

The 4th Fukushima Vocal Ensemble Competition 2011 Information on Accommodation, Rehearsal, Transportation, and Meals

1. Accommodation

(1) Dates Available for Reservation




March 18th, March 19th, March 20th, March 21st, 2011

Please contact our office if you would like to book for accommodation on any other days.

(2) Details on Accommodation

- ① Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. If the accommodation facilities of your choice are fully booked, we will respond to your request with an alternate suggestion.

*The reservation of accommodation is part of the Agent-Organized Tour planned and conducted by the Fukushima branch of Top Tours, Ltd.

Category	Dormitory Type	Hotel Type	Hot Spring Inn Type
Name of Facility	Fukushima Youth Center	Hotel Sunroute Plaza Fukushima	Yoshikawaya Inn
Distance to Competition	20 minutes by car	5 minutes by car	30 minutes by car
Address	53-5 Kuroiwa Aza Tabeya, Fukushima City	7-11 Oomachi, Fukushima City	6 Yuno Aza Shinyu, Iizaka Machi, Fukushima City
Phone Number	8 1 - 2 4 5 4 6 8 3 1 1	8 1 - 2 4 5 2 5 2 2 1 1	8 1 - 2 4 5 4 2 2 2 2 6
Fax Number	8 1 - 2 4 5 4 6 8 3 1 1	8 1 - 2 4 5 2 5 2 2 1 9	8 1 - 2 4 5 4 2 3 6 0 4
Rooms	Japanese-style Room (Tatami mats and Futon) * 2 to 5 people can stay in each room. * Washrooms and bathrooms are communal, and will not be provided in each room.	Western-style Room (Western Bedroom) *There are Single, Twin, and Triple Rooms available.	Japanese-style Room (Tatami mats and Futon) * 2 to 5 people can stay in each room.
Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth (15 years and younger) 2,200 yen • Adult (16 years and older) 4,600 yen *Prices are for each person per night when a minimum of 2 people is staying in each room. (Service charges and taxes are included) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast: 630 yen/meal • Lunch (Bento Box) : Choice between 3 types, 630 yen, 840 yen, 1,050 yen • Dinner: Three Options 1,050yen, 1,260yen, 1,575yen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single 7,300 yen • Twin 7,300 yen • Triple 6,800 yen * Prices are for each person per night, and includes breakfast. (Service charges and taxes are included) *Youths (18 years or younger) will receive a 500yen discount *Dinner is available for 1200 yen/ meal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25,000 yen per person (per night) when two people are sharing one room. • 23,000 yen per person (per night) when three people are sharing one room. • 21,000 yen per person (per night) when four people or more are sharing one room. *Prices include breakfast and dinner each day. (Service charges and taxes included) * Children (12 years or younger) will be charged 70% of the rate indicated above.
Shuttle Service	Not available	Not available	Available (maximum of 28 passengers)
Website	www.f-miraikan.or.jp	www.sunroutehotel.jp/plaza-fukushima	www.yoshikawaya.com
Photos			

* Japanese-Style Rooms do not have beds, and use futon mattresses on a tatami flooring as bedding.

2. Rehearsal Facilities

- (1) Dates Available for Reservation
March 18th, March 19th, March 20th, March 21st, 2011
- (2) Details on Rehearsal Facilities
- ① Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. In the case that your rehearsal facility of choice is fully booked, we will respond to your request with an alternate suggestion.
 - ② There is no shuttle bus service to and from the rehearsal facilities. If you would like to charter a bus for your transportation, please contact the Top Tours office.
 - ③ Some facilities may have desks and chairs inside the rooms.
 - ④ With the exception of a small number of facilities, there are no pianos or tuning devices available.
 - ⑤ If you would like to reserve a facility that is not listed here, please contact our office. There are a number of free rehearsal facilities that organizations booking accommodation through Top Tours may reserve. For more details, please contact our office.
- (3) **The Fukushima Cultural Center**
- ① **The use of this facility is free of charge.**
 - ② **Each organization will be given 45 minutes of practice time, including the time for changeovers.**
 - ③ On the application form, please indicate the practice room of your choice as well as the time and date you would like to hold your practice on. (Hours of Operation / 9:00 ~ 21:00)

Room Type	Large Hall	Small Hall	Meeting Room (2F)	Exhibition Room (3F)	Audio/Visual Room
Remarks	Piano Available		Piano / Tuning Devices Not Available		

■ Estimated time of travel and cost of taxi from accommodation to the Cultural Center

Dormitory Type		Hotel Type		Hot Spring Inn Type	
Fukushima Youth Center		Hotel Sunroute Plaza Fukushima		Yoshikawaya Inn	
20 minutes	Approx. 2,500 yen	5 minutes	Approx. 800 yen	30 minutes	Approx. 4,000 yen

* Yoshikawaya Inn offers free shuttle service when travelling directly to and from the rehearsal facility or competition venue and Yoshikawaya Inn. Reservations for this shuttle service must be made in advance.

