

# What is the

We're going to be exploring Japan through their culture, customs, history, and people live in with asking "what is the spirit of Japan?"



Photo by Andy Kho

# Wa! Journey!

Wonderful Japanese Culture

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Andy Kho

SAN-IN CHUO TV



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## Program Overview

Anita Kapoor, a Singaporean reporter, and Andy Kho, a Malaysian photographer, travel on a cruise ship to experience traditional, pop and contemporary culture born from mixture of traditions and modernity around cities while stopping at the port of call.

Each episode covers the world heritage site, kimono, traditional dances, comic-books, animations and even fine foods.



● Production Company Owing Copyrights:  
San-in Chuo Television Broadcasting Co., Ltd.

● Prefectures to Cover:  
Shimane, Tottori, Fukuoka and Ishikawa

● Episodes (30 min × 6 episodes)

#1 Yo-kai World #2 World-famous Silver Mine and Kagura

#3 Traditional Scenery and Pop Culture #4 Kimono Project

#5 Experience the Tradition in Ancient Capital #6 Special Edition & Cruise Trip



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# The people who inherit Japanese traditions



**TK** Group presents

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## TAKUMI

~Master Artisans of San-in~

This **17-episode** series will show the charms of the traditional craftwork of Japan. The inspiring final products made by artisans of the prefectures of Shimane and Tottori are the essence of **"TAKUMI"**

A high-quality picture immerses everyone in their world completely, introduces the process of work, transfers the infinite energy that they put into their craft.



#1 Kumiko Woodwork



#5 Yumihama ikat



#2 Iron Craft



#6 Kalin Kiln



#3 Tsutsugaki-zome



#4 Yakumo-nuri

### Production Detail

Production Year: 2018 – 2020

Duration: 3 min. 30 sec. / 1 Ep.

Number of Episodes: 17

Language: English

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# The Search for Made in Japan

4K HD English script

Dive deep behind the scenes of “Made in Japan”. In each episodes we will explore each artisan’s passion, their pride and joy of making exceptional Japan made products. Whether it be kimono obi (belt), traditional armor making, wooden sandals or Japanese fireworks, there is always a compelling story behind each makers. Their story is what keeps these products alive in this fast paced world.

Episodes: 12 × 30min

## #1 Nishijin-ori



Nishijin-ori is the most sophisticated fabrics for high-end interior and fashion design in Japan. An established textile house in Kyoto is combining this weaving techniques with modern technology for innovation.

## #2 Magic Frying Pan



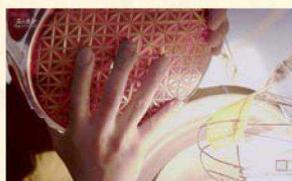
The waiting list for this Magic Frying Pan is two years. The cast iron is only 1.5 mm thick with extraordinary heat efficiency. Makes your cooking more delicious by keeping food crisp yet juicy inside.

## #3 Japanese Armor



Marutake is Japan's premier producer of fine Samurai Armor. They are reputed for creating products of unparalleled quality. With clientele extending from the entertainment industry to temple and museums.

## #4 Satsuma Kiriko Cut Glass



Satsuma Kiriko Cut Glass is once a forgotten manufacturing method founded by Satsuma domain at the end of Edo era. Famously delicate and luminous for its overlaid colored glass, the tradition is revived today.

## #5 Japanese Eyewear Sabae



Sabae is world's top three city in eyewear production. Sabae glasses are made by hand, requiring over 200 different processes to make a single pair of frames, from design, to molding, assembly and polishing.

## #6 Hairdressing Shears



Hairdressing shears brand Joewell is loved by top hairdressers worldwide. It's manufacturer is in the town of Iwate, northern Japan. Creating world-class shears with precision by the hands of passionate craftsmen.

## #7 Randoseru (School Backpack)



Tsuchiya Kaban is a famous "Randoseru" (backpack) maker in Tokyo, known for it's timeless craft. With Japanese randoseru gaining popularity overseas among fashion people, the show explores it's meticulous craft.

