



Collection of photos created by former JTB employee Mr. Tatsuo Osako, who escorted Jewish refugees from Vladivostok to Tsuruga, Japan. Each photo includes names and thank you notes written by each refugee and there is an ongoing search for the descendants.

SUGIHARA

REMEMBRANCE ROUTE IN JAPAN

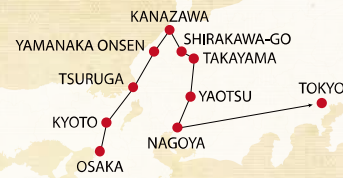
12 DAYS · 11 NIGHTS



NPO Chiune Sugihara. Visas For Life

Learn about the life and work of Chiune (Sempo) Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat who was appointed as consul in Lithuania during WWII and saved the lives of some 6,000 Jewish refugees by issuing transit visas to Japan, in order to help them flee Nazi persecution. Highlights of your tour include visits to the Port of Humanity Tsuruga Museum, Chiune Sugihara Memorial Hall in Yaotsu, a ryokan (Japanese inn) stay, and a traditional tea ceremony.

The tour will also explore Kyoto, Yamanaka Onsen, Kanazawa, Shirakawago, Nagoya and Tokyo.



Kyoto



Yamanaka Onsen



Kanazawa



Port of Humanity Tsuruga Museum



Tokyo

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Itinerary:

Day 1 - Osaka Arrival - Kyoto

Arrive at Kansai International Airport in Osaka and transfer to your hotel in Kyoto.

Overnight: **Four Seasons Kyoto** or similar

Set in the scenic district of temples, with an 800-year-old ikeniwa (pond garden) at its heart, this is the newest luxury hotel in Kyoto. Natural wood, stone pathways, and mesmerizing waterfalls create an atmosphere of regal sophistication.

Day 2 - Kyoto

After breakfast, depart for a full day of touring in Kyoto. Visit Nijo Palace built in 1603 as Kyoto residence of Ieyasu Tokugawa, founder and first shogun of the Tokugawa shogunate. Then, stop at Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion). Formally known as Rokuonji, the temple was a retirement villa of a court noble, later changed to a Zen temple. Next, visit Ryoanji Temple, the site of Japan's most famous rock garden. Your last stop will be at Sanjusangendo Temple, famous for its 1001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of mercy.

Overnight: **Four Seasons Kyoto** or similar
[Breakfast]

Day 3 - Kyoto

Begin your sightseeing today with a visit to the Fushimi Inari Shrine, famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates. This shrine has ancient origins, predating the capital's move to Kyoto in 794. Next, you are welcomed to a private temple where you will take part in the traditional tea ceremony. Rest of the day free at leisure for own activities.

Overnight: **Four Seasons Kyoto** or similar
[Breakfast]

Day 4 - Kyoto - Tsuruga - Yamanaka Onsen

After checking out of the hotel, depart for Tsuruga by private car (approx. 1.5 hours). Upon arrival in Tsuruga, begin your private tour. A highlight of your tour is the Port of Humanity Tsuruga Museum. Tsuruga Port flourished as a gateway to the Continent and was known as the "Harbor of the East" and later as the Port of Humanity. It was the only Japanese port open to the Polish orphans in 1920, and to the Jewish refugees with Visas For Life in 1940. You will also visit the Old Tsuruga Port Station, Old Red Bricks Warehouse with the early 20th century townscape depicted in the railroad and port diorama. Your final stop is Kami-Warabe Washi Paper Doll Museum where you will learn how to make origami. At the conclusion of your tour, you are transferred to Yamanaka Onsen by private car (approx. 1h 28min)

Overnight: **The Kayotei Ryokan** or similar
[Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner]

The Kayotei Ryokan: This luxury ryokan (inn) stands in a small hot spring village, surrounded by majestic trees and lovingly nurtured gardens encircled by thickly forested hills. Its ten suites are arranged in the traditional Japanese style of a tea ceremony pavilion. This ryokan is famous for its exquisite service, and delicious dishes that are served using freshly, organically, and locally produced ingredients.

Day 5 - Yamanaka Onsen - Kanazawa

After a leisurely morning at The Kayotei, you will visit some local artisan studios. Artisans you'll meet here are indigenous organic food producers and traditional handicraft makers. Some of the possibilities include: visiting an organic rice producer, Japanese "Nihonshu" (sake) producer, traditional wood turner "Kiji-shi", or Japanese "Kutani ware" potter. In late afternoon, transfer to Kanazawa by private car (approx. 1 hour).

