

The 6th Fukushima Vocal Ensemble Competition 2013
Information on Accommodation, Rehearsal,
Meals and Transportation

1 Accommodation

A. Dates Available for Reservation

March 21st, March 22nd, March 23rd, March 24th, March 25th, 2013




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

B. Details on Accommodation

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.

*Please note that the reservation for dormitory type accommodation facilities must be made after submitting your application.

*The reservation of accommodation is part of the Agent-Organized Tour planned and conducted by the JTB TOHOKU inc Fukushima Corporate Sales Office.

Category	Dormitory Type	Hotel Type	Hot Spring Inn Type
Name of Facility	Fukushima Youth Center	Hotel SunroutePlaza Fukushima	Sansuiso Tsuchiyu Spa , Fukushima
Distance to Competition	15 minutes by car	5 minutes by car	30 minutes by car
Address	53-5 Kuroiwa Aza Tabeya, Fukushima City	7-11 Oomachi, Fukushima City	55 Aburahata, Tsuchiyu-onsencho Fukushima City
Phone Number	81-245468311	81-245252211	81-245952141
Fax Number	81-245468311	81-245252219	81-245952731
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)	Japanese-style Room (Tatami mats and Futon) * 2 to 5 people can stay in each room.
Rates	Youth(15 years and younger) 2,200 yen Adult (16 years and older) 4,600 yen. *Prices are for each person per night with a minimum of 2 people staying in each room. (Service charges and taxes are included) *Breakfast : 630 yen/meal *Lunch(Bento Box) : Choice between 3 types, 630 yen, 840 yen, 1,050yen *Dinner :Three options 1,050 yen, 1,260 yen , 1,575 yen	Single 7,500 yen Twin 7,000 yen Triple 6,500 yen *Prices are for each person per night, and include breakfast. (Service charges and taxes are included) *Dinner is available for 1,000 yen /meal	14,000 yen per person (per night) with two people sharing one room 12,000 yen per person (per night) with three people sharing one room 9,000 yen per person (per night) with four people sharing one room *Prices include breakfast and dinner each day. (Service charges and taxes are included) *Dinner might not be available for late arrival.
Shuttle Service	Not available	Not available	Please contact us
Website	www.f-miraikan.or.jp	www.sunroutehotel.jp/plaza-fukushima/	www.naf.co.jp/sansuiso
Photos			

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

2 Rehearsal Facilities

A. Dates Available for Reservation

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B. Details on booking Rehearsal Facilities

- a. 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.
- b. To make a reservation, please fill out the name of the facility, room type, and preferred time of your rehearsal on the space provided on the application form for accommodation facility
- c. Some facilities may have desks and chairs inside the rooms.
- d. With the exception of a small number of facilities, there are no pianos or tuning devices available.
- e. If you would like to reserve a facility that is not listed here, please contact our office.

C. Official Rehearsal Facilities

- a. Reservations can be made regardless of whether or not accommodation is being booked through our services. The use of these facilities is free of charge.
- b. 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.)

[Fukushima Prefectural Culture Center]

Room Name(Type)	Times Available	Maximum capacity	Remarks
Large Hall	8:30am - 5:00pm	1,752 people	Piano available
Small Hall	8:30am - 5:00pm	379 people	Piano available
Audio-visual Room	8:30am - 5:00pm	108 people	
2nd Floor Meeting Room	8:30am - 5:00pm	466 m ²	
3rd Floor Meeting Room	8:30am - 5:00pm	1018 m ²	

D. Other Rehearsal Facilities

- a. Reservations can be also made by organizations without booking accommodation through our services.
- b. When organizations booking accommodation through our services want to reserve rehearsal facilities, these reservations can be made free of charge.
- c. Reservations outside of the booking times below will be subject to extra fees.
- d. Allotted practice time is 90 to 120 minutes per day.

[Hotel Sunroute Plaza Fukushimar]

Room Name(Type)	Times Available	Maximum capacity,etc	Price (per hour)
Tachibana	Mar.20 06:00pm - 9:00pm	42 m ²	4,000yen
	Mar.21 10:00am - 9:00pm	42 m ²	4,000yen
	Mar.22 10:00am - 9:00pm	42 m ²	4,000yen
	Mar.23 08:00am - 9:00pm	42 m ²	4,000yen
	Mar.24 10:00am - 9:00pm	42 m ²	4,000yen

[La Vivale]

Room Name(Type)	Times Available	Maximum capacity,etc	Price (per hour)
North Hall	9:00am - 2:00pm		3,800yen
South Hall	9:00am - 2:00pm		5,100yen

[Fukushima Terrsa]

Room Name(Type)	Times Available	Maximum capacity,etc	Price (per hour)
Music Room	Mar.20 6:00pm – 10:00pm		Free
	Mar.23 9:00am – 12:00pm		

[Sun Sky Tsuchiyu]

Room Name(Type)	Time Available	Maximum capacity ,etc	Price (per hour)
Large Seminar Room	Mar.20 01:00pm - 5:00pm		Free
	Mar.21 09:00am - 5:00pm		
	Mar.22 09:00am - 5:00pm		
	Mar.23 09:00am - 5:00pm		
	Mar.24 09:00am - 1:00pm		

E. Estimated time of travel from the accommodation facilities

	Fukushima prefectural Culture Center	Hotel Sunroute Plaza	La Vivale	Fukushima Terrsa	Sun Sky Tsuchiyu
Fukushima Youth center	20 mins (By car)	15 mins (By car)	15 mins (By car)	15 mins (By car)	30 mins (By car)
Hotel Sunroute Plaza Fukushima	10 mins (by car)	0 min	10 mins (on foot)	5mins (on foot)	35 mins (By car)
Sansuiso Tsuchiyu spa	35 mins (By car)	35 mins (By car)	35 mins (By car)	35 mins (By car)	10 mins (By car)

*Fukushima Prefectural Cultural Center is about ten minutes walking distance to the venue, Fukushima City Music Hall.