## #8 Akita Bentwood Chair



Akita Mokkou is the one and only manufacturer in Japan specializing in bentwood furniture production. It's astonishing and elegant processes is completely done by the hands of experienced craftspeople.

## #9 Kurashiki Canvas Bag



The city of Kurashiki in Okayama is world-famous with the city's original "Kurashiki Hanpu" canvas cloth. We visit Marushin Industry, a company which produces hand-woven canvas cloths since the early 1900s.

## #10 Geta Wooden Sandals



Geta sandals are Japanese traditional footwear. Motono Hakimono Kogyo in Oita prefecture has been devoting to crafting various cedar-made Geta sandals with traditional and conventional hand-crafting techniques.

## #11 Osaka Tinware



Osaka has a long history of tinware production. Once reserved for privileged class, Osaka Suzuki Co.'s hand-crafted tinware is recognized by the Japanese government as a traditional craft for people of today.

## #12 Senko Hanabi (Japanese Sparklers)



Tsutsui Tomimasa Fireworks in Fukuoka is one of the few Japanese manufacturers remaining in producing traditional Japanese sparklers, known as "Senko Hanabi". It's a highly sensitive works by skilled artisans.

## Wonder Garden

**4K HDR HD** English script

Whether it be Zen gardens, tea gardens or landscape gardens, a Japanese garden is renowned for its sublime and tranquility. Bonsai, a Japanese art form using cultivation techniques to produce miniturized but realistic representation of nature in the form of a tree in small container, has been an international cult trend. Japanese garden and Bonsai represents state of the art combination of nature and human effort. In this series we explore its history, design and philosophy behind extraordinary world of Japanese garden and Bonsai.

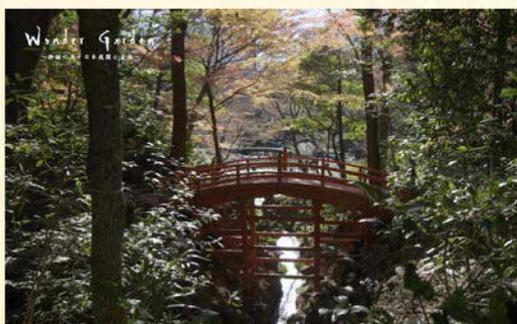
Episodes: 4 × 30min

**#1 Koishikawa Korakuen (Tokyo)**

**#2 Rikugien (Tokyo)**

**#3 Kairakuen (Mito, Ibaragi)**

**#4 Kyu-Shibarikyu Garden (Tokyo)**



#1 Koishikawa Korakuen (Tokyo)



#3 Kairakuen (Mito, Ibaragi)

## Sake Breweries Appetizer

**4K HDR HD** English script

Japan's culture lies in Sake production. Blessed with quality water and a climate that is very suitable for rice growing, Japan has been producing Sake from rice for more than a millennium. In this series, we visit sake breweries (Shuzo) around Japan that continues to carry traditional methods and cultivate honest local sake community. Getting to know the stories and thought process of sake creators behind famous sake breweries. A rare choice of local specialty appetizer recommended by Toji, a brew master, him/herself. A local's secret gourmet is revealed in this series.

Episodes: 6 #1 #2 × 60min #3~#6 × 30min

**#1 Akita / Asamai Shuzo "Amanoto"**

**#2 Kyoto / Matsumoto Shuzo "Matsumoto"**

**#3 Ishikawa / Sogen Shuzo "Sogen"**

**#4 Gifu / Sugihara Shuzo "Ibi"**

**#5 Nara / Imanishi Shuzo "Mimurosugi"**

**#6 Mie / Ohta Shuzo**



#3 Ishikawa / Sogen Shuzo "Sogen"



#5 Nara / Imanishi Shuzo "Mimurosugi"

## Castle Towers in Japan

**4K HD** English script

In the age of civil strife in Japan, a castle was a proof of authority for "daimyo," the feudal lord, and the castle tower overlooking the entire castle was its symbol. There are 12 castle towers now-existing in Japan after surviving war-torn era, repeatedly restored or rebuilt. This series of programs is to travel to the 12 castle towers, enjoying the views from the towers and pondering over what the castle towns might have looked.

