

Fukushima Recovery Bridge Tour



Let's think together about the future of Fukushima, Soma, and Minamisoma!

A number of citizens, local municipalities, enterprises, and NPOs are working in Fukushima (Fukushima city, Soma city, Minamisoma city, and Shinchi machi) in order to recover from the disasters of the 3.11 earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear accident.

However, there are many stories in Fukushima left untold by mass media. Due to radiation contamination, much of agriculture and fishery cannot be restarted. Furthermore, the devastation from tsunami severely undermines recovery in the coastal areas.

Through this tour, let's think together about the future of Fukushima. It will give you exposures to the path of recovery after the disaster, and allows you to engage in dialogues with the people who are fighting for the recovery.

Introduction to Soma

Mr. Takahashi, who runs business of seafood processing, will introduce the disaster situation of Soma and Matsukawaura. Mr. Takahashi lost his own factory of seafood processing by tsunami



, and he currently lives in the temporal housing to recover the industry in Soma. Through the "morning market" that he started right after the earthquake, he developed new products. We hope that you will "taste" the Soma that began to recover.

Introduction to Minamisoma

We will introduce you to three wards, Kashima ward, Haramachi ward, and Odaka ward in Minamisoma, and the people who continue their businesses in the regions. On Odaka ward, where Nobody is permitted



to live in yet, we will move around the place with the people from Odaka ward by bus. Through frank communications with them, we hope that you will feel what it means not to be able to return home and think together about the future of Soma and Minamisoma after the evacuation regulations may be relaxed.



Refer to the back page for details.

Ex.) Tour Schedule

April 12th, Friday

19:00 Depart from Tokyo Station (Kajibashi Parking)

Move by Bus

- Through briefing and mutual introduction of participants, we get ready for the tour!

23:00 Arrive at Matsushimaya Hotel (Fukushima, Iizaka hot spring)
• Light meal, hot spring, and sleep

Sleep

April 13th, Saturday

09:00 Depart from Matsushimaya Hotel

Move by Bus

10:30 【1】 Soma City

—Tour by Mr. Takahashi, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Soma Haragama Morning Market Club, NPO

- Tour around the devastated area of Soma Port
- Introduction of Seafood Processing Factory
- Lunch and shopping at Hotoku-an

13:00 Depart from Soma City

Move by Bus

13:30 【2】 Minamisoma City

—Tour by Ms. Kume, Trustee of Ukifune-no-sato and citizen of Odaka-ku, as well as other local shopkeepers

- City center of Odaka; Boundaries of evacuation regions; Tour of coastal area; Shopping at 道の駅南相馬 (Michinoeki Minamisoma)

16:00 Depart from Minamisoma City

Move by Bus (※via Iidate Village)

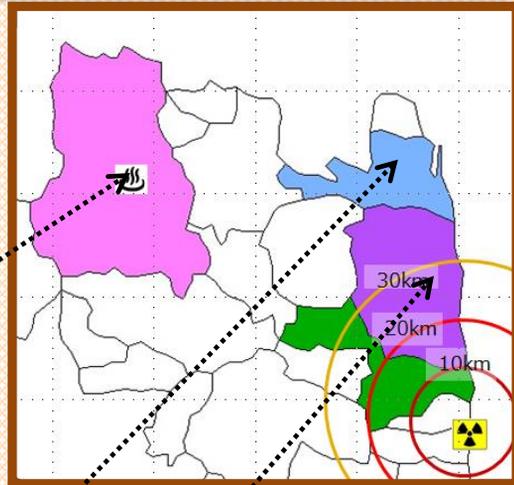
17:45 かーちゃんふるさと農園 わいわい (an local shop by evacuee) (Fukushima City)

- Buy 弁当 (Bento) for dinner

18:15 Depart from かーちゃんふるさと農園 わいわい

Move by Bus

About 22:00 Arrival at Tokyo Station



Ex.) Trip Fee

23,500 JPY/person

20 participants, 1 night 2 days

Meals: 1 dinner, 1 breakfast, and 1 lunch

Trip management: a guide will company the trip.

Q & A

Q. Is there anything to bring?

A. Since the tour is by bus, there is no special item to bring. Please dress simply and wear shoes with which you feel comfortable walking.

Q. Is there any concern of radiation exposure during the trip?

A. The levels of exposures are 0.5μSv/h in Fukushima city, and 0.2μSv/h in Soma and Minamisoma city. These levels are not harmful. In addition, all the food provided in the trip has passed the strict check.

Stage

Matsushima-ya Hotel

(Fukushima) A collegiate proprietress will share her story of hosting the evacuees from the day after the earthquake. The hotel is located at the Iizaka hot spring.



※Traveling with disabilities we can offer appropriate services for your needs so please tell us before you apply.

Organizers



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