

Shikoku, Japan (Millennium Mono & Train, Iyoko Monogatari Train) Hot spring 10 days

Departure Date: 2023: 11/28 (Maple Viewing Tour)
2024: 3/26 (cherry blossom viewing)

Minimum 6 pax

【Tour fee included】

- ✓ 8 nights in a four-five star hotel
- ✓ Full transportation, Chinese tour guide, attraction tickets, bus tickets
- ✓ Daily breakfast, lunch, dinner (as shown in the itinerary).
- 【Tour fee not included】
- ✗ International air tickets
- ✗ Daily tip for tour guide and driver, USD 10 per day/person is recommended
- ✗ Drinks in the restaurant

Double Room: USD\$3,599 per person

Single Supplement: \$1,300

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Hometown ✈️ Osaka

Fly to Osaka Kansai Airport KIX Airport today for a leisurely cultural getaway!

Day 2 Osaka -68.9km- Kobe

Upon arrival, head to Kobe Harbor for a walk. Go back to the hotel after dinner to check in and rest!!

< meals > Nights: Japanese or buffet-style

< Hotel > Kobe Porto Pia or similar

Day 3 Kobe -160km- Takamatsu

Kitano Idenkan is located at the foot of Mount Rokko with an unobstructed view of Kobe Port. After the opening of the port of Kobe in 1868, a settlement for foreigners was planned, and many Western-style buildings with red brick walls or white facades were built. There are still many Alien Houses (foreigners' residences) and bungalows in the current Alien Street, among which the Councils of various countries such as the United Kingdom, France, and China can be visited. The streetscape of Eastern-style and Western-style architecture brings a rich sense of exoticism. Among them, the "Kazami Chicken House (Old Thomas Mansion)" with eye-catching features such as a minaret and a chicken-shaped weather vane, is a famous symbol of Kitano Alien Hall.

Otsuka International Museum of Art The museum is home to Japan's largest permanent exhibition space and the world's first pottery museum that reproduces world-famous paintings with replicas of pottery plates of the same size as the original paintings. It also houses more than 1,000 paintings carefully selected from the collections of more than 190 museums from 25 countries around the world, from ancient murals to modern paintings. Ritsurin Park is the most famous garden in Shikoku, Japan, and is divided into two gardens, the north and south. The south courtyard is a walk-back garden, and the north garden is a modern Western-style garden. With a total area of approximately 75 hectares, it is the largest garden in Japan designated as a Special Scenic Spot, and is beautifully arranged by 6 pools, 13 rockeries and more than 10 pavilions against the backdrop of the emerald Purple Cloud. (Sakura blossom and maple viewing spots)

< Meals > Breakfast: Breakfast | Lunch: Local Cuisine | Evening: Japanese or Yakiniku

< Hotel > the same class as JR Hotel Clement Takamatsu

Day 4 Takamatsu -37km- Tadotsu Station ~Millennium Monogatari Train< Skyland Kiyuki~Obube Station Oboke Station~ Obumi Cruise ~ Iyatani Keimanbashi Iya

Millennium Monogatari Train Between Kotohira and Obuki is the middle of the Tozan Line that runs through the mountains of Shikoku, and the geography is located in the middle of Shikoku. Along the route, there are historical cultures and landscapes that have lasted for thousands of years, such as the birthplace of Master Koho, Mr. Kimpiro, who used to gather and believe as the god of the sea, and the secret history and legends of the fugitives of the Taira family, which are still left in the Ancestral Valley. Every time you pass through Tunnel I, you will gradually be greeted by the beautiful scenery of the mountains and rivers, just like the ancient name of thousands of years, and you will be able to reminisce about the past while looking for hidden elegance in Japan.

Millennium Monogatari Train Boarding Time: About 2 hours and 30 minutes The Obuki Sightseeing Boat is a sightseeing boat to experience the beauty of the gorge, and is located in the middle of the Yoshino River Basin, and a V-shaped cliff called the Obubei Gap. Obuki and Kobuki are V-shaped valleys that stretch for about 8 kilometers and are the largest rivers of Shikoku that originate in the Ishiki Mountains and run through the three prefectures of Ehime, Kochi, and Tokushima. The main stream of the Yoshino River is formed. "Step danger" means that walking is dangerous, walking on jagged steep rocks, whether large or small steps are dangerous, hence the name. The rugged rocks on both sides of the valley floor contain conglomerate schist components, which were produced 200 million years ago, and the rock layers are inclined 45 degrees downstream, and you can see the strange rocks up close by sightseeing boat. (Kaede viewing spots).