- (4) **Pay Rehearsal Facilities**
- ① Some of these facilities may not be available in the early morning or late evenings.

Name of Facility	Room Type	Fees (per hour)
Fukushima Youth Center	Seminar Room	1, 5 0 0 yen
Hotel Sunroute Plaza Fukushima	Banquet Hall	3, 5 0 0 yen
Yoshikawaya Inn	Banquet Hall	1 0, 0 0 0 yen

3. Boxed Meals

- (1) Boxed Lunches
We will accept reservations for boxed lunches (Deluxe Bento Box) for March 18th, March 19th, March 20th and March 21st, 2011. The lunches will feature local foods from the prefecture of Fukushima, and will differ in content each day. There will be two types of boxed lunches available: one type for 800 yen, and the other type for 1000 yen. Both types come with green tea.
- ◇ 800 yen or 1,000 yen / meal
 - ◇ Pick up location and time / Lunches will be available for pickup between 10:30 and 13:30 at the gymnasium on the first floor of the Women's Center, located adjacent to and connected indoors to the Ongaukudo Concert Hall (venue for the competition).
- (2) Boxed Dinner
We will accept reservations for boxed dinners (Deluxe Bento Box) for March 19th and March 20th.
- ◇ 1,000 yen / meal
 - ◇ Pick up location and time / Dinners will be available for pickup between 17:00 and 19:00 at the gymnasium on the first floor of the Women's Center, located adjacent to and connected indoors to the Ongaukudo Concert Hall (venue for the competition).

* The boxed meals are not part of the Agent-Organized Travel Contract. They will be reserved as an additional service.

4. Transportation

(1) International Air Tickets

- ① A copy of your passport will need to be provided when applying.
- ② Please be aware that there are only a limited number of tickets available for the airfares below.
- ③ The departure times are based on the air schedules as of November 2010.

* Air ticket reservation is part of a Custom-Ordered Tour, planned and conducted by the Fukushima branch of Top Tours, Ltd.

(2) Flights originating from Jakarta, Indonesia

- ① Air Fare 164,800 yen (Adult and Youth fares are the same. Fuel surcharge and airport taxes for Incheon Airport are included) (The Jakarta airport tax which amounts to 150,000 Rupiah is not included in this price. Please pay for this tax directly at the airport)
- ② Reservations cannot be changed once made.

Date	City	Time	Itinerary
March 18 th (Friday)	Jakarta (Departure)	2 1 : 5 5	Garuda Indonesia (GA) Flight Number 9962
March 19 th (Saturday)	Incheon Airport (Arrival)	0 6 : 4 5	Arrival at Incheon Airport, South Korea
	Incheon Airport (Departure)	1 0 : 0 0	Oceana Airways Flight 156
	Fukushima Airport (Arrival)	1 2 : 1 0	Arrival at Fukushima Airport, Immigration Clearance, Customs

Date	City	Time	Itinerary
March (Flights are operating everyday)	Narita Airport (Departure)	1 2 : 0 0	Garuda Indonesia (GA) Flight Number 885
	Jakarta (Arrival)	1 7 : 5 0	

(3) Flights originating from Seoul, Korea

- ① Air Fare 58,500 yen (Adult and Youth fares are the same. Fuel surcharge and airport taxes are included)
- ② Reservations cannot be changed once made.

Date	City	Time	Itinerary
March 19 th (Saturday)	Incheon Airport (Departure)	1 0 : 0 0	Oceana Airways Flight 156
	Fukushima Airport (Arrival)	1 2 : 1 0	Arrival at Fukushima Airport, Immigration Clearance, Customs

Date	City	Time	Itinerary
March (Flights are operating on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays)	Fukushima Airport (Departure)	1 3 : 1 0	Oceana Airways Flight 155
	Incheon Airport (Arrival)	1 5 : 5 0	

(4) Chartered Vehicle

The Fukushima Airport Service will provide contestants with free transportation from the airport to Fukushima City. This service is for all members of participating organizations (contestants, conductors, accompanists, instructors, etc.) who are traveling to Fukushima via Fukushima Airport.

