JPY 110,000

Per person~ *21~30 travelers

JPY 137,000 p.p. *11~20 travelers

JPY 176,000 p.p. *6~10 travelers

5 DAYS IN WESTERN KYUSHU

~Gunkanjima, the World Heritage Site~

Itinerary

Day1 Arriving at Nagasaki airport Lunch in Nagasaki Cruising and landing on Gunkanjima World Heritage Staying at city hotel in Nagasaki



Day2 Breakfast at hotel

One day sightseeing tour of Nagasaki city

- Oura Church
- Glover Garden Including Former Glover House World Heritage
- Dejima
- Kazagashira Park
- Kameyama Shachu Memorial Hall
- Meganebashi
- Tortoiseshell Museum

*option- One day at HUIS TEN BOSCH Staying at city hotel in Nagasaki







Day3 Breakfast at hotel Departing Nagasaki Ferry to Kumamoto Lunch in Kumamoto Kumamoto Castle Kusasenri, Aso Kabutoiwa Observatory, Aso Staying at traditional Japanese inn (Ryokan) in Aso



Day4 Breakfast at Ryokan Departing Aso Kokonoe "Yume" Otsurihashi Lunch and stroll around Yufuin Beppu Jigoku Meguri (Hell Tour) Staying at traditional Japanese inn (Ryokan) in Beppu







Day5

Breakfast at Ryokan

Move to train station on your own

SONIC, the super express train to Kokura
SHINKANSEN (bullet train) to Hakata
Free shopping at Hakata

Move to Fukuoka airport on your own



Notes

- Our tour includes:
 - Accommodations
 - Meals (4Breakfast, 4Lunch, 2Dinner)
 - Chartered Coach (for 4 days)
 - Entrance fees and fares for transportation in above itinerary
 - English Speaking Guide (8hrs per day, Rank C)
 - Travel handling charge
 - Insurance within Japan
- Our tour does <u>NOT</u> include:
 - Optional tours
 - Meals and drinks not listed in above itinerary
 - Personal expenses
 - Airfares between your country and Japan including airport taxes
 - Expenses regarding to immigration
 - Insurance between your country and Japan
 - Things not listed in above itinerary
- Our Cancellation Policy

31-14 days prior to the tour departure date:
13-3 days prior to the tour departure date:
2 days - the day before the tour departure date:
50% of the total amount
50% of the total amount
100% of the total amount



TEAM TRAVEL KURAMOTO CO., LTD.

Licensed Travel Agency Shin-Chuo-bldg 4F, 4-2-9 Kyutaro-machi Chuo-ku, Osaka 541-0056 Japan

Tel: +81-6-6121-6227 Fax:+81-6-6245-0858 Mail: info@team-travel.co.jp

http://team-travel.co.jp/oversea/

Highlights of Sightseeing

Day1

Cruising and landing on Gunkanjima World Heritage

Newly listed World Heritage sites in 2015 include Hashima which is called Gunkanjima ("Battleship Island") because of its shape looks like the battleship "Tosa". 19km away from Nagasaki port, the island once prospered as a coal mine town contributed to Meiji Industrial Revolution from the middle of 19th to the early 20th century. Now it is very popular to cruise and land on this deserted island since the coal mine had closed in 1974.

Day2

Nagasaki City

Located at the westernmost of Japan, Nagasaki was the only trading port towards foreign countries (Netherlands and China) during the national isolationism in Edo period. Western cultures and Christianity had flowed in through the port of Dejima which made Nagasaki very different Western atmosphere from other parts of Japan. Today the lifestyle, cuisine and streets of Nagasaki still retain the strong influence of those days.

One day tour of Nagasaki city starts with <u>Oura Church</u> founded in 1865 which was dedicated to 26 saints executed by Toyotomi Hideyoshi.

Close to the church is the <u>Glover Garden</u>, the romantic area of foreign settlement including the Former Glover House. (the house of Thomas Blake Glover who had contributed to the introduction of modern technology to Japan) World Heritage

Continue to <u>Dejima</u> which was originally a man-made island (now reclaimed) for Portuguese. The Dutch East India Company was moved here in 1641 and Dejima became the centre of economic and cultural exchanges between Japan and Europe.

