



## 6D5N SOJOURN TO YUFUIN



*This is a four-day journey following a historic highway in Kyushu, steeped in over 400 years of history. These roads are a physical record of time itself - places where people, goods, and skills have crossed paths, fostering culture and industry. Along the way, we'll also visit the workshops that have developed in unison with the highway. In Arita, Saga Prefecture, you'll get to experience Arita ware, and in Kagoshima, you'll visit the Chin Jukan Kiln. These excursions will give you a tangible feel for how Kyushu's industry and culture have been shaped by the connections forged along the way. Over the course of four days, stroll along streets steeped in history and culture, enjoy heartwarming interactions with the local people, and discover the endless charms of Kyushu.*

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## ITINERARY IN SUMMARY

|    |                                                                |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| D1 | Arrive Fukuoka                                                 |
| D2 | Fukuoka / Seven Stars in Kyushu Embarkation / Arita / Nagasaki |
| D3 | Nagasaki / Shiotatsu / Yufuin                                  |
| D4 | Yufuin / Kagoshima                                             |
| D5 | Kagoshima / Fukuoka                                            |
| D6 | Departure Fukuoka                                              |





## DAY 1

### ARRIVE FUKUOKA

Arrive **Fukuoka Airport** this morning where you will be met as we then begin a short drive into the heart of **Fukuoka** – capital and administrative city of Kyushu. Firstly, we make a visit into **Hakata Old Town**, once flourished as one of the largest trade port cities in medieval Japan and where history, tradition and culture from those days still remain. We will visit the **Tochoji Temple**, a Shingon sect temple first opened by the famous monk Kukai, upon his return to Japan after completing his training in the Tang Dynasty. Witness the striking **Five-tiered Pagoda** as well as the wooden **Great Buddha** where at 10.8m tall, is one of the largest seated wooden statues in Japan. We will pray for good luck and blessings for our journey ahead.

Thereafter, a short distance away takes us to the **Hakatomachiya Furusatokan**, designated a Cultural Property of Fukuoka City, dating back to the Meiji and Taisho eras (1868 – 1926) where we get an understanding of the nostalgic days of traditional Japanese architecture, crafts and local food.





## DAY 1

### ARRIVE FUKUOKA

Later, a short drive away takes us to the **Yanagibashi Rengo Fish Market**, described by locals as the “pantry of Hakata”. Since 1916, the market features a range of fish merchants selling freshly-caught seafood in the region where you have the opportunity to sample fresh fish sashimi bowls in addition to fresh meat, fruits and vegetables.

We then continue to the **One Fukuoka Hotel**, in the heart of Fukuoka's vibrant and historic Tenjin district, a new landmark rises, offering a fresh perspective from its top floors with sweeping views of the sky and bay. Here, we offer a variety of experiences that converge in a unique space. Enjoy a fulfilling experience that blends the everyday with the extraordinary, the city with nature, business with leisure, and making connections with relaxation.







## ONE FUKUOKA HOTEL



DATES:

TO BE ADVISED



ROOM CATEGORY:

Superior King - 35sqm



CONFIRMATION:

TO BE ADVISED



NUMBER OF NIGHTS:

1



MEALS:

Breakfast



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WEBSITE:

<https://onefukuokahotel.jp/en/>



## DAY 2

### FUKUOKA / SEVEN STARS IN KYUSHU EMBARKATION / ARITA / NAGASAKI

This morning, we transfer to **Hakata Station** where a Welcome Ceremony awaits, along with refreshments. After a warm welcome and orientation, you will be escorted directly to the train platform where we will finally embark on the **Seven Stars in Kyushu**.

Soon, our journey begins. Be orientated to the stunning interiors of the train while being introduced by your hosts. Soon, we arrive into **Arita** in Saga Prefecture, the birthplace of Japanese porcelain. Visit pottery studios while learning about the historic Nagasaki Kaido, the highway that transported Arita ware to the world, and discover the evolution and culture of Arita ware. We invite you to spend a memorable time immersing yourself in the timeless world of ceramics, while experiencing firsthand the time-honored techniques and the spirit of the artisans.

