



Japan Holidays
EXCLUSIVE TOUR

IKARUGA HISTORICAL NATURE TRAIL TOUR

3 Days / 2 Nights

From \$1,100 per person



TOUR DESCRIPTION

Introduction:

Located in Nara Prefecture, Ikaruga Village is most famous for its World Heritage listed temple of Horyuji, however, it's also the ideal place to immerse yourself in Japanese culture as you enjoy the seasonal beauty of Japan without the crowds.

Dates: Departures Jan - Dec

From \$1,100 per person
(Single supplement price on application)

Inclusions:

- 2 nights/ 3 days in 4 star ryokan
- Private guide 3 days
- Daily Breakfast and 2 Dinners (B/D)
- Return Transfer between JR Horyuji Temple and accommodation.
- Tea Ceremony at Traditional Tea House

Non Inclusions:

- International or domestic airfares
- Beverages with meals
- Entrance fees to any sites not listed on the itinerary

Highlights:

- Immerse yourself in Japanese culture without the crowds.
- Experience a Tea Ceremony in a traditional tea house.
- Visit World Heritage sites such as Horyuji Temple.
- Enjoy wonderful hikes with a private guide and meet locals along the way.
- Revel in the seasonal beauty in this quiet rural town.
- Experience local festivals during March & October.
- Optional Extras such as:
 - Calligraphy class
 - Kendo (Japanese martial art)
 - Japanese weaving experience
 - Tofu making experience
 - Incense making class
 - Japanese sutra experience
 - Fruit/Vegetable picking (seasonal)
 - Rice planting (seasonal)
 - Farm Stay or Home Stay



ITINERARY

Day 1

After making your own way to Horyuji station, your private guide will meet you at the station, accompany you to your ryokan accommodation and assist with check-in. Your guide will then take you to UNESCO World Heritage listed Horyuji Temple, which is walking distance from your accommodation. After visiting Horyuji, you will visit a traditional tea house, where you will enjoy a Tea Ceremony. Dinner this evening will be a traditional *Kaiseki* Dinner at your ryokan.

Guiding Time: 3.5 hours

Meals: (D) included

Accommodation: 4 Star Ryokan, Ikaruga (2 nights)



Day 2

Morning Historical Walk - After a traditional breakfast, your private guide will meet you at your ryokan and take you on the **Historical Walk** of ancient Ikaruga. The route is steeped in history, culture and nature as you visit temples and shrines and meet locals en route. Depending on the season, you may also have the opportunity to see seasonal harvests of rice, strawberries, grapes, vegetables and flowers along the way.

You will have the afternoon free to explore on your own. Rental bikes are available at just 500 yen for 3 hours. A local map will also be provided.

Walking Distance: 5kms

Time required: Approximately 4 hours

Meals: (B/D) included

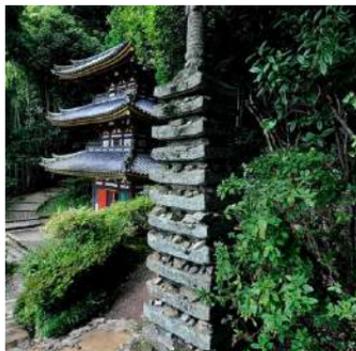
Day 3

Ikaruga Nature Trail - Your local guide will meet you at the ryokan and guide you on a beautiful walk up to Matsuodera Temple. With nature in abundance, you'll see beautiful wildflowers and birds en route. This district is also home to some ancient villages and a tomb, which you can visit as well.

Distance: 6 kms

Time required: Approximately 4 - 5 hours

Meals: (B) included





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