

Thursday · October 26th, 2023 - Monday · November 13th, 2023

JAPAN AUTUMN 2023

INCLUSIONS

Thursday · October 26th	Transfer · CHARTERED BUS AMANEK INN BEPPU (2 Nights)
Friday · October 27th	FULL DAY AT BEPPU
Saturday · October 28th	IMARI GRAND HOTEL (1 Night) FULL DAY AT IMARI
Sunday · October 29th	TOKYU STAY HAKATA (1 Night) FULL DAY AT ARITA (HAKATA)
Monday · October 30th	GREEN RICH HOTEL MATSUE (3 Nights) AFTERNOON AT MATSUE
Tuesday · October 31st	FULL DAY AT MATSUE
Wednesday · November 1st	FULL DAY AT MATSUE
Thursday · November 2nd	NIKKO PRINCESS HOTEL (4 Nights) AFTERNOON AT KYOTO
Friday · November 3rd	FULL DAY AT KYOTO
Saturday · November 4th	FULL DAY AT KYOTO
Monday · November 6th	YUMOTO FUJIYA HOTEL (2 Nights) AFTERNOON AT HAKONE
Tuesday · November 7th	FULL DAY AT HAKONE
Wednesday · November 8th	FULL DAY AT HAKONE OMO3 TOKYO AKASAKA (5 Nights)
Thursday · November 9th	FULL DAY AT TOKYO
Friday · November 10th	FREE AT LEISURE AT TOKYO
Saturday · November 11th	FULL DAY AT TOKYO
Sunday · November 12th	FULL DAY AT TOKYO
Monday · November 13th	Transfer · SHARED MINIVAN TRANSFER

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights at Amanek Yura-le Beppu
- 1 night at Imari Grande Hotel
- 1 night at Tokyu Stay Hakata
- 3 nights at Green Rich Hotel Matsue Station Across
- 4 nights at Hotel Nikko Princess Kyoto
- 2 nights at Yumoto Fujiya Hotel
- 5 nights at OMO3 Tokyo Akasaka by Hoshino Resort
- Bamboo basket making experience
- Perfume making workshop
- Pottery kiln visit
- Yuzen painting workshop in Kyoto
- Machiya visit
- Ceramic talk
- Daily breakfasts, 1 lunch (bento box cooking class), 4 dinners (including welcome and farewell dinner)
- Service of Certified English speaking guide for 14 days
- Fully escorted by an Australian Ikebana teacher
- Transportation and entrance fees as per itinerary

Thursday · October 26th

Transfer · CHARTERED BUS

Departure Location

OITA AIRPORT

Arrival Location

AMANEK INN BEPU

Vehicle

CHARTERED BUS

Payment

PREPAID

Notes

Arrive at Oita Airport 21:45 or 20:55

Meet with your guide and transfer to accommodation by chartered bus

Cancellation Policy

CANCELLATION AND AMENDMENT FEES APPLY

AMANEK INN BEPPU

+81 977-76-5565

6-28 Ekimae Honmachi,
Beppu-shi, Oita 874-0934

Oct 26 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Oct 28 · 10:00 AM

Check Out

2 Nights

AMANEK offers a wide range of in-hotel services to help you enjoy Beppu—a city with abundant natural beauty, hot springs, food culture, traditional crafts, and numerous other attractions.

Room Selection

Room Category

SUPERIOR TWIN OR SINGLE USE

Room Notes

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

Payment

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Friday · October 27th



Bamboo Museum

Beppu is famous as the world's #1 producer of enterable hot springs. What is not as often talked about, however, is that it is also home to a thriving bamboo craft culture. The museum offers a wonderful display of bamboo wares, by many artists including renown Living Treasure artists We will attend a workshop to make our own keepsake

Oita Fragrance Museum

A rather unusual Museum to be found in Beppu -because one usually associates perfume with France. The Museum takes you through the process of perfume to the amazing array of perfume bottles many of which will stimulate fond memories. We will have a chance to design our own perfume

Saturday · October 28th

IMARI GRAND HOTEL

+81 955-22-2811

466-11 Shintencho, Imari,
Saga 848-0041, Japan

Oct 28 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Oct 29 · 11:00 AM

Check Out

1 Night

The hotel is equipped with a large communal bath and sauna and the Japanese / Western buffet breakfast features locally grown produce. Twin rooms are equipped with a massage chair.

