouse and Western-styled Meiji-era mansion. Lastly, transfer to your hotel. Lunch and Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight stay at **Hotel JAL City Aomori** or similar class.

DAY 03 AOMORI / HAKKODA / MORIOKA

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning proceed to **Mt.Hakkoda**, a set of volcanic peaks in **Aomori Prefecture** located between Aomori City and Lake Towada and included among Japan's 100 Famous Mountains. At 1585 meters tall, Mt Hakkoda may not be considered one of the tallest mountains in Japan, but it certainly ranks among the most beautiful. It is known for its beauty throughout the year – from winter's snowfall and 'snow monster' phenomenon to summer's nature and views from Hakkoda's many hiking trails. In addition, the mountain is one of the first places in the **Tohoku Region** to develop autumn colors each year. **Hakkoda Ropeway** takes you to the **Tamoyachi-Dake Sancho Station** for a panoramic view of the beautiful autumn foliage. Then transfer to **Morioka**. Lunch enroute. Shopping at **AEON Shopping Mall in Morioka**. Lastly transfer to your hotel in Morioka. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight stay at **Metropolitan Hotel Morioka** or similar class.

DAY 04 MORIOKA / SENDAI

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning proceed to **Hiraizumi Chusonji Temple**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Hiraizumi Morioka Prefecture. The **Chusonji Temple** is the Head Temple of the Buddhist Tendai sect in the Tohoku region. It is located on top of the Kansan Hill in Hiraizumi. It was founded by Jikaku Daishi in 850. Many of its treasures were destroyed in a fire in 1337. Fortunately, more than 3,000 National Treasures and important cultural properties have survived. These include the **Konjikiddo Golden Hall** which was the first structure to be labelled a Japanese National Treasure. **The Konjikiddo Golden Hall** is dedicated to Amida Nyorai (the Buddha of Infinite Light) and its walls are covered in gold leaves both inside and outside. Hiraizumi's Cultural Heritage, which includes **Chusonji Temple** was registered as a World Heritage Site in 2011. Next proceed to **Geibikei River Cruise**. It is a 2km gorge formed by running waters of the Satetsu River in southern Iwate Prefecture. The gorge is lined with majestic stone cliffs which reach heights of up to 50 meters at some points. A relaxing boat cruise is one of the most scenic and therapeutic natural experiences. Lunch and Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight stay at **ANA Crown Plaza Hotel Sendai** or similar class.

DAY 05 SENDAI / AIZU / INAWASHIRO

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning activity includes painting a traditional Japanese wooden Kokeshi Doll. **Kokeshi Dolls** are popular in the Tohoku regions. It is small wooden dolls which were traditionally hand carved and hand painted by Japanese craftsman. Originally intended as gifts for children, in more recent times Japanese Kokeshi Dolls have become hugely popular as gifts and collectables for people of every age. Afterwards proceed to Aizu. The **Aizu Area** is located on the west side of Fukushima Prefecture in the southern part of the Tohoku Region of Japan. With over 1200 years of Buddhist history, Buddhist culture is deeply ingrained in life in Aizu. Additionally, because the area was ruled by many famous samurai from the Sengoku (Warring States) Period (the end of the fifteenth century) up until the end of the Edo Period (the end of the nineteenth century), Aizu culture has deep roots in samurai culture. Sightseeing in **Aizu Old Town and Aizu Sake Factory**. Next visit **Goshikinuma Pond**. **Goshikinuma – The "Five Colored Marshes"** is a group of very picturesque Lakes and ponds on a highland plain in Bandai-Asahi National Park. Then transfer to **Lake Inawashiro** for Photo stop. Lunch at local restaurant and Buffet Dinner in Hotel. Overnight stay at **Listel Inawashiro Wing Tower** or similar class.

DAY 06 INAWASHIRO / NIKKO / TOKYO

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning transfer to Nikko. **Nikko** which means "sunlight" in Japanese, was founded in the 8th century by the Buddhist priest Shodo and is an extant showcase of the wealth and power of the Tokugawa clan. Visiting **Toshogu Shrine**, the final resting place of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate that ruled Japan for over 250 years until 1868. Next proceed to **Kegon Waterfall**, the most famous of Nikko's 48 waterfalls. Water from Lake Chuzenji falls 97 metres straight down to the rocks below creating a dynamic and artistic work of nature. Then proceed to **Chuzenji Lake**, a scenic lake in the mountains. Lastly transfer to **Tokyo** for check in. Lunch and Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight stay at **Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba Hotel** or similar class.

DAY 07 TOKYO

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Whole day is free time for shopping in **Odaiba, Shibuya** or join some optional sightseeing tour. Lunch and dinner on own arrangement. Overnight stay at **Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba Hotel** or similar class.

DAY 08 TOKYO / MANILA

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning free time until transfer to the airport for your departure flight back to Manila.

END OF TOUR

Legend: B – Breakfast L – Lunch D – Dinner

REMARKS:

- ~RATE IS EXCLUDED OF AIRLINE TAX, PH TAX, VISA HANDLING FEE & TIPPING FOR THE GUIDE AND DRIVER
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