To make a reservation, please apply for this service using reservation form IV.

- Fukushima Airport ~ Fukushima City Time Required : 1 hour 15 minutes (when using Highway)

(5) Contestants Landing in an Airport other than Fukushima

We can assist you with making reservations for chartered vehicles or train transportation from the airport of your landing to Fukushima City. Please contact our office for more details.

(6) Chartered Bus Service

Top Tours will be accepting reservations for chartered bus service to and from Fukushima Station, the place of your stay, and the competition.

If you would like to make a reservation, please indicate so on the correspondence column of the application form for accommodation that is attached. Please be informed that last minute (same day) applications for such services will not be accepted.

- Bus Types Medium Sized Bus: Maximum Capacity 30 people (approx.)
 Small Sized Bus: Maximum Capacity 20 people (approx.)

*Chartered Bus services will be reserved under a Custom-Ordered Tour Contract between each organization and our company.

5. Optional Tours

To celebrate this year's competition, we have provided 3 different day trip programs for contestants that will travel around the sights of Fukushima. We hope you will take this opportunity to experience the rich history and nature of Fukushima Prefecture.

- Tour Dates : March 19th, March 20th, March 21st, 2011
- Maximum number of participants : 40 people per program (minimum of 15 people required)
- Meals : One meal (lunch) is included
- Attendant : An attendant will be accompanying this trip.

*The day trips are included as part of the Agent-Organized Tour, planned and conducted by the Fukushima branch of Top Tours, Ltd.

A Course [Historical Aizu Wakamatsu Course] ◇Program Fee (per person) : 7,000 yen (includes meal and admission fees)

Fukushima Station	====Mt.limori · Byakkotai Museum*	=====Tsuruga Castle** (Lunch)	=====
8:30	10:00	11:00	11:20 12:40
=====Koriyama Station		=====Fukushima Station	
14:00		15:00	
<p>【Highlight】 You will tour through cityscapes that are reminiscent of the days of the samurai. This area is the most popular tourist destination in Fukushima.</p> <p><small>*Artifacts from Byakkotai, a tragic group of teenaged adolescent warriors who died during the Boshin War are displayed ** The castle was known to be nearly invulnerable during the Boshin War</small></p>			

B Course [Iwaki Marine Course] ◇Program Fee (per person) : 8,500 yen (includes meal and admission fees)

Fukushima Station	=====Aquamarine Fukushima*	=====Iwaki La La Miu** (Lunch)	=====
8:30	10:30	11:50	12:00 13:00
====Koriyama Station		=====Fukushima Station	
14:20		15:20	
<p>【Highlight】 You visit a nationally renown aquarium thematizing “Shiome”, a current rip between the black current and kurile currents that are both located off the coast of Fukushima.</p> <p><small>*Aquamarine is known for its educational style of display that values hands-on experience. ** La La Miu is a commercial fish market with abundant fresh seafood from the rich seas of Iwaki.</small></p>			

C Course [The City of “Kura”: Kitakata Course] ◇ Program Fee (per person) : 7,000 yen (includes meal and admission fees)

Fukushima Station	=====Kaihonke Kura Residential Storehouse*	=====Kitakata City (Walkabout and Kitakata	=====
8:30	10:20	10:40	11:00
Ramen Lunch) =====Koriyama Station		=====Fukushima Station	
13:00		14:20 15:20	
<p>【Highlight】 You will tour through Kitakata, a historic city lined with “Kuras”, Japanese styled storehouses that were commonly used a hundred years ago. The Kuras give Kitaka a unique, exotic feel. Kitaka is also renown across Japan for its ramen noodles.</p> <p><small>* Built in 1924, this residential storehouse is one of the most famous Kuras in Kitakata.</small></p>			

