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* 5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS GREAT NORTH-EASTERN HONSHU ONSEN TOUR *

in 1868. The castle has been rebuilt several times since it was first constructed in 1384, while the garden's magnificent old walls and moats remain in their original state. The color of the roof tiles was reverted from grey to red, which is very unique among Japanese castles. The inside of the building is an interesting museum with attractive displays about the history of the castle and the samurai lifestyle. Tonight, unwind your mind and body as you relax in the rejuvenating silky-smooth hot spring water at **Higashiyama Onsen**, a historical hot spring village in the retreat area of Aizuwakamatsu city, with 1,300 years of history. It is a therapeutic bath that was frequented by successive generations of feudal lords and samurai warriors of Aizu.



Day 4 Aizuwakamatsu – Shimogo – Koriyama (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Lacquerware Painting Experience | Bandai Atami Onsen



Start your day with a tour to **Aizu Bukeyashiki**, a historical site of reconstructed samurai residence of the Edo period. Step into the home of a highest ranked samurai and see what life was like for the former chief senior councillor of Aizu, Saigo Tanomo, during the Edo period in this reconstructed samurai mansion. The original complex was burned to the ground during the Boshin War. As you explore the 38 rooms that are open to public, you

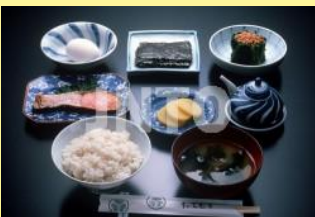
will see some rooms containing mannequins dressed in period costume portraying scenes of everyday life. Then, visit the **Suzutake Lacquerware Studio**, where you will try your hand at painting your own Aizu lacquerware, using Makie design techniques, which is perfect to take home as a souvenir. Aizu lacquerware is recognized as a Traditional Craftwork of Japan.



Thereafter, proceed to **Ouchi-juku**, a former post town (rest stop or overnight stopping point) along the Aizu Nishi Kaido trade route, which connected Aizu with Nikko during the Edo period, to provide travellers with food, accommodations and rest. Feudal lords had to make regular trips to Edo city and would pass through Ouchi-juku along the way. Today, many of the buildings have been preserved as they were before in the Edo period, with beautiful traditional thatched-roof houses that line the main street. Ouchi-juku is also famous for delicious handmade soba noodles which you will be given a leek to use as cutlery instead of chopsticks and the local char fish roasted on sticks. Tonight, indulge in a rejuvenating hot spring bath at **Bandai Atami Onsen**, a famous hot spring village in Koriyama area, with hot spring water that has beautifying effects. The soft and gentle quality of the spring water makes your skin amazingly smooth. It also has healing effects on cuts, burns, muscle pain, chronic gastrointestinal disorders and improves health.

Day 5 Koriyama – Departure from Sendai (Breakfast)

Free & Easy



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

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