



Japan Holidays
EXCLUSIVE TOUR

WALK THE KUMANO KODO

Oct 2nd (Fri) - Oct 10th (Sat) 2026

Nov 17th (Tue) - Nov 25th (Wed) 2026

From A\$ 5550 Per Person Twin Share



TOUR DESCRIPTION



9 days 8 nights tour

Tour 1: Friday 2nd to Saturday 10th Oct 2026, or
Tour 2: Tue 17th to Wednesday 25th November 2026



A\$ 5550 pp - Twin Share

(Single Supplement - \$650)

*Subject to exchange rate

Inclusions



Daily breakfasts, lunches
& dinners



Transfers, tours & entrance fees
as per itinerary



Private guide in Japan



8 Nights' accommodation in Western hotels &
traditional Japanese ryokans

Exclusions: International airfares / Entrance fees & Meals not shown in itinerary

Highlights



Highlight! Walk one of only
two world heritage-listed
walks in the world with
stunning mountain scenery



Highlight! Enjoy pack-free
hiking on well-graded trails



Highlight! Feel the warmth of
the local hospitality
and cuisine unique to this
mountainous region.



Highlight! Enjoy a 90 minute
traditional small boat
ride along the Kumano
River



Highlight! Enjoy flexible
pacing - long and short route
options available.



Highlight! Enjoy the
convenience of private
coach travel for luggage and
transfers.



Highlight! Enjoy staying in
traditional Japanese
inns and enjoy local onsen
bathing.



Your Hiking Guide – Jennifer Fujino

Originally from Negros Occidental in the Philippines, Jennifer moved to Japan 34 years ago and has made Shirahama in Wakayama her second home for nearly three decades. Married to a Japanese national, she brings a rich bicultural perspective to her work. As a dedicated member of the Wakayama Local Guide Association, Jennifer has been guiding in Kumano Kodo since 2013. Her deep love for nature and genuine joy in meeting people shine through in every tour she leads. With heartfelt storytelling and cultural insight, she helps visitors connect with the spirit of Kumano and the beauty of its landscapes.

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ITINERARY

2026 Autumn Tours

- 1** Arrive in Osaka and meet your guide at your hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner in Osaka with your group.
Accommodation: Western-style hotel
- 2** Travel by private bus from Osaka to the entrance of the Kumano Kodo - Takijiri Oji. Start a 4 hour hike with 250 m ascent on graded trails to the plateau for an overnight stay in a traditional Japanese Inn, with breathtaking views.
Accommodation: Kiri no Sato Takahara
- 3** The 9.2km stretch from Takahara to Chikatsuyu is a popular route along the Kumano Kodo, passing through mountain villages, old teahouses and mountain villages.
After walking, take the dedicated bus to Kawayu Onsen and luxuriate in natural hot spring baths.
Accommodation: Kumano Hongo Onsen
- 4** Today, we walk along the path from Hosshinmon-Oji to Kumano Hongu Taisha and Oyunohara, the most sacred route on the Kumano Kodo, often called the "Path of Prayer, through lush forests and rural landscapes. After a trek of around 7 hours, we take our private bus to Kawayu Onsen for a well-deserved soak in onsen baths and enjoy a superb Japanese dinner, in a beautiful Japanese traditional inn.
Accommodation: Kumano Hongo Onsen
- 5** A tranquil seven hour hike on a lush mountain trail from Ukegawa over the Kogumo Pass to Kowase with panoramic views over the Kumano mountains, before taking our private bus back to Kawayu Onsen.
Accommodation: Kumano Hongo Onsen
- 6** After breakfast, we depart for a 90 minute traditional downstream boat trip on the Kumano River, used by pilgrims since ancient times. After disembarking, we visit Oji Beach and then walk the ancient path of Koyazaka, an ancient scenic route that weaves between mountain and sea.
Accommodation: Kii Katsuura: Hotel Urashima
- 7** We take our private bus to Daimon-zaka - a beautiful stone-paved slope at the entrance to the Nachi Mountain pilgrimage route. We hike to the Kumano Nachi Taisha shrine and visit the awe-inspiring Nachi Waterfall - one of the tallest in Japan, before returning by bus to our accommodation.
Accommodation: Kii Katsuura: Hotel Urashima
- 8** Today we travel through the stunning Kii Peninsula by chartered bus toward Kyoto, including stops at Hashikui Rock, Senjojiki, and Sandanbeki, and the famous caves, where an elevator travels 36 meters down into the cave to explore.
We then board our bus for its final run into Kyoto, for our final night in a deluxe Western-style hotel and a sumptuous farewell dinner.
Accommodation: Deluxe Western-style hotel
- 9** The tour ends after breakfast.
Your guide will be available to offer suggestions and assistance with any further adventures you may wish to have while you are in Japan!

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