3 Meals

A. Dates Available

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B. Types of Meals Available

a. Deluxe Bento Box (lunch)

The contents of the Bento Box will be changed everyday. The price is 900yen. And it is served with green tea.

b. Pick up location and time

Lunches will be available for pick up 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).

c. Boxed Dinners are also available. Only bento boxes are available for dinner. If you would like to place an order, please mention it 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

A. 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 reservation, please use the Registration Form IV attached to this booklet.

*Fukushima Airport - Fukushima City (1 hr 15 mins when using Highway)

B. 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.

C. Chartered Bus Services

If you would like to make a reservation, please indicate so on the correspondence column of the attached application form for accommodation that is attached. Please be informed that same day reservations for chartered bus services are not available.

*Bus Types Large Sized Bus: Maximum Capacity 50 people(approx.)

 Medium Sized Bus: Maximum Capacity 30 people(approx.)

 Small Sized Bus: Maximum Capacity 20 people(approx.)

*Chartered Bus capacity will vary by the model used.

*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, one 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 22nd, March 23rd, March 24th, March 25th, 2013
- 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 JTB TOHOKU inc.Fukushima Corporate Sales Office.

A. Aizu Wakamatsu Program

◇Program Fee (per person) : 7,000 yen (includes meal and admission fees)

Fukushima Station	08:30	10:00	Mt.limori・Byakkotai Museum *1	11:00	11:20	Tsuruga Castle(Lunch) *2	12:40
..... Koriyama Station	14:00 Fukushima Station	15:00				

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

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

【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. It is also the birthplace of Tae Nijima. In 2013, NHK TV will debut "Yae no Sakura", a television show based on her heroic life.

B. Kitakata Program

◇Program Fee (per person) : 7,000yen (includes meal and admission fees)

Fukushima Station	08:30	10:20	Kaihonke Kura Residential Storehouse *3	10:40	11:00	Kitakata City (Walk-
about and Kitakata Ramen Lunch)	13:00 Koriyama Station	14:20 Fukushima Station	15:20	

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

【Highlight】

You will tour through Kitakata ,a historic city lined with "Kuras", Japanese styled storehouses that were commonly used a hundred years ago. The Kura give Kitakata a unique , exotic feel. Kitakata is also renown across Japan for its ramen noodles.

6 Application Procedure

A. How to apply

Please fill in the attached application form, and send it by facsimile (FAX) to the Fukushima Corporate Sales Office of JTB Tohoku inc

B. Where to Apply

JTB TOHOKU inc Fukushima Corporate Sales Office

1st Motomachi-Honda Buld, 5-26 motomachi fukushima-city, Zip 960-8035

Phone Number: 81-245233314 Facsimile Number: 81-245222980

E-mail: seigaku_ensemble@th.jtb.jp

Attn : Mr.A Tanno, Ms. A Abe, Mr. Y Tazawa

Office Hours : (weekdays) 9:30am-5:30pm (close on Saturday, Sunday and National Holidays)

C. Application deadline

5:30pm (JSD) on January 31 (Thursday)

D. Payment method

An invoice will be faxed at least 14 days prior to the date of your departure.

Payment can be made via credit card or bank transfer

■ Credit Cards accepted

VISA, Master Card, American Express, Diners, JCB

■ Bank transfer

- Account Holder : JTB TOHOKU inc.
- Account Number : Ordinary No, 11318
- Bank Name / Branch Name : The Toho Bank Ltd./ Head Office
- 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 bank transfer, you will be responsible for any transfer fees that arise.

E. Other

Your personal information will only be used for reservation and registration purposes.

All personal information will be deleted in accordance with the law.

7 Changes and Cancellations to your Application

Any changes or cancellations 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.

A. Accommodation (per person /per night) ※We do a first lodging day with the trip starting date.

Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Fee
Cancellation on the eve of your reservation	NONE
Cancellation on the day of your reservation	50% of the total cost
No-show, or cancellation after the day of your reservation	100% of the total cost

B. 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 day of your reservation		50% of the total cost
No-show, or cancellation after the day of your reservation		100% of the total cost

C. Meals (per person / per meal) * Meals are not part of the Travel Contract.

Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Fee
Cancellation 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

D. 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 or more days	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 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 24th), and wishes to make additional reservations for practice facilities and/or boxed meals.

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

9 About a radiation dose

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the levels of radiation in Fukushima City, please feel free to contact the JTB TOHOKU inc Fukushima Corporate Sales Office.

Phone Number: 81-245233314

10 Handling Travel Agency

【Tour planning /Conducting】

Travel Agency NO.1573 registered by the Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency

Certified Member of the Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA), the bond Insured, the Travel Agency Fair Trade Council.

JTB TOHOKU inc Fukushima Corporate Sales Office

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*Follow-up information will be sent, so please make sure to apply.