



Tohoku Tour 13 DAYS (late Apr)



HANDS ON JAPAN
Authentic Japanese Experience

Itinerary

- DAY 1 Tokyo / *Arrival, Asakusa*
- DAY 2 Tokyo / *Tokyo highlight*
- DAY 3 Tokyo / *Tokyo highlight*
- DAY 4 Sado Island / *Goldmine visit, Kyomachi town walk*
- DAY 5 Sado Island / *Syukunegi, Tub boat*
- DAY 6 Yamagata / *Wadaiko drum lesson*
- DAY 7 Yamagata / *Mt Haguro hiking*
- DAY 8 Aomori / *Oirase Gorge*
- DAY 9 Aomori / *Hoshinoya Hotel experience*
- DAY 10 Iwate / *Ironware workshop, Wanko soba eating, homestay*
- DAY 11 Minamisanriku / *Oyster farm visit & fishing, Akiu onsen, Kokeshi doll painting*
- DAY 12 Akiu / *Akiu Great Falls, transfer to Tokyo*
- DAY 13 Tokyo / *Departure*

Overview

This tour explores the Tohoku region, northern east part of Honshu. The area is less traveled than other parts of Japan but it will make you wonder why that is the case as fantastic nature and unique culture wanting to be discovered. Visit Sado Island on the Sea of Japan, an island of exile in the old days, to see a gold mine and ride on a “tub fishing boat”. Climb the sacred Mt Haguro in Yamagata. Visit Hirosaki Castle lit up at night during Cherry Blossom Festival in Aomori. Move on to Iwate to learn about the art of local ironware and try the interesting “wanko soba” where you are almost forced to eat soba noodle to the limit. During homestay experience, join local fisherman crews to catch oysters. The programme is recommended for repeaters to Japan who seek to travel to less populated area.

Highlights



Sado Island - Niigata



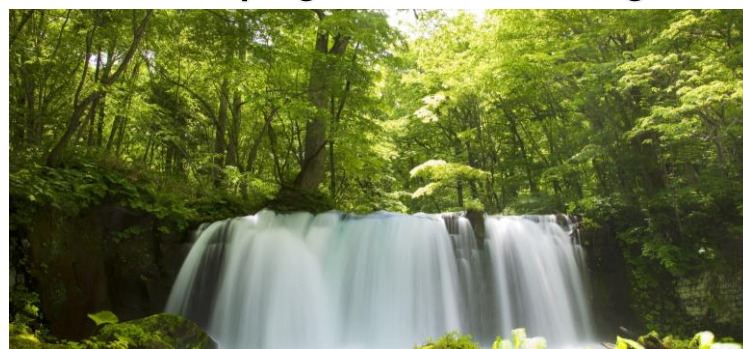
Tub fishing boat- Sado



5 storied pagoda in Mt. Haguro



Hirosaki Castle and Sakura



Oirase Gorge - Aomori



Ironware workshop visit



Wanko Soba - Iwate



Homestay - Iwate