



**Phoenix Sister Cities 40th Anniversary
Delegation to Himeji & Tokyo**

April 5-13, 2017



TENTATIVE HIMEJI ITINERARY

Tuesday, April 5

- 5:34 am:** Meet at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Terminal 4 to check-in
- 7:34 am:** Depart for Osaka on Japan Air Lines (JL) flight 7583 operated by American Airlines AA 425
- 1:45 pm:** Depart for Osaka Kansai International Airport

Wednesday, April 6

- 6:15 pm:** Arrive at Osaka Kansai International Airport and proceed by motor coach to Himeji
- Check in Hotel Nikko Himeji
- Address:** 100 Minamiekimaecho, Himeji, Hyogo Prefecture 670-0962, Japan
- Tel.** +81 79-222-2231
- Website:** <http://www.hotelnikkohimeji.co.jp/> Dinner hosted by Himeji TBD

Thursday, April 7

- 7:30 am:** Breakfast at hotel
- 9:30 am:** Cultural workshops TBA
- 12:00 pm:** Lunch TBD (hosted by Himeji)
- 1:00 pm:** Japanese Confectionery making workshop
- 6:00 pm:** 40th Anniversary Commemoration Dinner

Friday, April 8

- 7:30 am:** Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 pm:** Sightseeing by motorcoach to visit Himeji Castle
- 11:00 pm:** Attend the Cherry Blossom Festival
- 12:00 pm:** Lunch
- 1:00 pm:** Tour the Kokoen Garden
- 6:00 pm:** Dinner hosted by Himeji

Saturday, April 9

- 8:30 am:** Breakfast at hotel
- 10:00 am:** Shopping
- 12:30 pm:** Lunch TBD (hosted by Himeji)
- 2:00 pm:** Visit Mt. Shosha
- 4:00 pm:** Dinner (Farewell party)

TENTATIVE TOKYO ITINERARY

Monday, April 10 (Depart from Himeji to Tokyo)

- 8:00 am:** Breakfast at the hotel Prepare a light traveling overnight bag to bring with you as your luggage will be transported to the Tokyo hotel separately and will arrive on April 11.
- TBA:** Walk to Himeji Odawara Station with an English speaking assistant (Approx. 5 minutes).
- 12:00 pm:** Lunch (Box bento lunch with a bottled water)
- TBA:** Depart from Odawara Station by the Bullet Train
- TBA:** Arrive at Odawara and enjoy sightseeing to include Chokokunimori Museum, a cruise on Lake Ashi, Mt. Komagatake Ropeway
- 9:00 pm:** Proceed to Tokyo for dinner at a Tokyo restaurant TBD Check into hotel in Tokyo (Keiio Plaza or Grand Prince New Takanawa or similar TBD)

Tuesday, April 11

- 7:30 am:** Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 am:** Sightseeing by chartered bus and tour guide to include: Tokyo Skytree, Asakusa and Nakamise dori
- Lunch at Aoi Marushin or similar for Tempura Tour the Edo Tokyo Museum & Akihabara
- 5:00 pm:** Return to the hotel (dinner is on your own / evening is open)

Wednesday, April 12

- 8:00 am:** Breakfast at hotel Free time to shop
(There may be an optional activity organized TBD)
Lunch is on your own
- 10:00 pm:** Farewell dinner at the Ninja Akasaka for a creative Japanese course & beverages

Thursday, April 13

- 8:00 am:** Breakfast at the hotel
Morning is free to shop/pack
- 12:00 pm:** Check out for transfer to Narita International Airport
Lunch and dinner are not included
- 5:25 pm:** Depart from Narita International Airport on JL Flight 62
- 11:20 pm:** Arrive at Los Angeles International Airport Tom Bradley Terminal
- 4:20 pm:** Depart Los Angeles on JL flight 7538 operated as American Airlines flight 2077 for Phoenix
- 5:45 pm:** Arrive at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport at 5:45 PM

About Himeji Sites

Himeji Castle

Also known as White Heron Castle, this piece of Japanese architecture was first built in the 1400s and later finished in the early 1600s. It was also one of the few castles that was never damaged due to war or natural disasters. It consists of 80 buildings spread across 2 miles of land that are connected by gates and pathways.

Kokoen Garden

Built in 1991, this collection of gardens surrounds Himeji Castle and are designed according to styles from the Edo Period. Some of the gardens it includes are a Japanese water garden, bamboo garden, and tea ceremony garden.

Moon Festival

Also known as tsukimi, this festival is a celebration of the end of the harvest. Several viewing spots throughout Japan celebrate with local dance performances and by enjoying treats such as dango mochi.

Mt. Shosha

Once a training center for priests in the late 900s, this mountain hosts the famous temple of Engyoji. It is also one of the 33 pilgrimage sites in western Japan.

About Tokyo Sites

Hakone

This town is a popular destination for tourists because of its relaxing and breathtaking sites of nature such as hot springs and Mt. Fuji. It is apart of the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park and is home to Lake Ashinoko and Chokokunomori Museum. Lake Ashinoko was formed 3000s years ago by the eruption of Mt. Hakone. Chokokunomori Museum, or the Open Air Museum, includes Japanese artwork from the 19th and 20th century.

