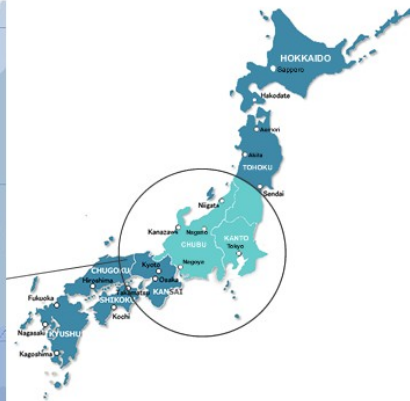




Spring Hanami Tour 2010 "JAPAN - The Ride of a Lifetime!"

Tour Outline

Japan Bike Rentals is very pleased to offer a fantastic tour celebrating spring in all its splendor. This is a very special time of year for the Japanese as winter loses its bite and cherry blossoms explode in bright hues of pink throughout the country. Add ancient temples and shrines, majestic landscapes, fantastic roads and Japan's exotic culture, and what you have is an outstanding motorcycling experience. We'll mix with the locals in some of the region's most beautiful and popular spots for Hanami, the age old Japanese tradition of cherry blossom viewing. We'll journey to a 'mini Kyoto' called Kamakura for our fill of temples, shrines and other historical monuments dating back to the 13th century. The snow-capped mountains of Nagano, will make a lovely backdrop as we twist our way through this gorgeous area. The Izu peninsula is nothing short of perfection for a motorcycle tour, so naturally it's on our tour itinerary, as is a night's stay in historic Shuzenji located in the heart of the peninsula. Onsen (hot springs), culinary delights and cherry blossoms abound along our specially selected route. Once a land closed to the outside world, is now very much open to be explored, and the best way to do it is on two wheels. So come and join us for an unforgettable tour. We're waiting to hear from you.



Daily Itinerary

Day 1 (Apr 6) JBR - Kamakura (126km)

After a quick orientation session at our Akasaka office in Tokyo, we will catch some fine Tokyo Bay views as we head out of town by way of the Rainbow Bridge. We will follow Tokyo Bay south for about an hour, traveling the Bayshore route highway through one of Japan's busiest urban landscapes; this is the heart of industrial Japan. After crossing the Yokohama Bay Bridge, it's not long before we will be leaving the city behind and find ourselves cutting through the hills of the Miura Peninsula. This little known peninsula is nestled quietly between Yokohama and Kamakura. Lovely country riding will take us through tunnels of outstanding cherry blossoms and ultimately lead us to the historic town of Kamakura, where we will be staying the first night of the tour. The evening and early morning will be spent exploring all the history this area has to offer.

Tour Dates

April 6 - April 12 (6 nights)

Tour Highlights

- Cherry Blossoms at multiple spots along the tour
- Rainbow Bridge (Tokyo Bay)
- Cherry Blossom 'tunnel' in Miura
- Kamakura (STAY)
- Temples and shrines of Kamakura + Daibutsu (Big Buddha)
- Odawara Castle
- Himenosawa Park
- Izu Skyline Drive
- Rural Izu rice fields and forgotten villages
- Nanadaru (waterfalls)
- Historic town of Shuzenji (STAY)
- Bamboo Forests and Wasabi Plantations
- Takato town and Hanami
- Shimoda (STAY)
- Mishima Shrine
- Oiishi Temple
- Shiraito Falls
- Kawaguchiko (STAY)
- Mt. Fuji and the 'Fuji 5' lakes
- Thatched roof village of Nema
- Hakone and Ashinoko Skyline Drive
- Naraijuku old Postal town (STAY)
- Kamikochi district
- Matsumoto + Matsumoto Castle (STAY)

- ✓ Soothing hot springs everyday at our hotels.
- ✓ Exceptional riding EVERYWHERE!
- ✓ Outstanding meals EVERYDAY!

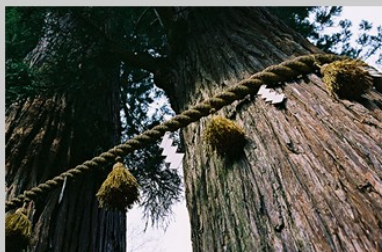


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Day 2 (Apr 7) Kamakura - Shimoda (173km)
This morning we will be following the coast past the island of Enoshima and on to Odawara Castle. We will stop here briefly to walk around and soak up the Hanami spirit. We will then continue to the onsen resort town of Atami, where we will head up into the hills to Himenosawa Park. Next it's up to Izu Skyline Drive, for some of the greatest riding in the area. We'll then cut into the heart of the Izu peninsula where you'll begin to get a sense of the real rural Japan; rice fields, quaint forgotten villages, wasabi plantations and bamboo forests. Perhaps we'll try some wasabi ice cream; not as bad as it sounds. A ride through this stunning area wouldn't be complete without an easy hike through the woods around 'nanadaru' (seven waterfalls). We'll then make our way back down toward the coast to our ocean view ryokan.

