

Please join us for the a special post-conference tour of Kyushu – the third largest island of Japan. The EWCA Alumni Endowment Fund for Student Scholarships Committee has organized this tour and it starts in Okinawa the day after the EWC Alumni Conference ends and includes the major sites of the island of Kyushu. The tour concludes on September 30, 2014 in Fukuoka City.



Kirishima Shrine (day 1)
Photo courtesy H.I.S. Hawaii

This tour is organized through the Waikiki Branch of H.I.S. Hawaii and they will donate \$200 to the EWC Endowment Fund for Student Scholarships for each person who signs up for this tour. Join us on this adventure of Kyushu and support the future students of the EWC. The tour is not limited to conference participants so invite your friends to join the tour.

Visit these places and more on your adventure.

Kirishima Shinto Shrine, Sakurajima Island, Mt. Aso, Yufuin, Beppu, Yanagawa, Suizenji Garden, Kumamoto Castle, Unzen, Nagasaki Peace Park, Mt. Inasayama, Arita Porcelain Park, Fukuoka, Dazaifu

Day 1 September 20, 2014 (Naha, Kagoshima Prefectures)
Shiroyama Kanko Hotel, Kagoshima City (L,BD)

We will depart Naha Airport in Okinawa and arrive at Kagoshima Airport where our guide will meet us. After lunch, we will tour Kirishima Shinto Shrine, experience *shochu* (Japanese distilled alcohol) and stroll through Senganen Garden, a Japanese style landscape garden with views of Sakurajima Island and Kagoshima Bay.

Day 2 September 21, 2014 (Kagoshima Prefecture)
Shiroyama Kanko Hotel, Kagoshima City (B,L,BD)

We will tour the Museum of the Meiji Restoration to learn about the key figures from Kagoshima. Free time in the afternoon.

Day 3 September 22, 2014 (Kagoshima, Kumamoto Prefectures)
Aso Plaza Hotel, Aso City, Kumamoto Prefecture (B,L,KD)

We will tour Sakurajima Island and then learn about Tsubobatake (a way of producing black vinegar in *tsubo*, or jars). We will then go to Aso in Kumamoto Prefecture. We will enjoy a *kaiseki* (traditional Japanese multi-course) dinner at the hotel.



Sakurajima Island (day 3)
Photo courtesy H.I.S. Hawaii

Day 4 September 23, 2014 (Kumamoto, Oita Prefectures)
Suginoi Hotel, Beppu City, Oita Prefecture (B,L,BD)

We will tour Mt. Aso then go to the famous hot springs in Oita Prefecture. Yufuin is a hot spring town and one of its natural landmarks is Lake Kinrinko which is known for having both hot and cold water coming from the springs. We will spend the night in Beppu, the most famous hot spring resort in Kyushu.



Yanagawa (day 5)
Photo courtesy H.I.S. Hawaii

Day 5 September 24, 2014 (Oita, Fukuoka, Kumamoto Prefectures)
Hotel Nikko Kumamoto, Kumamoto City (B,L,D)

In the morning, we will learn about traditional bamboo crafts and then head to Yanagawa in the southern part of Fukuoka Prefecture. We will ride a small riverboat called *donko* down the canals of Yanagawa. After our tour of Yanagawa, we will head to Kumamoto for some shopping at the Kumamoto Arcade.

Day 6 September 25, 2014 (Kumamoto, Nagasaki Prefectures)
Unzen Fukudaya Hotel, Unzen City, Nagasaki Prefecture (B,L,KD)

We will stroll through another Japanese style landscape garden, Suizenji Garden. We will then go to Kumamoto Castle. Later in the day, we will take a ferry to Shimabara and go to Unzen, an active volcano at the center of Shimabara Peninsula. Enjoy a *kaiseki* dinner at the hotel.

Day 7 September 26, 2014 (Nagasaki Prefecture)

Best Western Premier Hotel Nagasaki, Nagasaki City (B,L,BD)

We will go to Nagasaki City to see the Nagasaki Peace Park and the Atomic Bomb Museum. You will then have some free time to explore the area on your own. After a buffet dinner at the hotel, we will go to Mt. Inasayama. The night views from Mt. Inasayama are ranked among Japan's three best night views.

Day 8 September 27, 2014 (Nagasaki Prefecture)

Best Western Premier Hotel Nagasaki, Nagasaki City (B,L,D)

Nagasaki has played a prominent role in foreign trade relations and was one of only a very few ports open to restricted foreign traders during Japan's period of isolation (enacted through several policies from 1633-1639 and remained in effect until 1853). We will explore sites related to the foreigners and Christianity in Nagasaki such as Dutch Slope, Glover Garden, Oura Cathedral, Chinatown, and Dejima.

Day 9 September 28, 2014 (Nagasaki, Saga, Fukuoka Prefectures)

Grand Hyatt Fukuoka, Fukuoka City (B,L,D)

In the morning, we will leave behind the history of Nagasaki for the artistry of Arita porcelain. The Arita Porcelain Park has a replica of a German village and exhibitions of European porcelain and Arita porcelain. We will then go to Yamato, a town in Saga, for grape picking. After a short bus ride, we will then be in Fukuoka City, our final city. We will have free time in Tenjin, the downtown area of Fukuoka.



Tenjin (day 9)
Photo courtesy H.I.S. Hawaii

Day 10 September 29, 2014 (Fukuoka Prefecture)

Grand Hyatt Fukuoka, Fukuoka City (B,L,D)

We will leave the busy city for the historical Dazaifu City. We will go to Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine where students come from all over Japan to pray that they succeed in their studies and exams. We will also go to the nearby Komyozenji Temple and the Kyushu National Museum.

Day 11 September 30, 2014 (Fukuoka Prefecture)

The tour concludes at the hotel. The Grand Hyatt Fukuoka is conveniently located with access to the subway and JR train systems.

To the Fukuoka International Airport:

15 min by taxi

10 min on foot to the subway station, then a 5 min ride on the subway

To the JR Hakata Station (*shinkansen* bullet train station):

10 min on foot

Bus transportation unless indicated above. Itinerary may change due to traffic or weather conditions.

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner BD: Buffet Dinner KD: Kaiseki Dinner

Tour Price Per Person*

\$2,937.00 – minimum of 20 people

\$3,087.00 – minimum of 15 people

**Price based on double occupancy. Single supplement available at \$500 per person. Deposit of \$500 is required when reserving seat. No refunds after July 25, 2014.*

Tour Includes:

- All accommodations
- All meals as indicated
- Airfare from Naha Airport to Kagoshima Airport
- Ground transportation
- English speaking guide

Not Included:

- Tip for bus driver and guide

Reserve Your Seat Today

Contact Kazutoshi (Kaz) Ozawa at the Waikiki Branch of H.I.S. Hawaii. Deadline is Friday, July 25, 2014.

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