Room Selection

Room Category

TWIN OR SINGLE USE

Room Notes

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

Payment

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Transfer luggage by courier service to hotel in Matsue. Please pack overnight bag for the next 2 nights.

Travel by chartered bus to Imari Grand Hotel

Catch local bus to Okawauchi

Okawachiyama Ceramic village

A small, isolated village in the mountains just outside central Imari. It was the first place in Japan to produce porcelain and built the village well defended and isolated area in order to keep the technology secret, earning Okawachiyama the moniker "Village of the Secret Kilns".

Stroll around the village with many shops displaying their wares or view the anagama kiln

Imari

Stroll the streets to see porcelain figurines, tiles inserted into walls or sit in a cute café 'LIB coffee' run by a Japanese who worked in Bondi for a while best coffee in town

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Sunday · October 29th

TOKYU STAY HAKATA

+81 92-431-1091

1 Chome-11-11 Hakataekiminami, Hakata Ward,
Fukuoka, 812-0016, Japan

Oct 29 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Oct 30 · 11:00 AM

Check Out

1 Night

Just a 7-minute walk from Hakata Station. All guestrooms have more than 18 sqm of room, are equipped with a washer/dryer and microwave, and are non-smoking. Enjoy a comfortable stay for everything from business to leisure.

Room Selection

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Room Notes

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FULL DAY AT ARITA (HAKATA)

Notes

08.18AM Depart Imari Station to Arita Station 08.43AM

Continue to Koraku Kiln by catching local bus. Canadian craftsman will take you around the kiln.

Free time at Arita Será

13.11PM catch local bus from Arita Será to Arita Station 13.18PM arrival

Quick lunch near the station, then to The Kyushu Ceramic Museum. Continue to Hakata by train.

Koraku Kiln - kiln itself is not in operation today

Koraku kiln was established in 1865 and is almost a hundred and fifty years old. It produces both traditional and contemporary tableware. It is famous for its naturalness, authenticity and creativity. Three key elements which steer

Kouraku Kiln to have a unique product offering. The site is directed by the fifth generation head of the Kouraku company, Mr Tokunaga Takanobu who's now holding a variety of projects aiming to make Kouraku Kiln famous, nationally and internationally, for its refined techniques making porcelain.

Arita Sera

Arita Será is a big shopping mall which has 22 shops specialized in Arita-yaki. Here you can find tableware for daily use and for professional use, gifts and even high-end art objects, all at the same place.

Kyushu Ceramic Museum

Discover the birth of Japanese porcelain with an amazing collection of 'Arita' porcelain ware made from the finest kaolin (the clay used for making porcelain)

Monday · October 30th

GREEN RICH HOTEL MATSUE

+81 852-27-3000

493-1 Asahimachi, Matsue,
Shimane 690-0003, Japan

Oct 30 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Nov 02 · 11:00 AM

Check Out

3 Nights

Just a 2-minute walk from Matsue Station and only about a minute from the downtown business and shopping/entertainment district, this hotel offers an excellent location for both tourists and business travelers. Relax in the separate men's and women's man-made hot spring baths and men's only sauna.

Room Selection

Room Category

TWIN OR SINGLE USE

Room Notes

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Rakusuien
Continue to Matsue by train
Visit Shimane Art Museum

Payment

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AFTERNOON AT MATSUE

Rakusuien

A garden located in the office area near Hakata station, built in 1906 by Chikamasa Shimosawa Zenzen, who contributed to the development of Fukuoka. Enjoy areas such as the tea garden which changes with the season. Discover the 'huiinkutsu' a small cave where one can hear the faint tone of water droplets echoing from the ground.

