



***Cherry Blossom Tour in Tohoku Area 2010***  
***12<sup>th</sup> April 2009 to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010***  
***Japan Holidays***  
***15-20PAX***  
***Fully Escorted***



***APR 12 (MON)***

*Depart Brisbane on Japan Airlines bound for Narita (Tokyo)  
Arrive at Narita Airport then transfer to Tokyo by private  
coach.  
Accommodation at Shiba Park Hotel*

***APR 13 (TUE)***

**TOKYO**

*Full-day city sightseeing tour of Tokyo by coach. Visit Tokyo  
Tower, Imperial Palace Plaza, Happo-en Garden, Asakusa  
Kannon Temple. Barbeque lunch included.  
Accommodation at Shiba Park Hotel*



*Tokyo Tower*



**APR 14 (WED)**

**TOKYO**

*Free Day : Optional tours available on request  
Accommodation at Shiba Park Hotel*



*Rainbow Bridge Tokyo*

**APR 15 (THU)**

**TOKYO - NIKKO - LAKE INAWASHIRO**

*Commence full-day excursion by private coach to Fukusima including Cherry Blossom viewing with our Tour Guide Mr. Y. Sadamatsu.*

*Visit Nikko Kaido street, Toshogu Shrine (completed in its present splendor in 1636 and most of the buildings are designated National Treasures or Important Cultural Properties.*

*Ouchi-juku which is a charming isolated hamlet with Edo-period houses many with thatched roofs dating back to the days when it was a post town. The village is designated a Traditional Architectural Preserve. Onto Tsuruga-jo Castle which contains a museum displaying Aizu lacquerware and historic objects and arrive at Lake Inawashiro which is the fourth largest lake in Japan.*

*Lunch at local restaurant en route.*

*Accommodation at Hotel Listel Inawashiro-ko Wing Tower.*



*Tsuruga Castle*

**APR 16 (FRI)**

**INAWASHIRO - YAMAGATA**

*Breakfast at hotel.*

*This morning we depart for Yamagata and on the way we visit the Takahata Winery for a wine tasting. Onto Eishun-do Hall to experience either painting of Japanese Chess piece or painting of Kokeshi doll.*

*Lunch at local restaurant en route. This evening we transfer to Restaurant Youhana for dinner.*

*Accommodation at Yamagata Grand Hotel.*



*Japanese Chess Piece*

**APR 17 (SAT)**

**YAMAGATA**

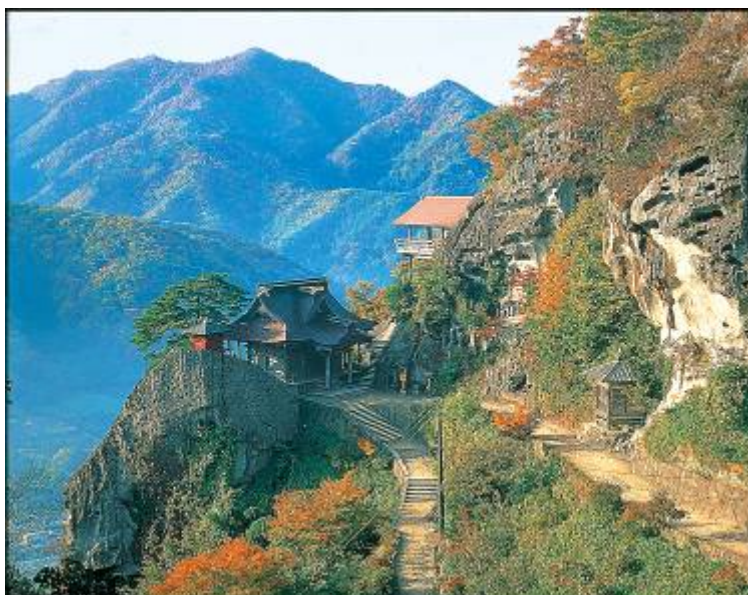
*After breakfast this morning we depart for our cruise on the Mogami River. This is on a flat-bottomed boat guided by an old-fashioned boatman. Onto Yamadera with its 1005 stone steps and founded in 860 AD. It is still as tranquil as when Basho Matsuo a famous Haiku poet travelled there 300 years ago. We complete our day at Tendo which is one of the largest hot-spring resort towns in Yamagata.*

*Lunch at local restaurant.*

*Accommodation at Yamagata Grand Hotel.*



*Mogami River Cruise*



*Yamadera*

**APR 18 (SUN)**

**YAMAGATA - MATSUSHIMA - MORIOKA**

*Breakfast at hotel and then to Matsushima with its charming scenery of countless large and small pine-clad islands scattered in the bay. It is admired as one of Japan's three most scenic spots.*

*Onto our cruise through Geibi-kei Gorge noted for its fantastic rock formations on the sheer walls of the cliffs which tower 30-100m on both banks of the river. Transfer to Morioka.*

*Lunch at local restaurant en route.*

*Accommodation at Hotel Metropolitan Morioka.*

**APR 19 (MON)**

**MORIOKA - KAKUNODATE - LAKE TOWADA**

*After breakfast this morning we depart for Kakunodate which has one of the loveliest samurai neighbourhoods left in Japan. The cherry trees here are renowned for their beauty as well as their bark which is used for handsome craft now famous throughout Japan.*

*Lunch at local restaurant en route and transfer to Lake Towada for our two night stay including dinner each night.*

*Accommodation at Hotel Towada-so.*



*Lake Towada Cherry trees*

**APR 20 (TUE)**

**LAKE TOWADA**

*Breakfast at hotel and today is a free day to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Maybe take a sightseeing boat and cruise on the lake which is the third deepest crater lake in Japan or rent a bicycle.*

*Dinner this evening at Hotel Towada-so.*

*Accommodation at Hotel Towada-so.*



*Kanchogai Dori, Towada*

**APR 21 (WED)**

**LAKE TOWADA - HIROSAKI**

*After breakfast this morning please have your large luggage in the foyer for collection. This will be sent to our Hotel in Narita. Today we will travel via Oirase mountain stream, Isiguro Tsugaru Handicraft centre and arrive in Hirosaki. Visit the Neputa Float Museum and Hirosaki Castle built in 1611 and renown for its 3000 cherry trees.*

*Lunch at local restaurant en route.*

*This evening we go by foot to the YAMAUTA local Restaurant for a dinner of local cuisine and a performance of Shamisen three strings Instrument.*

*After dinner return to hotel.*

*Accommodation at Best Western Hotel New City Hirosakai*



*Hirosaki Castle*

**APR 22 (THU)**

**HIROSAKI - HACHINOHE - TOKYO - NARITA**

*Breakfast at hotel and transfer to Hirosaki Station.*

*Depart for Hachinohe where we embark on the Shinkansen (Bullet Train) bound for Tokyo Station.*

*On arrival at Tokyo Station we board our coach and transfer to the Mecure Hotel, Narita City.*



*Shinkansen*

*The rest of the afternoon is free.*

*Accommodation at Mercure Hotel, Narita*

**APR 23 (FRI)**

**NARITA /DEPARTURE**

*Breakfast at hotel and free day until late afternoon departure for Narita Airport. Your Japan Holidays escort will be available to assist with sightseeing Information. Visit Shinshoji Temple which precincts cover almost 200 sq.kms., Naritasan Park covering 165 sq.kms. or enjoy some last minute shopping. Take the Hotel Courtesy coach to Narita Airport and depart on Japan Airlines bound for Brisbane.*



*Narita Temple*

**APR 24 (SAT)**

*Arrive Brisbane International Terminal.*