

Please bring your own lunch If you have dietary restrictions (e.g., allergies, vegetarian),



Akagi Sightseeing
Sunday, 01 November 2026
Depart: 0600/Return: 1830
Escape the city for a refreshing autumn day trip filled with mystical shrines, dynamic nature, and local gourmet treasures! On this tour, we will first visit Akagi Shrine, a brilliant vermilion sanctuary nestled beautifully on the shores of Lake Ono at 1,350m/4,429ft above sea level. This sacred site is famously known across Japan as a powerful spiritual spot that grants the wishes of women, particularly for matchmaking, health, and happiness. You will be able to marvel at the breathtaking contrast between the vibrant red architecture and the stunning autumn foliage reflecting on the lake surface. Next, we will head to Gunma's mega roadside station, which was voted Japan's #1 roadside station for two consecutive years, for a generous two-hour stay to enjoy local food and shopping. You can stroll through the massive farmer's market to shop for ultra-fresh regional vegetables, premium Akagi beef, and unique local sweets. For lunch, you can choose from a variety of delicious options at the lively food court, which features everything from Akagi beef rice bowls to popular regional ramen and traditional udon noodles. Our final stop takes us to one of Japan's Top 100 Waterfalls for an exciting 10-minute nature walk. We will take a short, refreshing hike up a rugged mountain trail to reach a breathtaking 37m/121ft waterfall. At this unique spot, you can walk directly into a massive cave right behind the curtain of rushing water to experience a truly mystical view up close.
***Temperature:** Average temperature in the Akagi area in November is 5C/41F. Please bring winter clothes.
***Walking path condition:** The walking path to the waterfall gets slippery before, during and after rain. Please prepare non-slip shoes.

Wear: Comfortable shoes to walk (non-slip), Warm clothing.
Bring: Rain gear, Shopping bag/Ice chest, Yen for Lunch and any personal expenses.
Cost: Adult/Youth/Child \$34 (Guide, Transportation included)



Obara-juku Honjin Festival
Tuesday, 03 November 2026
Depart: 0900/Return: 1600
Obara Honjin Festival is a traditional festival held in Sagami-hara city. It creates the atmosphere of Japan's Edo Period with colorful Daimyo (feudal lord) procession, traditional performances, and historic streets around the preserved Obara Honjin, the only remaining Honjin in Kanagawa.

Wear: Comfortable shoes to walk around.
Bring: Yen for lunch and any personal expenses.
Cost: Adult/Youth/Child \$39 (Transportation ONLY A/Y/C \$17) (Guide, Transportation included)



Lake Yamanaka
Autumn Leaves Viewing
Saturday, 07 November 2026
Depart: 0800/Return: 2030
Our day starts with Fish Park located near Lake Yamanaka in Yamanashi Prefecture. Visit the aquarium to see local freshwater fish and learn about the aquatic life of Yamanashi. Enjoy a relaxing walk and beautiful natural surroundings. Afterwards, enjoy lunch and a leisurely stroll at Oshino Hakkai, a picturesque village famous for its eight crystal-clear ponds fed by pure spring water from Mt. Fuji, along with traditional Japanese scenery and local shops. The day concludes at the Yuyake no Nagisa Autumn Leaves Festival, where you can

admire the vibrant autumn foliage along Lake Yamanaka and enjoy the magical atmosphere of the illuminated trees after sunset.
Wear: Comfortable shoes and clothes to walk around.
Bring: Rain gear, Yen for souvenir, lunch and any personal expenses
Cost: Adult (15+) \$37, Youth (6-14) \$35, Child (0-5) \$34 (Admission, Guide, Transportation included)



Chosei Sightseeing
Sunday, 08 November 2026
Depart: 0600/Return: 1700
We will take you to the powerful sacred sites in Chiba, to wish for good fortune! Our first stop will be Kasamori Temple. The Eleven-Faced Kannon (Buddha) statue is open to the public for only 30 days, just twice every twelve years—and this year is that rare occasion! Challenge the 130 stone steps to see the statue and the 1,000-year-old wooden main hall, which is the only building in Japan constructed in the *Shihou-kake-zukuri* architectural style. The temple is also famous for its holy black cat statues. Do not forget to get a pair for good luck, health, and good relationships! Next, we will visit Chofuku-ju Temple. The symbols of the temple, the white elephants, are believed to bring immense financial fortune, attracting visitors from all over Japan who hope to win the lottery! Afterward, we will head to a restaurant with a Pacific Ocean view for lunch.
***Footwear:** Wear comfortable shoes to walk.
***Strollers:** Cannot be used at Kasamori Temple.