Continue to Matsue by train

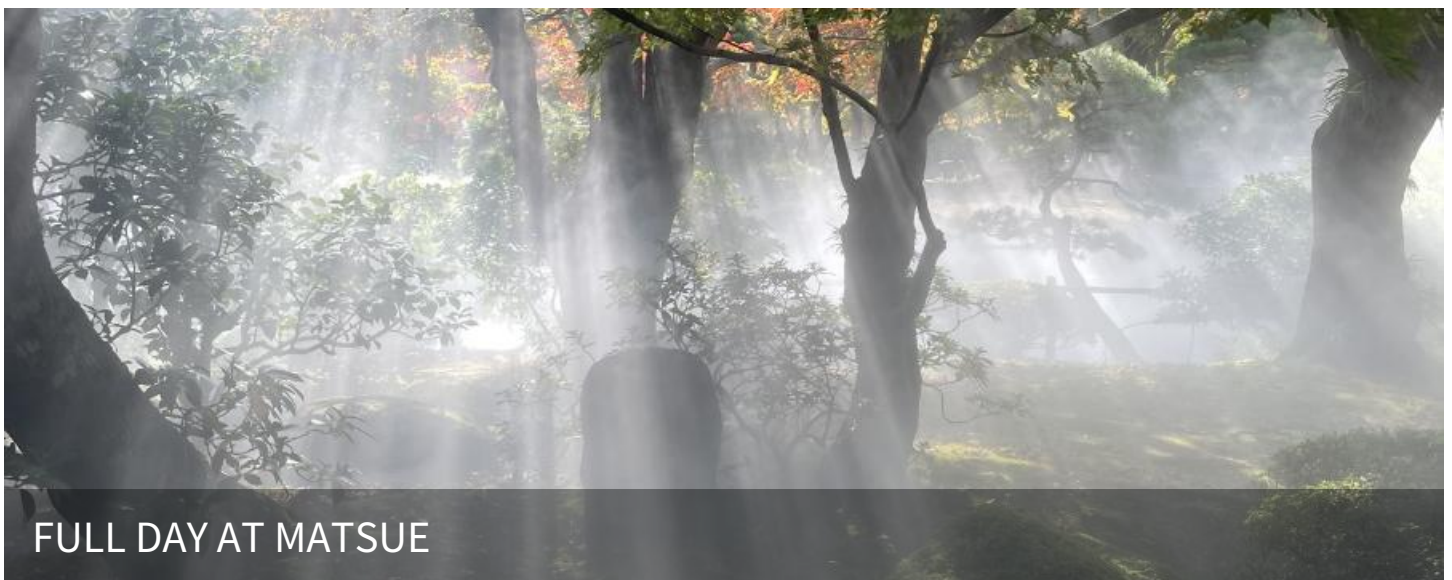
Shimane Art Museum

Opening in 1999 Shimane Art Museum is located on the shore of Lake Shiji, the museum is in total harmony with the water, and this is very prevalent at sunset where we will get photographs that poets and artists dream of. The gallery has a collection of excellent works in various fields such as paintings, sculptures, crafts, and photos.

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Tuesday · October 31st



FULL DAY AT MATSUE

Meeting Point

Adachi Museum

Visit Adachi Museum first thing in the morning.

Adachi Museum

The gardens vary in appearance every day. In fact, we might never see each beautiful moment again, and therefore the whole garden is always full of beauty. The founder Adachi Zenko, with the belief of “the garden is also a picture”, devoted himself to gardening until he died at the age of 91. The gardens, including the Dry Landscape Garden, are about 165,000 square meters in total. They show various seasonal faces and have good balance with the surrounding natural mountains. Thus, Adachi’s gardens are said to be a ‘living Japanese painting’. Continue through the museum to enjoy an amazing selection of painting and ukiyo-e or if time allows enjoy tea with a stunning view.

Return to Matesu Station, and catch bus to Yuushien.