Episodes: 7 × 30min

**#1 Matsumoto Castle**

**#2 Inuyama Castle and Maruoka Castle**

**#3 Marukame Castle and Matsuyama Castle**

**#4 Kochi Castle and Uwajima Castle**

**#5 Hikone Castle**

**#6 Matsue and Bitchu Matsuyama Castles**

**#7 Himeji Castle**



#1 Matsumoto Castle



#7 Himeji Castle

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## Port Town of the World

**HD** No narration

Port has always been a gateway to new cultures, inhabitants, people and empires. In this programme, the daily lives of local people living in the port town, breathtakingly beautiful surrounding natures, and cultural heritages are thoroughly conveyed.

Episodes: 13 × 30min

**#1 Aegean Sea**

**#2 Mediterranean Sea**

**#3 Central Europe**

**#4 Nordic**

**#5 North America & Canada**

**#6 Central America & Caribbean Sea**

**#7 Southeast Asia**

**#8 China, Taiwan, Korea**

**#9 West Japan**

**#10 East Japan**

**#11 Vast Land**

**#12 Island Hawaii**

**#13 South Pacific**



## Aquariums to Visit in Japan

**4K HD** English script

This program depicts the charms of aquariums through the stunning image only UHD can bring forth.

Episodes: 2 × 30min

- #1 Kamo Aquarium / Yamagata
- #2 Nagasaki Penguin Aquarium



#1 Kamo Aquarium / Yamagata



#2 Nagasaki Penguin Aquarium

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## Travelling Nippon via Local Line Railway

**4K HD** English script

Travelling by local trains does not only bring you to a destination but the ride itself is a treat where you leisurely enjoy watching the landscape go by from the train window. The Travelling Nippon series take you on a journey to various parts of Japan full of local flavor.

Episodes: 5 × 30min

- #1 Visiting Jigokudani Wild Monkey Park (Snow Monkeys) with Nagano Dentetsu Railway
- #2 Konimato Line / Chiba
- #3 Chichibu Railway
- #4 Hakone Tozan Railway / Kanagawa
- #5 Sagano Romantic Train & Hozukyo Ravine



#1 Visiting Jigokudani Wild Monkey Park (Snow Monkeys) with Nagano Dentetsu Railway



#2 Konimato Line / Chiba

## Museums To Visit in Japan

**4K HD** English script

The series features unique and attractive museums in Japan one would wish to visit once.

Episodes: 6 × 30min

#1 Stained Glass Museums / Nasu & Izukogen

#2 Noritake Museum / Nagoya

#3 Mazda Museum / Hiroshima

#4 Motorcar Museum of Japan / Komatsu

#5 Omiya Bonsai Art Museum

#6 The Taiji Whale Museum / Wakayama



#5 Omiya Bonsai Art Museum



#6 The Taiji Whale Museum / Wakayama

## Retro Architecture Towns

**4K HD** English script

This series introduces Japanese towns known for its retro-style buildings. Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, and Tokyo are the cities developed as business and trading bases since the early Meiji period, and thus many "modern" western-style buildings were built in these cities. Let's take a look around the historic retro buildings to represent Japanese economy and business, which survived fierce natural disasters and wars.

Episodes: 2 × 30min

#1 Yokohama

#2 Ginza & Nihonbashi



#1 Yokohama



#2 Ginza & Nihonbashi



## Japanese Landscape

**4K HD** No narration

The series guides the audience to some of the places in Japan known for their beautiful sceneries and cultural heritage in crisp 4K picture.