Day 3 (Apr 8) Shimoda - Shuzenji (110km)
Today we will follow a picturesque route across the southern part of Izu to the coast where we will then follow the rugged coastline, taking a break from the Hanami and instead focusing on the magnificent views and fantastic roads that twist and turn their way north. Along the way, Mt. Fuji will start to make an appearance giving us a taste of what lies ahead as we take in the sites and sounds of this stunning region. Lovely scenic roads will lead us to our destination, the historic and charming village of Shuzenji. Shuzenji Temple, which was first built in the 9th century, is one of the highlights of this ancient onsen town. Our ryokan is located very close to the river that winds its way through this charismatic town. We'll enjoy a quiet evening soaking up the peaceful atmosphere and then relax in a truly authentic natural onsen.



Day 4 (Apr 9) Shuzenji - Kawaguchiko (144km)

Today we will be heading further north, and depending on the weather, either calling in for some hanami festivities at Mishima Shrine, or heading up higher to the Hakone Skyline for some magnificent Fuji views. Next, we will begin our loop of Mt Fuji, keeping Fuji on our right for the rest of the day. We'll also be passing by Shiraito Falls, where we'll take a break if time allows. From here it's north along a very scenic route all the way to Lake Saiko, one of the Fuji 5-Lakes. After stopping in at the historic village of Nemba, we'll ride along the shores of Lake Saiko and on to Lake Kawaguchiko where we'll check into our ryokan, and enjoy outstanding cuisine and fabulous Fuji views.



Day 5 (Apr 10) Kawaguchiko - Naraijuku (180km)

After enjoying a breakfast buffet it's back on the bikes and off along the shores of the lakes again. We'll join the expressway and work our way north between the Minami (southern) Alps and Yatsugatake Mountain. Exiting the expressway, we'll take the local roads around the top of the Southern Alps and down towards the quaint town of Takato; famous for its thousands of cherry blossom trees. After a great lunch of the local specialty, Takato soba noodles, it's off to our final destination of the day; the old postal town of Naraijuku. This is one of Japan's best preserved old towns along the historic 'Nakasendo trail' which used to link Kyoto with Tokyo in feudal times. Here we will enjoy a truly outstanding meal that only the rural villages of Nagano can offer.

Day 6 (Apr 11) Naraijuku - Matsumoto (161km)

Today, the theme will change from Hanami to snow-capped mountains as we head high into the hills near Kamikochi, one of Japan's most beautiful regions. Our route will depend somewhat on the weather, however we will end the day in the scenic castle town of Matsumoto, where we will be staying in a lovely hotel located just a short walk away from the town's centerpiece - Matsumoto Castle. We'll enjoy Hanami in the park next to the castle, as well as a royal feast at a Japanese style izakaya to celebrate our last night of the Spring Hanami Tour 2009.

Day 7 (Apr 12) Matsumoto - JBR (225km)

Spend the morning at the canal side markets, take a guided tour of the castle, or explore some of the other treasures this old town has to offer. This will also be a good chance to pick up some souvenirs for friends and family back home. We will depart around noon and we'll ride the highway all the way back into Tokyo. We expect to be back at the JBR office around 3pm.

For inquiries, bookings and more information on this exciting Japan Hanami Tour please contact Japan Bike Rentals at info@japanbikerentals.com or give us a call at +81-3-3584-5185. We hope you'll join us for an unforgettable motorcycle touring experience.

What's Included

- ✓ **Motorcycle Rental Fees + Full Comprehensive Insurance**
- ✓ **Bike Luggage** (All bikes include Top Case, Side Cases and Tank Bag)
- ✓ **Protective riding gear** (including gloves, helmet, jacket and rain gear)
- ✓ **Hotel Fees** (we'll be staying at some great hotels and Japanese inns in the area)
- ✓ **All Meals** (except daily lunches)
- ✓ **Expressway Tolls**
- ✓ **Onsen (hotspring) Fees**
- ✓ **Park and Museum Entrance Fees**
- ✓ **Support Vehicle** (available for carrying any extra baggage or pillion passengers who want a break from the excitement)

NOT Included

- ⊗ Gasoline fees
- ⊗ Fees for any traffic violations
- ⊗ Daily lunches
- ⊗ Alcohol
- ⊗ Airfare to and from Japan
- ⊗ Riding Boots
- ⊗ Riding Pants

Prices

Departure: 4/06/2010 - 4/12/2010

Trip Length: 6 nights - 7 days

Price per rider: from 409,000 - 479,000 yen.
(add passenger + 299,000 yen)

409,000 yen price based on economy-class bike (Yamaha XT250) and shared accommodations.

429,000 yen price based on mid-class bike (BMW F650GS/ Honda CB750 Four) and shared accommodations.

479,000 yen price based on large-class bike (BMW K1200GT, BMW R1200RT, BMW R1150GS) and shared accommodations.

*For single room supplement please add +36,000 yen per person.



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