

Nanatsuboshi - Seven Stars of Kyushu

5 days – 4 nights

Fukuoka, Hakata, Mojiko, Beppu, Aso, Yufuin, Kagoshima, Okoba, Hitoyoshi

Luxury, Gastronomy, Discovery, Culture

The Cruise Train “Seven Stars in Kyushu” was launched to welcome guests with heartfelt hospitality and to deliver the charms of Kyushu, which is blessed by abundant nature, food, culture, and history. We invite you on an unparalleled, sublime journey on a train that connects the vibrant characteristics of each prefecture as well as the warmth and glowing smiles of the local people.

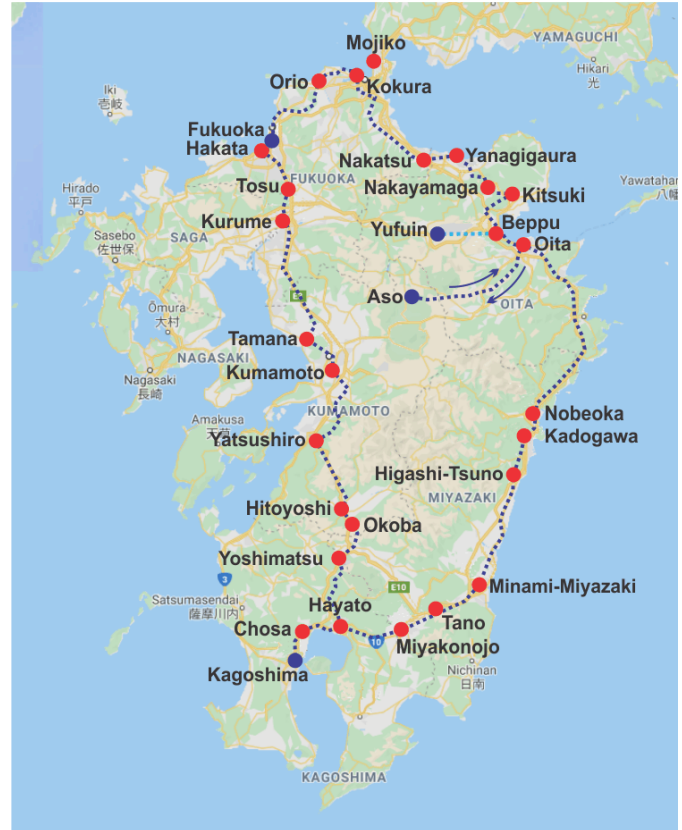
Day 1: Fukuoka

After arrival transfer to your hotel for check-in. Depending on your arrival time you make take a walking sightseeing visiting Tochoji temple, Kushida shrine, Hakata Machiya Folk Museum, Kawabata shopping street is a 1,300 feet traditional shopping arcade and Hakata Hyakunengura (Ishikura Brewery) is the only local sake brewery in Hakata. Dinner at the hotel. [D]

Note: This tour will be customized based on your time availability

Day 2: Hakata, Mojiko, Beppu, Aso

Morning transfer for your welcome ceremony at Hakata Station starts at 10:30 am. At 11: 00 am begin on a journey replete with history and adventure! Our first destination is Mojiko (Moji Port), where Kyushu's first railway company was established at the northern tip of Fukuoka Prefecture. From there, passengers will get to know local craft from Kunisaki, Oita, all to experience a day filled with history and romance of travel. In Mojiko take an optional station tour. On board you may participate in a Shichiloi craft experience. Your train continues south towards Oita and Aso. [L/D]



Palate treats of the day:

Yamanaka

Since its opening in 1972, Yamanaka has been frequented by food connoisseurs from all over Japan as the go-to place for Hakata-style sushi. Guests on board the Seven Stars will be served a luxurious time and atmosphere with sushi topped with seafood from the Genkai Sea and other local bodies of water, freshly made by the highly skilled chef of this establishment.

Housun

This hideout restaurant that serves Japanese fusion cuisine is located in a quiet corner in downtown Oita City. From the dishware to the presentation, each plate is prepared with care. These delicious meals, filled with the delights of Oita that express the region's landscape and passage of the seasons, will satisfy even the heart. Relish the beautiful and exquisite lunch made by the only female chef on the Seven Stars.

