

The 5th Fukushima Vocal Ensemble Competition 2012

Information on Accommodation, Rehearsal, Meals, and Transportation

1. Accommodation

(1) Dates Available for Reservation




March 21st, March 22nd, March 23rd, March 24th, March 25th, 2012

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	Surikamitei Ohtori
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	24-3 Aza Nakano Uchi, Iizaka Machi, Fukushima City
Phone Number	81-245468311	81-245252211	81-245424184
Fax Number	81-245468311	81-245252219	81-245420278
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"> • 15,000 yen per person (per night) when two people are sharing one room. • 12,000 yen per person (per night) when three people are sharing one room. • 10,000 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 are included) * Children (12 years or younger) will be charged 70% of the rate indicated above.
Shuttle Service	Not available	Not available	Available (subject to fees)
Website	www.f-miraikan.or.jp	www.sunroutehotel.jp/plaza-fukushima	www.surikamiteiohtori.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 21st, March 22nd, March 23rd, March 24th, March 25th, 2012
- (2) Details on Booking 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 To make a reservation, please fill out the name of facility, room type, and preferred time of your rehearsal on the space provided on the application form for accommodation facilities.
 - ③ 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.
 - ④ Some facilities may have desks and chairs inside the rooms.
 - ⑤ With the exception of a small number of facilities, there are no pianos or tuning devices available.
 - ⑥ 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) Official Rehearsal Facilities
- ① **Reservations can be made regardless of whether or not accommodation is being booked through our services. The use of these facilities are free of charge.**
 - ② **Each organization will be allowed approximately 60 minutes of practice time per booking, including the time required for changeovers.**
(Please note the length of your practice time may be subject to change in the case that a large number of organizations are requesting the use of the same facility on the same day.)

■ March 21st (Wednesday)

Name of Facility	Room Name (Type)	Times Available	Maximum capacity	Other Remarks
Fukushima City Music Hall	Practice Room One	09:00 ~ 21:00	100 people	Piano available
	Light Exercise Room	09:00 ~ 21:00	20 people	
Fukushima City Mochizuri Community Center	Hall	13:00 ~ 21:00	100 people	Piano available
	Seminar Room One	09:00 ~ 21:00	20 people	
	Affiliated Hall	09:00 ~ 21:00	60 people	

■ March 22nd (Thursday) ~ March 25th (Sunday) * On March 25th, all facilities are only available until 18:00

Name of Facility	Room Name (Type)	Times Available	Maximum capacity, etc.	Other Remarks
A.O.Z Aouze (Fukushima Seniors Center)	Multipurpose Hall	09:00 ~ 21:00	200 people	Piano available
	Music Studio	09:00 ~ 21:00	65m ²	Electric Piano
Fukushima City Mochizuri Community Center	Hall	09:00 ~ 21:00	100 people	Piano available
	Seminar Room One	09:00 ~ 21:00	20 people	
	Affiliated Hall	09:00 ~ 21:00	60 people	

* When rehearsing at the Mochizuri Community Centre, please do not use any instruments (percussions, wind instruments, etc.) other than the piano that is provided.

■ Estimated time of travel and cost of taxi from accommodation facilities

	Fukushima Music Hall (Womens Center)	Mochizuri Community Center	A.O.Z Aouze (Seniors Center)
Fukushima Youth Center	20 minutes (Approx. 2,500 yen)	25 minutes (Approx. 3,000 yen)	20 minutes (Approx. 2,500 yen)
Hotel Sunroute Plaza Fukushima	5 minutes (Approx. 800 yen)	10 minutes (Approx 1,500 yen)	4 minutes (Approx. 700 yen)
Surigamitei Ohtori	30 minutes (Approx 4,000 yen)	30 minutes (Approx 4,000 yen)	30 minutes (Approx 4,000 yen)

* Surigamitei Ohtori also provides shuttle bus services for a fee. Reservations are required.

(4) **Other Rehearsal Facilities**

- ① Reservations outside of the booking times below will be subject to extra fees.