For those who are interested in Sakamoto Ryoma, there is a statue of Ryoma in *Kazagashira Park* where you can have a good view of Nagasaki port.

Take a walk to <u>Kameyama Shachu Memorial Hall</u> in the middle of Kazagashira mountain. There used to be the very first Japanese trading company "Kameyama Shachu" founded by Ryoma which name later changed to the famous "KAIENTAI".

Finally visit and take a photo of the characteristic <u>Meganebashi</u>, an arched stone bridge of 22m length and 5.5m height. The arch reflecting on the river makes the shape of glasses together with the stone bridge itself and the bridge is considered to be one of the three most famous bridges in Japan.

Day3

Departing Nagasaki and a ferry from Shimabara Peninsula takes you to Kumamoto in half an hour. Here visit the *Kumamoto Castle* constructed by a feudal lord Kato Kiyomasa (a relative of Toyotomi Hideyoshi) in 1601. A tour includes a turret, a donjon and a main palace.

Drive to the Aso Mountain which is an active volcano famous for one of the world's largest craters. At *Kusasennrigahama*, a green meadow spreads 1km across in front of Eboshidake. Lying on the grass watching pastured horses will make you feel totally relaxed.

Before heading to Aso city, stop at <u>Kabutoiwa Observatory</u> for watching a huge crater and five mountains of Aso among the sea of clouds (if you are lucky!).

Staying at a traditional Japanese inn (Ryokan) is an exceptional experience for foreigners visiting Japan. Taste the Japanese cuisine at dinner, soak in an Onsen (hot spring) and sleep on tatami mat (a flooring rush mat).

Dav4

Departing Aso and heading to the two famous Onsen towns in Oita.

On the way, stop at *Kokonoe "Yume" Otsurihashi*. It is a suspension bridge of 390m in length and 173m in height where you can have a magnificent view of waterfalls and forest down the valley. The scenery is especially marvelous in early November when the autumn foliage colors the valley in red, orange and yellow.

<u>Yufuin</u> is a famous Onsen town and it is a nice place to take a stroll around. Souvenir shops and restaurants are lined on the main street which leads you to the beautiful Kinrinko Lake.

On arriving in Beppu, you will be invited to <u>Jigoku Meguri (Hell Tour)</u>. There are 8 Jigoku (Hells) in total which are hot springs not for bathing but for viewing. Here you can enjoy a geyser and different colored hot springs during the tour.

Day5

Railway experience with <u>SONIC</u> and <u>SHINKANSEN</u>

Kyushu is famous for its unique super express trains and SL for sightseeing.

They are very colorful with red, blue, green and white vehicles and run within northern part, western part and southern part of Kyushu.

In this tour you will have a chance to board SONIC from Beppu to Kokura.

Also experience the SHINKANSEN (bullet train) from Kokura to Hakata. It must be a best way of completing your tour in Kyushu.

Specialty of Kyushu

CASTELLA (Nagasaki)

It was introduced to Nagasaki in the late 16th century by a Portuguese missionary as bread from kingdom of Castile. Originally made of flour, sugar and eggs mixed in the same quantity and baked, it had changed its recipe to suit the taste of Japanese people. Now it is loved by wide range of generations as a typical souvenir of Nagasaki.

Nagasaki Chanpon (Nagasaki)

It is a noodle soup with pork, seafood and vegetables based on the cuisine of Fujian in China. Devised during the Meiji period by a Chinese chef, it is very popular as a cheap and nutritious food.

Basashi (Kumamoto)

It is a raw horse meat thinly sliced and eaten with grated ginger or garlic, green onion and soy sauce. If you are hesitating to eat it in raw, there are other ways of eating horse meat such as shabushabu or grilled.

Karashi Renkon (Kumamoto)

It is a lotus root filled with Japanese mustard.

A lotus root is considered good for health because it increases blood and one's appetite. It used to be a home dish prepared on New Year's Day in Kumamoto, but now it is too popular to have shops specialize in it.

