

Shibori Exhibitions Mount Kōya Tour

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Date		Time	Item	Hotel	Meal
1	14. October	Mon	Arrival Kansai Airport (KIX) Osaka, Japan	Hotels near Kansai Airport	D : on your own
Osaka to Kōya-san					
2	15. October	Tue	9:30	Assemble at the Hotel lobby.	B1
			12:00	Chartered coach to Kōya-san, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Kōya-san is the common name of a huge temple settlement in Wakayama Prefecture to the south of Osaka. Located on an 800m high plain amid eight peaks of the mountain (which was the reason this location was selected as a site for temples, in that the terrain is supposed to resemble a lotus plant).	
			17:00	Lunch and sight seeing at Kōya-san	L : on your own
			3-Night Stay	Dinner Kongobuji Syukubou	D1
3	16. October	Wed		Kongobuji Syukubou (temple accommodation) On Kōya-san, the main temple is Kongōbuji, the ecclesiastical headquarters of the "Kōya-san Shingon School" established by Monk Kūkai. It is a Japanese style accommodation and multiple numbers of guests will sleep on futon mattresses per room. Guest number varies according to the size of each room.	Kogobuji, Temple accommodations
				Breakfast	B2
			AM	Exhibition opening ceremony	
				Lunch at Kōya-san	L : on your own
		PM	Exhibition viewing and temple visits		
			Dinner Kongobuji Syukubou	Kongobuji Syukubou	D2
Kōya-san					
4	17. October	Thu	AM	Kōya-san and temples sightseeing	B3
				Lunch at Kōya-san	L : on your own
			PM	Enjoy Kōya-san with 117 temples and ancient grave yards and Buddhist stone statues in the mountain forest.	
				Dinner Kongobuji Syukubou	D3
		1-night stay		Kongobuji Syukubou	
Kōya-san to Kumano Kōdō					
5	18. October	Fri	AM	Travel from Kōya-san to Kumano Kōdō, a series of ancient pilgrimage routes that crisscross the Kii Peninsula. These sacred trails were and are used for the pilgrimage to the Three Grand Shrines of Kumano. Enjoy Kumano Kōdō which has more than 1,000 years of history, it is one of only two pilgrimage routes in the world that have been given a UNESCO World Heritage designation.	B4
				Lunch	L1
			PM		
			Dinner Kumano Kōdō	Kumano Kōdō	D4
Kumano Kōdō to Ise Jingu to Toba					
				Early morning drive to Ise.	
6	19. October	Sat	AM	Visit the Grand Shrine of Ise Jingu whose history goes back more than 1500 years. The complex inner shrine, Naiku, is said to enshrine Amaterasu-Okami, goddess of the sun in Shinto mythology and legendary ancestor of the Japanese imperial family. Members of the imperial family routinely visit the shrine, and the upper echelons of the priesthood are still comprised mainly of former members of the imperial family. The ritual rebuilding of shrine structure in the complex is still carried out every 20 years.	B5
				Lunch	L2
			PM	Continue to trace the pilgrimage to Geku, Okage-yokocyo a small shopping district since the Edo Period. (1600-1868). Historically an important stop where the pilgrims went to purchase food and souvenirs after a long journey paying a visit to the Ise Shrine. The evening ends driving to Toba, a coastal town facing the Ise Bay in the Mie Prefecture for accommodations.	
				Dinner Toba	Toba Hotel
		1-Night Stay			
Toba to Suzuka to Nagashima-onsen					
7	20. October	Sun	AM	from Toba to Suzuka	B6
				Lunch	L3
			PM	Isekatagami Museum sightseeing & workshop	
				from Suzuka to Nagashima-onsen	
			Dinner Nagashima-onsen (hot springs) Nabananoyu	Hotel Nabananoyu	D6
		1-Night Stay	Hot Springs		
Nagashima-onsen to Nagoya sightseeing to Kanayama					
8	21. October	Mon	AM	from Nagashima to Atsutajingu	B7
				Lunch Hitsuabushi (eel food)	Atsuta Horaiken
			PM	During the Edo Period, Nagoya served as the seat of the Owari, one of the three major branches of the ruling Tokugawa family. The great Daimyo's (feudal lord) treasures are exhibited at the Tokugawa Museum. The Nagoya castle has been restored and visitors have a glimpse into medieval castle.	
				Nagoya Kanayama	Meitetsu inn
		2-Night Stay			
Kanayama to Arimatsu					
		AM	from Kanayama to Arimatsu		B8

9	22. October	Tue		The last day of the tour is spent in Arimatsu, where shibori craft was established over 400 years ago. The town along the Tokaido, a highway connected Shogun's capital in the east and Imperial capital in the west, have been preserved as well as shibori businesses. There will be a visit to the shibori museum and historical buildings and you may take a shibori workshop with an artisan.		
				Lunch Misonikomi-udon(Noodles)	Jyugemutyaya	L5
			PM	Arimatsu sightseeing		
10	23. October	Wed		Nagoya Kanayama	Meitetsu inn	D : on your own
			AM	Tour program ends after breakfast. -JR Rail pass can be purchased (before entering Japan) to travel for a 7 days or more including a visiting nearby Kyoto, ancient capital cit or Tokyo on your own. Note: there is an airport shuttle from Kyoto JR Station to Kansai Airport (KIX)		L6