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**Discover Kyushu** - festivals, historic sites, yatai (food stalls) and arita-yaki (porcelain)

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**Cost:** $3,280.00* per person/dbl ($3,680.00* single)

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Price includes: roundtrip airfare on Japan Airlines, the Center’s preferred airline to Japan, hotel accommodations, all breakfasts, some lunches/dinners and demonstrations/admissions.

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15 depart for Tokyo
16 arrive in Tokyo
17 Oita / Taketa Bamboo Festival
18 Taketa / Hita
19-21 Fukuoka
22 Arita (Saga) / Nagasaki
23 depart for Tokyo (to SFO or extra nts)

Please be advised that public transportation will be used throughout the tour which will require participants to be able to walk moderate distances (up to 2 miles) between each city and activity as well as be responsible for your own luggage. It is recommended that you contact the Center if you feel that special requirements are needed for your travel.

$500 deposit and application are due by July 27.

Tour limited to 18 participants.
Application can be found at: http://bit.ly/centerjapan