The Tokyo Skytree

This television broadcasting tower is 634 meters high and is the tallest building in Japan. It consists of 2 observation decks with the higher of the 2, Tembo Gallery, is considered at 450 meters high to be the "world's highest sky walk".

Asakusa and Nakamise Dori

Asakusa is a part of one of Tokyo's districts and includes the famous Buddhist temple of Sensoji. The main entrance to this temple is accessed through Nadamise Dori. Nadamise Dori is a well known shopping street with crafts and food made by the locals.

Edo Tokyo Museum

This museum walks guests through the history of Tokyo using models of towns, previously used vehicles, and other exhibitions. It also has a sister museum called the Edo-Tokyo Air Museum, which displays and preserves historic buildings.

Akihabara

Home to magna and anime enthusiasts, this district located in central Tokyo is known for its neon electronic buildings. The shops vary from local vendors to chain stores.

Payment & Cancellation

A nonrefundable \$500 travel deposit is due by February 6th, 2017 to hold a place on the delegation. The deposit is nonrefundable, unless the trip is cancelled. The full payment amount is due by February 28th, 2017. All prices may be subject to currency fluctuations. If there are fewer than 22 delegation members paid in full by February 28, 2017, the trip will be subject to cancellation.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Consideration should be given to purchasing individual trip cancellation insurance. Phoenix Sister Cities has worked with a number of companies that provide this service. Please contact our office for suggestions. Trip cancellation insurance is different from traveler's medical insurance or post-departure insurance.

Phoenix Sister Cities: (602) 534-3751

IMPORTANT: *Sign and return the following Indemnity and Medical Release along with your completed registration form on the following page.*



INDEMNITY AND MEDICAL RELEASE

The trip services outlined, including without limitation transportation, lodging, and sightseeing, are provided by the carrier, hoteliers, and other suppliers that are independent contractors and not agents for employees, partners, or joint ventures of Phoenix Sister Cities (PSC). PSC issues tickets, vouchers, and other travel documents for such services merely as an agent for the companies that furnish such services. Such tickets, vouchers, and other travel documents are subject to all terms and conditions of the respective suppliers (some of them may limit or exclude the supplier's liability). PSC is not responsible for any loss of or damage to property or death or injury to persons, resulting from any act or omission of any supplier providing any tour service or any other person or entity or caused by strike, war, weather, quarantine, sickness, government restriction or regulation, or any other cause beyond its reasonable control. The trip participant expressly waives all rights, which he or she may have against PSC in connection with the foregoing. Under no circumstances is PSC to be construed as a carrier under contract for safe carriage of the passenger or his or her baggage and belongings. PSC reserves the right to remove a delegate from a trip and provide a full refund for PSC services. Booking Terms & Conditions are subject to change.

Signature: _____

PHOENIX SISTER CITIES DELEGATION VISIT TO HIMEJI & TOKYO

April 5th to 13th

REGISTRATION FORM

PERSON #1:					
PERSON #2:					
ADDRESS:					
CITY:		STATE:		ZIP:	
DAY PHONE#:		CELL PHONE #:			
EMAIL:					

Name(s) MUST appear as on passport

Round-trip Air Package Himeji / Tokyo	
1. PSC Friend Level Member - Single	\$4,888.00
2. Non-Member – Single	\$5,080.00
3. PSC Friend Level Member – Double	\$4,410.00
4. Non-Member – Double	\$4,610.00
Land Package ONLY	
5. PSC Friend Level Member - Single	\$3,680.00
6. Non-Member – Single	\$3,880.00
7. PSC Friend Level Member – Double	\$3,210.00
8. Non-Member – Double	\$3,410.00

Some Premium and Business Class air tickets available. Call 602-495-5918 for inquiry

All prices are subject to currency fluctuations
Double occupancy rooms in Himeji are limited. Priority will be given to married couples; however, single rooms do not have a single supplement. Single supplements only apply in Tokyo.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL MEDICAL		
Description	Qty	Cost
Provided by Collegiate Risk Insurance and covers trip delay, trip interruption, emergency medical, and baggage loss or delay.	1	\$3.99 per day

SELECTION (Fill out the package number from 1 - 24)		
Qty	Package Description	Amount
	Package #:	
	Optional Medical & Post Departure Insurance	
	Package Sub-Total	
	Service Fee on Credit Card Charges (multiply by 3%)	
	Deposit Due by: February 6 (\$ 500.00) per person	
Total Balance – Due by Tuesday, February 28, 2017		

METHOD OF PAYMENT	
Check#:	
Credit Card#:	
Credit Card:	<input type="checkbox"/> AMEX <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Master
Expiration Date:	
Amount:	
Signature:	

All credit card payments will be subject to a 3% service charge per order. To receive the Phoenix Sister Cities member rate you must be a \$125 (Friend) level member prior to registration.

Should you desire trip cancellation insurance, which is different from medical, please contact the PSC Office for options available.

Amounts listed are subject to change based on travel conditions and fluctuation of currency.

Do you have special dietary requirements?

No Yes _____

For questions, contact Rick Gerrard: (602) 495-5918
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