## Short trip ideas for after meetings and events

# **Beyond Tokyo**









# Welcome to Tokyo!

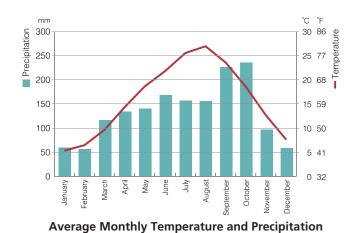
Tokyo, one of the world's largest cities, offers a uniquely eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary attractions.

Please enjoy Tokyo and beyond during your stay for a conference, meeting or business.

## **Tokyo General Information**

## 1. Facts

## **■** Climate and clothing



#### Spring (March-May)

There may be days in March when you need a heavy jacket, but the cold eases considerably in April and by May it can be warm enough for short sleeves during the day. Peak cherry blossom season runs from late March through early April.

#### **Summer (June-August)**

The rainy season lasts from late June through around mid-July, with frequent rain and high humidity. After the rains, July and August usher in a steady stream of midsummer heat with temperatures over 30°C, including especially hot and humid days when the temperature rises above 35°C.

#### **Autumn (September-November)**

The temperature can rise over 30°C even in September, but both temperature and humidity begin to fall gradually. The peak season for viewing fall foliage starts in mid November. It is recommended to bring a heavy jacket when you come to Tokyo in November.

#### Winter (December-February)

Constant low temperatures make a jacket and coat indispensable, and it occasionally snows even in the city center.

Japan Meteorological Agency http://www.jma.go.jp/en/yoho/319.html

## ■ Money, tipping

#### Currency

Japan uses yen (Japanese: 円, symbol: ¥, code: JPY). Coins come in 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, and 500-yen denominations while bills come in 1,000; 2,000; 5,000; and 10,000-yen denominations. As of July 2023, the exchange rate is approx. 135-140 yen to the US dollar and approx. 145-150 yen to the Euro.

#### Credit cards

International credit cards such as American Express, Visa, Diners Club, and MasterCard can be used at most banks, hotels, inns, and stores. Although not accepted at as many locations as these cards, China UnionPay can also be used. However, some stores do not accept any credit cards, so it is a good idea to have some cash on hand.

#### Cash advances (ATM)

Roughly 32,000 Japan Post Bank ATMs located throughout Japan, as well as over 26,000 Seven Bank ATMs installed in 7-Eleven convenience stores, offer cash advances for credit cards issued overseas. Most 7-Eleven convenience stores are open 24/7. Logos displayed on or near the ATMs indicate which credit cards can be used.

#### **Tipping**

It is not necessary to tip for service in Japan at places such as restaurants, bars, taxis, airports and hotels. However, hotels and some restaurants indicate an additional service charge on their bills or menus, respectively.

#### ■ Cashless payment

In accordance with government policy, cashless transactions are promoted in large stores, restaurants, and shopping malls and can be used in many independent stores.



#### ■ Free Wi-Fi

From cafés to train stations to airports, an increasing number of locations in Tokyo offer high-speed Internet connection via free Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi logos are displayed where services are available.

#### Japan Connected: Free Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi hotspot guide http://www.ntt-bp.net/jcfw/use/index.html

#### **TOKYO FREE Wi-Fi**

Free Wi-Fi Guide http://www.wifi-tokyo.jp/

#### **■** Electricity

Voltage in Japan is 100 V, while frequency varies by location: 50 Hz in eastern Japan including Tokyo and 60Hz in western Japan. A 2-flat-pin type socket is used.

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#### ■ Smoking

In Tokyo, smoking is prohibited indoors at restaurants, drinking establishments, accommodations and other facilities used by many people, and only permitted in dedicated smoking rooms inside buildings (effective from April 2020). Smoking is also prohibited outdoors – on the streets and in parks in some areas of Tokyo. Please smoke in designated areas only.

#### **■** Language

Japanese is the official language of Japan and English is widely spoken in Tokyo. Information desks at various facilities are often staffed with people who can speak English.

