

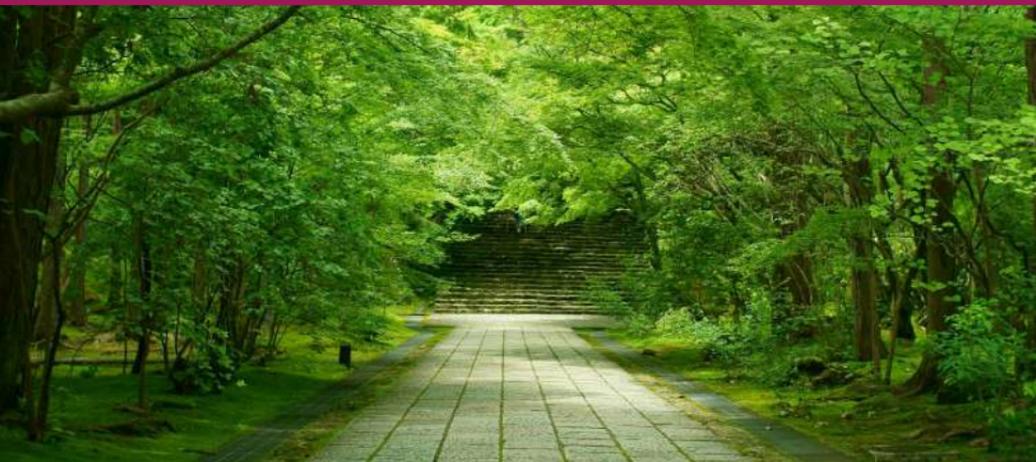


Japan Holidays
EXCLUSIVE TOUR

HENRO KOCHI PILGRIMAGE TOUR - 3 DAYS

3 Days / 2 Nights

From \$1,100 per person



TOUR DESCRIPTION

Introduction:

The Shikoku pilgrimage route includes 88 official temples and numerous other sacred sites where Ku-kai, the founder of esoteric Buddhism trained over 1200 years ago.

The pilgrim road is quite rare in that it forms a circuit, running for about 1,200km if walked (1,400km if driven) and passes through all four prefectures on Shikoku. This pilgrimage provides the an opportunity to reflect on one's life and to change for the better. Enjoy "a journey of the mind" surrounded by rich nature whilst on the Kochi O Henro Route.

Highlights

- Immerse yourself in Japanese culture without the crowds on this mini pilgrimage
- Free yourself of early desires on the world famous O Henro trail
- Learn about the pilgrimage history and traditions from your local expert guides of Kochi, Shikoku
- Experience the abundant natural surroundings and beauty of Kochi, ranging from the temples, gardens and castle grounds
- Enjoy numerous opportunities to mix with the local people
- Enjoy local speciality foods such a bonito, beers & sake

Inclusions:

- 2 nights accommodation in 3-4 star hotel & ryokan (Japanese Traditional accommodation)
- Daily breakfast and 1 dinner
- Private guides for each day
- Private transfer between hotel in Kochi to Chikurinji Temple
- Return train tickets from Kochi to Ino station on Day 2
- Rental Oizuru gown included for day 2
- Private transfer from Ino station to temple
- Luggage transfer service on Day 2 between accommodations (1 luggage per person)
- Transfer from accommodation to Kochi station

Non Inclusions:

- International or domestic airfares
- Beverages with meals
- Entrance fees to any sites not listed on the itinerary
- additional attire and items for pilgrimage that are not included in itinerary - items can be purchased directly.

Additional day add on available to include three additional temples (additional 15km walk).

Enquire for details



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Afternoon Temples of Kochi

Please make your own way to Kochi station before 1pm.

Please leave your luggage at hotel and English-speaking Private Guide will meet you at your hotel lobby to visit Chikurinji temple in the afternoon. One of this temple's monk can guide you inside the temple and you will be explained about the 88 temples pilgrimage (Henro) including history of this temple, culture & how to pray and other Buddhist practices

Chikurin-ji Temple, in Kochi City, is famed for the beauty of its garden. Moss-covered gardens spread out in front of you as soon as you enter through the main gate. The garden's beauty changes seasonally, cherry blossoms in the spring, a sea of green in summer, and the reds and oranges of autumn foliage. The garden view from the reception hall is magnificent. It was created by a Zen monk, called Muso Kokushi, roughly 650 years ago.

Accommodation: Hotel Takasago (Western or Japanese style room)
(No meals included - Dinner at local market is highly recommended, Guide will provide you more information on the day)



Day 2 - Kochi Pilgrimage Tour (B, D)

Your main luggage will be transferred to the accommodation tonight. (1 luggage per person)

After breakfast, your English-speaking Guide will meet you at hotel lobby and catch a train to the start point of Kochi Pilgrimage Trail, and walk from Kiyotakiji -35th Temple to Soryuji 36th Temple (approx 15 km) and to Sanyo-soRyokan where you can immerse your body in hot-springs (onsen) after the walk before a local specialty dinner served at the Ryokan.

Highlight: You will walk from temple to temple via local roads, bush tracks and hills with magnificent views of the Pacific ocean and you may also enjoy meeting and talking to the local people. The serenity you will find in walking in the footsteps of Pilgrims will leave you calm and at peace.

Accommodation: Japanese ryokan - Sanyo-so (Western or Japanese style room)

Day 3 - Kochi Castle (B)

After breakfast and checking out of your hotel, you will take the hotel courtesy shuttle to the JR Kochi station. This will take about 40 min. On your arrival at JR Kochi station at 10 am, a private guide will take you to visit and explore Kochi castle -constructed at the beginning of the 17th century, Kochi Castle is the only castle in Japan where the original tenshu and honmaru (castle tower and main keep) are still standing. After your tour you will depart from Kochi Station

Distance: 1-2 kms

Time required: Approximately 1 - 2 hours





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