Name of Facility	Room Name (Type)	Times Available	Price (per hour)
Fukushima Youth Center	Seminar Room	09:00 ~ 17:00	1,500 yen
Hotel Sunroute Plaza	Banquet Room	09:00 ~ 16:00	4,000 yen
Surigamitei Ohtori	Large Hall	09:00 ~ 16:00	Free

3. Meals

- (1) Dates Available
March 22nd, March 23rd, March 24th, March 25th, 2012
- (2) Types of Meals Available
- ① Deluxe Bento Box (Lunch) / The content of the Bento Box will be different everyday. There will be two types of boxed meals available: one type for 800 yen, and the other type for 1000 yen. Both types come with green tea.
 - ② Deli Bread (Lunch) / The type of bread will be different everyday. The lunch includes two types of deli bread and vegetable juice. The cost is 450 yen.
 - ③ 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 Fukushima City Music Hall (venue for the competition).
 - ④ Boxed Dinners are also available. Only bento boxes are available for dinner. If you would like to place an order, please mention so in the correspondence column provided on the application form for accommodation facilities.

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

4. Transportation

- (1) Fukushima Airport Tax Sharing Service
Free transportation from the Fukushima airport to Fukushima City will be provided for all members of participating choirs (singers, conductors, accompanists, instructors, etc.)
To make a reservation, please use the application form attached to this booklet.
 - Fukushima Airport ~ Fukushima City Time Required : 1 hour 15 minutes (when using Highway)
- (2) Contestants Landing at an Airport other than Fukushima Airport
Chartered vehicles or train transportation from the airport of your landing is available. Please contact our office for more details.
- (3) Chartered Bus Services
Chartered bus service to and from Fukushima Station, the place of your stay, and the competition venue are available. 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) reservations for chartered bus services are not available.
 - 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

In commemoration of this year's competition, two day-trip programs for contestants wishing to travel around the sights of Fukushima have been organized. We hope you will take this opportunity to experience the rich history and nature of Fukushima Prefecture.

- Tour Dates : March 23rd, March 24th, March 25th, 2012
- 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 each trip.

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

[Aizu Wakamatsu Program] ◇ 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			

【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.

*Artifacts from Byakkotai, a tragic group of teenaged adolescent warriors who died during the Boshin War are displayed here.

** The castle was known to be nearly invulnerable during the Boshin War

[Kitakata Program] ◇ 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	

【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.

* Built in 1924, this residential storehouse is one of the most famous Kuras in Kitakata.

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
5th Floor Acty Fukushima Building, 7-25 Oomachi, Fukushima City Postal Code: 960-8041
Phone Number : 81-245234451 Facsimile Number : 81-245220051
E-mail : fukushima@toptour.co.jp
Office Hours (Weekdays) 9:20~18:00 (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and National Holidays)
- (3) Application Deadline-----
18:00 (JSD) on January 31, 2012 (Tuesday)
- (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	50% of the total cost
No-Show, or cancellation after the day of your reservation	100% 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	20% of the total cost
	2~7 Days	30% of the total cost
Cancellation on the eve of your reservation		40% of the total cost
Cancellation on the same day as your reservation		50% of the total cost
No-show, or cancellation after the day of your reservation		100% of the total cost

(3) Meals (per person, per meal) * 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	100% 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	20% of the total cost
Cancellation on two days prior or eve of flight, or same day of the flight		50% of the total cost
No-Show, or cancellation after the flight		100% 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	10% of the total cost
	2~5 days	20% of the total cost
Cancellation on the eve of your reservation		30% of the total cost
Cancellation on the same day of your reservation		50% of the total cost
No-Show, or cancellation after the day of your reservation		100% 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 25th), 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 25th and 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.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the levels of radiation in Fukushima City, please feel free to contact the Fukushima Branch of Top Tours, Ltd.
Phone Number : 81-245234451

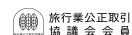
Detailed information on radiation are available online at websites such as the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (please look for the section titled "Results of the Environmental Radiation Monitoring")

If you have any general questions regarding radiation, please call the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency Hotline at:
Phone Number (Toll-Free): 81-120988359 (Available between 08:00 ~ 22:00 JSD)

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