Returning to the train, we continue our journey, eventually arriving into **Nagasaki Station** this evening where we will stay for the night.







## SEVEN STARS IN KYUSHU



DATES:

TO BE ADVISED



ROOM CATEGORY:

Various Suites



CONFIRMATION:

TO BE ADVISED



NUMBER OF NIGHTS:

2 (ONBOARD)



MEALS:

ALL-INCLUSIVE



ADDRESS:

NOT APPLICABLE



TEL:

NOT APPLICABLE



WEBSITE:

<https://www.cruisetrain-sevenstars.jp/english/train/>



## SEVEN STARS IN KYUSHU



### Standard Suite



Four cars houses the Standard Suites, where guests will experience quality rest and the finest hospitality. Each room is equipped with a shower, toilet, and air conditioning. Special functions unique to this train will provide you with satisfying sleep. During the day, the bed is transformed into seats allowing you to sit back and contemplate as the journey unfolds.

### Deluxe Suite B



1 Deluxe Suite B offers a spacious layout for unwinding reminiscent of a living room while a separate bed are fully extended by a panoramic window, offering some of the most elegant luxury in train travel, anywhere in the world.





## SEVEN STARS IN KYUSHU



### Deluxe Suite A



The undisputed zenith of unparalleled luxury train travel, the only and only Deluxe Suite A is extraordinary, located at the rear of the train with floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows that is the embodiment of distinctively rare luxury, with the ever-changing landscapes in constant company.



## DAY 3

### NAGASAKI / SHIOTATSU / YUFUIN

This morning, our train continues on the journey as we awake to a sumptuous breakfast. Thereafter, we will arrive at **Hizen-Hama Station** where we disembark for our excursion to **Shiotatsu**, once a prosperous town along the Nagasaki Kaido highway. White-walled storehouses and traditional townhouses still stand quietly here, vividly preserving the atmosphere of days gone by. This area prospered as a river port that took advantage of the tidal range of the Ariake Sea. At that time, the loading and unloading of rice and Amakusa pottery stone was in full swing, and it thrived as an economic hub. Take a stroll through the historic streets and see for yourself the way of life and culture that have been passed down through the generations. We invite you to join us on a peaceful walk where you can feel the passage of time.







## DAY 3

### NAGASAKI / SHIOTATSU / YUFUIN

Return to the train where we continue our journey northeast to the hotspring town of **Yufuin**, nestled at the foot of Mount Yufu. Essential to understanding its charm is its three renowned inns, which have cultivated a unique aesthetic sensibility while staying true to the local culture. These are "**Kamenoi Besso**", with its serene atmosphere; "**Yufuin Tamanoyu**", known for its warm hospitality; and "**Sanso Murata**", renowned for its refined aesthetic. Each inn has its own unique character, yet all embody the abundant charm of Yufuin. We invite you to enjoy the famed hot springs, delicious cuisine, and a peaceful retreat that will soothe your soul.

#### Remarks:

We will disembark Seven Stars in Kyushu and stay a night in your choice of accommodation in Yufuin





OPTION A

**KAMENOI BESSOU**

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DATES:

TO BE ADVISED



ROOM CATEGORY:

Deluxe Suite - 120sqm



CONFIRMATION:

TO BE ADVISED



NUMBER OF NIGHTS:

1



MEALS:

Breakfast &amp; Dinner



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2633-1 Yufuincho Kawakami,  
Yufu, Oita 879-5102, Japan

TEL:

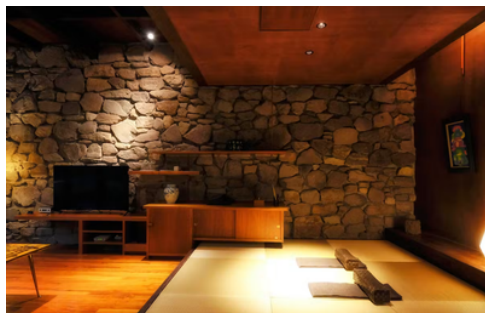
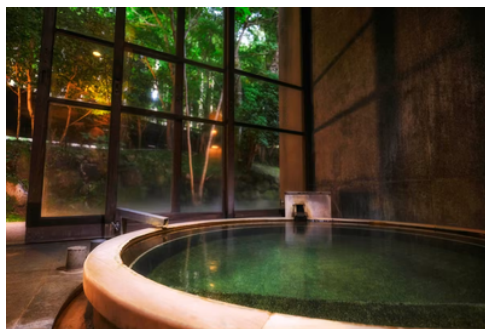
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[https://www.kamenoj-bessou.jp/index.php/topic/home\\_en](https://www.kamenoj-bessou.jp/index.php/topic/home_en)





OPTION B

## SANSOU MURATA



DATES:

TO BE ADVISED



ROOM CATEGORY:

Deluxe Suite - 120sqm



CONFIRMATION:

TO BE ADVISED



NUMBER OF NIGHTS:

1



MEALS:

Breakfast & Dinner



ADDRESS:

1264-2 Kawakami, Yufuin-cho,  
Yufu-shi, Oita, Japan 879-5102



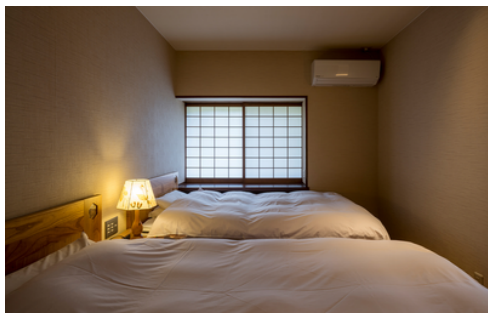
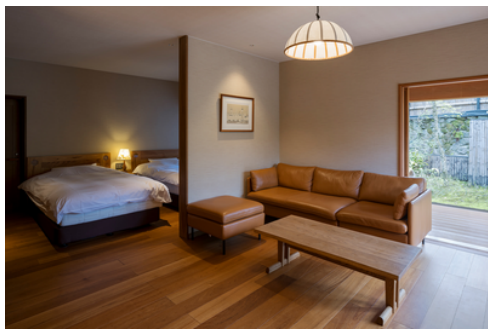
TEL:

+81 977 84 5000



WEBSITE:

<https://sansou-murata.com/en/>



OPTION C

## YUFUIN TAMANOYU

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DATES:

TO BE ADVISED



ROOM CATEGORY:

Western Style - 60sqm



CONFIRMATION:

TO BE ADVISED



NUMBER OF NIGHTS:

1



MEALS:

Breakfast &amp; Dinner



ADDRESS:

2731-1 Yufuincho Kawakami,  
Yufu, Oita 879-5102, Japan

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+81 977 84 2158



WEBSITE:

<https://tamanoyu.co.jp/>





## DAY 4

### YUFUIN / KAGOSHIMA

Mornings in **Yufuin** begin with silence and the magical morning mist and at a time when the streets are still quiet and empty, you can take a leisurely stroll through the town with a local guide. The streets bathed in soft light, the gentle murmur of the stream, and the crisp air around Lake Kinrin...Amid this tranquil setting, the town of Yufuin reveals its true character. A peaceful stroll to provide a perfect start to the day.

Thereafter, we head back to our Seven Stars Bus from Oita Station. As we head south on the Nippo Main Line and enter Miyazaki Prefecture, the beautiful scenery of the **Hyuga Sea** stretching along the coast scenery is a sight to behold. Stretching along the coastline of Miyazaki, as the train glides along, you can watch the shifting light, the colors of the sky, and the hues of the sea that change with the seasons. The scenery unfolding from the train window quietly conveys the richness of nature and the leisurely pace of travel, allowing you to enjoy a peaceful moment of bliss.

We will arrive into **Kagoshima-Chuo Station** where we will spend the night on the train.