Episodes: 4 × 30min

- #1 Mt.Fuji - a world- heritage listed active volcano
- #2 Shiretoko, Hokkaido - the eastern edge of Hokkaido, known for drift ice
- #3 Kyoto - Old Capital of Japan preserving traditional culture and streets
- #4 Hida-Takayama- a part of Gifu Prefecture known for the village of Shirakawago gasshozukuri



## Flower Carpet

**4K HD**

4K aerial footage of colorful flowers blooming on the boundless land of Hokkaido. Let's enjoy the journey to see the panoramic "Flower Carpet" field from the sky.

Episodes: 4 × 15min

- #1 Field Mustard / Tulip / Moss Phlox
- #2 Flax / California Poppy / Potato
- #3 Iris/Linaria/Lavender
- #4 Buckwheat/Lily/Sunflower



## Tokyo Nightscape

**4K HD** No narration

Aerial shot over the city of Tokyo at night in 4K HDR - capturing the beauty of shimmering lights from the buildings and landmarks under city night sky.

Episodes: 2

Tokyo Bay at night 30min  
Tokyo at night 15min (4K HDR)



## Ghost Story Monk

**4K HD**

There are spirits, or ghosts, wandering around in our world. For some reason, they are stuck in our world even after death. There are monks who listen to the voices of these wandering spirits and tell us what they want to say. The Ghost Story Monks lead us to the world we yet to know -- the afterlife.

Episodes: 2 × 15min

- #1 Scent / Ghost of Mother
- #2 Deserted House / Snake Scales

## Travel by Cruise Ship: Sunflower Furano

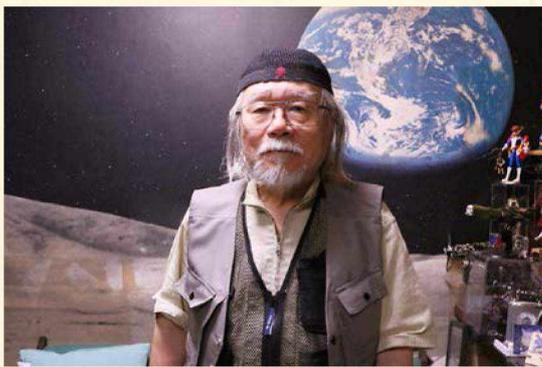


**4K HD** English script

How would you like to go on a cozy, elegant Pacific cruise on a ferry? We introduce you a new Japanese ferry "Sunflower Furano." The ship's hybrid propulsion system enables high-speed and eco-friendly cruising. The ship offers vast open-ceiling promnade deck with great ocean view, wide varieties of private passenger rooms, wheelchair-accessible facilities and travel-with-your-pet rooms. Let us show you a perfect getaway on grand Pacific.

Episodes: 1 × 30min

## Leiji Matsumoto's 999 Journey ~The Origin and Beyond~



**4K HD** English script

Leiji Matsumoto, the creator of legendary SF animation "Galaxy Express 999", reflects on his career and future ambition upon commemorating his 80th birthday and 40th anniversary of creation of "Galaxy Express 999". A documentary revealing his humble upbringing to inception of Galaxy Express 999's creation. Guest includes his long time friend Tetsuya Chiba (legendary Japanese manga artist, creator of "Ashita no Joe"), Moto Hagio (known as founding mother of Shōjo (girls) manga genre) and astronaut, Naoko Yamazaki.

Episodes: 1 × 30min

## Chichibu Night Festival



**4K HD**

To commemorate Chichibu Night Festival to the listing of UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2016, a breathtakingly beautiful footage of the ancient festival is shot in multiple 4K camera.