#### ■ Visa

Japan has a visa waiver agreement with 69 countries and regions, under which delegates can enter the country for a short-term stay simply with their valid passport.(as of April 2nd, 2023)

For more information, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan:

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j\_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html

## 2. Getting There & Exploring the City

#### ■ Transportation / Airport

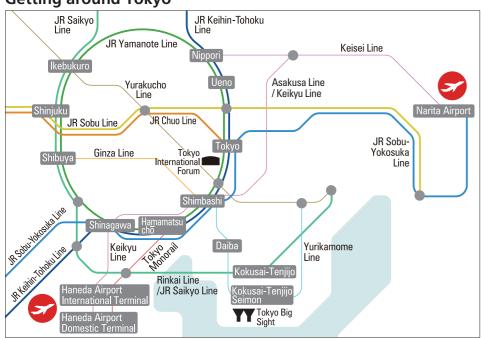
A well-developed transportation network allows easy and convenient movement in and around the city, so you can come and go almost anywhere just by trains, subways or buses.

#### **Average Time to Key Destinations from Airports**



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#### **Getting around Tokyo**



A network of train lines operated by JR East Japan and the subway lines of Tokyo Metro and Toei link stations around Tokyo. Symbols and signage at the stations are multilingual in English, Korean and Chinese. Train timetables are located on the platforms and are very reliable since trains in Tokyo run on time.



#### ■ Suica and PASMO cards

Smart cards Suica and PASMO can be used on almost all rail and bus lines in the Tokyo metropolitan area, and are also accepted by a growing number of taxis. Suica IC cards are available for purchase at JR stations. Welcome Suica cards which require no deposit and expire in 28 days are also available. PASMO cards are available at subway, private railway stations or bus depots. You can also use these cards for shopping as electronic money at an increasing number of registered shops.

#### Suica

https://www.jreast.co.jp/e/pass/suica.html

#### **PASMO**

https://www.pasmo.co.jp/visitors/en/normalpasmo

## 3. Shopping & Eating

## **■** Shopping

There are countless opportunities for you to shop for beautiful and innovative products including exquisite green teas, traditional sweets, attractive lacquerware, textiles, fashion and state-of-the-art electronic products Japan is famous for.

## **■** Eating

Washoku, or authentic Japanese cuisine, including globally popular sushi and tempura, has been designated by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage. There are plenty of restaurants in Tokyo and the most Michelin stars in the world. The exquisite quality and variety of dishes, from washoku to world cuisine, make for an unforgettable experience. You can even try an Izakaya (local pub) for Japanese beer and yakitori (grilled chicken on a skewer) just as the locals do.

#### ■ Taxis

In addition to queuing for a taxi at a taxi stand, you can also flag down an unoccupied taxi on the street by raising your hand. The taxi's rear left-side door will open for you automatically, so there is no need to open it for yourself. Fares are paid at the conclusion of the ride, but some taxis cannot accept smart cards or credit cards, so be sure to check before you get in.

#### ■ Taxi fares

In Tokyo's 23 wards, Musashino city and Mitaka city, taxi fares have been raised to reflect improvements in working conditions and an increase in fuel costs. The starting fare is now 500 yen for the first 1.052km, beyond which 100 yen is charged for each additional 255 meters.





## 4. Things to Do & See

#### **■ City Tour: Asakusa**

This location is home to one of the most popular tourist spots in Tokyo, Tokyo Skytree Town®, which has the world's tallest free-standing broadcast tower. The area around the tower is complete with shopping and entertainment facilities. In contrast to the cutting-edge tourist attractions, atmospheric Sumida and Oshiage are crowded with people enjoying the sights of *shitamachi* areas, the traditional commercial and working class neighborhoods of Tokyo. Just across the Sumida-gawa river is the district of Asakusa, where you will find the Kaminari-mon gate with its huge red lantern, and the Senso-ji Temple, both landmarks from the old days. Have a pleasurable experience shopping at the shopping streets including Nakamise, visiting sightseeing spots in a rickshaw, or enjoying the cherry blossoms during spring and fireworks in the summer.

## ■ City Tour: River Cruise

Tokyo offers a diversity of cruise types, from regular services convenient for sightseeing and traveling, to one-off services paired with seasonal events, and even yakatabune services featuring meals and shows. Select the ideal cruise to enjoy according to purpose or situation.





## ■ Cultural Program: Dress in Kimono/Yukata

Kimono, the beautiful national costume of Japan also called wafuku, literally meaning "Japanese-style clothing," has won popularity beyond its birthplace. The garment is made with various materials, such as cotton and silk, and in different styles for different purposes, from formal to casual. Few people dress in kimono on a daily basis today, but the gown remains essential to traditional Japanese culture and is worn on special occasions like weddings and New Year celebrations. Yukata is a variant of the kimono made with a lighter fabric. The stylish gown comes in diverse colors, patterns, and materials. And compared to the kimono, it's easier to put on.

