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H.U.O.A. STUDY TOUR 2010
(Jun 02 – Jun 13, 2010)

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Wednesday, Jun 02 Honolulu - Okinawa via Osaka (Kansai)

- 11:30a.m. Please meet your tour coordinator, Nadine Shimabukuro, at the Japan Airlines baggage check-in area located on the left hand side of the airport. Due to tight airport security, you will be checking in individually. Nadine will instruct with directions.
- 1:45p.m. Depart on JalWays Flt. #077 bound for Osaka (Kansai), Japan. In-flight service (a meal and snack) and complimentary drinks (beer, wine, and assorted soft drinks) will be served. ** Complimentary alcohol only on International flights **

Thursday, Jun 03 Welcome to Japan (Osaka - Okinawa)

- 5:50p.m. Arrival at Osaka-Kansai International Airport. Upon arrival, immigrations and custom procedures are required. After customs, we will proceed to the domestic section on the 2nd floor by using elevators. After check-in is done at the JAL Domestic, you will have some time to eat or buy your dinner on the 2nd floor.
- 8:10p.m. Depart Osaka on Japan Airlines Flt. #2579 bound for Naha, Okinawa.
- 10:20p.m. Arrive Naha, Okinawa. At Naha Airport, please pickup your own baggage. We will proceed straight to our awaiting motorcoach and baggage truck. We will be transported to HOTEL ROYAL ORION (formerly Seibu Orion) in Naha on famous Kokusai Doori (International Street). On foot 3 minutes away from Makishi Monorail Station. 10-15 minutes away from Heiwa Doori (Peace St.), one of the tourist attractions in Okinawa.

Friday, Jun 04 Naha - Shuri - Naha

- 7:00-8:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel, choice of either Western Buffet style or Set Japanese Menu on 3rd floor.
- 9:00a.m. We will visit the OKINAWA PREFECTURAL (KEN-CHO) and the Congress building.
- 9:15a.m. Arrive Okinawa Prefectural (Ken-cho).
- 9:30a.m. Opening ceremony at the 1st floor lobby area .
- 10:00a.m. Ken-cho and Legislative building tour.
- 11:15a.m. Lunch on your expense at the “Ken-Cho” employee cafeteria. They serve Okinawa Soba, Sooki (Spare Rib) Soba, Goya Champuru (Bittermelon & Tofu), Curry Rice, Katsu Curry (curry rice with pork cutlet over the rice), Yushidofu (fresh hot tofu), and other Okinawan specialties.
- 12:30p.m. Bus departs for Shuri, the former ancient capitol of the Ryukyu Kingdom. We visit the “SHUREI NO MON” (Gate of Courtesy). In 1972 the gate was designated as a prefectural cultural asset. And SHURI CASTLE, served as the residence of the Ryukyu kings for several centuries, until Okinawa became a Japanese prefecture in 1879.
- 2:45p.m. Bus departs for HIMEYURI NO TO (STAR LILY MEMORIAL) in Itoman.

- 3:30p.m. Arrive at HIMEYURI NO TO (Star Lily Memorial). The monument was erected in remembrance of the female high school students who supported the Japanese military as nurses but were killed during the Battle of Okinawa. We will also go inside and tour the HIMEYURI PEACE MUSEUM, inside exhibits pictures of the many victims, their personal effects, model reconstructions of the shelter. It's a site that tells about the misery of war.
- 5:30p.m. Return back to HOTEL ROYAL ORION. (B)

Saturday, Jun 5th Naha

- 7:00 – 9:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
Today is a free day at your leisure.
- 10:30a.m. Nadine can take you down to Heiwa Doori, where Hawaii people usually buy lots of Konbu, Mushroom, Nori, & etc. She will take you to the wholesale store, “Matsumoto Shoten”. ¥100 Shop, Okazu places, and lots of souvenir shops along the way. (B)
****Optional: OKINAWAN DANCE- DINNER SHOW (7:00p.m. – 8:45p.m.)**
Main entrée” ½ baked lobster cover with cheese or gurukun (deep fried fish) with assorted Okinawan side dishes. ¥4,000yen per person, tips to the dancers included.

Sunday, Jun 6th Naha

- 7:00 – 9:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
Today is another free day to visit with relatives and friends or to do some shopping. (B)

Monday, Jun 7th Naha - Northern Okinawa

- 7:00 - 8:15a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30a.m. Bus departs for a Northern Okinawa Tour. We'll be making a stop at the service area in Igei for 5-4-4 (go-shi-shi) break.
- 10:30a.m. First stop is MORI NO GARASU (RYUKYU GLASS FACTORY), here you will experience how to blow and make your own glass mug.
- 12:00p.m. Arrive at Ocean Expo Park in Motobu Town to see CHURAUMI AQUARIUM. Churaumi means beautiful ocean in Okinawan dialect.
The aquarium is unique in that it features the world's largest acrylic panel, which is sure to dazzle you with exotic and colorful fishes, whale sharks, and manta rays. Before exiting be sure to ask aquarium staff for re-entry stamp before you leave the aquarium.
Dolphin Show (1:00p.m. & 2:30p.m.) at Oki-chan theatre, which is a few minutes walk from the aquarium.
Lunch at your own expense. Near the aquarium there is an ocean view restaurant “INOH” which serves food in a buffet style (¥1260 per person) or try “Café Ocean Blue” known for their Goya (Bittermelon) Sandwich & Taco Sandwich for a snack break near the window of the Kuroshio Sea Tank. Also a snack bar near Okichan theatre serving curry rice, Okinawa soba, American dog, (corn dog) and etc.
- 3:00p.m. Bus departs for NAGO PINEAPPLE PARK (PINEAPPLE FACTORY). Sample & taste of pineapple products, wines, assorted sweet pineapple baked goods, & etc.
Now very popular items are pineapple charcoal, pineapple charcoal soap, lotion, & gel.
- 4:30p.m. Bus departs Nago Pineapple Park for Naha via toll way.
- 6:00p.m. Bus arrives Hotel Royal Orion. Evening is free. (B)

Tuesday, Jun 8th Naha - Southern Okinawa

- 7:00 - 8:45a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:45a.m. Bus departs for a tour of Southern Okinawa. We will visit GYOKUSENDO PARK, which features a large underground stalactite grotto and an exhibit on poisonous Okinawa “Habu” (snake).
- 11:00a.m. Watch Eisa dance performed by local students at the cultural stage, located on the 2nd floor of the gift shop (20 minute performance).