Episodes: 1 × 30min

## Life At The Edge



**4K HDR 8K** English narration / script

Spectacular nature of Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Part in the U.S. shot with 8K and 4K cameras in High Dynamic Range (HDR) and Wide Color Gamut (WCG)

Episodes: 1 × 30min



# 九州をゆく

Discover KYUSHU

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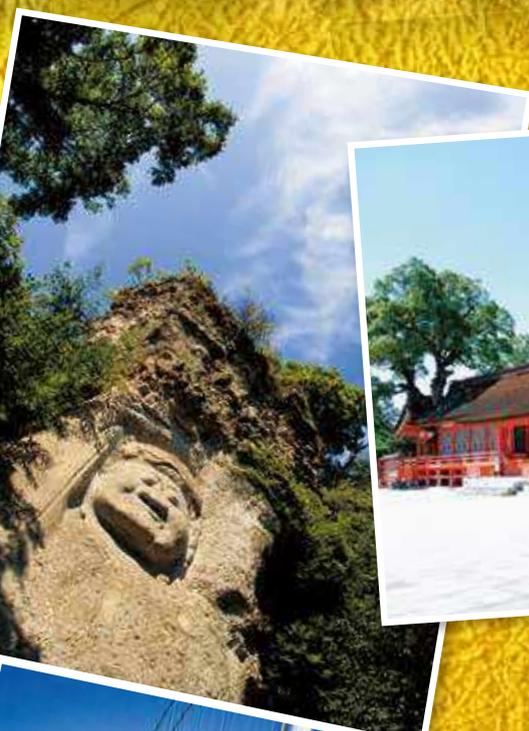
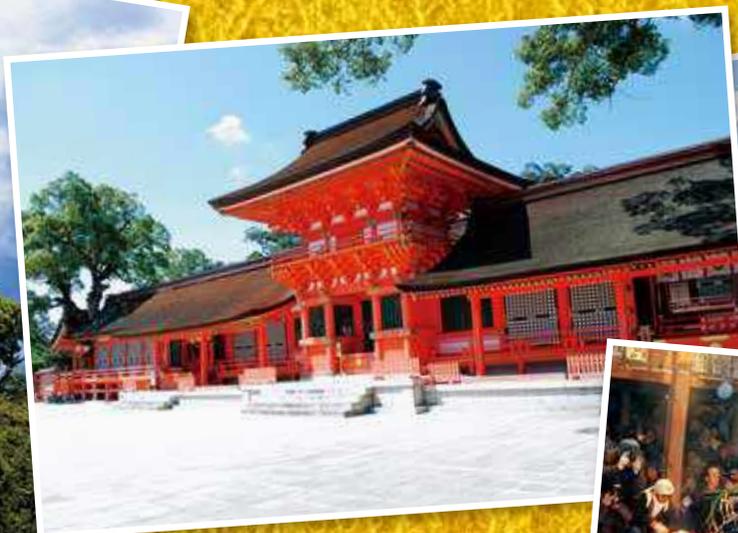
15  
min

115  
episodes  
(ongoing)

Nature  
Culture  
History

Produced  
2016~

*KYUSHU is located in the southern part of Japan,  
which is known for its beautiful nature, rich history and culture.  
We hope this program gives you a look at how amazing KYUSHU is.  
The wonderful scenes shot in 4K should impress and make you want to travel!*



