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## Private Tour    Min. 10 Pax Travel    Daily Departure

Arrive in Fukuoka airport, welcome and assist by our local representative for your transfer to hotel in Kumamoto.

## Highlights of Kumamoto



Start your day with a visit to **Kumamoto Castle**, one of the three premier castles in Japan, built in 1601 by Kiyomasa Kato, a great commander who took 7 years to complete. This castle is famous for its beautiful curving stonewalls called “Mushagaeshi”, which was built to defend against invading armies. Continue to visit **Sakuranobaba Johsaien**, located at the foot of Kumamoto Castle, is a recreation of a traditional Edo period castle town. There are 23 shops



and restaurants offering Kumamoto's souvenirs and specialties, as well as a small museum with exhibits on the history and culture of Kumamoto. The next stop is **Suizenji Park**, a traditional Japanese garden built by the prominent Hosokawa family during the 1600s. It was designed to represent the ancient road between Tokyo and Kyoto, complete with miniature models of Japan's iconic landmarks like Mount Fuji. Thereafter, drive to Hyuga, famous for its rugged volcanic seascapes and renowned for its surfing.

## Miyazaki Prefecture Discovery



Enjoy a morning tour to explore **Hyuga Cape**, part of the Nippo Kaigan Quasi-National Park, a special area recognized for its untamed volcanic coastal formations and abundance of unique flora. At the tip of Hyuga Cape sits **Umagase**, a 70m high precipitous cliff that offers a panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean. Visit the **Sea Cross**, where the rock formations make a cross shape in the sea. The contrast of the cobalt blue water and bright brown rocks make this a great spot for photos. It is

said that praying here will make your wishes come true. Next, proceed to the **Mimitsu Historical District**, to see the many well-preserved Edo era buildings when shipping agencies lined the streets. It was designated as an Important Preservation District in Japan. Its renovated old Japanese houses, which are now used as museums and cafes, stand as a reminder of its prosperous days. Thereafter, head to Miyazaki. Explore **Miyazaki Shrine**, a tropical forest shrine dedicated to Emperor Jimmu, the first emperor of Japan. This evening, indulge in a relaxing hot spring bath at an **Onsen Resort** in Kirishima.



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## \* 6 DAYS 5 NIGHTS SPECTACULAR EASTERN SOUTH KYUSHU TOUR \*

### Day 4 Kirishima – Kagoshima

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Explore Kagoshima Prefecture



Begin the day with a tour to **Kirishima Jingu Shrine**, a beautifully ornate temple known as the Nikko of the West. The shrine was rebuilt in 1715 and designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan. Then, head to Kagoshima. Take ferry ride to one of Japan's most active volcanoes and the symbol of Kagoshima – **Sakurajima Island**. The 1,117-meter-high volcano smokes constantly and minor eruptions often take place multiple times per day. Stroll through the landscape of lava fields and

enjoy a relaxing volcanic footbath. Thereafter, explore **Sengan-en**, a former residence of the ruling Shimazu clan, built in 1658. It was designated as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site in 2015. It has a gorgeous garden that includes small ponds, streams, shrines and a bamboo grove. The house lies at the center of the garden, features a fascinating mix of Japanese, Chinese and Western influences. Here, you can enjoy spectacular views over Kagoshima Bay and Sakurajima Volcano. Visit **Shoko Shuseikan Museum** (UNESCO), located within the Sengan-en Garden, introduces the history of the Shimazu family and its initiatives to modernize Japan during the Meiji period (1868-1912). It was first built as a metal processing factory in 1865 and is the oldest existing western style building in Japan. The museum exhibits approximately 10,000 items including Satsuma Kiriko cut-glass produced in the Edo period, daguerreotype photographs and machines used at the factory.



### Day 5 Kagoshima – Fukuoka

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Fukuoka Sightseeing + Shopping Tour



Sit back and relax on your drive back to Fukuoka, the largest city in Kyushu. Visit Fukuoka's most famous **Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine**, an ancient shrine dedicated to the spirit of Sugawara Michizane, a learned scholar of the Heian period. Over 6,000 plum trees are planted in the shrine's grounds and blossom in unison every March. Then, shop at the

famous **Canal City Hakata**, a large shopping and entertainment complex with about 250 shops, cafes and restaurants, cinemas, game center and two hotels.

*\*\* travel by train to Fukuoka or departure by flight from Kagoshima can be arranged*



### Day 6 Departure from Fukuoka

(Breakfast)

Free & Easy

Free at own leisure till departure transfer to Fukuoka airport for homebound flight.

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