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Tochigi
Prefecture

FY 2024 Japan Sports Agency National Subsidy Project

Budo Tourism

2-Night, 3-Day Trial Tour

Futaarayama Shrine
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Nasu Shrine
(image)



Karasawayama Shrine
(image)

Learn about Budo and discover Tochigi, the birthplace of the Samurai

October 29 (Tue) - 31 (Thu), 2024

Capacity **20** participants

Minimum Participants: 10

*If many applications are received, participants will be selected by lottery (results will be announced by the end of September).

This 2-night, 3-day immersive tour offers the opportunity to learn about Budo (martial arts) and Kyudo (Japanese archery) in areas associated with Fujiwara no Hidesato, one of the first samurai from the 900s, and Nasu no Yoichi, a famed archer from the late Heian period in the 1100s. By following in the footsteps of these historical figures with a focus on Kyudo, you will experience the profound techniques and spiritual Japanese culture of Budo through hands-on Kyudo, tea ceremony, and Zen meditation programs.

Lecture on Fujiwara no Hidesato: One of the First Samurai



Professor Emeritus of Shizuoka University,
Doctor of Literature
Chairman of the Japan Castle Foundation

Owada Tetsuo

A leading expert in Sengoku period history, Owada is well-known for his clear explanations on history programs, including NHK. He has also been responsible for historical supervision on many NHK Taiga dramas. Owada has authored numerous books on Sengoku warlords. He completed the doctoral program at Waseda University's Graduate School of Letters, Arts and Sciences, and holds a Doctor of Literature degree. After serving as a lecturer and professor at Shizuoka University's Faculty of Education, he became Professor Emeritus. In this lecture, Owada will provide insights into modern life by reflecting on the historical facts surrounding Sengoku warlords.

Hands-on Programs

Kyudo (Japanese archery)



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You will have the opportunity to shoot actual arrows. In addition to techniques, you will experience the core spirit of Kyudo focusing on courtesy, and learn to foster compassion for others.

Tea Ceremony

Participate in a hands-on tea ceremony activity in Kanuma's beautiful Kikusuien Garden, the only remaining garden among Kanuma's three famous gardens. Learn the etiquette of the tea ceremony and enjoy tea while embracing the spirit of Japanese hospitality.

Zen Meditation

It is said that form creates the mind, and the mind manifests as form. This involves adjusting the body, regulating the breath, and calming the mind. Through this experience, you will explore the commonalities between Kyudo and Zen, discovering yourself in the process.

Only
40 minutes
from Tokyo Station



*Between Tokyo Station and Oyama Station

Travel Cost

Free

Application Deadline

Friday, September 20, 2024, at 17:00

(*Transportation costs to the meeting point and dinner costs (Day 1 and Day 3) are not covered. Travel accident insurance (provided by Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.) is included.)

Eligibility

Foreign residents in Japan who are interested in Budo (Japanese martial arts).

Participation Conditions

Must be able to post about the trial tour on social media at least once /
Must be willing to complete a survey

Meeting place

JR Oyama Station (East Exit)

Meeting and
Departure time

Meet at 9:45. Depart at 10:00.

Tour Conductor

Accompanies participants from
JR Oyama Station to JR Utsunomiya Station

Charter Bus

Tochigi Kotsu Bus (tentative)

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tochigi_budo/](https://va.apollon.nta.co.jp/tochigi_budo/)





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Tour Schedule

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Day 1 Tuesday, 10/29 Retracing the Footsteps of Fujiwara no Hidesato

Departure / 10:00 JR Oyama Station	Sano City (Tour) Karasawayama Shrine / Karasawayama Castle Ruins	Mibu Town (Lunch) Sansui-Tei / Royal Cuisine	Utsunomiya City (Tour & Lecture) Tochigi Prefectural Museum / Lecture by Mr. Owada	Utsunomiya City (Tour) Futaarayama Shrine / Domeki Street	Accommodation / 17:30 Utsunomiya Tobu Hotel Grande (Single room with bath and toilet)
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Visit sites related to Fujiwara no Hidesato, a warrior from the Heian period. Learn about his remarkable achievements and the samurai way of life in the Heian period.

Enjoy "Royal Cuisine," a modern recreation of dishes once eaten by samurai.

Visit Futaarayama Shrine and Domeki Street accompanied by Mr. Owada. Domeki Street is named after the legendary Domeki demon supposedly vanquished by Fujiwara no Hidesato.

Utsunomiya City (Overnight)
Breakfast: Lunch: Dinner:

Day 2 Wednesday, 10/30 The Fusion of Kyudo and Tea Ceremony

Departure / 8:30 Utsunomiya Tobu Hotel Grande	Utsunomiya City (Activity) YUKEI BUDOKAN / Hands-on Kyudo (Japanese Archery) Activity (4 hours)	Utsunomiya City (Lunch) Utsunomiya Gyozaakan (Dumplings)	Kanuma City (Activity) Kikusuien Garden / Hands-on Tea Ceremony Activity (1 hour 30 minutes)	Utsunomiya City (Dinner) Opinion Exchange Session at Restaurant DINNING JYUGOYA	Accommodation / 19:30 Utsunomiya Tobu Hotel Grande (Single room with bath and toilet)
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Participate in a hands-on Kyudo activity at YUKEI BUDOKAN. Learn about the core spirit of Kyudo and its principles of "courtesy," discovering yourself in the process.

