

The Ultimate

TAIKO TOUR

The once-in-a-lifetime experience for all avid taiko players and enthusiasts, this 8-day tour offers valuable hands-on experiences with taiko masters in their natural settings and the chance to visit the 3 day Earth Celebration on Sado Island, home to Kodo Taiko. This itinerary is jam-packed with taiko, festivals, shrines and fun; everything you would expect from a summer-time trip to the Land of the Rising Sun, and then some!

Summer 2014

Highlights (see itinerary for details)



Early Bird Special

Pricing **\$1980.00**

Type	Twin (double occupancy)	Triple	Single
Without Air	\$2180.00 \$1980.00 'til 30 April	\$2085.00 \$1,885.00 'til 30 April	\$2760.00 \$2,560.00 'til April 30

\$500.00 refundable deposit is required at time of booking.
 *Final payment required 30 JUL 2014
 *Group Size: Minimum 16 participants
 *Booking close: 20 JUL 2014
 *Above prices are subject to change due to exchange rate.
 *Tour begins at Narita International Airport

Package includes:
 7 night's standard class accommodation
 All transportation listed in itinerary
 Daily breakfast and 3 dinners
 Admissions for activities mentioned on itinerary.

Itinerary

Day 1 20AUG(WED) Arrival at NRT – met by a member of our staff

**Arrive at Narita International Airport. Transfer to hotel in Tokyo by Airport Limousine Bus.
1 night accommodation in Tokyo at Shinjuku Prince Hotel or similar**



Day 2 21AUG(THU) AM: Tokyo tour PM: Transfer to Niigata

**We will be exploring Tokyo by rail with a local tour guide, seeing the past and the future all in half a day. Prior to visiting the Taiko Museum and having a workshop courtesy of Miyamoto Taiko, we will warm up in Akihabara with some digital taiko drumming and visit one of Tokyo's oldest shrines! In the evening we will transfer to Niigata via chartered bus
1 night accommodation in Niigata at ANA Crown Plaza or similar**

DAY3 22AUG(FRI) Transfer to Sado

At last we will transfer via Ferry to Sado Island, home to Kodo, one of the most prominent professional taiko groups, as well as the annual Earth Celebration. You will have the whole day free at your own leisure to enjoy the festivities and performances. In the evening we will all gather on a chartered bus to take us to our accommodations where dinner will be waiting.

3 nights Japanese Style accommodation in Sado at Kabuseno Yu or similar



DAY4-DAY5 23AUG(SAT)-24AUG(SUN) Earth Celebration

The following 2 days will be free at your leisure as well to enjoy the Earth Celebration with private transfers to and from the festival grounds. Dinner will be provided at the hotel.

DAY6 25AUG(MON) Exploring Sado

This day we will be enjoying the nature of Japan and the island of Sado. There will be a possible taiko workshop prior to leaving the island and transferring back to Niigata. More details and the full day's itinerary TBA!

1 night's accommodation in Niigata at ANA Crown Plaza or similar



DAY7 26AUG(TUE) Tokyo

Transfer back to Tokyo via chartered bus and enjoy the rest of your evening free at leisure in the sprawling neon metropolis

1 night's accommodation in Tokyo at Shinjuku Prince Hotel or similar

DAY8 27AUG (WED) Departure

Transfer to Narita International Airport by Airport Limousine bus for your flight home.

Special Guest Tour Director:



On this tour you will be joined and guided by NTA America's Chris Cooke. Chris has lived in Japan for 4 years, is fluent in Japanese, and has played taiko in both the United States and Japan. With a degree in Japanese Studies he will be sure to bring extra insight and value to this tour ensuring that you have a fulfilling experience while in Japan.

Cancellation Penalties:

- *\$500.00 charge if cancelled 31 to 60 days prior to Japan arrival date
- *50% of total cost if cancelled 30 to 15 days prior
- *70% of total cost if cancelled 14 to 8 days prior
- *100% of total cost if cancelled 7 days prior or no show

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