

Introduction to Disaster Prevention and Reconstruction Programs in Iwate Prefecture

At this time we would like to introduce the coastal area of Iwate Prefecture, where the restoration and reconstruction from the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster are underway such as the development of transportation networks. Eight years have passed since the disaster that occurred on March 11, 2011. In order to pass down the lessons learned, multiple efforts are currently being made by the areas and numerous programs to raise awareness about this reconstruction as well as disaster prevention.

Through these programs, participants can learn not only about threats of nature and lessons from the quake, but also about various reconstructive efforts in an easy-to-understand way by experiencing the situation at the time of the disaster and by hearing the voices of those who were affected by it,.

It is also famous for beautiful landscapes of rising cliffs and the complex topography of the Ria coast. Delicacies from the area's world famous fishing grounds, such as sea urchins, oysters, and scallops, are also the area's attractive point. We would like to introduce following programs and suggested itinerary.

1. Reconstruction Forefront Tour & Home stay in Rikuzentakata

You'll be able to see the current reconstructive efforts following the Great East Japan Earthquake in this guided tour organized by Marugoto Rikuzentakata. You can stay at a private home in the area while learning about the disaster. This course offers participants the chance to connect with local people and experience local life.

Reconstruction Forefront Tour website (English): <http://marugoto-rikuzentakata.com/guide>



2. Disaster Prevention Tour to Visit Taro-An & Taro Kanko Hotel Earthquake Ruins

After the disaster in the Taro District of Miyako City, the city began offering Disaster Prevention Tours where participants can learn from a guide about disaster prevention as they walk around town, including the opportunity to watch video clip recorded on March 11, 2011 at Taro Kanko Hotel damaged by the Tsunami. The hotel re-opened as Taro-An on the nearby hill that overlooks the ocean to avoid the danger of tsunami.



Taro-An website: <https://tarou-an.jp/>

Disaster Prevention Tour website (English): <http://www.miyako-kokusai.com/en/guide/>

Example course:

Michi-no-Eki Taro (Roadside Station) Disaster Prevention Tour Stay at Taro-An



3. Earthquake Disaster Learning Train by Sanriku Railway

The Sanriku Railway re-opened in April 2014 as a symbol of reconstruction. While traversing the Sanriku area by the Earthquake Disaster Education Train, you can see, feel, and hear about the restoration in the affected area.

Sanriku Railway website: <https://www.sanrikutetsudou.com/>



Suggested itinerary of Disaster Prevention/Reconstruction Tour in Iwate Prefecture

Day	Time	Course	Accommodation
1		(From Tokyo, Osaka, etc.) Sendai Airport or Sendai Station Hotel Accommodation in Sendai City	Sendai City, Miyagi
2	09:00 09:45 – 11:00 12:30 – 13:30 13:45 – 15:15 16:15 – 17:00 17:30	Sendai City Hiraizumi (Chusonji Temple Konjikido (World Heritage Site)) Rikuzentakata (Lunch) Rikuzentakata (Reconstruction Forefront Tour - Large Tsunami Recovery & Disaster Prevention Course) Kamaishi (Unosumai Stadium and Miracle of Kamaishi guided by NPO Nebama Mind) Namiita Coastal Area (Overnight Stay)	Namiita Coastal Area, Iwate Sanriku Hana Hotel Hamagiku
3	09:00 09:30 – 11:00 12:30 – 13:30 14:00 – 16:30 17:00	Namiita Coastal Area Reconstruction Town Walking Food Tour Earthquake Story Telling & Fun Walking Tour [Yamada Town] Tanohata Village (Lunch) [Tanohata Village] Sappa Boat Adventures -200m Cliff View from Directly Below Kitayamazaki Seashell Art Making Tsukuehama Banyan-gun (traditional Japanese houses) Tanohata Village (Overnight Stay)	Tanohata Village, Iwate Hotel Ragaso
4	08:50 09:00 09:20 10:20 11:45 – 12:45 Evening	Tanohata Village Tanohata Station Sanriku Railway Earthquake Education Train (Reservation needed) Kuji Station Ninohe (Lunch) Sendai Airport or Sendai Station	

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