Yuushien Garden

A totally different style of garden to what we visited this morning. Yuushien, a 'miniature garden of Izumo', featuring landscapes and mythology of Izumo area, is a traditional Japanese-styled walk-through garden around ponds. The colours of Autumn will be casting a spell of the pending winter. Certainly, a photographer’s delight.

Wednesday · November 1st



Meeting Point
MATSUE CASTLE

Matsue Castle

Constructed in 1607-11, is one of the few remaining original feudal Japanese castles. The 6 -story tower has survived natural disasters and is dearly known as the ‘black castle’, as it is painted black. If you are feeling strong, we recommend you go to the top for stunning views of the city. Matsue Castle is also one of the Japan’s Three Great Lake Castles (one of which is Himeji Castle)

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Thursday · November 2nd

NIKKO PRINCESS HOTEL

+81 75-342-2111

630番地 Takahashicho, Shimogyo Ward
Kyoto, 600-8096, Japan

Nov 02 · 3:00 PM

Nov 06 · 11:00 AM

Check In

Check Out

4 Nights

Hotel Nikko Princess Kyoto invites leisure and business travelers to experience the peacefulness and hospitality of Kyoto. Near Shijo-karasuma, in the heart of Kyoto, this luxury hotel is conveniently situated for sightseeing, shopping, and business activities. All spacious hotel room accommodations are light in color and have the bathtub separated from the shower room. In addition, all hotel rooms and banquet rooms feature Free Broadband Internet Access and liquid crystal television. Hotel Nikko Princess Kyoto offers various kinds of restaurants, including Teppanyaki, Japanese, Chinese, as well as Cafe with dining facilities and bars. Not only the guests of the hotel but also the people in Kyoto enjoy the full line-up of restaurants, as well as amenities including the jewelry shop, the shop of Kyoto local specialties(Tax-free Shop), and the beauty salon.

Room Selection

Room Category

SUPERIOR TWIN OR SINGLE USE

Room Notes

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

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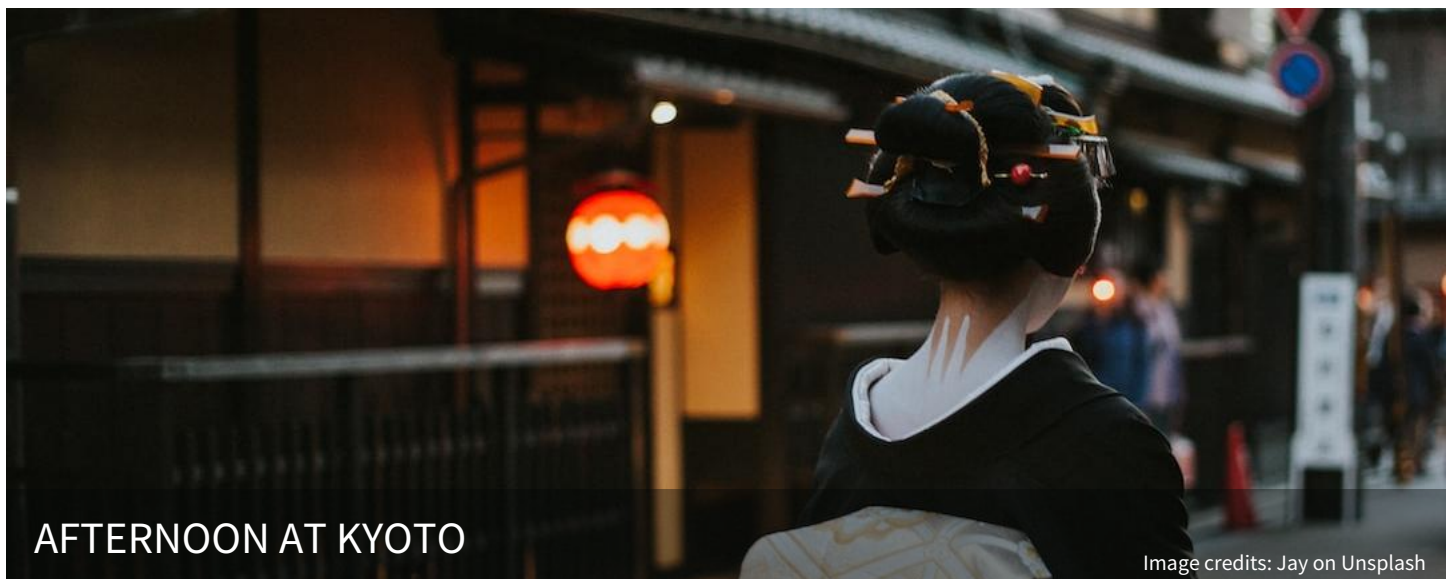
Catch bullet train to Kyoto
Eikando Temple (may be too early for autumn leaves)
Evening walk around Gion