Day 3: Aso, Yufuin

Enjoy Kyushu's Great Outdoors! When morning arrives, you will find that the train has arrived at Aso Station, which is located near one of the world's largest calderas. After you take in the vast nature, we will head towards Yufuin, a Kyushu's leading onsen (hot spring) resort. Early-morning excursion to Kusasenri to explore one of the world's biggest and most beautiful volcanic calderas. When conditions

are safe stand on the edge of the active crater of Nakadake Volcano and take a look inside. Free time at the Kusasenri plateau on top of Mount Aso. See Komezuka – Mount Aso's youngest and most perfectly formed mini volcano. Plenty of photo stops for scenic views of Mount Aso and the northern and southern parts of the Aso caldera. Return to the train for lunch and continuation of your trip to Yufuin. On arrival you'll be transferred by bus to your "ryokan" for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Palate treats of the day:

Restaurant Kasei Olmo Coppia

Located near Aso Station, Olmo Coppia is a restaurant in a traditional, 160-year-old storage house and serves hearty organic meals that are good for both body and soul. At Kasei, the Cruise Train restaurant in Aso Station, the chef will serve dishes that are made from pesticide-free vegetables harvested in his own farm as well as open field gardens in Southern Aso. Savor the heartwarming meals that are made from scratch, using safe, organic ingredients.

Otto e Sette Oita

The chef from this Italian restaurant focuses on using ingredients from the Oita area, and local cooking methods, such as hot spring vapor steamed dishes from Kannawa, Beppu. Enjoy an Italian cuisine lunch made with local ingredients and techniques, only possible here

Day 4: Yufuin, Kagoshima (Chuo)

Visit Graciously Alluring Southern Kyushu! In the latter half of the journey, explore the food, nature, history, and culture of Southern Kyushu, where you can feel as though you have been transported to a tropical island! The Nippo Main Line runs along the East coast of Kyushu, and guests can enjoy spectacular views of the Hyuga-nada Sea, alongside Miyazaki Prefecture. The sight of the sunrise reflecting against the water is a sight only Seven Stars guests can enjoy as their morning begins. Take your breakfast at Kasei restaurant. Through the windows of the Seven Stars passengers are sure to enjoy the views of the beautiful landscape. The earth here has been cleansed through the pure white ash from the magnificent Mt. Sakurajima. Kirishima is said to be where the gods first descended to land. Kinko bay is also a spectacular sight. "Wasurenosato Gajoen" offers traditional rural hospitality in a nostalgic setting. "Tenku no Mori" is like an uninhabited island under the boundless sky. Surrounded by nature, here one can truly free your senses, and reset both body and psyche. Through this journey you may discover a new self, a new world, and a new future that you have not encountered before. [B/L/D]

Palate treats of the day:

Wakaeya

Founded in 1698, Wakaeya is a long-established, traditional Japanese restaurant in Kitsuki City, Oita Prefecture, with a history that goes back more than 300 years. The sesame sauce has been handed down in the family over generations since the local lord of Kitsuki ate their sea bream chazuke (rice with tea). The secret behind the flavor of this famed dish, this sauce is called Ureshino, after the fact that the lord had commented, "Ureshiino... (How delightful this is!)," upon eating this chazuke. Taste the new but somehow nostalgic, unchanging flavor that has something in common with the Seven Stars.

Manor House Shimadu Shigetomisoh

The manor house was renovated in 2006 after 160 years. It was originally built as a villa for Hisamitsu Shimazu (alternatively spelled "Shimadu"), head of the Shigetomi-Shimazu family, which belonged to the prosperous and powerful Satsuma clan. Bygone days and the modern era blend into one other in this space. The head chef of the French restaurant Automne on the premises selects farm-fresh ingredients, which are delivered directly from contract farmers to guarantee origins and producers. On the final night of your trip on the Seven Stars, the hospitable chef will serve gentle yet deeply flavorful, made-in-Satsuma French cuisine that fills the senses.

