



International Friendship Week 2021

March 23-30

Itinerary

Section Japan

Day 1, Tuesday, March 23

- Arrival at Narita International Airport
- Welcome and Transfer to Hotel Welco by Hotel Shuttle Bus
- Accommodation
Hotel Welco Narita
- Dinner @ Hotel with IPA Chiba Branch members

Day 2, Wednesday, March 24

- Cherry blossom viewing or Ancestral Homes of Samurai and Asakusa/Tokyo
- Breakfast @ Hotel
- Cherry blossom viewing at the Ruins of Sakura castle.

In case of non-flowering period, Ancestral homes of Samurai in Sakura City
*Three Samurai houses were built and owned by the Sakura clan government.
You will be invited into the domestic life of samurai.*

- Buffet Lunch
- Sensoji-temple and Its Shopping Arcade
Sensoji-temple is the oldest Buddhist temple in Tokyo and one of the most popular international tourist site.
- Accommodation
Hotel Grand Arc Hanzomon
- Welcome Dinner @ Hotel Grand Arc Hanzomon
Dinner with Board Members of IPA Japan and Tokyo members

Day 3, Thursday, March 25

- Tour of Tokyo
- Breakfast @ Hotel Grand Arc Hanzomon
- Imperial Palace
*The palace and residence of their Imperial Majesties Emperor and Empress.
It has a beautiful contrast between historic and modern structure.*

- Lunch @ Restaurant

- Tokyo Tower

Enjoy the magnificent view of Tokyo, even Mt. Fuji on a clear skies from the observation deck at 250-meter.

- Hama-rikyu Gardens

The Hama-rikyu Gardens used to be the gardens of the Tokugawa Shogunate family, originally constructed in the 17th century. Seen against the modern buildings, the Ham-rikyu Gardens looks so beautiful.

- Dinner Cruise

Enjoy dinner and the night view of Tokyo on a boat unique to Japan.

- Accommodation

Hotel Grand Arc Hanzomon

Day 4, Friday, March 26

- **Shinkansen(Bullet Train) Trip to Himeji Castle and Hiroshima**

- Breakfast @ Hotel

- Sinkasen(Bullet Train) trip from Tokyo to Himeji.

On a clear day, you'll get the spectacular view of Mt. Fuji from the train.

- Buffet Lunch

- Himeji Castle

Himeji Castle was constructed in the early 14th century. It has been designated as a National Treasure and a World Heritage Site.

- Move to Hiroshima by Shinkansen(Bullet train).

- Accommodation

Hotel Granvia Hiroshima

- Dinner

Not included

Day 5, Saturday, March 27

- **Tour of Hiroshima and Miyajima**

- Breakfast @ Hotel

- Check-out before 0800hrs.

Your luggage will be kept at the hotel until you depart for Kyoto.

- Miyajima & Itsukushima Shrine

For Miyajima and Itsukushima Shrine by train and ferryboat. *Approx. 20-*

minute walk from the pier to the Itsukushima shrine.

Miyajima is one of the top three scenic spots in Japan and a part of Setonaikai National Park. Itsukushima Shrine is located in this island. It has been designated as a World Heritage Site.

- Lunch not included
- 45-minute cruise from Miyajima to Hiroshima
- Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
Approx. 15-minute walk from the pier.
Some items that convey the devastation caused by the A-bomb attack, the photos and others are exhibited.
- A-bomb Dome (Ruin of Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall)
Approx. 15-minute walk from the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.
The A-bomb exploded at close range of the Dome. But it somehow escaped complete destruction. It has been designated as a World Heritage Site.
- Return to the hotel by street train to pick up your luggage.
- Shinkansen(Bullet Train) journey to Kyoto
- Accommodation
Kyoto Tower Hotel
- Dinner
Not included

Day 6, Sunday, March 28

- **Tour of Kyoto (Ancient Capital of Japan)**
- Breakfast @ Hotel
- Kiyomizu-dera Temple
Kiyomizu-dera Temple was founded in 778. It has been designated a World Heritage Site.
- Nijo Castle
Nijo Castle was constructed in 1,603. It has been designated a National Treasure and a World Heritage Site.
- Lunch @ Restaurant
- Kinkaku-ji Temple

Kinkaku-ji Temple is known as the Temple of Golden Pavilion.

- Fushimi-Inari-Taisha Shrine

One of the most popular sightseeing site among foreign visitors.

- Return to *Hotel*

- Dinner with IPA Kyoto Branch members at Hotel

Day 7, Monday, March 29

- **Tour of National Park Hakone**

- Breakfast @ Hotel

- Shinkansen(Bullet Train) trip to Odawara

- Lake Ashi Cruising

Lake Ashi is one of the best spot for viewing Mt. Fuji.

- , Great Boiling Valley with active sulfur vents and Aerial Ropeway.

These scenic points offer a good view of Mt. Fuji on a clear day.

- Lunch @ restaurant

- Accommodation

Yokohama Royal Park Hotel

- Farewell Party

Day 8, Tuesday, March 30

- Breakfast @ Hotel

- Farewell and Departure of the participants

- Transportation for Int'l Airport Not Included

Airport Bus is available from the hotel to Haneda Int'l Airport and Narita Int'l Airport.

Note : The programs are subject to change without notice.