

## Japan Hokuriku Echize 9-Day

Departure Date: \*6 pax\*

2023 Maple Viewing Tour: 10/25, 11/29

2024 Cherry Blossom Viewing Tour: 4/24

### 【Tour fee included】

- ✓ 8 nights in a four-five star hotel
- ✓ Full transportation, Chinese guide, attraction tickets, cable car tickets, ferry tickets
- ✓ Daily breakfast, lunch, dinner (as shown in the itinerary).

### 【Tour fee not included】

- ✗ International air tickets
- ✗ Daily tip for tour guide and driver, USD 10 per day/person is recommended
- ✗ Drinks in the restaurant

Double Room: USD\$3,199 per person

Single Supplement: \$1,200

### Daily Itinerary

#### Day 1 USA ➔ Tokyo

Fly to Tokyo NRT Airport today!

#### Day 2 Tokyo -40km- Kawagoe -58km- Ashikaga

With a history of 1,500 years, the glacier shrine is registered as a designated cultural property by Kawagoe City and has the largest wooden torii gate (15 meters) in Japan. Sacrifices are made to the gods of the couple (Sujō Naruto and Kiinada Hime), the parents of Kiinada Hime (Foot Milk Life and Tema Milk Life), and the children of the couple god. The main prayers are fate, marriage consummation and family consummation. From July to August 31 every year, the Glacier Shrine holds the "Yuki Wind Chime" (縁むすび風 chime), in which pieces of paper with wishes written on them are tied to Edo wind chimes and hung on the shrine grounds to pray for fate. In addition, on the 8th and 4th Saturday of every month, a good fortune prayer festival is held, which attracts many people.

Kawagoe Small Edo was a prosperous city during the Edo period as a castle town of Kawagoe Domain, and the city retains many historic streets and temples passed down from the Edo period, and is full of ancient charm, especially the black brick and tile storage houses, and the entire city has been designated as a "preservation area for traditional Japanese buildings", and the city attracts about 6 million tourists every year.

The clock tower towering high on the streets of Koedo informs the inheritance of the times, and is a landmark of Kawagoe City, Ashikaga Flower Garden is one of the most famous attractions in Tochigi Prefecture, and the wisteria blossom season in mid-April is the highlight of the year. Various programs decorate Ashikaga Flower Park with beautiful seasons and are always watchable.

< meals > Dinner: Welcome dish by the chef of Digen Onsen Hotel or a seasonal buffet

< Hotel > Royal Pines Hotel Urawa or similar

#### Day 3 Ashikaga -217km- Niigata

The agricultural stage is centered around Matsushiro Station, and between the small castle hills that cross the railway tracks, there are terraced fields and rice paddies. Based on the idea of turning this area into a field art museum where Echigo's Tsumari no Daisei is concentrated, the "Agricultural Stage" was set up. If the epitome of Japan's countryside is in Niigata, and the epitome of Niigata is in Echigo-Tsumari, then the "agricultural stage" is the epitome of Echigo-Tsumari, and visitors can feel the original appearance of Japan's mountainous hills. The many works that have accumulated five editions of the Earth Art Festival have also become invaluable assets in Matsushiro Ward.

Designed by architect Hiroshi Hara, the Satoyama Museum of Contemporary Art is a purely geometric cube that adjusts the surrounding chaotic landscape, while using a lot of glass to create a quiet and silent appearance, realizing another world separated from the outside world. The interior space configuration also uses the concept of layering, as if there are other

buildings within the building. As a result, visitors can experience the concept of the world being sealed into a region, and then discover that the miniature of the Japanese archipelago is also sealed in Echigo!

The Kiyotsu Gorge Tunnel, along with Kurobe Gorge and Osugiya, is known as one of Japan's three major gorges. Along the gorge, the 750-meter-long Cheongjin Gorge Valley Tunnel is famous for its art festival works, and there are four excellent viewing points from which you can safely enjoy the majestic and majestic view of the valley, and display panels and videos introduce the formation of the Cheongjin Gorge and the four seasons.

The beauty forest is located on the hills of Matsuguchi, and the beech trees are about 90 years old. Because the beech stands beautifully, it is called the beauty forest. In the early Showa period, in order to make charcoal, all the trees were felled and turned into bald mountains. However, there was a time when the young shoots of beech on the mountain germinated together, and the local beech forest was used as a breeding ground for wild birds, so the beauty forest became a protective forest. In spring, summer, autumn and winter, the beauty forest is a popular sightseeing spot where photography enthusiasts from all over Japan gather.

< Meals> Breakfast: On site|Lunch: Local cuisine|Dinner: Welcome dishes by the chef of Digen Onsen Hotel or seasonal buffet  
< Hotel > Apa Resort Joetsu Myoko or similar

#### **Day 4 Niigata -93km- Joetsumyoko Station ~ Beautiful Setsugekka Cuisine Train ~ Itoigawa Station -82km- Ogisawa**

The most beautiful transparent train in Japan has mountains, sea, and earth, and the scenery along the line is 2 to 30 cm long transparent camera. Designed by Ichiban sen, the carriage uses a giant glass viewfinder to allow passengers to enjoy the scenery along the way; The cab is also designed as a glass room, allowing railway fans to see the inner workings of the train up close. The Snow Moon currently runs from Itoigawa Station on the JR Hokuriku Main Line to Joetsu-Myoko Station, offering views of the 2,454-meter-high Mt. Myoko and the Sea of Japan along the way. The two-car transparent train is made from the walls to the floor to the design of the tables and chairs, and through the train journey, the beautiful scenery, humanities, and revitalization of Niigata are warmly transmitted to the hearts and eyes of travelers.