Continuation of Jun 8th, Southern Okinawa Tour:

- 11:30a.m. Lunch (Okinawan food) at Gyokusendo restaurant located on the 2nd floor.
12:15p.m. After lunch, free time to shop around, go back to the cultural village or you might want to see the Eisa dance performance again at 12:30p.m.
1:30p.m. Bus departs from Gyokusendo Park for HEIWA KINENDO.
2:00p.m. Arrive at Heiwa Kinendo (Peace Prayer & Memorial Hall) and walk to the OKINAWA PREFECTURAL PEACE MUSEUM, which opened on April 1st 2000. The museum is divided into 4 sections: "The Road to the Battle of Okinawa", "Okinawan on the Battlefield", "Room of Testimony" and "From the Refugee Camps".
Next walk to the CORNERSTONE OF PEACE (Heiwa no Ishijii). It is inscribed with names of each individual, who lost their life in the Battle of Okinawa.
5:00p.m. Return to hotel. Rest of the day is free at your leisure. (B , L)

Wednesday, Jun 9th Naha – Haeburu – Naha

- 7:00-8:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
9:00a.m. Today we will visit the newly opened OKINAWA PREFECTURAL MUSEUM in a new developing area of Naha City, called "Shin Toshin" new town. The new museum opened on the first of Nov 2007. The museum is suitable for the 21st Century, raising awareness of Okinawa's nature, history, and culture.
10:15a.m. After museum, we will walk across to SAN-A NAHA MAIN PLACE, a shopping mall with supermarket, restaurants, and 2nd floor: 100 yen shop, fast foods, toy & stationary section, & etc Also Starbuck and electronics too on the 1st floor.
1:00p.m. Bus departs for OKINAWA TAIYO NO MACHI (in Haeburu), sheltered work shop for the physically disable people. They manufactured and sells "RYUKYU MIYARABI KOKESHI", Ryukyu girl doll made of wood. Prices start from 1050 yen – 2100 yen each dolls.
3:30p.m. Return back to hotel. The rest of the day is free at your leisure. (B)

Thursday, Jun 10th Free Day (Yaeyama Islands Optional Tour)

- 7:00 – 9:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
Today is a free day to visit with relatives and friends or to some shopping. (B)
The optional Yaeyama Islands Tour, please see page #3 for itinerary for more information.

Friday, Jun 11th Free Day (Yaeyama Islands Optional Tour)

- 7:00 -9:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
Today is a free day to visit with relatives and friends or to do some shopping. (B)
4:30p.m. Yaeyama Islands Tour group returns back to Naha.

Saturday, Jun 12th Naha

- 7:00 - 9:30a.m. Breakfast at hotel.
Today is your last day to visit relatives and friends or to do some shopping. (B)
OPTION: Choichi Terukina, Sanshin grand master and singer, Living National Treasue of Okinawa.
Music recital held at the National Theatre Okinawa in Urasoe City.
Because of the popularity of Terukina Sansei, there's a deadline to order the recital tickets. Deadline is March 31st.

Sunday, Jun 13th Okinawa – Honolulu via Osaka

- 7:00 - 9:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel. Double check to make sure, you have your passport.
12:00p.m. Check-out time, all baggage should be down in the hotel lobby. If you need assistance, please call the front desk. Your baggage will be going separately via delivery truck.
12:30p.m. Depart Hotel Royal Orion for Naha Airport.

- 1:00p.m. Arrive Naha Airport. Please double check and make sure all your baggage has arrived at the airport. Individual check-in, have your "e" ticket & passport ready. Only have 2 counters for International connections, please be patient.
- 4:05p.m. Depart on Japan Airlines Flt. #2580 bound for Osaka/ Kansai, no meals served.
- 6:05p.m. Arrive Osaka/ Kansai Airport, arrival lobby on the 2nd floor.
Some leisure time to wander Kansai Airport on the 2nd & 3rd floors.
Duty Free shops will be after going thru security & immigration.
- 8:15p.m. Proceed to 4th floor, through the security check and then immigration before going to the departure gate. Have your passport ready.
- 9:20p.m. Depart on JalWays Flt. #078 bound for Honolulu, very light meal will be served in flight.
- 9:45a.m. Crossing the International Date Line, you will arrive in Honolulu on the same day that you departed, Sunday, Jun 13th. Please remember to fill out your Custom Declaration form prior to arriving in Honolulu, to speed up your time in Customs.
Thank you for choosing N & K Travel Service, Inc. (B)

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******* DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TOUR IS MARCH 31, 2010 *******

Hotel:

Hotel Royal Orion
1-2-21 Asato, Naha City
Okinawa, Japan
Tel No: 098-866-5533

Optional: Yaeyama Islands Tour (Ishigaki & Taketomi Islands) Jun 10th, Friday

Minami no Churahana – Hotel Miyahira
4-9 Misaki, Ishigaki City
Tel No: 0980-82-6111