## DAY 5

### KAGOSHIMA / FUKUOKA

On the final day, you'll experience the long history of pottery that thrives in Kyushu through "Satsuma ware." The techniques and ethos of the Korean potters who arrived in Japan around the same time as Arita ware lent their own unique character to the Satsuma ware of the Shimazu domain and the Arita ware of the Nabeshima domain. While taking in the cultural heritage of the area, you will enjoy breakfast at the tea house of the **Chin Jukan Kiln** while having the opportunity to learn about the over 400 years of Satsuma pottery traditions.

Returning to the train, we will travel along the scenic **Hisatsu Orange Railway line** that connects Kagoshima and Kumamoto. The coastal waters facing the East China Sea, peaceful countryside, and fishing villages dotted along the coast will pass by one after another as you gaze out of the window. On our return, we will have a farewell celebration onboard Seven Stars in Kyushu before finally arriving back at **Hakata Station** in the early evening.



You will then be assisted and thereafter, transfer to the **One Fukuoka Hotel** where you have the evening at leisure to unwind. Consider a stroll to the bustling **Nakasu area** dotted with an incredible array of restaurants, yatai street food stalls and izakayas.





## ONE FUKUOKA HOTEL



DATES:

TO BE ADVISED



ROOM CATEGORY:

Superior King - 35sqm



CONFIRMATION:

TO BE ADVISED



NUMBER OF NIGHTS:

1



MEALS:

Breakfast



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## DAY 6

### DEPARTURE FUKUOKA

This morning after breakfast, you will be met as we transfer to **Fukuoka International Airport** for your return flight home. Alternatively, continue to explore Kyushu and beyond.

*End of Journey*



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## DOMAINS OF ASO

*Kumamoto Prefecture unfolds as a realm where the raw, pulsing energy of the earth harmonizes with tranquil, timeless traditions. At its majestic heart stands Mount Aso, an ancient giant cradled within one of the world's largest volcanic calderas, its sweeping, emerald grasslands giving way to rugged peaks and columns of geothermal steam that rise like whispers into the sky. This fierce volcanic cradle breathes life into the region's legendary onsen (hot spring) towns, where secluded havens like Kurokawa Onsen offer sanctuary along winding, lantern-lit riverbanks. Here, the soothing clatter of wooden geta sandals echoes through the cool mountain air, and mineral-rich, steaming waters flow into rustic outdoor baths carved from stone, inviting travelers to dissolve their cares in the warm embrace of Japan's deep, elemental soul.*

## ITINERARY IN SUMMARY

|    |                                  |
|----|----------------------------------|
| D6 | Fukuoka / Hita / Minamioguni     |
| D7 | Minamioguni (Domains of Aso)     |
| D8 | Minamioguni / Departure Kumamoto |





## DAY 6

### FUKUOKA / HITA / KUROKAWA ONSEN

This morning, we depart Fukuoka on an hour's drive to **Hita**, sitting on the edge of Oita and Kumamoto Prefectures. We will immediately feel the time-honored atmosphere of the charming **Mamedamachi townscape**, dating back to the Edo Period from 1603 – 1868. The preserved atmosphere of old Japan creates scenes reminiscent of a bygone era. We will visit the historic **Kuncho Sake Brewery** established since 1745, that still employs the traditional “Yamahai” brewing techniques from the olden days where the natural fermentation process using wild yeast takes an entire month compared to contemporary production. Embark on an insightful walkthrough of its impeccable sake museum showcasing tools from the Edo Period and its undoubted heritage. Thereafter, we will sit for a unique “fermented food lunch” where you may go with a sake pairing of Kuncho's range.







## DAY 6

### FUKUOKA / HITA / MINAMIOGUNI

After lunch, our journey continues southwards and into Kumamoto Prefecture as we make a stop to admire the **Nabegataki Falls**, one of Japan's most mesmerizing and awe-inspiring falls shaped like a graceful water curtain evoking astonishing beauty.

