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* 5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS SPLENDID CENTRAL KYUSHU TOUR *

Private Tour Min. 10 Pax Travel Daily Departure

Day 1 Arrival in Fukuoka – Beppu – Yufu – Kurokawa (Dinner)

Beppu's Hell and Fairytale Village



Arrive in Fukuoka airport, welcome and assist by your friendly tour guide. Proceed to explore the renowned seven hot springs of **Beppu's Jigoku** (Jigoku Meguri), also known as the Seven Hells of Beppu. The renowned spring waters reach temperatures of approximately 98°C and range in color from cobalt blue to blood red. Step into a fairytale world in **Yufuin Floral Village**, a theme park which features themes from Alice in Wonderland shop and Peter Rabbit. It is said to be inspired by an English town that was the setting for many scenes in the "Harry Potter" movie series. Tonight, indulge in a relaxing hot spring bath at an **Onsen Ryokan** in Kurokawa.



Day 2 Kurokawa – Mount Aso – Minamiaso – Takachiho (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Views of largest active volcano in Japan



Today, take a leisure drive to Takachiho. Enjoy the spectacular view of **Mount Aso**, the largest active volcano in Japan and one of the biggest in the world; the peaks of **Takadake** and **Nakadake** dominate the Mount Aso skyline. Make a stop at **Shirakawa Suigen**, a well-known water spring in Minamiaso. It is the source of Shirakawa River which flows through Kumamoto city, where the spring water is said to be healing and relaxing. Visitors are free to drink from the spring or you may bring an empty water bottle to take the spring water home. Next, visit **Amano Iwato Shrine** and **Amano Yasukawara Cave**. Amano Iwato Shrine was built near the cave where Amaterasu the Sun Goddess is said to have hidden herself away. Amano Yasukawara is said to be the cave where the gods and goddesses met to discuss their strategy of luring Amaterasu out of hiding. Continue tour to **Takachiho Gorge**, a narrow chasm cut through the rock by the Gokase River. The natural wonder was formed when a huge volcanic eruption occurred over 90,000 years ago.

Day 3 Takachiho – Kumamoto (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Highlights of Kumamoto



This morning, depart for Kumamoto. Visit **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 "Musha-gaeshi", which was built to defend against invading armies. Continue to visit **Sakuranobaba Johsaen**, 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. End the day with a tour to **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.



Day 4 Kumamoto – Fukuoka (Breakfast)

Fukuoka Sightseeing + Shopping Tour



Bid farewell to Kumamoto and make your way back to Fukuoka, the largest city in Kyushu. Visit **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, before heading to **Tenjin Chikagai**, the largest underground shopping mall in Kyushu that houses around 150 shops, restaurants and cafes.



Day 5 Departure from Fukuoka (Breakfast)

Free & Easy

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

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