



# *Air & Sea Travel Center*

**BEST GROUP TOURS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

## **Kyushu Sumo & Maple Spectacle**

Cities covered: Fukuoka, Beppu, Miyazaki, Kirishima, Kagoshima, & Kumamoto

Traveling Dates (9 Days): Nov 11 – Nov 19, 2026

Price per person: \$ 4,088 Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge

Single Supp: \$ 900

Do you want to enjoy the real, authentic Japan? How about watching a Sumo Wrestling Match? Sumo is the Japanese style of wrestling. We can enjoy Japan's national sport in a crowded stadium filled with excited, enthusiastic spectators.

### **Tour Package Includes**

- International Flight from **HONOLULU by Japan Airlines**
- **13** Meals and Admissions as Stated
- Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- Natural Hot Springs Hotel (3 nights)
- Discover Natural Landscapes and Historical Treasures in Kyushu
- Japan's National Sport – Sumo Wrestling Match in Fukuoka Kokusai Center
- Maple Leaves Viewing:
  - Suizenji Jojuen Garden
  - Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine
  - Takachiho Gorge
- Picturesque Village: Yufuin Old Town
- Black Vinegar Farm
- Chrysanthemum Festival – Senganen
- Unlimited Shopping at Canal City Hakata
- Hands on activity -- Hakata Doll Painting
- Gratuity for Local Tour Guides & Drivers

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner

**Day 1\*\*Nov 11 Honolulu → Fukuoka**

We will begin our journey by boarding an international flight to **Fukuoka**, located in Kyushu, Japan's third largest and southernmost main island. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane.

**Day 2\*\*Nov 12 Fukuoka**

Upon our arrival at Fukuoka International Airport, we will meet with an Air and Sea Travel representative who will escort us to our hotel. **Fukuoka** is the capital city of Fukuoka Prefecture, located on the southern end of Kyushu Island. In May 2012, Fukuoka was ranked as the 12th most livable city for its green spaces within a metropolitan setting.

**Day 3\*\*Nov 13 Fukuoka – Beppu ☩ (B, D)**

After enjoying breakfast, we will transfer to **Yufuin**, the most popular onsen town among Japanese women. As we walk along the streets, we can experience the charming atmosphere of this small, old town, perfect for buying local snacks and souvenirs. We can enjoy our own lunch here. Then, we will visit the **Hells of Beppu**, a nationally designated "Place of Scenic Beauty" in the onsen town of Beppu. The "hells" are meant for viewing rather than bathing and are presented to visitors in a somewhat touristy manner, which may not appeal to everyone. After our stroll in Beppu, we will transfer to our onsen hotel for the night.☩

☩ *Beppu Hot Spring is a hot spring with acidic sulfur and is highly known to have health benefits as an Eastern medicine and treatment method. Also equipped with a popular mud bath, the white water hot spring is said to be good for neuralgia, rheumatism, and skin disorders.*

**Day 4\*\*Nov 14 Beppu – Kumamoto (B)**

Today, we will transfer to Kumamoto to visit **Kumamoto Castle**, one of Japan's three greatest castles. Located in the heart of Kumamoto City—which relies entirely on natural groundwater for its water supply—the castle stands as a powerful symbol of resilience. Although the complex suffered severe damage during the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquakes, restoration of the main tower was completed in 2021. Visitors can follow a designated route to observe the ongoing reconstruction work, which is expected to continue until 2052. The castle offers a fascinating glimpse into Japan's rich history and architectural beauty, making it a must-visit destination. We will also explore **Sakura-no-Baba Josaien**, a lively area that recreates the atmosphere of a seventeenth-century castle town. With more than 20 restaurants and food shops—including branches of well-known local eateries—it is an excellent place to experience Kumamoto's cuisine, culture, and history. Guests can enjoy lunch on their own here. **Suizenji Garden** is a beautiful Japanese garden located in Kumamoto. The park was named after a now-defunct Buddhist temple called Suizen-ji and currently hosts the Izumi Shrine, where members of the Hosokawa family are enshrined. The garden has been designated a historic site of scenic beauty by the national government. Tonight, we will check-in to our hotel in Kumamoto and enjoy our own dinner here.

**Day 5\*\*Nov 15 Kumamoto – Miyazaki – Kirishima ☩ (B, L, D)**

Today, we will drive to **Miyazaki** Prefecture, located on the eastern coast of Kyushu and surrounded by the Pacific Ocean. First, we will stop by **Takachiho Gorge**, a popular destination for viewing autumn foliage, particularly during the peak season from mid-November to late November. The gorge's cliffs and waterfalls are framed by the vibrant colors of maple trees, creating a breathtaking display. Afterward, we will transfer to

**Kirishima**, an active volcanic mountain range that lies on the border between Miyazaki and Kagoshima Prefectures. Kirishima features mountains, highlands, volcanic lakes, and hot springs, providing excellent hiking opportunities amidst stunning mountainous scenery. Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the hot spring hotel. ☩

☩ *The water minerals of **Kirishima Hot Spring** are absorbed through the skin, carried throughout the body, and act on the muscles, cells, and nervous system. They warm up the body, promoting blood circulation, relieving pain and enhancing metabolism.*