Day 5: Kagoshima, Okoba, Hitoyoshi, Hakata

Savor the Charms of the Railroad Trip! On the final day of your journey, take in some of the best sights that can only be experienced by traveling on the Cruise Train, which heads back to Hakata Station along the Hisatsu Line that offers one of Japan's top 3 sceneries viewed from the train window. On the

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Palate treats of the day:

Breakfast by the Head chef of Seven Stars

This is a Western cuisine course prepared by the Head chef of Seven Stars, featuring freshly picked vegetables and produce from around Kyushu. These freshly prepared dishes and original juice from Tsuno, Miyazaki, will surely serve as a great start to your day. Enjoy the passing views as you enjoy this specially prepared meal.

Hotel & Ryokan Ayunosato

Enjoy the Japanese-Western lunch prepared by the chef of this long-standing traditional inn at Hitoyoshi Onsen (hot spring). The establishment is located on the bank of Kuma River, which is one of Japan's 3 most rapid waterways, and across from the remains of Hitoyoshi Castle. This region of Hitoyoshi is a treasure trove of food from both river and mountain; you will be served a beautifully presented meal cooked with seasonal ingredients that have been nurtured in the abundant, surrounding nature. Savor Hitoyoshi's dishes that befit the closing of your journey on the Seven Stars.

[D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [L/D] = Lunch and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare New York/Fukuoka
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 4 nights' accommodation:
 - Fukuoka 1 night
 - Yufuin 1 night
 - Train 2 nights
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 4 lunches
 - 5 dinners
- Walking tour of Fukuoka
- Mojiko station tour
- Shichiloi craft experience
- Excursion to Kusasenri
- Exceptional views from this deluxe train
- Diverse nature, history and culture that vary with each region

- Smiling faces of the locals living along the route
- 24-hour full room service and bar facilities
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Government tax

Tour does not include:

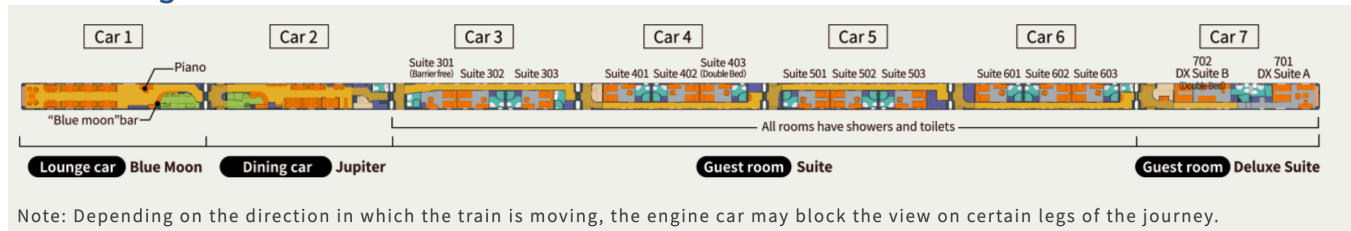
- Any taxes related to airfares or airports
- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- French Champagne
- Souvenirs
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Include"

Hotels in your Tour:

Location	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Deluxe		
Fukuoka	Grand Hyatt Fukuoka	4.5
Yufuin	Yufuin Tamnoyu	4.5
	Kamenoi Bessou	4.5
	Sansou Murata	4.5
Trip	Seven Stars Train	5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Train Configuration:



Standard Cabin

Four cars are separated into 3 Suite Rooms each where guests will experience quality rest and the finest hospitality. Each room is equipped with a shower toilet and air conditioning. Special functions unique to this train will provide you with satisfying sleep.



Deluxe Cabins

Only 2 exclusive Deluxe Suites are available on this train. Furnished according to different designs, they share the same keyword: comfort. Various pieces of Japanese style furniture are placed throughout the spacious and elegant space. The room at the end of the last car boasts a wall to wall window, through which you can enjoy the passing landscape.

Deluxe Cabin A



Deluxe Cabin B



Departure Dates

Applications for the journey are available

Tour Prices:

Prices on request

This program may not be operated for groups due high demand and limited capacity. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- Airfare

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- Program

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- Other options

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sight-seeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- Our specialists will work with you to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.