Overnight: **Hotel Nikko Kanazawa** or similar
[Breakfast / Lunch]

Hotel Nikko Kanazawa: Just steps from JR Kanazawa Station, this is the best luxury hotel in the city. All rooms are located above the 17th floor, offering beautiful views.

Day 6 - Kanazawa

After breakfast, you will be taken on a full day of touring in Kanazawa. Begin your tour by visiting Kenrokuen Garden, recognized as one of Japan's "Three Most Beautiful Traditional Japanese Style Gardens". Continue your exploration with a visit to the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art. It opened in 2004, and has become one of Japan's most popular art museums. After lunch at Omicho Market, the largest fresh food market in this area for nearly 300 years, enjoy the D.T. Suzuki Museum and deepen your understanding of the ideas and achievements of Daisetz Suzuki, a prominent Buddhist philosopher. Your last stop will be the Nagamachi Samurai District where samurai and their families used to reside.

Overnight: **Hotel Nikko Kanazawa**
[Breakfast / Lunch]

Day 7 - Kanazawa - Shirakawago - Takayama

This morning, depart for a full day of touring, visiting Ogimachi Village, Shirakawago's largest village and main attraction. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and visit one of the traditional Gassho style houses. Then, transfer to Takayama by private car (approx. 50 min)

Overnight: **Hotel Associa Takayama Resort** or similar
[Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner]

Hotel Associa Takayama Resort: This hotel is set in the hills of Takayama, overlooking the Northern Alps. It features its own hot spring, including open-air baths.

Day 8 - Takayama

After breakfast, set off on a full-day tour of Takayama. First, visit Takayama Festival Float Exhibition Hall (Takayama Festival is regarded as one of the three most beautiful festivals in Japan). Then, visit one of Takayama's morning markets. Next, explore the beautifully preserved old town. Your last stop will be the Higashiyama Teramachi district where you can enjoy the temples and shrines that are linked by scenic hiking trails.

Overnight: **Hotel Associa Takayama Resort** or similar
[Breakfast]

Day 9 - Takayama - Yaotsu - Nagoya

After breakfast, enjoy a scenic drive to Yaotsu, the birthplace of Chiune Sugihara (approx. 2 hours). Visit the



Chiune Sugihara Memorial Hall. The building is made entirely from Japanese cypress grown in Gifu and was designed to suit the natural features of this area, and to express the humanism of Sugihara. Also, stop by the "Bells of Peace" Monument. If time permits, enjoy hiking in Goho Falls Park. Transfer to Nagoya.

Overnight: **Nagoya Marriott Associa Hotel** or similar
[Breakfast]

Nagoya Marriott Associa Hotel: Rising high above Nagoya Station, the Marriott Associa Hotel offers rooms with expansive city views and enjoys one of the top-rated locations in the city.



Day 10 - Nagoya - Tokyo

This morning, embark on a half day of sightseeing. Your first stop is Nagoya Castle, one of the top attractions in the city. From here, follow "Chiune Sugihara's Walk of Humanitarianism" by visiting his old school (present-day Aichi Prefectural Zuiryo High School). After lunch, transfer to Nagoya Station and catch the bullet train to Tokyo (approx. 100 min). Remainder of the day free at leisure.

Overnight: **Mandarin Oriental Hotel** or similar
[Breakfast]

Mandarin Oriental Hotel: High above the city, Mandarin Oriental Tokyo is a five-star luxury hotel with views to take your breath away. The hotel is located in the quiet Nihonbashi area.

Day 11 - Tokyo

This morning, begin your full day tour of Tokyo. First, tour the Imperial Palace Plaza that surrounds the Imperial Palace. Continuing on, you will pay a visit to the Meiji Jingu Shrine, which is dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Next, discover the Asakusa Kannon Temple, one of the largest and most popular Buddhist temples in Tokyo. Later, take a guided walking tour of Ginza, Tokyo's most famous up market shopping, dining, and entertainment center.

Overnight: **Mandarin Oriental Hotel** or similar
[Breakfast]

Day 12 - Tokyo - Narita

Your journey comes to an end as you are transferred from your hotel to the airport to board your homebound flight.



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