Sample image



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# 九州をゆく

Discover KYUSHU



Ep.	Title
1	Nakatsu Castle and Komo Shrine
2	Blue Cave and Kyoshu Peak
3	Miyamakirishima (a type of azalea)
4	Kangien and a Fireworks Festival
5	A Japanese iris in Lake Kagurameko
6	Traditional bamboo crafts
7	A Great Hall in Fuki Temple
8	Traditional doll, Himedaruma
9	Onta Pottery
10	Usuki Stone Buddha (a national treasure)
11	Tadewara Marsh
12	The Historical street in Usuki
13	Stone Bridge in Innai
14	Traditional Dance and seven mysteries in Himeshima
15	The Sunflower Farm at Nagasakibana
16	Traditional Pictures "Kote-e" in Ajimu
17	The Gold Mine
18	A Sloping paved Road in Yunohira Onsen
19	A Castle Town without castle
20	Kunisaki Pagoda
21	Nakatsu Umbrella
22	Geopark in Bungoono
23	Myoban Onsen (hot springs)
24	Teki-zan Cottage
25	Yukichi Fukuzawa
26	Bamboo candle festival in Usuki
27	Autumn colours in Oka Castle
28	Nagayu Onsen (hot springs)
29	Mount Takasaki
30	A Street in Yufuin and Lake Kinrinko
31	Yuzu Pepper
32	Takatsuka Atago Jizo
33	An Ancient tomb Kamezuka
34	Takegawara Onsen (hot springs)
35	A Snow Scene of Mount Tsurumi
36	Oita Bank with Red Brick
37	Traditional Shirouo Fishery at River Banjo
38	Kawatsu Cherry Blossoms
39	Hina doll Festival in Hita
40	Camellia which calls Spring
41	Plum Festival in Okubo Plateau
42	A Tour of Beppu Hells
43	Fisherman's Cherryblossom
44	Higo street stone pavement
45	Furen limestone-cave
46	Takeo Mifunayama park
47	Tsurumisaki lighthouse
48	Peony cherry tree in Issin temple
49	Tsuetate Onsen (hot springs)
50	Fukouji Budda figure carved on a rock face

Ep.	Title
51	Takachiho gorge
52	Rakan temple
53	Yachiyoza
54	Hot spring town Amagase
55	Hakusui dam and agricultural heritage
56	Saikibunko
57	Kitsuki castle town
58	Kubotesan mountain and Shugensha
59	Nabeshima Dantsu
60	Hita gion
61	Kannojigoku Onsen (hot springs)
62	Shichitoui (Cyperus monophyllus)
63	Osumi peninsula
64	Taketa spring water
65	Sea eel in Nakatsu
66	Southern part of Miyazaki
67	Grapes in Ajimu
68	Hizen glass
69	Tsukahara area
70	Yobuko morning market
71	Yanagawa kudari (River Punting)
72	Old burial mound in Usa Fudoki Hill
73	A hot spring village of Waita
74	A fish wier of Kousa
75	Autumn of Hiko Mountain
76	Autumn colours in Kyushu
77	Japanese wax tree in Matsuyama
78	Pure water and history in Bungoono
79	Winter Oyster in Morie Bay
80	Good-luck article gourd Ema
81	Amakusa island
82	Traditional festival Horanenya
83	Fire festival at Nyoirin Temple
84	Traditional craft Hakata Bending
85	The town of spa treatment with hot spring steam
86	Karst plateau Hiraodai in winter
87	Wooden clogs
88	Doll Festival in imperial lands
89	Hanging ornaments in Yanagawa
90	Stone garden lantern
91	Original landscape in Huga attracts poet
92	Little Kyoto in Chikuzen area
93	Local toy "Nobori zaru (monkey)"
94	Ravine and fresh green
95	Local food in Usuki
96	Fresh green and spring landscape
97	Eight types of hot springs in Beppu
98	Goldfish-breeding area
99	Old style Uchiwa (paper fan)
100	Aso shrine and pure water

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4K

# GENKIfu!! KYUSHU

Shot in 4K

4K  
&  
HD

30  
min

12  
episodes

Travel

Produced  
2016

Sample image



Japanese  
traveler  
Ayana Nakashima



Thai  
traveler  
PIMTHA



Performers



Taiwanese  
traveler  
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Hong Kong  
traveler  
SOKO 和泉素行

Magnificent nature, hot springs,  
rich variety of food like fresh fish or Wagyu...  
There are lots of charms in KYUSHU.  
In this program, the popular talents from Thailand,  
Taiwan and Hong Kong travel around, and  
they feel Genki (energized) by the sights and activities.



