



Hakone Foundation

## Spring 2011 Japan Garden Tour

Due to the successful garden tour in Spring this year, the Hakone Foundation is pleased to present another tour visiting famous gardens and interesting tourist sites with John Tauchi and Peter Marra. They have been organizing and conducting Sister City trips for more than 25 years and four previous garden tours for the Hakone Foundation.

**Tour period:** May 9<sup>th</sup> - May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 (2 weeks), at the peak of azalea blossom.

### Highlights:

- \* Visit Tokyo, Nikko, Hakone, Kurashiki, Okayama, Hiroshima, Kyoto..
- \* Visit the exciting Tsukiji Fish Market in Tokyo.
- \* Visit the magnificent shrine dedicated to Tokugawa Ieyasu in Nikko.
- \* Visit the Fuji-Hakone National Park to view Mt. Fuji and the beautiful Open Air Museum.
- \* Visit the picturesque Miho Museum, designed by IM Pei, in Shiga.
- \* Visit the Adachi Museum, No. 1 garden in Japan.
- \* Visit Miyajima, one of the three most beautiful sceneries in Japan.
- \* Visit Koraku-en Park, one of the three most famous parks in Japan.

### Tour Cost:

- \* \$2,780 per person sharing twin-bedded rooms. Single room is \$310 additional.
- \* The above cost includes:
  - Round trip airfare from SFO to Japan in economy class.
  - 11 night hotel accommodations.
  - 7--day Japan Rail Pass in ordinary class.
  - 1 lunch in Nikko.
  - Chartered buses and admissions.
  - Administrative expenses.

The cost is subject to change depending on airfares and exchange rates.

**In addition to the tour cost, you must make a non-refundable, tax-deductible donation of \$200 per person to the Hakone Foundation.**

### How to Apply:

If you are interested in the tour, please send:

- \* Your donation check of \$200 per person payable to the Hakone Foundation.
- \* Your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to:

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That will reserve your name on the first-come first-serve basis. Please DO NOT send your donation check, etc. to the Hakone Foundation directly to avoid any tracking problems. If the Hakone Foundation cancels the tour for any reason, your donation check will be returned. For any questions, please contact: John Tauchi at (408) 867-9133 or e-mail [hjtauchi@yahoo.com](mailto:hjtauchi@yahoo.com), or Peter Marra at (408) 741-1551 or e-mail [piero@pacbell.net](mailto:piero@pacbell.net)

## Tentative Plan for 2011 Japan Garden Tour

May	Rail pass	Activity	Hotel
09(M)		SFO →	
10(T)		→ Narita Tokyo Airport	Shinagawa Prince
11(W)		AM: Bunkyo Tsutsuji Matsuri (Nezu Shrine) PM: Asakusa, Ginza	Shinagawa Prince
12(Th)	1	Nikko Toshogu Shrine	Shinagawa Prince
13(F)	2	Tsukiji Fish Market Bonsai Museum	Shinagawa Prince
14(S)	3	Hakone (Viewing Mt. Fuji, Open Air Museum) PM: Take a bullet train to Kurashiki	Kurashiki APA
15(Su)	4	Visit Adachi Museum, No. 1 garden in Japan On our return trip, visit Raikyuuji Temple	Kurashiki APA
16(M)	5	AM: Kurashiki, a city of folk arts and Bizen pottery PM: Korakuen Park in Okayama	Hiroshima
17(T)	6	AM: Miyajima, one of the three most beautiful places in Japan PM: Hiroshima Castle and Garden	Hiroshima
18(W)	7	AM: Take bullet trains to Kyoto PM: City tour by a charter bus (Ryoanji, Kinkakuji, and Nijo Castle)	Kyoto Century
19(Th)		Miho Museum and Shigaraki pottery by a charter bus EV: Optional: Kamogawa Odori	Kyoto Century
20(F)		AM: City tour by a charter bus (Kiyomizu Temple and pottery, Murinan, and Heian Shrine) PM: Optional tour: Nara	Kyoto Century
21(S)		AM: Toji Free Market PM: Take a limited express train to Kansai Airport and then to SFO	

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Hakone Foundation is deeply grateful to Mr. John Tauchi and Mr. Peter Marra for their time and effort and for organizing and leading the Japan tour, for the 5<sup>th</sup> time, with great success!!!