Wear: Comfortable shoes to walk.
Bring: Rain gear, Yen for lunch and any personal expenses.
Cost: Adult (15+) \$45, Youth (6-14) \$44 Child (0-5) \$43 (Admission, Guide, Transportation included)



Shirakawago & Hida Takayama
Wednesday, 11 November 2026
Depart: 0400/Return: 2230
The remote mountain villages of gassho-style houses in Shirakawago on the Hida Highlands were registered as cultural heritage site in 1995. Some of the homes are over 400 years old, making the site a national treasure which holds a special place in the heart of Japan. Takayama area which has been called "Little Kyoto" Its temples, shrines, rivers and bridges are indeed reminiscent of the famed Kyoto on a smaller scale. These places are must-see tourist destinations second only to Kyoto in Japan.

***We do not recommend this tour for small children due to long bus ride.**
Wear: Comfortable shoes and clothes to walk around.
Bring: Rain gear, Yen for souvenir, lunch and any personal expenses
Cost: Adult/Youth/Child \$52 (Guide, Transportation included)



Hike on Torii Kannon Temple site
Saturday, 14 November 2026
Depart: 0700/Return: 1530
Enjoy walking up the small peak of Mt. Hakuun. The entire mountain is the Torii Kannon Temple site, and a 23-meter-high Kannon statue stands at the top of the mountain. You will be able to see Oriental-style religious buildings and objects while walking. The trails to the Kannon statue are very steep (with an average incline of 17 degrees!) but the hike only takes 40 minutes. There are steps inside the Kannon statue. Pay 200yen to enter and enjoy a panoramic view of Okumusashi Mountains from the observatory.
>>> Mt. Hakuun: 396m/1,299ft. ♦Distance: 1.5km/0.93mi.
♦Duration: 80 minutes ♦Elevation Gain: 290m/951ft
♣Admission to Temple/Kannon Statue: A (12+) Y200, C (6-11) Y100 each

***Age requirement:** 6 years and up.
***Admission:** Tour price does not include the admission to the temple or the Kannon statue. Please bring Japanese coins.
Wear: Comfortable shoes and clothing to walk, Cap/hat.
Bring: Rain gear, Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Towel, Water/Snacks, Trekking poles, Bare bell, Yen for admission, lunch and any personal expenses.
Cost: Adult/Youth (6+) \$36 (Guide, Transportation included)



Mt. Oiwa Hiking & Hananuki Gorge
Saturday, 21 November 2026
Depart: 0400/Return: 1730
First, we will take a short hike up Mt. Oiwa. The entire mountain is a part of the sacred Oiwa Shrine ground. It is famously known that multiple astronauts spotted a luminous pillar of light shining from this mountain while out in space. If the weather is clear, you will be able to see the Pacific Ocean and Nasu mountains. Next, we will visit Hananuki Gorge, where you can witness some of the most beautiful Koyo (autumn foliage change into vibrant reds, yellows and oranges). Beautiful waterfalls and pools are dotted along the Hananuki River, creating a stunning landscape filled with autumn color. Enjoy the autumn leaves festival at the gorge!
>>>Mt. Oiwa: 526m/1,726ft. ♦Distance: 3.6km/2.24mi.
♦Duration: 100min ♦Elevation Gain: 300m/984ft.
***Age requirement:** 6 years and up.
***Cancellation:** The tour is subject to cancellation due to rain.

Wear: Hiking shoes, Appropriate clothing for hiking, Cap/hat.
Bring: Rain gear, Towel, Snacks/water, Yen for lunch and any personal expenses.
Cost: Adult (6+) \$50 (Guide, Transportation included)



Ashikaga Flower Park Illumination
Sunday, 22 November 2026
Depart: 1100/Return: 2130
Ashigara Flower Park is in Tochigi prefecture, well known for wisteria in springtime. The winter night illumination is held annually, starting from the end of October through February. The park will be transformed into a beautiful multi-colored flower garden. When the LED decorated wisteria trees are swaying in the wind, they look like real flowers. The park will be holding an autumn flower festival as well so enjoy the scent of roses, amethyst sages and other flowers till the sun goes down. We will stop at Sano Outlet Mall for lunch.
Wear: Comfortable shoes and clothes to walk around.
Bring: Rain gear, Yen for souvenir, meals and any personal expenses
Cost: Adult (12+) \$43, Youth (4-11) \$38, Child (0-3) \$33 (Admission, Guide, Transportation included)