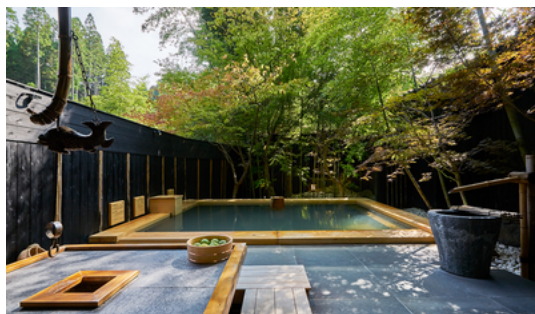
Thereafter, a short drive away takes us into **Kurokawa Onsen**, one of Japan's most attractive onsen towns with a traditional atmospheric setting making it an enjoyable village for strolls.



Finally with bated breath, we arrive at the mesmerizing environments of **Ryokan Takefue** – one of the most visually, aesthetically intoxicating onsen ryokan for its bamboo hideaway concept. Just the arrival experience and walking through its bamboo grove is extraordinary and is viewed as the zenith of ryokan experiences.







## TAKEFUE



THE RYOKAN COLLECTION  
Sustained Experience of Japan's Tradition and Culture



DATES:

TO BE ADVISED



ROOM CATEGORY:

Various Rooms with Open-Air Onsen



CONFIRMATION:

TO BE ADVISED



NUMBER OF NIGHTS:

2



MEALS:

Breakfast & Dinner



ADDRESS:

5725-1 Manganji, Minamioguni,  
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WEBSITE:

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DAY 7

## MINAMIOGUNI (DOMAINS OF ASO)

### Late Morning (OPTIONAL):

An inspiring experience on the Aso Grasslands beckons as we embark on a guided horseback trek through stunning vistas and views of Mount Aso and the surroundings. After an hour, we return to a working horse ranch, savoring to an incredible selection of fine meat warmly prepared over BBQ

### Aso-Nakadake Crater:

On a restriction basis, we may get the opportunity to witness huge craters emitting smoke and the fascinating volcanic activity at the **Aso-Nakadake crater**, measuring 600m in diameter, 130m in depth and 4km in circumference. (Visit to the Aso-Nakadake Crater is subject to favorable conditions and stable volcanic activity).

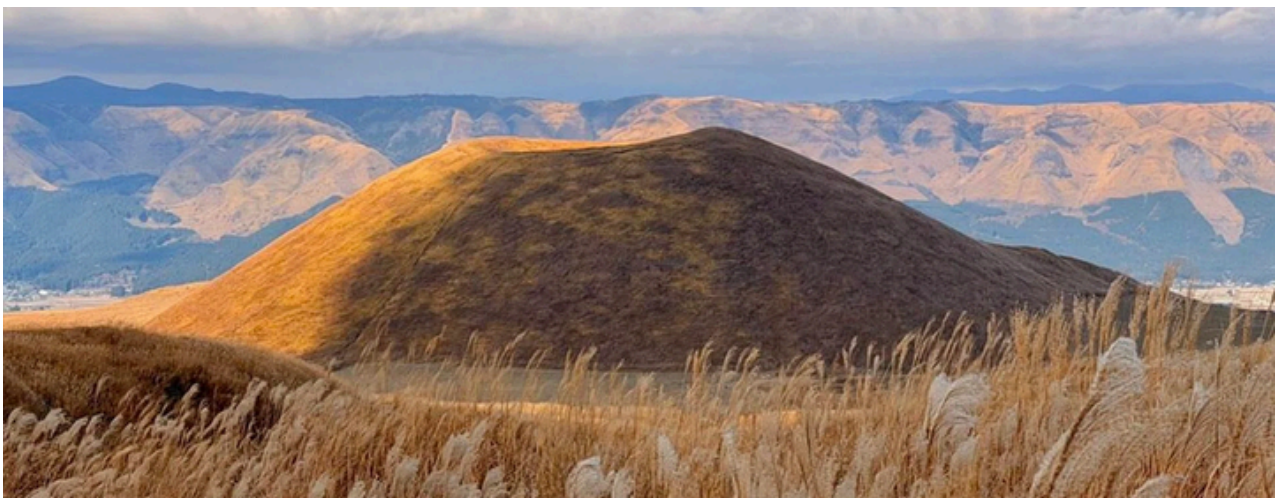


### Kumamoto Earthquake Memorial Museum KIOKU:

The museum is dedicated to preserving the memories of the Kumamoto earthquake for future generations. Blending harmoniously into the surrounding landscapes, witness a showcase of assorted exhibits detailing the 2016 natural disaster.







