



Japan Holidays
EXCLUSIVE TOUR

WALK THE KUMANO KODO

Tour 1: Apr 2 (Fri) - Apr 10 (Sat), 2027

Tour 2: May 16 (Sun) - May 24 (Mon), 2027

Tour 3: Oct 16 (Sat) - Oct 24 (Sun), 2027

Tour 4: Nov 13 (Sat) - Nov 21 (Sun), 2027

From A\$ 5300 per person twin share



TOUR DESCRIPTION



9 days | 8 nights tour
Begin: in Osaka
End: in Kyoto



A\$ 5300 pp - Twin Share
(Single Supplement - \$800)
*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 (Tour 1 and 4)

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.

ITINERARY

2027 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

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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 Takahara.

Accommodation: Japanese Inn

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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: Western-style hotel

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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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