< Meal > Breakfast: Breakfast at the hotel|Lunch: Local cuisine|Evening: Welcome ingredients from the chef of the hot spring restaurant

< Hotel > Iya Ryokan or the similar

Day 5 Iya Keito Manbashi Iya -72km- Kochi

Izutani Katsurabashi is an important tangible folk cultural property of Japan and Tokushima Prefecture, also known as "Vine Bridge", the bridge is 45 meters long, 2 meters wide and 15 meters high, and it is made by Glenn, and it is very thrilling when crossing the bridge. According to legend, the Taira clan, who lost the war, hid in the Iya Creek, and in order to escape Genji's pursuit, they built a kudzu suspension bridge that can cut off the path of the pursuers at any time, and for safety reasons, the vine kudzu will be replaced every three years for tourists to play, using a one-way crossing from north to south, and the shaking when walking and the clearly visible stream under the bridge are shocking.

Kagamino Park Kagamino Park is located in the northeastern part of the Kochi Plain. Tosa-Yamada Town is considered one of Japan's 100 Best Cherry Blossom Spots, and the 200-meter-long Cherry Blossom Tunnel is one of the most spectacular sights. There are more than a dozen types of cherry blossoms in the garden, from Somei Yoshino sakura blossoms to Yae cherry blossoms, and the cherry blossom viewing period is very long, which is very popular with tourists.

(Sakura blossom viewing spots, if you change to Katsurahama Park outside of cherry blossom viewing season, Katsurabin Park Katsurahama faces Tosa Bay, which is a bow-shaped sand beach between Cape Kamiryukashi and Cape Shimoryukou, and the surrounding pine forest, beautiful sea, and beautiful colored stones called five-colored stones create a beautiful landscape.) At Cape Kamiryukou at the northeast end, you can see the bronze statue of Sakamoto Ryoma, the main figure of the Meiji Restoration, who was also from Tosa, facing the Pacific Ocean.) Kochi Castle Located in Kochi City, Kochi Prefecture (Kochi, Tosa County, Former Tosa Country), the castle tower on the 4th floor and 5th floor is one of the 12 remaining castle towers in Japan, and it is extremely valuable. The form of castle is Tigo-style Hirayama Castle (a type of castle structure). Located in the middle of the Kochi Plain, Kochi Castle cleverly uses the Kagami River and the Eguchi Tagawa River as peripheral moats. The existing castle was completed in the early Edo period of Japan by the 1st generation of Tosa Basket Lord Yamauchi Kazuho and the 2nd generation of Tosa Basket Lord Yamauchi Tadayoshi, and took more than 10 years to complete. Kochi Castle survived the abolition of the castle decree issued by the Japanese government in Meiji 6 (1873) and air raids in World War II, and 15 buildings such as the castle tower, the imperial hall, and the chaser gate that remain today are registered as important cultural properties of Japan. Honmaru, which owns the castle tower, is the only building in Japan that combines castle towers and goten, and is very precious. Today, Kochi Castle is open as Kochi Park,

and the Honmaru Goden and the castle tower are collectively known as the Huaitokan and are historical museums. Important Cultural Property, National Historic Site, One of Japan's 100 Most Famous Cities.

Sakamoto Ryoma Memorial Bronze Statue of Sakamoto Ryoma, who has greatly contributed to the modern history of Japan, was born on November 15, the 6th year of Tenbō (1835), in Japan, in the family of a low-ranking samurai under Kochi Castle. When Sakamoto Ryoma grew up, he studied navigation skills under Yukaishu, participated in the Kobe Naval Training Institute, and vigorously promoted the return of the Great Government with Tosa's Goto Shojiro.

< Meals > Breakfast: Breakfast: Lunch: Local Cuisine|Evening: Welcome Dishes by the Chef of the Hot Spring Hotel or Seasonal Buffet

< Hotel > Tosa Daiwa Royal Hotel or the same grade

Day 6 Kochi -131km- Wolong Sanso -15km- Yawatahama Station ~ Iyota Monogatari Train ~ Matsuyama Station -4.5km- Dogo Onsen

Wolong Villa Facing the first tourist spot in the Qiu River Basin, "Wolongyuan", it is a well-known building with a tea room structure, alias "Katsura Palace of Osu". Even the design details are extremely luxurious, and the beautiful style makes the late Kurokawa Kisho, a representative architect of Japan, say that "it is not inferior to Katsura Palace." I want to buy it even if I borrow money!". The clean air cleanses the mind, and the quiet moments make people forget the worries of the world, and encounter the beauty and quality and style of Japanese tradition.

