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Okinawa

October 27 – November 5, 2009

Price: \$2900
(based on double occupancy)

Tour price includes:

- Airfare from Honolulu to Okinawa Roundtrip
- Ground transportation as indicated by itinerary
- Admission as indicated by itinerary
- Daily Breakfast and Dinners
- Hotel Accommodations
- Tour Escort

October 27, 2009 Day One Tuesday Hawaii to Osaka

An afternoon flight takes us to Osaka.

October 28, 2009 Day Two Wednesday Osaka to Naha

We arrive in the afternoon and pass through customs and immigrations before connecting to our flight to Okinawa. Upon arrival we will drive to our hotel in Okinawa City.

October 29, 2009 Day Three Thursday Free Day

After a long couple of days traveling, our first day will be free to recover from jetlag. A buffet breakfast will be served daily at the hotel beginning at 7 am. In the morning we will do some shopping at a wholesale market. You will find items ranging from Okinawan Konbu to awamori to Okinawan cookies. If you are looking for Okinawan musical instruments, we can visit the factories as well. You may spend the rest of the day visiting with relatives, shopping, or just relaxing. If you require any assistance, your escort will be available to lend a hand.

October 30, 2009 Day Four Friday Gyokusendo and Nanbu Senseki

We begin our exploration of the Okinawan culture with a visit to the **Gyokusendo Kingdom Village**. This attraction is built over Japan's largest subterranean cave network. Above the cave are various craftsmen at work making, bingata, an Okinawan cloth, sanshin, the Okinawan shamisen, and glass making. The glass made here is distinctive for its unique cracking. There is also an alcohol bottling display that is noted for its habu or snake sake. If you wish, a white boa is available for those who wish to have their picture taken with it. There will also be a brief Eisa dance performance.

From Gyokusendo we continue on to the **Okinawa Prefectural Peace Museum** and **Heiwa no Ishiji**. These two sites are adjacent to each other. Heiwa no Ishiji is a memorial to all who died during the Battle of Okinawa from all sides of the battle, Okinawan, Japanese, and American. The layout of the memorial is based on the rising sun on the day the battle began. The museum presents artifacts from the Battle of Okinawa through the American occupation to Reversion in 1972.

Our last stop will be **Himeyuri no to** and the **Himeyuri Peace Museum**. During the Battle of Okinawa 219 high school students and 18 teachers were pressed into service as nurses to tend to the wounded. As the war drew to a close, they were released from service and forced to find shelter on their own. Himeyuri no to marks their last hiding place. Only five survived the battle. The museum shines a light on their experience holding artifacts, survivor accounts, hospital recreations, and more.

October 31, 2009

Day Five

Saturday

Culture Day

Today we will be taking two Okinawan culture classes. The first will be in the morning and will be a Shisa Dog decorating class. The Shisa Dog is an icon synonymous with Okinawa. This one hour class will teach how to decorate a shisa. The second class will be in the afternoon and will teach Okinawan Eisa dance. Song and dance are an integral part of Okinawan culture that occurs at every Okinawan gathering. This class is also only one hour, after this you are free until 7:00 pm when dinner will be served. If you require assistance with meeting your family, please let us know.

November 1, 2009

Day Six

Sunday

Naha City – Shuri Castle

We return south to explore the rich heritage of the Ryukyu Kingdom Era. We will visit **Shuri Castle, Tamaudun, Shikinaen, and Ryusen**. Shuri Castle was the capital of the Ryukyu Kingdom from 1492 until 1872. The current structure was rebuilt after suffering severe damage during World War II, when it served as a base of operations for the Japanese. Archaeological work continues beneath the current structures. Tamaudun is the Okinawan Royal Mausoleum, housing nearly all of the remains of the Ryukyu Kings. This structure is one of the few that survived the war mostly intact. A photo exhibit reveals the contents of the tombs and their elaborate burial urns. Our next stop is Ryusen, a Bingata factory. Bingata is a cloth that is noted for its elaborate hand painted designs.

From here we head to Naha to do some shopping on **Kokusai** and **Heiwa Streets**. Together they form an arcade where all kinds of goods may be found. For the adventurous, you may visit the Tsuboya area behind the streets that specializes in Okinawan pottery. On our way back to our hotel we will stop at the **Okinawan Prefectural Museum**. This museum was re-opened just last fall in its new home. This museum houses exhibits on many facets of Okinawan life from its indigenous flora and fauna to a variety of exhibits on Okinawan culture. The museum itself is now housed in a building specifically built for it and is in the style of an Okinawan castle.

November 2, 2009

Day Seven

Monday

Motobu

We head north today for the peninsula of Motobu.

Our day will be spent at **Ocean Expo Memorial Park**. Built for the 1975 World Expo, today it is home to three attractions. The first is **Churaumi**, Asia's largest aquarium. Opened in 2002, its large tank holds three whale sharks. In addition it has exhibits on turtles, dolphins, manatees, manta rays, and sharks. The second attraction is a collection of Okinawan homes depicting different social classes existing prior to the 20th Century and various structures common in Okinawan villages. The final attraction is the **Tropical Dream Center**, where we can see a spectacular display of floral beauty. The center is said to have over 80,000 varieties of orchids.