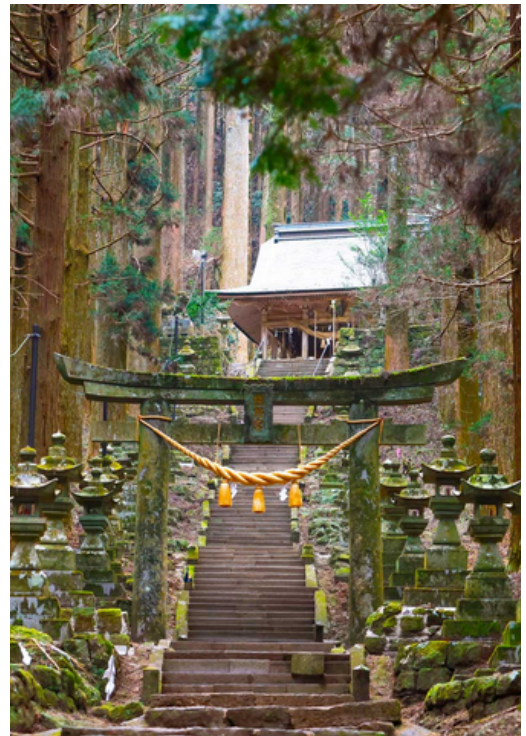
## DAY 7

### MINAMIOGUNI (DOMAINS OF ASO)

Thereafter, a scenic drive takes us through the “Avenue of Volcanoes” witnessing the almost perfectly-shaped volcanic cones such as the iconic **Komezuka**, formed by an eruption around 3,300 years ago. Soon, the drive arrives us at the **Kusasenri Grassland**, blessed with astounding views of Mount Eboshidake amid idyllic scenes of grazing horses and cattle.

#### **Kamishikimi Kumanoimasu Shrine (OPTIONAL):**

Continuing our drive to the nearby town of Takamori, we have the chance to visit the mystical Shinto shrine with its otherworldly atmosphere, serene surroundings that is believed to be a place for prayers related to protection and guidance.







DAY 8

## MINAMIOGUNI / DEPARTURE KUMAMOTO

After 2 incredible nights at Takefue, we transfer to **Kumamoto Airport** today for your onward flight departure. Alternatively, continue your journey in Kyushu and beyond!

*End of Journey*

## COSTING

| Items                                                                       | Description                                    | Cost Per Person (SGD \$) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Land Tour                                                                   | 6D5N Sojourn to Yufuin - Seven Stars in Kyushu | TO BE ADVISED            |
| Land Tour                                                                   | 3D2N Domains of Aso                            | TO BE ADVISED            |
| <b>TOTAL COST</b>                                                           |                                                | <b>TO BE ADVISED</b>     |
| <b>Infinitely Miles To Be Earned: TBA (approximate SGD \$TBA valuation)</b> |                                                |                          |

### 6D5N SEVEN STARS IN KYUSHU - SOJOURN TO YUFUIN INCLUSIONS:

- 2N One Fukuoka Hotel (Breakfast)
- 2N Seven Stars in Kyushu (All-INCLUSIVE)
- 1N in your choice of accommodation in Yufuin (Breakfast & Dinner)
- All Excursions, Entrances, transfers, visits unless stated as OPTIONAL or At Leisure
- Meals as stated unless OPTIONAL or At Leisure

### 3D2N DOMAINS OF ASO INCLUSIONS:

- 2N in Takefue (Breakfast & Dinner)
- All Excursions, Entrances, transfers, visits unless stated as OPTIONAL or At Leisure
- Meals as stated unless OPTIONAL or At Leisure

### EXCLUSIONS:

- Meals, drinks and laundry not stated in the itinerary
- Gratuities
- International & domestic airfare
- Travel insurance
- VISA (if any required)
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in itinerary
- Single Supplement cabin & room cost