Iyota Monogatari Train Iyota is the western half of the Seto Inland Sea, north of the Cape Sada Peninsula, facing Iyo Country, facing Kyushu and Honshu opposite waters. Each route stops at Shimota Station and Iyo Ozu Station, the secrecy-like Shimotan Station; Although simple and small, the picture next to the sea is similar to the station in the anime "Shinto Girl", and because of the high similarity, it attracts many people to pilgrimage. At Iyo Ozu Station, you can feel the enthusiasm of the locals even more, and when you arrive at the station, you will not only encounter cross-dressed samurai or tanuki stationmasters waving flags, but also have the opportunity to encounter limited bread and local products sold at the station on Saturdays, which makes you smile and feel warm.

Iyonada Monogatari Train Car Time: About 2 small 20 minutes

< Meals > Breakfast: Breakfast at the hotel|Lunch: Local Cuisine|Evening: Welcome dish by the chef of the hot spring restaurant or seasonal buffet

< Hotel > Hodo Onsen Dohou or the similar.

Day 7 Dogo Onsen -2.2km- Matsuyama Castle -67km- Besshi Copper Mine Memorial Museum -73km- Kotosankaku

Dogo Onsen, a public bath built in 1894, is a symbol of Dogo Onsen, whose main building is located in the center of the hot spring town lined with inns and restaurants. The majestic three-story wooden castle-like building, the first public bath to be designated as an Important Cultural Property, shows its long history and different styles in the middle of modern inns and shops.

Matsuyama Castle Standing atop Mount Katsuyama at an altitude of 132 meters, Matsuyama Castle is one of only 12 surviving castles in Japan, the castle with the highest elevation, built by the famous Kato Yoshiaki in 1602 and completed in 1627 after 25 years. Matsuyama Castle is an important castle at the end of the Edo period in Japan, and its 21 buildings, including castle towers, kanjuki, and tomumon, have been designated as important cultural properties of Japan and are famous historical sites. When the cable car slowly rises, you will be moved by the beautiful scenery such as Iyohira, Mt. Ishiku, Seto Inland Sea & Hellip, and in autumn, the maple leaves are full of poetry, and the Matsuyama Castle Exhibition will spread a different flavor. (Sakura blossom and maple viewing spots)

Besshi Copper Mine Memorial Museum is a themed park that uses the remains of the Besshi copper mine industry, one of Japan's three largest copper mines. The Duandide District and Dongping Ward, which were completed in 9662 Las Tunas Dr. Temple City, CA 91780 [Tel:323-266-8988](tel:323-266-8988) Fax:323-266-3380 Website:www.sonictour.com

1991 and 1994 respectively, have a fun day in addition to visiting the existing ruins, as well as mine sightseeing such as the changes in the placer gold and Besko copper mines, and the natural hot spring "Sky Bath" to eliminate the fatigue of tourism.

< Meals > Breakfast: Breakfast: Lunch: Local Cuisine|Evening: Welcome Dishes by the Chef of the Hot Spring Hotel or Seasonal Buffet

< Hotel > Kotohira Kotosangkaku or similar

DAY 8 Kotosankaku -2.3km- Kotohiragu -65km- Shodo Island

Kotohiragu Castle Kotohiragu This palace has been famous as the guardian saint of the sea since ancient times, and has been revered by the water army and the fishermen of the Seto Inland Sea, and has become a place of faith and spirit for the local people, and it has attracted people from all over the country to visit here, and there are two academies in the palace that are listed as important cultural properties of Japan, and its famous Omotesando stone steps have a total of 785 steps, and there are many shops selling local products on both sides of the stone steps, so you can enjoy the sight while strolling. While looking at the Sanuki Plain, don't miss important tangible cultural properties ~ Lantern Hall and chandelier! (Sakura blossom and maple viewing spots)

Dohuchi Strait is the narrowest strait in the world with a total length of 2.5 kilometers and a narrowest point of only 9.93 meters, and in 1996 it was registered in the Guinness record as the world's narrowest gorge, and the local government specially built three bridges in the narrowest part so that every tourist can participate in this valuable experience.

Shodoshima Angel Road Shodoshima Island's famous attractions are also known as lovers' holy places, located on the islands on the Bund in Silverpo, there are 2 opportunities every day because of the tide relationship in the sea at low tide to emerge sandbar trail connecting the islands, take advantage of the low tide must take a walk through this "angel trail" legend that lovers in love hold hands together through the angel trail love will be long, On the island, you can see many prayer horses hanging from the branches of the trees, and you can see the mountain alliance vows of lovers everywhere, so please come and feel the romantic charm together!!

