

Sendai 20th Anniversary Friendship Tour

Travel Dates: July 2-10, 2017

Register by April 24, 2017

\$3,350 Double Occupancy

\$3,450 Single Occupancy

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Tour includes:

1. Round-trip airfare from Dallas/Fort Worth to Tokyo
2. Rail travel on JR East, including local trains and *shinkansen* (bullet trains) between Tokyo and Sendai
3. Accommodations: Five nights in Sendai and two nights in Tokyo
4. Friendship activities: Meeting with Mayor Emiko Okuyama of Sendai, lunch with Sendai citizens' groups, tour of the tsunami-affected Arahama Beach, and visit to Mori no Sato nursing home
5. Group sightseeing activities: Guided tours of Sendai, Tokyo, Kirin Brewery, Kamei Corporation Museum, and more
6. Cultural and culinary experiences: Soba-noodle-making workshop, *yukata* (summer kimono) workshop, tea ceremony, and more
7. Choice of two day trips: Relaxing mountain getaway or scenic coastal tour
8. Food: All breakfasts, eight of nine lunches, and three of nine dinners

For more information, or to register, contact us:

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Itinerary

July 2 (Sun.) – July 3 (Mon.): Travel to Sendai

- Depart DFW Airport for Narita Airport via JL 11
- Arrive at Narita Airport; take the *shinkansen* (bullet train) to Sendai

Accommodations: Hotel JAL City Sendai [Meals: B, L, D]



July 4 (Tue.): A Taste of Tohoku

- Make traditional *soba* (buckwheat) noodles by hand in Aoba
- Visit Kirin Beer Sendai Brewery for tour and tasting
- Tour the *sasakama-kan* factory to learn how Sendai's seafood specialty is made



Soba-making workshop

Accommodations: Hotel JAL City Sendai [Meals: B, L]

July 5 (Wed.): Friendship Activities in Sendai

- Tour Arahama Beach, an area affected by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami
- Visit Mori-no-Sato, a nursing facility rebuilt after the disaster with support from donations gathered in Dallas/Fort Worth
- Meet Sendai Mayor Emiko Okuyama and Sendai citizens' groups
- Visit Kamei Corporation Museum, and meet Chairman Shogo Kamei



Dallas-Sendai Friendship Tree at Mori no Sato

Accommodations: Hotel JAL City Sendai [Meals: B, L]



Chairman Shogo Kamei

July 6 (Thu.): Cultural Exchange in Sendai

- Learn to wear a *yukata* (summer kimono) with instruction from Kitsuke-no-kai
- Experience an authentic tea ceremony with the Sendai Matcha Club
- Tour Sendai's famous landmarks: Sendai Castle, Zuihoden Mausoleum, and more

Accommodations: Hotel JAL City Sendai [Meals: B, L]

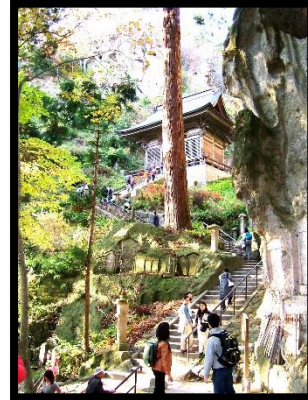


Itinerary (continued)

July 7 (Fri.): Choose Your Day Trip

- Option 1: Yamadera Mountain Getaway
 - Visit Yamadera Temple, a holy site in Yamagata Prefecture
 - Relax at Sakunami Onsen, a mountain hot spring
 - Tour the Nikka Whiskey Distillery
- Option 2: Shiogama and Matsushima Coastal Tour
 - Visit Shiogama Shrine
 - Sample sushi at Shiogama fish market
 - Take a sightseeing boat to Matsushima, widely considered one of the most beautiful places in Japan

Accommodations: Hotel JAL City Sendai [Meals: B, L]



Approaching the Yamadera Temple complex



One of Matsushima's pine islands

July 8 (Sat.): Travel to Tokyo; Self-Guided Sightseeing

- Take the *shinkansen* from Sendai to Tokyo; explore the historic Asakusa district

Accommodations: Hotel Sun Route Asakusa [Meals: B]

July 9 (Sun.): Guided Tour of Tokyo

- Tour the world's largest city: ascend the Tokyo Sky Tree, cruise the Sumida River, and more

Accommodations: Hotel Sun Route Asakusa [Meals: B, L]

July 10 (Mon.): Return to Dallas/Fort Worth

- Depart Narita for DFW Airport via JL 12
- Arrive at DFW Airport

[Meals: B, L, D]



Sensoji Temple in Asakusa



Tokyo Sky Tree