Payment

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Catch bullet train to Kyoto

Eikando Temple

Eikando is very famous for its autumn colors. The temple has a long history, and there are a variety of buildings and a pond garden that visitors can explore. Eikando's most recognizable building, however, is its Tahoto Pagoda, which is nestled in the trees on the hillside above the temple's other buildings. Tahoto-style pagoda are two story structures, whose first stories are square and second stories are round. Visitors can walk up to the pagoda, from where the rest of the temple grounds and the city of Kyoto can be seen.

Evening walk around Gion

Stroll the streets and lanes of Gion, Kyoto's geisha district, with hostesses in colourful kimonos often sighted on the wooden Tatsumi Bridge, or amid upscale Japanese restaurants and boutiques on Hanamikoji Street. During your walk you may glimpse a Geiko or Maiko on their way to an engagement. Please be respectful.

Friday · November 3rd



Tenryuji

It was ranked first among the city's five great Zen temples and is now registered as a world heritage site. Unlike the temple buildings, Tenryuji garden has survived centuries in its original form

Kinkakuji (Golden Temple)

Often quoted as one of the most beautiful buildings in Kyoto. The two top floors covered in gold leaf create a golden reflection in the large pond. The temple has been destroyed numerous times with the most recent in 1950. What we see today was rebuilt in 1955.

The garden complex incorporates many Zen elements, expressed through the placement of rocks, bridges etc. Notice how the garden is a Shakkei style garden. Shakkei (called "borrowed scenery" in English) is a way to design gardens so they appear to be a part of the surrounding nature.

Nijo Castle

Built in 1603 as the home for the Tokugawa shogun and 23 years later completed by his grandson. The castle ground becomes a picture in spring with the 400 cherry trees but we should be delighted by the brilliant autumn colours of maple, ginkgo and other trees

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Saturday · November 4th



FULL DAY AT KYOTO

Meeting Point

Marumasu Nishimuraya

Kyoyuzen painting experience

Kyo-Yuzen is a dyeing technique that was developed in Kyoto during the middle of the Edo-era towards the end of the 17th century. Until the development of Yuzen dyeing, there were only limited methods for adding colour and patterns to cloth. A time for a little creativity to make our own keepsake

Machiya House Tour

A Machiya house used to be traditional wooden townhouses that functioned as both a residence and place of business. From kimono shops, thread shops, dry goods stores, and more, these traditional Japanese houses were an integral part of Japanese culture and life.

Bento Box making experience

You will be making your meal tonight we are trying our hand at creating a yummy Bento box, then sit down to enjoy our culinary delights

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Monday · November 6th

YUMOTO FUJIYA HOTEL

+81 460-856111

256-1 Yumoto, Hakone, Japan 250-0392

Nov 06 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Nov 08 · 11:00 AM

Check Out

2 Nights

With a stay at Yumoto Fujiya Hotel in Hakone, you'll be within a 5-minute walk of Hakone Hot Springs and Tokoan Kumano Gongen. This 4-star hotel is 0.4 mi (0.6 km) from Hakone Toy Museum and 0.5 mi (0.8 km) from Key Hiraga Museum.