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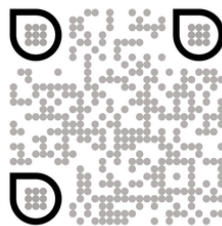
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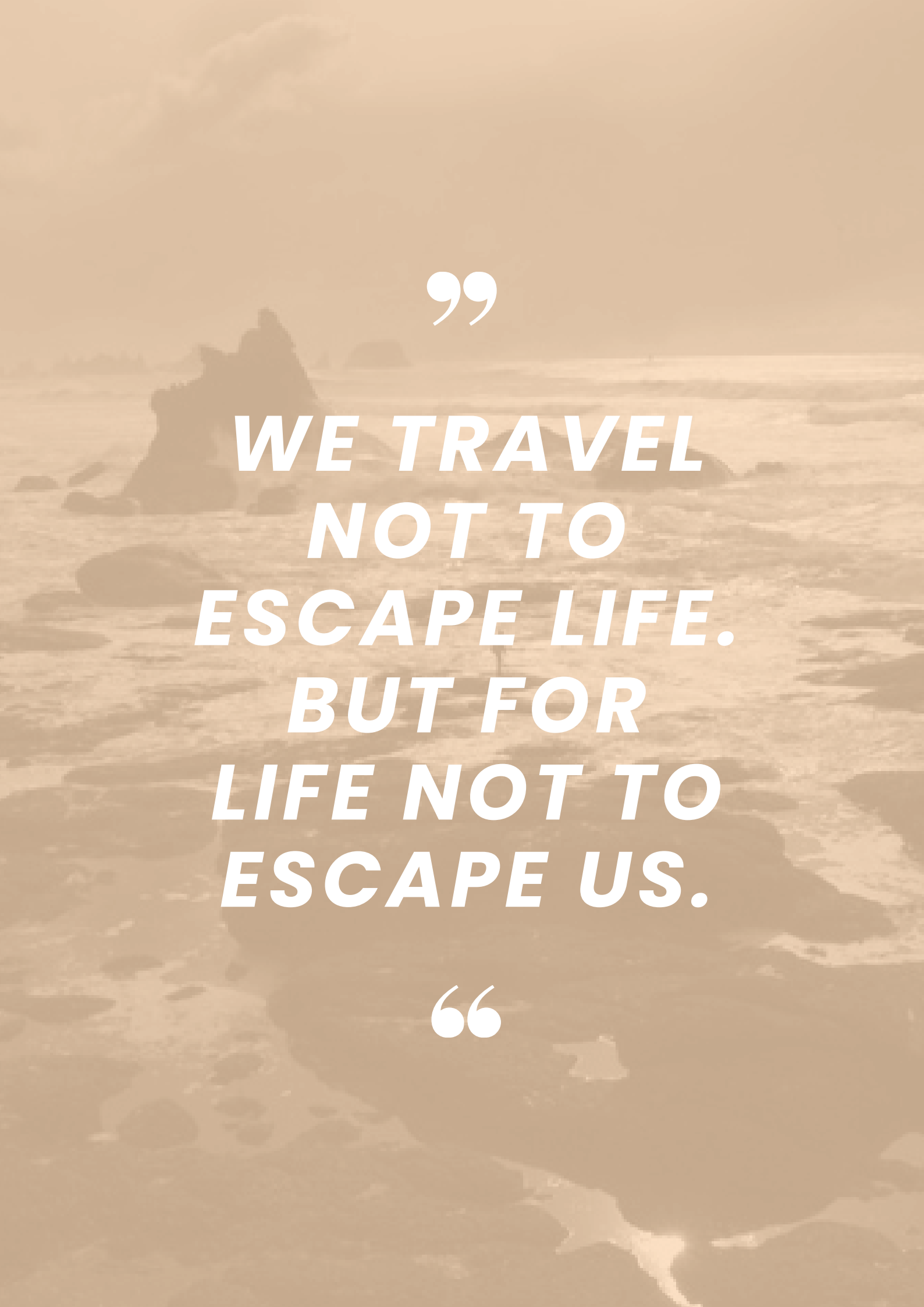
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