



# 8D CHARMING TOHOKU + NIIGATA

**TOUR CODE**  
**JPNC08**  
**SEP - FEB 2024**

NIIGATA/YUZAWA /KAWAGOE/SENDAI/YAMAGATA/AIZU/TOKYO



## DAY 1: SINGAPORE – TOKYO

Begin your vacation with a pleasant flight to Tokyo (for morning departures, check into hotel upon arrival).

## DAY 2: TOKYO – KAWAGOE – YUZAWA

Start your day at **Kawagoe Koedo Yokochō** (Warehouse District) street lined by historic, warehouse style buildings and **Kawagoe Narrow Alley**, lined by candy stores. Next, **Kiyotsu Gorge Tunnel**, one of the Three Great Gorges of Japan. Gigantic stone cliffs straddle a river, forming a large, V-shaped gorge. The grand rock surface and strong current of the river in combination are both dynamic and beautiful. In the evening, visit the only **Sake Vending Machines** with 117 selections in Yuzawa & Niigata station. Tonight, stay the night at an onsen hotel.  
(Lunch/ Dinner)

## DAY 3: YUZAWA – NIIGATA

After breakfast, head to **Niigata seafood market** then heading **Northern Culture Museum**, an open-air museum in Kōnan-ku, Niigata. It contains the well-known mansion of a wealthy farming family called *gōnō* as well as gardens and houses from the Edo period. Next, proceed to **Shirone Fruits Garden** and enjoy year-round fruit-picking. Seasonal offerings include Niigata's famous Echigo Hime strawberries, grapes and more. Visit the **Imayo-tsukasa Sake Brewery** where you can sample sake and go on a brewery tour to see how sake is made.  
(Breakfast/Lunch/ Dinner)

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

### Specialty Meals

- ★ Shabu Shabu
- ★ Japanese Saba Set
- ★ BBQ Buffet
- ★ Japanese Set Meal
- ★ Kaiseki Cuisine

### Attractions

- ☆ Kawagoe Koedo Yokochō
- ☆ Sendai Matsushima Cruise Ride
- ☆ Akabeko - DIY
- ☆ Japan 3 Great Gorges – Kiyotsu Gorge Tunnel
- ☆ Shirone Fruits Farm - Seasonal fruit-picking(Oct) \*
- ☆ Sake Vending Machines – Only at Niigata Prefecture
- ☆ Niigata Northern Culture Museum
- ☆ Mt Zao Ropeway\* ( DEC – FEB 24)
- ☆ Zao Fox Village

\* Fruit picking and flower viewing are subject to seasonality and availability



## DAY 4: NIIGATA - YAMAGATA

After breakfast, visit **Ginzan Onsen** in Yamagata. Travel back in time to classical Japan in Ginzan Onsen! The town is home to wooden hot spring inns lining each side of the Ginzan River and resonates with nostalgic beauty when illuminated at night by gas streetlamps. The view is reminiscent of the famous Hayao Miyazaki film "Spirited Away". Next, **Mount Zao**, an active volcano and also one of Tohoku's tallest mountains. A stunning crater lake lies at its summit. The crater is called *Okama* due to its resemblance to a large cooking pot. Winter Replace by cable car up to: \*Mt Zao Ropeway "Snow Monster" \*(Dec -feb) In the afternoon, visit **Zao Fox Village**. Also known as *Kitsune Mura*, it is a tourist attraction and sanctuary for foxes in Shiroishi, Miyagi where visitors can feed and interact with foxes. (Breakfast/Lunch/ Dinner)

## DAY 5: YAMAGATA - SENDAI - AIZU

After breakfast, enjoy a **Sendai Matsushima Cruise Ride**, at one of the three most beautiful locations in Japan. Visit **Godaido**, a must-see symbol of Matsushima with its prominent location overlooking Matsushima Bay. Shop to your heart's content at **Sendai Mitsui Outlet Park**, with a diverse array of shops, eateries and is famous for having Tohoku's biggest Ferris wheel— "Port Flower". Next, **Goshikinuma**, or *Five Coloured Pond*. The eruption imparted mineral deposits to the *Goshikinuma*, giving each of them their own delicate color, ranging from reddish green to cobalt blue. **Lake Inawashiro** is the fourth-largest lake in Japan, located in central Fukushima. It is also known as the *Heavenly Mirror Lake*. Tonight, stay the night at an onsen hotel. (Breakfast/Lunch/ Dinner)

## DAY 6 : AIZU - KINUGAWA

After breakfast, visit **Aizu Wakamatsu**, an old traditional town that Dr. Noguchi lived. He was the first scientist whose portrait was printed on a Japanese bank note (the thousand yen note) Next, paint your own **Akabeko (DIY)**. *Akabeko* is a cow-shaped folk toy of the Aizu region. *Akabeko* is a talisman of good fortune and health, as well as a symbol of the Aizu region. Paint your design on your very own *Akabeko*. Next, visit **Ouchijuku**. This village was established under the post station system of the Edo period and played a vital role as a rest stop for travellers. It is famous for the numerous traditional thatched buildings from the Edo Period that lines its main street. Tonight, stay the night at an onsen hotel. (Breakfast/Lunch/ Dinner)

## DAY 7 : KINUGAWA - TOKYO/NARITA

This morning after breakfast drove to **Irohazaka Road** has a total of 48 turns. Well-known for its autumnal sights and it's also the filming location for "Initial D" movie. Next visit the **Lake Chuzenjiko** also called Sea of Happiness is a scenic lake in Nikko National Park Kegan Waterfall the water from Lake Chuzenjiko to form a 100m height waterfalls view from far .It is the most famous of Nikko's beautiful waterfalls .After lunch heading to Tokyo,

\*Dep: HND - SIN flight Visit **Asakusa Kannon Temple**, the oldest in Tokyo with a history of more than 1,330 years. Shop along **Nakamise Shopping Street**, an authentic lane lined with vendors selling souvenirs. Continue to **Shinjuku** - A true shopping paradise!

\*Dep: NRT- SIN flight visit **Shisui Premium Outlets** – Narita, Shisui Premium Outlets first opened in 2013 and features over 120 shops for major brands. (Breakfast/Lunch)

## DAY 8 : TOKYO/NARITA - SINGAPORE

Today transfer to the airport for your flight home and we hope you have had an exciting holiday with SA Tours! (Breakfast)



### \*Remarks:

\*Tour is conducted in Mandarin. Minimum\*.We reserve the right to merge our tour groups .Some accommodations may not have specific twin, double or triple room types .Due to unforeseen circumstances, or last-minute changes in flight schedule, sequence of the itinerary is subject to change with/without prior notice. If a place of visit or attraction is close to visitors, it will be replaced with an alternative, if possible, with no exchange or refund .During major festivals/trade exhibitions/peak season, accommodation may be relocated to outside of the city .Non -Singapore passport holders please check with our staff for tourist visa requirements.\*Fruit picking and flower viewing are subject to seasonality and availability