Shodoshima Onsen Shodoshima Onsen Shodoshima famous hot spring, because the water quality of the hot spring is low and contains pure natural moisturizing ingredients, it has the effect of beauty and is also known as "beauty soup". And the feeling of skin soaked in beauty soup has a wonderful effect that you did not expect! Relax and enjoy the natural baptism of the unity of heaven and man under the blue sky in the open-air bath, and the scenery of the Seto Inland Sea is endless, hot springs, sea view, and food~~ What a life enjoyment.

< Meals > Breakfast: Breakfast: Lunch: Local Cuisine|Evening: Welcome Dishes by the Chef of the Hot Spring Hotel or Seasonal Buffet

< Hotel > Bay Resort Hotel or similar

Day 9 Shodo Island -95km- Tokushima

Shodoshima Olive Park Olive Park Due to the dry climate and little rain, countries similar to the Mediterranean coast were the first areas in Japan to introduce olive cultivation, and olives have become one of Shodoshima specialties, and the olive oil manufacturing tools are exhibited in the olive memorial in the park, and special local products are also sold.

Kankakei Gorge, a strange rock formed over two million years, has been selected as one of Japan's 100 most scenic spots, one of the three major valley beauties and another resounding signboard of Shikoku. When the weather is clear, the view from the top of the 612-meter-high mountain opens up, and you can enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Seto Inland Sea and the sea. (Kaede viewing spots).

Tokushima Chuo Park If you come to Tokushima to see cherry blossoms, the first recommendation is Tokushima Central Park, located next to the ruins of Tokushima Castle, and the moat and cherry blossom tunnel outside the castle walls combine to create such a romance through time and space. When the cherry blossoms are in full bloom, Somei Yoshino cherry blossoms and Yae cherry blossoms compete with each other, and tourists enjoy the blossoms in an endless stream of days and nights. (Sakura blossom and maple viewing spots)

Tokushima Awa Odori Kaikan Awa Odori Kaikan Enjoy the history of Tokushima for more than 400 years, and the best way to exhibit the traditional Japanese Awa Odori Awa Odori Odori Kaikan, which has been around for

more than 400 years, is the best way to exhibit the traditional Japanese Awa Odori Odori Kaikan, where you can enjoy the Awa Odori in Shikoku Prefecture. Awa-odori is traditionally a bon dance that can only be performed in summer, but visitors can enjoy the Awa-odori at any time.

< Meals > Breakfast: Breakfast: Lunch: Local Cuisine|Evening: Welcome Dishes by the Chef of the Hot Spring Hotel or Seasonal Buffet

< Hotel > Daiwa Roynet Tokushimaekimae or similar

Day 10 Tendeshima -37km- Onaruto Bridge - Awaji Island - Osaka Kansei

Naruto Bridge Onaruto Bridge (famous by whirlpool) The Onaruto Bridge spans the Naruto Strait and connects Tokushima with Awaji Island. The Seto Inland Sea and Kii Waterway on both sides of the Naruto Strait are a unique natural phenomenon of spectacular whirlpool tides due to the difference in water level between the two waters, with the largest seasonal whirlpool exceeding 20 meters in diameter. "Naruto (Vortex Tide) Whirlpool Road (Skywalk Observatory)" Naruto Bridge, famous for its Naruto whirlpool tide, from the lower part of the "Whirlpool Road" Onaruto Bridge, enjoy the swirling glass promenade, and down (45 meters above the sea) to see the Naruto Strait whirlpool (but you can only see it at high tide and low tide), and sometimes you can see ships sailing in the Seto Inland Sea sailing from below. On the east coast of Awaji Island at the Awaji Stage Stage, there is a high platform overlooking the sea, which was the representative work of architect Tadao Ando, and the Japan Flora 2000 International Horticulture and Horticulture Expo was held in 2000. Together with the neighboring state-owned Akashi Kaikyo Park (Awaji area), Hyogo Prefectural Awaji Island Park, and Awaji Exchange Wing Port, it forms the Awaji Island International Park City.

Take the 4:00P flight back to the United States via Taiwan or stop in Taiwan to visit relatives and sightseeing!

< meals > Breakfast: Breakfast at the hotel

****Itinerary and meal are subject to actual adjustment, subject to local arrangements****