Room Selection

Room Category

TWIN OR SINGLE USE

Room Notes

BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED

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Catch train to Hakone Yumoto

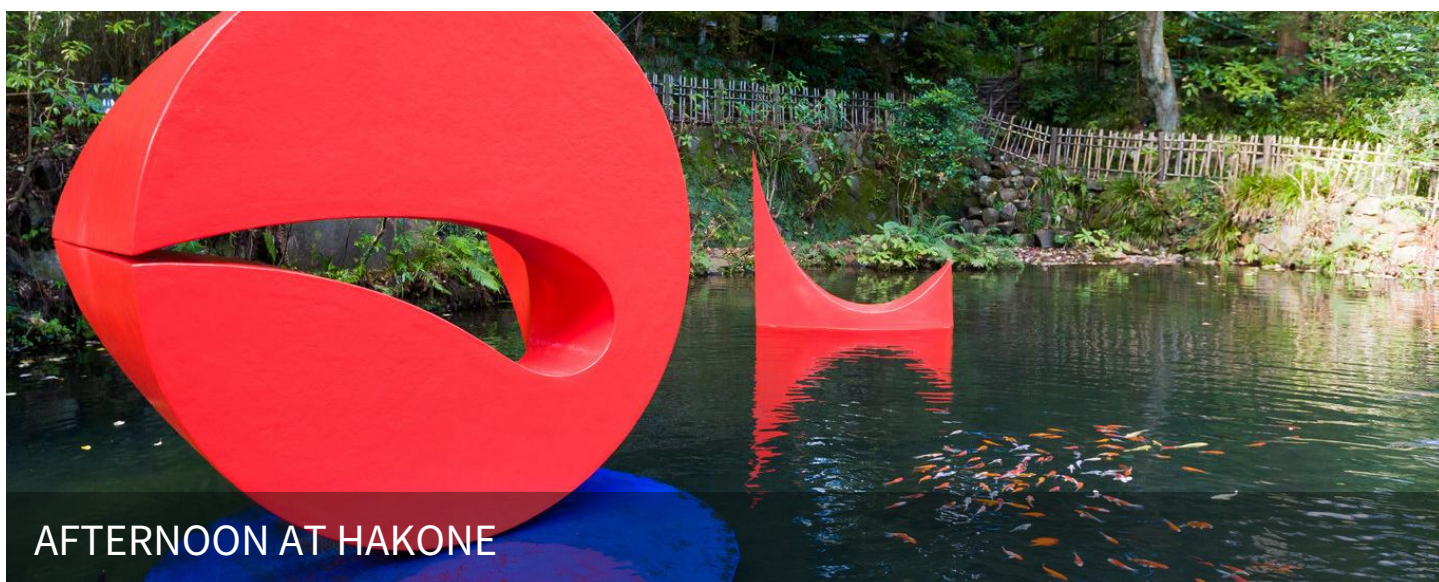
Visit Hakone Open Air Museum

Payment

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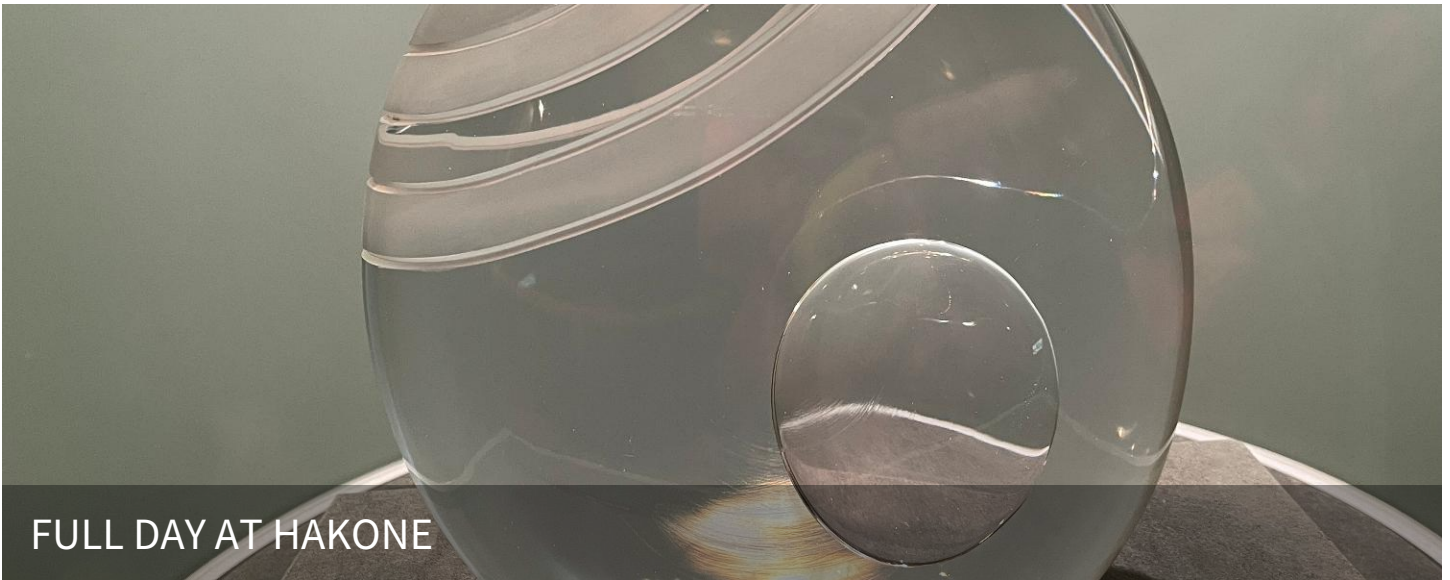
Catch train to Hakone Yumoto

Hakone Open Air Museum

A gallery to tantalise lovers of all forms of art. Located in a lush green 70,000 square meters garden with a view of the Hakone mountains, the museum has on permanent display some 120 masterpieces by famous modern and contemporary sculptors. This is a unique opportunity to enjoy a leisurely stroll, taking the time to examine your favourite sculptures up close and experience firsthand. There is more - visit the five indoor exhibitions.

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FULL DAY AT HAKONE

'Rene Lalique' Museum

The Lalique Museum, Hakone owns the collection of more than 1,500 works by Lalique including over 200 precious jewellery. Immerse yourself in treasures by René Lalique (1860-1945) a French artist of "Art Nouveau" and "Art Deco" era, primarily known as a craftsman of the objects in glass and as a master jeweller.

Pola museum

"I'm standing in a national park in Hakone. The untouched nature and the modelling designed by people. The two become one, and the dignified time flows"

Entering the building one gets the feeling of stepping into an cave opening out into the bush. Enjoy the exhibits inside as well as sculptures throughout the surrounding untouched bush

Sengokuhara Suski Grass Fields