**Day 6\*\*Nov 16** **Day trip to Kagoshima** ☩ **(B, D)**

Today, we will embark on a day trip to **Kagoshima**, voted Japan's friendliest city. It takes pride in its history as the capital of the feudal Satsuma province, which holds significant importance in Japanese history. First, we will tour the **Chomei Herusin Vinegar Brewery**, a celebrated local establishment known for producing high-quality vinegar using traditional methods. Drawing on local resources and time-honored techniques, the brewery creates distinctive flavors that reflect the region's culinary heritage. Visitors can explore the brewing process, learn about the role of vinegar in Japanese cuisine, and sample a variety of products. Next, we will visit **Sakurajima**, the most active composite volcano in Kagoshima Prefecture. Once an island, it is now a peninsula due to the lava flows from the 1914 eruption that connected it to the Ōsumi Peninsula. We will enjoy **Shiroyama Park Observatory** with a view the mountain. Then, we will explore **Senganen Garden**, also known as Isoteien, a Japanese-style landscape garden located on the coastline north of downtown Kagoshima. The garden beautifully incorporates views of Sakurajima and Kagoshima Bay, harmonizing with its own landscapes to create one of Senganen's most striking features. This garden has served as a filming location for the popular Japanese TV drama, "Princess Atsu." In November, the **Chrysanthemum Festival** is held here. Tonight, we will return to our onsen hotel and enjoy a buffet dinner.☩

**Day 7\*\*Nov 17** **Kirishima – Fukuoka** **(B, D)**

After breakfast, we will return to Fukuoka, on the way we will embark on a **one-hour boat ride** along the **Yanagawa River** in a gondola-like Donko boat, taking in the scenic views of Yanagawa City. This city flourished as a castle town under the Tachibana clan and is also famous as the hometown of renowned tanka poet Kitahara Hakushu. Upon our arrival in Fukuoka, we will have the opportunity to **paint our own Hakata doll**, a traditional Japanese clay doll originally from the city of Fukuoka, which was previously named Hakata before the city merger in 1889. After dinner, we will check in to our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at our leisure.

**Day 8\*\*Nov 18** **Fukuoka** **(B, L)**

In the morning, we will enjoy the highlight of the trip by attending a **Sumo Wrestling Match**. Sumo is a Japanese style of wrestling and Japan's national sport. It originated in ancient times as a performance to entertain the Shinto deities. There are six sumo tournaments held each year, and the Kyushu tournament is the last one of the year. Let us enjoy this special and exciting event. Box seats with **bento** and a souvenir are arranged. Tonight, we will enjoy the rest of day on our own.

**Day 9\*\*Nov 19** **Fukuoka → Honolulu** **(B)**

After breakfast, we will proceed to **Dazaifu Tenmangu**, a Shinto shrine built over the grave of Michizane Sugawara, revered by the Japanese as Tenman-Tenjin (the deified spirit of Michizane), the God of literature and calligraphy. The shrine is also famous for its 6,000 ume (Asian plum) trees, including 167 varieties. One notable tree, known as Tobiume, stands directly to the right of the main hall. November is the peak season for

enjoying autumn foliage in the area. The trees in and around the grounds retain their colored leaves until early December. This is the most popular shrine in Kyushu on New Year's Day. On the way to the airport, we will stop by **LaLaport Fukuoka** for our last-minute shopping. Then, we will transfer to Fukuoka Airport for our return flight to Honolulu, taking with us lasting memories of this wonderful Sumo Wrestling in Kyushu tour.

*We wish you a safe journey and with many wonderful memories to share with family and friends! ☺*

**Remarks:**

1. Fares are per person; USD based on double occupancy and includes all airline taxes and fees.
2. Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
3. Refer to "General Condition of Air & Sea"
4. We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
5. Gratuity for Local Tour Guides and Drivers is included
6. Tour price is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
7. Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at time of listing and pricing on Apr 3, 2026
8. It is mandatory to inform Air and Sea Travel of any existing conditions that may require medical attention or accommodations during the trip. You need to provide this information in writing in the Tour Supplemental Information section of the application. If you do not have a travel companion who can help you with your special needs, you need to talk to your agent to determine if this is an appropriate tour for you. Some tours may be too strenuous depending on your condition. Air and Sea Travel reserves the right to reject or cancel your booking. You are responsible for any cancellation penalty that this may incur.
9. All travelers, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, are welcome to travel with us and will no longer be required to provide proof of pre-departure testing, except for specific countries where COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or additional documentation are required by law. Please visit or revisit the government site to verify the travel requirements. Fully vaccinated are recommended. Vaccines combined with multi-layered preventative health and safety measures will help us provide a safe and healthy vacation environment.
10. As government regulations evolve, our health and safety protocols will evolve as needed to ensure compliance. This may mean different protocols from state to state and city to city based on local requirements.

**Payment Policy:**

**CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY.** A deposit of \$ 350 per person is required at the time of application. The balance of payment is due on **Aug 3, 2026**. In case balance of payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a cancellation fee.

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**Cancellation Policy:**

Written notice is required for any cancellation. After **Jun 22, 2026**, the cancellation fee will be as follow:

- \*\* **From Jun 22, 2026**, a **\$350** deposit is non-refundable to secure the tickets for Sumo Tournament;
- \*\* **Aug 4 – Sep 20, 2026**, **50%** of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;
- \*\* **From Sep 21, 2026 to the departure** or withdrawing during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, **100%** of total price, and request for other services as a substitute shall not be accepted.

**\*\*We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make a reservation\*\***