

JPY 34,000

Per person~
*21~30 travelers

JPY 46,000 p.p. *11~20 travelers

JPY 65,000 p.p. *6~10 travelers

~2 Days Trip From Osaka~
Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage Routes
And Around

Itinerary

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Day1	<p>Depart Osaka Fish market at Shirahama (seafood BBQ lunch and Tuna Filleting Display) Shionomisaki Sightseeing Tower Taiji Whale Museum Staying at Susami Onsen</p>    
Day2	<p>Departing Susami Onsen Strolling Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage Routes <u>World Heritage</u> Including Daimonzaka, Kumano Nachi Taisha and Nachi Falls Cruising at Doro Gorge Back to Osaka</p>   

Notes

- ◆ Our tour includes:
 - Accommodations
 - Meals (1Breakfast, 2Lunch, 1Dinner)
 - Chartered Coach (for 2 days)
 - Entrance fees and fares in above itinerary
 - English Speaking Guide (8hrs per day, Rank C)
 - Travel handling charge
 - Insurance within Japan

- ◆ Our tour does NOT include:
 - Optional tours
 - Meals and drinks not listed in above itinerary
 - Personal expenses
 - Airfares between your country and Japan including airport taxes
 - Expenses regarding to immigration
 - Insurance between your country and Japan
 - Things not listed in above itinerary

- ◆ Our Cancellation Policy

31-14 days prior to the tour departure date:	20% of the total amount
13-3 days prior to the tour departure date:	30% of the total amount
2 days - the day before the tour departure date:	50% of the total amount
The tour departure date:	100% of the total amount



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Highlights of Sightseeing

Day1

Shirahama – seafood BBQ and Tuna Filleting Display

Shirahama is a famous beach and hot spring resort in Wakayama prefecture. There are a lot to see along the coastline such as Three Step Cliff, Thousand Tatami Mat and white sand beach called Shirarahama. With abundant seafood, the best idea is to enjoy fresh and tasty seafood BBQ at finest fish market just 10 minutes off the coastline. Toretore Ichiba offers you various kinds of seafood and there you might be able to watch Tuna Filleting Display! It is just curious to see how the big Tuna will be cut into pieces.

Shionomisaki Sightseeing Tower

Within 2 hours of scenic driving along the coastline from Shirahama, you will be at the southernmost of Honshu “Shionomisaki”. Here you will have a great view of Shionomisaki lighthouse, vast fresh and green lawn and deep-blue sea from the 360 degrees observation deck. The Pacific Ocean draws an arc in front of you and makes you feel the earth is round!

Taiji Whale Museum

Japanese people had made use of whales since 4000 years ago. Taiji, a birthplace of commercial whale fishing, had been much to do with whales. After the International Whaling Commission prohibited commercial whaling, the town had shifted its focus from marine product industry to sightseeing industry. In the whale museum you will encounter a huge skeleton model of a blue whale (the biggest whale out of all), enjoy dolphin and whale shows, experience contact with whales and learn about whales through various displays.

Some restaurants in Taiji town even provide whale meat either in raw or cooked. You may try it as a story of your travel.

Day2

Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage Routes World Heritage

Kumano Kodo (Kumano Old Road) are ancient pilgrimage routes in Kii peninsula. There are several routes connecting three holy shrines called “Kumano Sanzan” (Kumano Hongu Taisha, Kumano Hayatama Taisha, and Kumano Nachi Taisha) with places such as Ise, Koyasan, Kyoto and Osaka.

In Shinto, which is a religion originated in Japan, nature is considered to be inhabited by gods. Thus Japanese people had worshiped nature since ancient times. Each of these three holy sites had an origin of worshipping such as a river, a huge rock and a waterfall.

Emperors started to take the routes to make pilgrimage in 11c, gradually spread through samurai to general public in 14c which made the routes filled with pilgrims.

In 2004, the Kumano Kodo pilgrimage routes were registered as UNESCO World Heritage as part of the "Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range".

Recommended walking course:

Daimonzaka ~ Kumano Nachi Taisha ~ Nachi Falls (duration: 90mins)

Located in the most famous pilgrimage route called "Nakahechi", Daimonzaka is the best place for tourists to grasp what Kumano Kodo is about. It must be a superb experience to stroll about the ancient path which lasts for about 640m uphill, with impressive stone steps lined with old Japanese cedar trees.

When reached to the end of Daimonzaka, here comes another 467 stone steps along the entrance path to Kumano Nachi Taisha. Kumano Nachi Taisha is a Shinto shrine with its belief originated in worshipping Nachi Waterfalls. Next to the shrine is a Tendai Buddhist temple founded in 5th century called "Seiganto-ji". You might think it very strange to see both shrine and temple in one area. There is no wonder because this is what we call Shinto Buddhism synthesis in Japan. Shinto and Buddhism had coexisted for a long time until it was banned by Meiji government to strengthen Shinto. There was no contradiction between Shinto and Buddhism as Shinto worshipped nature and Buddhism had no gods.

Going down the slope finally leads you to one of the most famous waterfalls in Japan. With 133 meters height and 13 meters wide, Nachi Falls is the tallest waterfall in Japan. It consists with 48 waterfalls in total, but the first waterfall is usually referred as Nachi Falls. Feel the holy atmosphere where gods resides.

Doro Gorge Cruise

Doro Gorge is located in upper stream of Kumano river which flows from a mountain in Nara through Wakayama and Mie prefecture. It is a part of Yoshino Kumano National Park and the gorge is filled with huge, strange shaped rocks as well as cliffs on both side of the river. You are sure to feel refreshed and relieved when you encounter the mysterious cobalt blue water. Here enjoy on a water jet cruise ship with its roof can be opened to have a magnificent view of the gorge.

Specialty of the region

◆ Nachiguro candy

Made from raw sugar, Nachiguro candy contains full of minerals and vitamins which are good for one's health. Also taste the Nachiguro ice cream often sold around Nachi Falls.

◆ Mandarin Orange Products

Wakayama is famous for Arida Mikan (mandarin oranges) and many products can be found as souvenirs such as juice, jam, and jelly.