One's breath is taken away at the sight of golden coloured Susuki (pampass grass) covering the west side of Mount Hakone swaying in the breeze. You can walk along the path through the centre where the grasses stand taller than you

Venetian Glass Museum

Stroll through an Italian styled building to view priceless glass artifacts from the 16th century right up to modern day works by artists such as Dale Chihuly building. Treasures can also be seen in the pond and through the garden

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Wednesday · November 8th



FULL DAY AT HAKONE

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Hakone Ropeway

Board a Hakone Ropeway gondola to view sights such as the smoking and sulphurous Owakudani Valley, the calm waters of Lake Ashinoko and the grandeur of Mount Fuji (3,776 m). The 24-minute journey covers 4 kilometres, making it one of the world's longest ropeway rides. Since the ropeway runs year-round, you can take in the different sights and sounds of every season.

Catch Romance Car Train back to Tokyo

Cancellation Policy

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OMO3 TOKYO AKASAKA

+81 50-3134-8095

4 Chome-3-2 Akasaka, Minato City,
Tokyo 107-0052, Japan

Nov 08 · 3:00 PM

Check In

Nov 13 · 11:00 AM

Check Out

5 Nights

About 3 minutes walk from Tokyo Metro Marunouchi/Ginza Line "Akasaka Mitsuke" Station Exit 10. Akasaka is home to Hie Shrine and its famed Sanno festival, and the neo-Baroque State Guest House, a National Treasure. Daytime explorations are rewarded with these and other iconic Tokyo scenes, and nighttime fun is guaranteed in the lively entertainment district lined with bars, clubs, and high-end restaurants.