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# GENKIFUL! KYUSHU

Ep.	Title	Location Place
#1	Traveling in East Kyushu's history and culture	Fukuoka, Oita, Miyazaki
	Visiting historical spots Moji Harbor (Fukuoka), Dazaifu Shrine (Fukuoka).	
#2	Beppu Onsen (hot spring) and surroundings	Oita
	Introducing Kannawa Onsen (Oita) and leisure spot	
#3	Eastern Kyushu healing trip	Fukuoka, Oita, Kumamoto
	Enjoying Kurokawa Onsen (Kumamoto) and watching animals perform at Umitamago aquarium (Oita).	
#4	Magnificent nature	Fukuoka, Oita, Kumamoto
	Cruising around Moji Harbor (Fukuoka) and visiting Daikanbo (Kumamoto) and Hirao Plateau (Fukuoka).	
#5	Tasting Japanese culture	Fukuoka, Oita, Miyazaki
	Going around Kyushu National Museum and Kokura Castle (Fukuoka).	
#6	Tourist attractions in Beppu and Yufuin	Oita, Kumamoto
	Enjoying Beppu Hell Tour and making chopsticks in Yufuin (Oita).	
#7	Great view in Eastern Kyushu	Oita, Kumamoto, Miyazaki
	Introducing Takachiho Canyon (Miyazaki) and "Yume" large suspension bridge (Oita).	
#8	Talking with animals	Fukuoka, Oita, Miyazaki
	Feeding experience and talking with small animals at African Safari (Oita).	
#9	Enjoying original Japanese culture	Fukuoka, Oita, Miyazaki
	Enjoying imitating Tonosama at Kokura Castle, and Food stall at Tenjin (Fukuoka).	
#10	Onsen paradise in Beppu	Oita, Kumamoto
	Hell Tour and Onsen in Beppu, tasting original Italian cuisine in Beppu (Oita).	
#11	Traditional Japanese culture	Fukuoka, Oita, Miyazaki
	Visiting Nanzo Temple and Rakusui Japanese garden (Fukuoka).	
#12	Wonderful scenery in East Kyushu	Oita, Miyazaki
	Visiting magnificent natural Takachiho Canyon (Miyazaki), Tadewara Marshland (Oita).	

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Muse

# ONSEN Paradise

# Oh!TA

Shot in 4K

4K  
&  
HD

30  
min

10  
episodes

Travel

Produced  
2015



Oita has Japan's best. That is ONSEN (hot spring).

The number of hot springs and the yield of hot water in Oita is the largest in Japan.

Hot springs in Oita are available in a rich variety including steam bath, sand bath, mud bath...

This program introduces the best ways to enjoy onsen as well as the charm of the regional cuisine, art, natural scenery, and much more.

Oita is the real ONSEN Paradise!!



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# ONSEN Paradise

# Oh!TA

Shot in 4K

Ep.	Title	Location Place
#1	Beppu City, full of charm	Beppu city
	We will introduce hot springs and gourmet in Beppu. Also challenge making bamboo work.	
#2	Yufuin / Yunohira journey	Yufu city Yufuin/Yunohira
	A rickshaw ride around the original landscape of Yufuin. Experience Weaving	
#3	Go around Taketa / Nagayu	Taketa Kuju
	Enjoy autumn leaves at Oka-castle ruins. Relax at Nagayu Onsen. Try soda water.	
#4	Healed at Hita, imperial fief	Hita city
	Hina dolls at Mameda town. Enjoy nice scenery outdoor bath and Hita sushi.	
#5	Summary	
	Introduction of Beppu/Yufu/Taketa/Hita city by digest	
#6	Beppu City, full of charm	Beppu city
	We will introduce hot springs and gourmet in Beppu. Also challenge making bamboo work.	
#7	Yufuin / Yunohira journey	Yufu city Yufuin/Yunohira
	Exquisite dishes using local vegetables. Challenging pottery painting	
#8	Naturally rich Taketa	Taketa Kuju
	Healed at flower park. Horseback riding experience at Kuju Plateau. Challenge making pizza	
#9	Journey to Hita, city of Water	Hita city
	Eat salted plum in Oyama district. Challenge making chopsticks. Taste sauce made from fish.	
#10	Summary	
	Introducing people working on regional revitalization in various areas.	