Participate in a hands-on tea ceremony activity in Kanuma's beautiful Kikusuien Garden, the only remaining garden among Kanuma's three famous gardens. Learn the etiquette of the tea ceremony and enjoy tea while embracing the spirit of Japanese hospitality.

*Return to the hotel and then proceed on foot.

Utsunomiya City (Overnight)
Breakfast: Lunch: Dinner:

Day 3 Thursday, 10/31 The Hometown of Nasu no Yoichi and the Spirit of Zen

Departure / 8:30 Utsunomiya Tobu Hotel Grande	Otawara City (Tour) Nasu Yoichi Folklore Museum / Nasu Shrine	Otawara City (Lunch) Local Cuisine	Otawara City (Activity) Daijoi Temple / Hands-on Zen meditation activity (1 hour 30 minutes)	End of tour / 15:30 JR Utsunomiya Station
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Explore the hometown of the renowned archer Nasu no Yoichi at the Nasu Yoichi Folklore Museum in Otawara City, where you can enjoy exhibits of Yoichi's achievements presented through robots and videos, as well as view artifacts related to Yoichi and the Nasu family.

Enjoy traditional dishes prepared by farmers, using fresh, local ingredients.

According to Zen meditation, "form creates the mind, and the mind manifests as form." This involves adjusting the body, regulating the breath, and calming the mind. Through this experience, you will explore the commonalities between Kyudo and Zen, discovering yourself in the process.

Utsunomiya City (Overnight)
Breakfast: Lunch: Dinner:

*Travel by chartered bus, except for the transfer to the dinner venue on the second day. *Transportation costs to the meeting point and dinner costs (Day 1 and Day 3) are not covered.

As part of this trial tour, you will be asked to submit a total of three surveys (before the tour, on the final day of the tour, and after the tour).

Participants of this tour will be covered by domestic travel accident insurance. The insurance coverage is as follows:
 (Insurance Company: Sampo Japan Insurance Inc.) ■ Injury Death and Residual Disability: 17,600,000 yen; ■ Daily Hospitalization Benefit: 9,800 yen; ■ Surgical Benefit (10 times the daily hospitalization benefit for surgeries during hospitalization, or 5 times the daily hospitalization benefit for surgeries except during of hospitalization); ■ Outpatient Benefit: 6,450 yen per day; ■ Liability (No Deductible): 10,000,000 yen.

Statement of Travel Terms and Conditions (for Agent-Organized Domestic Tours Within Japan)

This Statement of Terms and Conditions constitutes the written statement of transaction terms and conditions provided for under Article 12-4 of Japan's Travel Agency Act and constitutes part of the contract documents provided under Article 12-5 of said Act.

This tour is planned, looked for and carried out by Nippon Travel Agency Co., LTD (hereinafter referred to as the Company), and travelers who participate in this tour will enter into an Agent-Organized Tour contract with the Company.

1. Application for travel and establishment of tour contract
 (1) A Traveler for an Agent-Organized Tour Contract must enter the prescribed details in an application form provided by the Company and submit it, along with the full travel fee or the application fee. The specific amount of the application fee is separately specified by the Company. The application fee mentioned will be considered as either part or the full amount of the travel fee, cancellation fee, or penalty.

The travel fee	Application fee (Per person)
Less than 20,000 yen	5,000 yen or more
20,000 yen or more and less than 50,000 yen	10,000 yen or more
50,000 yen or more and less than 100,000 yen	20,000 yen or more
100,000 yen or more	20% or more of the travel fee

(2) The Company accepts application of reservations for an Agent-Organized Tour Contract by telephone, post mail, facsimile or other means of communication. In this case, the contract is not in effect at the time of the application of reservation, and the Traveler, within three days from the day following the day on which the Company has notified him/her of his/her acceptance of the reservation after the Company has informed him/her of the acceptance of the reservation, must submit an Application Form and the application fee. If the Traveler has not submitted the application fee within this period, the Company deems that there has been no reservation.

(3) A Traveler who needs special consideration in participating an Agent-Organized Tour is requested to inform the Company to that effect at the time of application for the Agent-Organized Tour Contract. Then, the Company will accommodate the requirements to the reasonably practical extent.

(4) The travel fee must be paid before the 14th day prior to the day preceding the date of commencement of the travel.

2. Cancellation by the Company
 If the number of travelers has not reached the minimum number of participants mentioned in the brochure, it shall inform the Traveler to the effect that the travel will be canceled prior to the 13th day (in case of a one day trip, the 3rd day), prior to the day preceding the date of commencement of the travel.

3. What is included and not included in the travel fee
 (1) Fares and charges of the transportation agency specified in the itinerary, accommodation, meal fee, sightseeing fee, consumption tax, etc., taxes and service charges, airport facility usage fees, and the like, as well as the tour conductor's expenses.
 (2) Miscellaneous expenses of a personal nature such as transportation expenses and airport facility usage fees that are not listed in the itinerary are not included.