Settaya Brewery Walking
Thursday, 26 November 2026
Depart: 0500/Return: 1900
Settaya is a scenic area in Nagaoka city that flourished through its rich brewing industry. We will enjoy a walking tour of historic sake, miso, and shoyu (soy sauce) breweries that date back to the Edo period. Take a stroll while admiring the historic townscape, which boasts 17 registered Tangible Cultural Properties. One of these properties –a-100-years-old warehouse-- was beautifully renovated as Sake Museum in 2019. The facility features not only exhibition spaces, but a shop, a bar, and tasting area are. After a two-hours stay in Settaya, we will head to the coastal town of Teradomari, which faces the Sea of Japan. There, you can shop for and taste fresh seafood! Crabbing season will have just started, so you might even be able to enjoy freshly boiled crab straight from the pier!
***Age requirement:** 12 years and up.
Wear: Comfortable shoes and clothing to walk.
Bring: Rain gear, Shopping bag/Ice chest, Yen for lunch and any personal expenses.
Cost: Adult (12+) \$53 (Guide, Transportation included)



Nara Overnight Thu, 26 - Fri, 27 November 2026 Depart: 0500/Return: 2000

***Sign up by Sunday, 1 Nov 2026!!**

Our tour begins at Todai-ji Temple. Spend two hours exploring the majestic temple and its impressive 15-meter-tall Great Buddha. Afterwards, enjoy a

1.5-hour lunch and shopping break at the lively Higashimuki Shopping Street, before wrapping up the day with a 1-hour visit to the lantern-lit Kasuga Taisha Shrine. The second day starts at Hasedera Temple, famous for its beautiful seasonal flowers and massive wooden Buddha statue. Next, we will head to Asuka Village to visit the Kitora Tumulus (Shijin-no-Yakata Museum). Here, you can learn about the ancient Kitora Tumulus and view its beautiful mural paintings, which feature the Four Divine Creatures, the Chinese zodiac, and an ancient star map.

▲**Accommodation:** Piazza Hotel Nara <https://piazzahotel.co.jp/>

***Strollers:** Not recommended due to steps and steep slopes in some areas.

***Small Children:** Not recommended due to long bus ride.

***Walking level:** Light to moderate walking required

Wear: Comfortable shoes to walk.

Bring: Rain gear, Yen for lunch and any personal expenses.

Cost: Single room: Adult (12+) \$258

Twin room: \$205 per person

Shared bed (3-11) \$124

(Accommodation, Breakfast, Guide, Transportation included)



Gourmet Tour in Tsukuba Ver.2 Saturday, 28 November 2025 Depart: 0500/Return: 1900

Tsukuba City, famously known as Japan's "Science City", is also secretly known as a premier gourmet town. Due to its high concentration of restaurants, Tsukuba is considered a competitive battleground for ramen shops. First, we will stop by a local noodle-making factory to taste some amazingly delicious ramen. You will surely be hooked, so do not forget to purchase some noodles and soup to go! Next, we will visit a local Germany bakery, a traditional rice cracker shop, a deli and the Tsukuba Brewery taproom. At this time of year, Tsukuba City is beautifully colored in yellow by the leaves of American tulip trees. Come and enjoy both the delicious food and the beautiful townscape.

***Age requirement:** 12 years and up.

***Small Group Only:** The tour is limited to 8 participants only.

Bring: Rain gear, Shopping bag/small ice chest, Yen for lunch and any personal expenses.

Cost: Adult/youth (12+) \$47 **(Guide, Transportation included)**

Yokohama Sankeien Garden & China Town Sunday, 29 November 2026 Depart: 0900/Return: 1800



Visit Yokohama Sankeien Garden, a beautiful traditional garden featuring historic buildings, seasonal scenery, a vibrant autumn foliage. After enjoying a relaxing stroll through the garden, we will head to Yokohama Chinatown for lunch and free time. Explore the lively streets filled with colorful shops, restaurants,

and traditional Chinese architecture, and enjoy lunch at your own pace.

Wear: Comfortable shoes and clothes to walk around.

Bring: Rain gear, Yen for souvenir, meals and any personal expenses

Cost: Adult (15+) \$25, Youth (6-14) \$20, Child (0-5) \$18

(Admission, Guide, Transportation included)

Before signing up for hiking/climbing trips

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\$15/hour (up to 3 hours)



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10 passenger Van
\$110/day, \$660/week,
\$30/hour (up to 3 hours)



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Sun, 01 Nov 2026**

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Sat, 21 (0400-1730)

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