Shot in 4K

# TRY! ONSEN TRY! JAPAN

4K  
&  
HD

30  
min

5  
episodes

Travel

Produced  
2017

**ONSEN is a quintessential part of Japanese culture. A popular reporter from abroad travels around KYUSHU looking for a variety of Japan's original culture. They had lots of wonderful experiences enjoying ONSEN and encounters.**

## Please find your own JAPAN



Sample image

Shot in 4K

# TRY! ONSEN TRY! JAPAN



Ep.	Title	Location Place
#1	Tour of Onsen and contry life	Taketa city
	U experiences staying at a farm house and hot spring in Taketa.	
#2	Tour of gourmet seafood from Bungo Channel	Usuki, Tsukumi, Saiki city
	U goes around southern part of Oita prefecure enjoying seafood from Bungo Channel.	
#3	Journey to Oita	Oita, Beppu, Hita, Usa, Kitsuki city
	SOKO travels Oita by train to encounter original culture, history, local food.	
#4	Journey to Kyushu	Yufu, Bungoono city, Oguni town (Kumamoto), Nobeoka city
	SOKO drives around Kyushu to enjoy hot spring, retro town and nightsight spot.	
#5	Journey to Kunisaki Peninsula	Bungotakada, Kunisaki city
	SOKO introduces charms of Kunisaki peninsula such as Japanese noodle (soba), the setting sun and temple.	



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## The Great Nature of Ryukyu Island

**Format:** 4K TV Program

**Genre:** Nature Documentary

[2018 / Color / HD / Stereo / 47 min. x 3Epi. / Japanese]

### **[Synopsis]**

The Ryukyu Islands, located at the South-western Japan, had formed the present shape with repeatedly joining with and separating from the continent in thousands of years.

Since this chain of islands belongs to the subtropical zone, which is very unique in Japan, totally differentiated plants grow and animals live from mainland Japan. In this program, the nature in “Amami Oshima Island”, “the northern area of Okinawa Island (Yanbaru)” and “Iriomote Island” is shot in 4K digital movie. The richness of nature and people developing regional culture with nature is as if “Symphonic Music of Life.”



## Dive! Dive! ~ 83 years old diver ~

**Format:** HD TV Program

**Genre:** Human Documentary

[2017 / Color / HD / Stereo / 47 min. x 1 epi. / Japanese]

### **[Synopsis]**

The Northern island of Nagasaki prefecture, called Tsushima, is located near the Korean border. Tsushima is a fishery island where 32,000 people dwell. Hideko Umeno, the oldest active female diver, is 83 years old.

With piloting a small boat by herself, she catches abundance of seafood such as abalones and turban shells. The catch of abalones and turban shells are one of Japan's best. The history of Tsushima's female divers lasts more than 800 years. Hideko started her diving career when she was 15 years old. After her marriage, she has worked as a diver to raise her children. Children left the island and live in the city. Hideko's husband passed away, and now she lives alone. However, she still dives in the sea and catch shellfishes. Following the living style of the 83-year-old female diver who lives strongly while receiving nature's blessing.



## The Bond Made by Steel

**Format:** HD TV Program

**Genre:** Human Documentary

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### **[Synopsis]**

There are five brothers who run a blacksmith in Shimabara-city, Nagasaki prefecture, called the Yoshidas. Average age of these five people is 76 years old, and the 91 years one is the eldest.

Everyone has a name derived from forging metal such as kitchen knife, hoe, sickle and so on. With appearing so much younger than their actual age, they manufacture things in each role. Five brothers always challenge. What they are working on now is kitchen knife made by reusing juice cans. And also they try the manufacture of steel knives made from sand iron with techniques that are transmitted from ancient times. They work vigorously as well as selling. The brothers visit local festivals and exhibitions held around Tokyo area to sell their products with demonstrations. During the agricultural season, they also visit the field to see farmers whom bought their tools and also focus on after-sales service such as sharpening. What are the thoughts, bonds, anguish of the five brothers manufacturing essential tools to live?