4. Cancellation of Traveler
 A Traveler may cancel an Agent-Organized Tour Contract at any time on payment to the Company of the cancellation fee. In addition, the "cancellation date of the tour contract" when the Traveler requests that it be canceled within the business day and business hours of the sales office of the application.

5. Responsibility of the Company and Disclaimer
 The Company shall not be responsible for the damage, including but not limited, if a Traveler has incurred damage due to each of the following items, provided however that, this does not apply if it is proved that the Company or our agent for arrangements was intentional or negligent: [1] A natural disaster, a war, a riot, the change of itinerary or suspension of travel caused by these; [2] Damage caused by accidents or fires in transportation and accommodation facilities, etc.; [3] The suspension of provision of transportation or accommodation facilities, etc., or the change of itinerary or suspension of travel caused by these; [4] The change of itinerary or suspension of travel arising from an order of a government or other public offices; [5] Accident during free time; [6] Food poisoning; [7] Theft; or [8] Delays in transportation, interruptions, changes in schedules, changes in routes, etc., or changes in travel dates, or reduction in time spent at destinations caused by these.

6. Special Compensation
 According to the Special Compensation Rules, the company will provide death compensation and hospitalization fees based on the number of hospitalization days, and based on the number of hospital days, for specific damage to the traveler's life, person, or baggage while participating in an Agent-Organized Tour. Compensation for baggage is limited per traveler.

7. Guarantee of Itinerary
 If there are any significant changes to the contents of the contract described in this brochure that are listed in our Travel Agency Terms and Conditions (Part 2 of the Package Tours, Article 25, Schedule, Column 2), we will pay the customer the change compensation stipulated in the same article.
 If a Traveler agree, the Company may exchange the payment of the change compensation by money and provide goods and services of equal value or greater.

8. Travelers' Personal Information Handling Policy
 Nippon Travel Agency Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") and a contracted travel agent (hereinafter referred to as a "Dealer") listed in the "Dealer" column below. Refers to the Company and the Dealer.
 (1) The Company and the Dealer will use personal information obtained from customers for the following purposes: 1. Contacting customers; 2. Arranging and providing transportation or accommodation services for Customers' traveling; 3. Procedures related to Customers' traveling; 4. Arranging for the insurance as a pledge for any damage caused by an accident within our responsibility specified in our tour contract; 5. Providing information on products, services, or campaigns of our company and affiliated companies, and for offering travel information; 6. Requesting from customers comment and feedback on the tour they have joined; 7. Requesting customers to fill out a questionnaire; 8. Providing services with special benefits; and 9. Compiling statistical data of our services.

(2) We may provide Customers' personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, credit card information and flight numbers to transportation or accommodation facilities, souvenir shops, or relevant credit card company and the like in print or as electronic data to fulfill the purpose described in Item 2. and 3. of the Paragraph (1), this Article. If a customer wishes to stop the provision of the personal information to souvenir shops, please contact the travel agency listed in the brochure that has arranged the tour at least 10 days prior to the departure date. (In the case when such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, please contact the agency by the day before such date.)

(3) The Company and its group companies will jointly use the contact information provided in writing by travelers, such as their names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, in order to provide sales guidance, campaigns, etc. of each company. The Company are responsible for managing the personal information we share with. Please check the privacy policy of our storefront or website (<https://www.nta.co.jp>) for details such as our Travelers' Personal Information Handling Policy and the name of our group companies.

(4) The Company may entrust the handling of personal information.

(5) A traveler may request disclosure, correction, deletion, or suspension of use of personal data held by the Company. The contact point is only a correction Dealer, and the rest is the Customer Assistance Center of Nippon Travel Agency Co., Ltd.
 To the attention of Customer Assistance Center General Manager (proxy of Chief Privacy Officer)
 TEL : 03-6895-7883 FAX : 03-6895-7833
 E-mail : sodan_shitsubun@nta.co.jp
 Business hours : Mon-Fri 9:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m.
 (closed on Sat, Sun, national holidays and year-end and New Year holidays)

9. Criteria for travel conditions
 These travel conditions are based on August 19, 2024.

Event Organizer Tochigi Pref. Sports Commission (Tochigi Prefecture Department of Lifestyle, Culture, and Sports, Sports Promotion Division)	Travel Planning, Implementation, and Contact Information Nippon Travel Agency Co., Ltd., Tochigi Branch, TEL: 0282-23-3205 Japan Tourism Agency Registered Travel Agency No. 2, Member of the Japan Association of Travel Agents (2-3 Kawai-cho, Tochigi City, Tochigi Prefecture 328-0041) Business Hours: 9:30 - 17:30 (Closed on weekends and holidays) E-Mail: tochigi_budo@nta.co.jp The General Travel Services Supervisor is the person responsible for transactions related to customer travel at the branch. For any questions about this travel contract, please contact the staff listed above.	
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General Travel Services Supervisor
Satoshi Shirakawa

A document detailing the travel conditions will be provided. Please review it carefully before applying.