< Meals> Breakfast: On-site|Lunch:|Dinner: Welcome dishes or seasonal buffets by the chef of Digen Onsen Hotel  
< Hotel > Kurobe Kanko ANA Holiday Inn Resort or similar

#### **Day 5 Ogizawa ~ Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Way ~ Tateyama**

【Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Road】One of the roofs of Japan, the Hida Mountains, known as the Northern Alps of Japan, are the third highest mountain in Japan and the highest mountain system in Japan from the mountains west of the Kurobe River in the north to Mount Norikura in Gifu Prefecture in the south. The Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route runs through the Northern Alps and is a world-class mountain sightseeing route. With a total length of 37.2km and a maximum height difference of 1975m, the mountain peaks are located at an altitude of 3,000 meters, and almost the entire part is located in the Chubu Mountain National Park. Starting from Toyama Prefecture Side Tateyama Station, take six modes of transport to Ogizawa Station in Nagano Prefecture, passing through different scenery where you can easily feel the charm and magnificence of the majestic nature of Mount Tateyama-Kurobe.

In April and May, you can see the powerful snow wall, and after the snow melts, you can see the new green in summer, and you can see the alpine flowers in full bloom. In mid-September ~ mid-October, the autumn maple leaves will be dyed red from the top of the mountain to the foot of the mountain at a rate of 30m per day, and the whole peak will be dazzling in an instant. In November, the contrast between the snow-capped summit and the maple leafy mountainside is a beautiful landscape painting, and you must witness this flash of beauty for yourself.

【By 6 Transportation: Ogizawa-Tateyama】

- ※ Ogizawa-Kurobe Dam [Kansai Trolley 6.1km 16 minutes] 1470m above sea level
- ※ Kurobe Dam - Lake Kurobe [15 minutes on foot 0.6km above the dam] 1455m above sea level
- ※ Lake Kurobe - Kurobe Tai [Kurobe underground cable car 0.8km 5 minutes] Altitude 1828m
- ※ Kurobe Taikanbun [Tateyama Ropeway 1.7km 7 minutes] 2316m above sea level
- ※ Daikantong - Tateyama Main Peak - Murodo [Tateyama Tunnel Trolleybus 3.7km 10 minutes] Altitude 2450m
- ※ Murodo - Tengtutai - Midawara - Bimeodaira [Tateyama Kogen Bus 23km 50 minutes] 977m above sea level
- ※ Mijodaira-Tateyama Station [Tateyama cable car 1.3km 7 minutes] 475m above sea level
- ※ Please note that when the cable car between Tateyama Station ~ Mijoudaira Station is full, it will be replaced by bus.

< Meals> Breakfast: On-site|Lunch:|Dinner: Welcome dishes or seasonal buffets by the chef of Digen Onsen Hotel  
< Hotel> ANA Crowne Plaza in Toyama or similar

**Day 6 Tateyama -218km- Kanazawa**

The drum of the genre "Kaga Takarao". Also attracting attention is the "Hospitality Dome Plaza" (もてなしドーム) in the shape of an umbrella stand. Kanazawa is an area with frequent rain and snow, and the domed square is like a symbol of a large umbrella, shielding travelers from the wind and rain, and welcoming everyone to visit the spirit of hospitality. It is also a venue for events, and it is lively at any time. In the list of "Top 14 Most Beautiful Stations in the World" listed on the website of the famous American travel magazine Travel + Leisure in 2011, Kanazawa Station is the only station in Japan to be selected on the list. The Six Gardens, a model of Japanese walk-back gardens, are known as the first of the three famous gardens. The name is taken from Li Gefe's "Notes on the Famous Garden of Luoyang" by Li Gefe of the Northern Song Dynasty, which conveys the six victories of "grandeur, seclusion, manpower, ancient times, water springs, and overlooks", lush flowers and plants, forest springs rockeries, pavilions and meandering water, interpreting the charming poetry of the four seasons.

< Meals> Breakfast: On-site|Lunch:|Dinner: Welcome dishes or seasonal buffets by the chef of Digen Onsen Hotel

< Hotel > Nikko Hotel OR ANA Crowne Plaza or similar

**Day 7 Kanazawa -64km- Shirakawa-go Gassho Village Shirakawa-go- 95km- Gero Onsen Gero Onsen**

Shirakawa Gassho Village has caused global amazement by the rediscovery of Japanese beauty by German architect Bruno Todd, who praised Gassho as "a very logical and precious Japanese folk building". As the name suggests, the top of the settlement house is neatly drawn in a steep triangular shape to avoid freezing heavy snow and crushing the roof or even damaging the building structure. Due to the severe cold in the Hida area, many people used to live in caves, and the exit was covered by a combined palm like a triangle of two hands, and after leaving the cave dwelling, although it was changed to a hut, under the condition of considering the wind and snow resistance, the triangular gassho top used Hida's unique building materials such as Mao and Penny, and gradually formed the basic form of the current gassho building.

< Meals> Breakfast: On-site|Lunch:|Dinner: Welcome dishes or seasonal buffets by the chef of Digen Onsen Hotel

< Hotel> Takayama Onsen Green Hotel or Gero Onsen Ogawaya or similar

**Day 8 Gero Keisen -175km- Suwa -182km- Tokyo**

Takashima Castle, also known as Suwa Floating Castle and Shimazaki Castle, is one of Japan's three major lake cities. At the beginning of the Edo period, Takashima Castle lost its water castle appearance due to the reclamation of Lake Suwa, and it was restored after many constructions, and the castle tower of Takashima Castle had a three-tiered five-story appearance

< Meals> Breakfast: On-site|Lunch:|Dinner: Welcome dishes or seasonal buffets by the chef of Digen Onsen Hotel

< Hotel> Tokyo Sunshine City Prince Hotel or similar

**Day 9 Tokyo ➔ USA**

< meals > breakfast: on site