Room Selection

Room Category

TWIN OR SINGLE USE

Notes

Catch Romance Car Train back to Tokyo

Payment

PREPAID

Cancellation Policy

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Thursday · November 9th



Zuishoji Temple

Founded in 1670, Zuishōji Temple is a historic religious building, also known for its modern quarters designed by the famous Japanese architect Kengo Kuma. The elegant U shaped form of wood and steel surround a pool with a raised platform for ceremonies

Koishikawa Korakuen

Koishikawa Korakuen Gardens is arguably one of the most beautiful and oldest gardens in Tokyo. With a rich history and subtle influences from China, the garden maintains an exquisite aesthetic appeal throughout the seasons. There are reproductions of both famous Japanese and Chinese scenery throughout the garden, represented by the miniature hills, ponds, stones and trees and as you walk around the pond you will see a different view every few steps

Yayoi Kasuma Museum

The museum for avant-garde artist Yayoi Kusama was opened in 2017. The dedicated museum will give visitors a chance to learn about the courageous battles that Kusama has fought as an avant-garde artist, allowing them to experience and feel the sincerity of her ideas, namely of saving the world through love.

Tonight, enjoy farewell dinner with your Japanese guide as her service ends here.

Cancellation Policy

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Friday · November 10th



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Why not visit:

Tokyo National Museum and Ueno Park

A short walk from the station and you will be immersed in Ueno Park of some 8,800 trees many renowned for blossoms in spring and amazing deep reds or Maples, yellows of the Ginkgo trees

The Tokyo National Art Museum, and many other galleries can offer a more cultural aspect to the visit.

There will be other places of interest in your final documentation

Cancellation Policy

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Saturday · November 11th



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Meiji Jingu

Meiji Jingu is one of the Shinto shrines in Japan, with the vast land of the forest (70 ha.), located in the middle of the megacity, Tokyo. Thanks to the donation of 100,000 trees from all over Japan, and the voluntary works of the youth, this precinct was completed on the 1st of November, 1920. This forest is a manmade forest, being aimed to be a self-regenerating natural forest, which was so planned by the forestry experts foreseeing 100 years ahead.

Chrysanthemum Festival Meiji Jingu

See Chrysanthemums like you have never seen before all shapes, colours and sizes, ranging from cascading chrysanthemums to one that has over 500 blooms on one plant.

Meiji Jingu Museum

Newly opened in 2019, designed by architect Kengo Kuma. Wood is an important feature of Kuma's designs, and this museum is no exception. The museum displays articles used by or associated with Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken in 3,200 square meter of display space spread over two floors.

Rikugien Garden Illuminations

Lights reflecting off the red and golden leaves emphasize their colour and beauty. When you combine lit up autumn leaves with the gorgeous layout of the landscape design, Rikugi-en Garden's autumn and many other galleires

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Sunday · November 12th



TeamLab Planet

This is a museum/interactive body of artwork in four exhibition spaces and two gardens that envelop your visual and tactile senses. You enter bare foot and exit becoming more conscience of how we move through nature

Hamarikyu Gardens

To restore calmness and time to reflect in the peaceful surrounding of this garden is a must after visiting TeamLab Planet. The garden offers plenty of maple, ginkgo and other trees that show their beautiful autumn colours between late November and early December.

Cancellation Policy

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Monday · November 13th

Transfer · SHARED MINIVAN TRANSFER

Departure Location
OMO3 TOKYO AKASAKA

Arrival Location
TOKYO AIRPORT

Vehicle
CHARTERED BUS

Payment

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Notes

Transfer to Tokyo Airport by shared minivan shuttle

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