From there we will visit **Goya Park**. This facility is a working Goya processing plant with an example of the hydroponic growing technique used for the goya or bitter melon.

November 3, 2009

Day Eight

Tuesday

Yanbaru

Our day will be spent traveling to the northern most reaches of Okinawa. Our first stop will be **Kouri-jima**, a small island that is now connected to the main island by bridge. This island is the location of Okinawa's Adam and Eve story.

From there we will stop at **Kijoka**, the only place where you can purchase bashofu in Okinawa. There are three types of cloth native to Okinawa, bingata, kasuri, and bashofu. Bashofu is unique as it is made from banana leaves. Kijoka is noted for having saved this Okinawan handcraft.

From Kijoka, we will visit the **Orion Beer Factory**, Okinawa's own beer, for a tour of their facility. Next we will stop at the **Nago City Museum**. This museum focuses on the daily life of ordinary Okinawans prior to modern times.

On our way south to **Kin Village**, home of Toyama Kyuzo. He was the immigrant leader who led the first group of Okinawans to Hawaii in 1900. His statue in Kin points toward Hawaii. He believed that emigration was important for Okinawa which was a poorer part of Japan at the time. Emigrants would leave, so they could work and send money back home. Hawaii was but one destination that emigrants went to. Other locations include South America, the mainland United States, and Canada.

November 4, 2009

Day Nine

Wednesday

Free Day

Before we head home we will do some shopping at a wholesale market. If you did not have a chance to pick up omiyage or missed a chance to get something last time, here is your opportunity. You may spend the rest of the day visiting with relatives, shopping, or just relaxing. If you require any assistance, your escort will be available to lend a hand. Tonight we will have our farewell dinner.

November 5, 2009

Day Ten

Thursday

Return Home

We leave the hotel at noon to catch our late afternoon flight back to mainland Japan. From there an evening flight will take us back to Hawaii.



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Tour Reservation Form

Please find enclosed my \$100.00 deposit to reserve space for the following:

Tour: _____ Departing on: _____

Traveller's Legal Name (As shown on photo ID): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (Day/Night/Cel/E-mail): _____

Please list Roommates: (Each tour member must fill out individual form)

For international travel, please include a copy of your passport.

Frequent Flyer Number: _____

Accommodations: Single Double Triple Quad Rollaway
 Smoking Non-Smoking

Special Needs or Requests: Please indicate any additional travel plans that you may have, either before or after the tour. Please give us as much time as possible (30 days or more) so that we can confirm your plans. Please list any medical conditions, including dietary needs that must be taken into account prior to the tour's departure:

AIRCRAFT SEATING: Aisle seats are automatically requested for all single tour members. For parties of two or more, at least one aisle seat is requested. However, seat requests are subject to availability and are not guaranteed.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Tours by Charlie recommends travel and cancellation insurance to all tour members
 Yes, I would like to know more about insurance No, I do not want travel insurance

PAYMENT: Tours by Charlie accepts credit cards only for the air portion. The land portion must be paid cash or check.
 Yes, I wish to use a credit card to pay for my airfare No, I will pay all by cash or check

I, the undersigned, acknowledge receipt of the State of Hawaii Consumer Rights and agreement to the General Tour Conditions. I have also been advised of Travel Insurance and method of payment:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name and Relationship: _____

Phone (Day/Night/Cel): _____

Consumer's Rights

(Chapter 468L, Hawaii Revised Statutes)

As a consumer, you have the following rights regarding the purchase of travel and related services from travel agencies registered in Hawaii:

The right to be informed by the travel agency, prior to the purchase of travel services from the travel agency, of any limitations, conditions, events, circumstances, or other business or commercial factors which may affect the availability of the travel services and your ability to obtain a refund of monies paid for the travel services.

The right to rely on any promises, guarantees, representations, or information provided by the travel agency, regarding travel services. These include, but are not limited to: 1) the availability of travel services offered or sold by the travel agency; 2) the conditions for obtaining a refund of monies paid for the travel services; and 3) the nature or quality of the travel services provided.

The right to have the travel agency fulfill any term or condition of the contract for travel services between you and the travel agency, whether the term or condition was made in writing or otherwise by the travel agency.

The right to have the travel agency fulfill any promises, guarantees, or representations made by the travel agency regarding travel services, whether the promises, guarantees, or representations are made by the travel agency in writing or verbally.

The right to be informed of any conditions upon which the contract between the travel promoter and the entity providing the transportation or related services may be cancelled, and the respective rights and obligations of all parties in the event of cancellation.

The right to obtain the ticket or other similar documentation for travel services from the travel agency, upon making full payment to the travel agency.

The right to a refund within 14 calendar days from the date the refund is requested of all monies paid to the travel agency for travel services which are not performed in accordance with the contract for travel services. However, the travel agency may withhold any amounts for cancellation fees previously disclosed to you, and any amounts held by the ultimate provider of the travel services, or by a representative that the ultimate provider required the travel agency to contract with.

The right to bring legal action against any travel agency that violates these rights.

