

History: Tokugawa Ieyasu, the shogun who unified Japan in 1603 and established the Edo shogunate, lived much of his life in Shizuoka. For 250 years the Tokugawa family ruled Japan and kept it isolated from the rest of the world. In 1853, the warships of Commodore Matthew Perry of the United States Navy arrived in Japan, forced the country to open to the West, and made Japan sign the Treaty of Peace and Amity with the United States. Emperor Meiji regained political control of Japan from the Tokugawa family in 1868. Shizuoka leaders including Shibusawa Eichi played major roles in the "Meiji Restoration."

On June 19, 1945, 123 B-29 bombers built at the George Martin plant outside Omaha dropped 13,211 incendiary bombs on Shizuoka leaving 1,952 dead, 12,000 seriously injured, and 65% of the city destroyed. One of the planes was named "City of Omaha." Two planes crashed during the raid killing 23 Americans. Annually Shizuoka hosts a memorial for all who died that night including the Americans.

The name of Shizuoka is comprised of 2 characters:
静 *Shizu (quiet) and* 岡 *Oka (hills)*
It was previously called Fuchu or Sunpu.

Reserve your place Now !
Register by June 10, 2024

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Leave Omaha Sep. 12 &
Return Sep. 23



Join Mayor Jean Stothert on Omaha's 60th Anniversary Tour to Shizuoka

Main Tour

- Sep. 13 Arrive in Tokyo & stay 3 nights.
- Tokyo sightseeing tours and special briefings.







- Sep. 16 Bullet Train to Shizuoka (View Mt. Fuji from train). Stay 3 nights in Shizuoka & 1 at Yaizu hotel with hot springs.
- Meet Mayor Nanba & attend 60th Anniversary Banquet.
- Likely sights: Sunpu Castle ruins; Nihondaira; Kunozan Toshogu Shrine; traditional crafts; Serizawa Museum; wasabi & green tea cultivation.



Sunpu Koen



Kunozan Toshogu Shrine



Sept. 20 Train to Hiroshima with 3 nights in Hiroshima.

Onomichi



Hiroshima



Miyajima



Sep. 23 Main Tour ends at Osaka Kansai Airport.

Estimated Land tour price
$3800 double
$4100 single

- Hotel, Bullet train, group transfers, & meals.
- Tour outfit & $100 donation to OSCA.
- Add cost of required international health & evacuation insurance.
- Arrange air travel through JTB (**kyamada@jtbusa.com**) or on own (arrive by 4:00 p.m. at Haneda airport).



Optional Extensions

***Kyoto & Nara** 3-Day Extension: Sep. 23-26: $980 (double) or $1,200 (single)*

***Tokyo** 3-day Extension $880.00 (double) or $990 (single)*

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