6. Application Procedure

- (1) How to Apply-----
Please fill in the attached application form, and send it by facsimile (FAX) to the Fukushima Branch of Top Tours, Ltd.
- (2) Where to Apply-----
Fukushima Office of Top Tours Ltd. Attn: Ms. Ookubo
7 th Floor Unix Building, 6-6 Sakae Machi, Fukushima City Postal Code: 960-8031
Phone Number : 8 1 - 2 4 5 2 3 4 4 5 1 Facsimile Number : 8 1 - 2 4 5 2 2 0 0 5 1
E-mail : fukushima@toptour.co.jp
Office Hours (Weekday) 9:20 ~ 18:00 (Saturdays) 9:20 ~ 12:40
(Closed on Sundays and National Holidays)
- (3) Application Deadline-----
18:00 (JSD) on December 15, 2010 (Wednesday)
- (4) Payment Method-----
An invoice will be faxed at least 10 days prior to the date of your departure.
Payments can be made via credit card or bank transfer.
- Credit Cards Accepted
 - VISA
 - Master Card
 - American Express
 - Diners
 - JCB
 - Bank Transfer
 - Account Holder: Top Tour Ltd. Fukushima Branch
 - Account Number : Ordinary No. 8 0 0 5
 - Bank Name / Branch Name : The Toho Bank Ltd. Fukushima Ekimae Branch
 - Swift Code: TOHOJPJT
 - Regarding your Payments
 - The entire cost of your application will need to be paid in advance.
 - A notice of confirmation for all reservations pertaining to your application will be faxed upon receiving payment.
 - If paying by credit card, please fill in the necessary information on the section labeled "Credit Card Information" on the application form prior to faxing it to our office.
 - If paying by bank transfer, you will be responsible for all transfer fees that arise.
- (5) Other-----
Your personal information will only be used for reservation and registration purposes.
All personal information will be handed over to the competition head office after the competition is over.

7. Changes and Cancellations to your Application

Any changes or cancellations to your application must be notified in writing and faxed to our office. Please indicate your changes by writing them directly overtop of your initial application, and re-send the forms via FAX to our office. In order to prevent any miscommunication, we will not be accepting changes or cancellations over the phone. Your date of cancellation will be the date your notice is received by our office during regular office hours. In the case of a refund, the amount of your refund minus any cancellation fees will be sent to a bank account you specify following the competition.

(1) Accommodation (Per person, per night)

Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Fee
Cancellation on the eve of your reservation	None
Cancellation on the same day of your reservation	5 0 % of the total cost
No-Show, or cancellation after the day of your reservation	1 0 0 % of the total cost

(2) Pay Rehearsal Facilities (per day, per facility)

	Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Fee
Number of days prior to the eve of the day of your reservation.	21 or more days	None
	8 ~20 Days	2 0 % of the total cost
	2~7 Days	3 0 % of the total cost
Cancellation on the eve of your reservation		4 0 % of the total cost

Cancellation on the same day as your reservation	5 0 % of the total cost
No-show, or cancellation after the day of your reservation	1 0 0 % of the total cost

(3) Boxed Meals (per person, per meal) *Boxed Meals are not part of the Travel Contract.

Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Fee
Cancellations prior to 18:00 on the eve of your reservation	None
Cancellation after 18:00 on the eve of your reservation	1 0 0 % of the total cost

(4) Flight Ticket (per person)

Date of Cancellation		Cancellation Fee
Number of days prior to the eve of the day of your reservation.	30 or more days	None
	3 ~ 30 days	2 0 % of the total cost
Cancellation on two days prior or eve of flight, or same day of the flight		5 0 % of the total cost
No-Show, or cancellation after the flight		1 0 0 % of the total cost

(5) Optional Tour (per person) , Chartered Bus (per vehicle)

Date of Cancellation		Cancellation Fee
Number of days prior to the eve of the day of your reservation.	15 days or more	None
	6 ~ 14 days	1 0 % of the total cost
	2 ~ 5 days	2 0 % of the total cost
Cancellation on the eve of your reservation		3 0 % of the total cost
Cancellation on the same day of your reservation		5 0 % of the total cost
No-Show, or cancellation after the day of your reservation		1 0 0 % of the total cost

8. Additional Reservations for the Grand Champion Competition

If your organization is selected to participate in the Grand Champion Competition (March 21st), and wishes to make additional reservations for practice facilities, and/or boxed meals, please do so using the following procedures.

(1) Practice Facility for March 21st and Boxed Meals

Please apply within one hour of the announcements of groups advancing to the Grand Champion Competition. Applications can be made at the Top Tour desk located in the concert hall. Please note however that the selection of rehearsal facility type and location will be left to our discretion.

9. Handling Company

【Tour Planning / Conducting】 Travel Agency No.38 registered by the Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency

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