Both kimono and yukata give the wearer a taste of Japan. Although it's possible to dress yourself, professional services are available, too. It's worth creating the opportunity to have a photograph taken or stroll the streets of Tokyo wearing a kimono or yukata.



#### ■ A Different Flavor of Cultural Program: Sake Tasting

Tokyo also has an exceptional variety of local Japanese rice wine brands, better known as "sake." For a real taste of Tokyo enjoy a sake brewery tour with sake tasting in Ome or Higashimurayama, in the western part of Tokyo. The sake brewery Ozawa Shuzo in Ome offers spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and valleys from its beautiful location. Sawanoi, one of their signature brands, is popular for its clean, crisp flavor and refined aroma. Toshimaya Shuzo is another well-known sake brewery in Higashimurayama, established in 1596. Their signature sake Kinkon, which has won numerous awards, is dedicated to Meiji Jingu and Kanda Myojin Shrines as their sacred sake.

## 5. Useful Links

#### JAPAN: The Official Guide

Official website of the Japan National Tourism Organization https://www.japan.travel/en/

#### Official Tokyo Travel Guide: Go Tokyo

Official tourism website of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government https://www.gotokyo.org/en/

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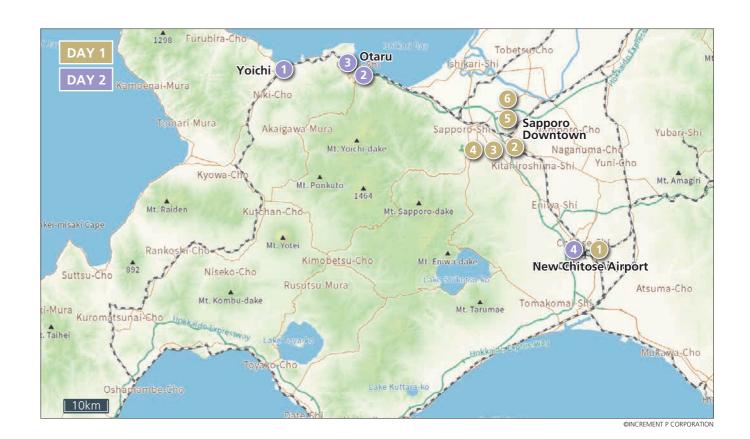


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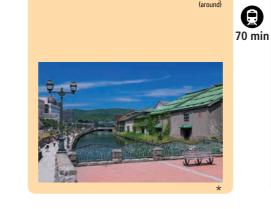




DAY 2







**Otaru Canal** 









**NIKKA WHISKY** 







## Itinerary ideas for your trip in Sapporo

# For Groups up to 20

## **■** Suggested itinerary

50 min































Jozankei Hot Springs (Accommodation)





DAY 2















30 min



















DAY 3



Niseko (Rafting, golf and other activities at Niseko)









Chitose **Airport** 

## Other options

Other attractive spots not included in the itineraries.





## **Moerenuma Park - Glass Pyramid**

This facility, one of the best known among Sapporo's unique art venues, has drawn attention for dopting a snow-based air conditioning system



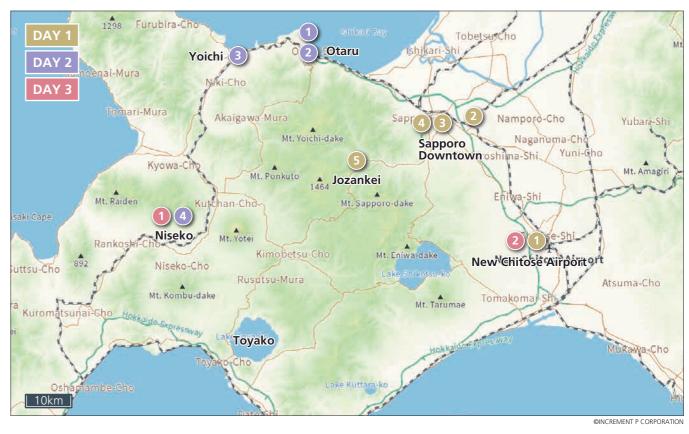
#### **Sapporo Dome**

Sapporo Dome is not only a home field for a professional soccer team but also a facility with the rgest indoor exhibition space in Hokkaido.



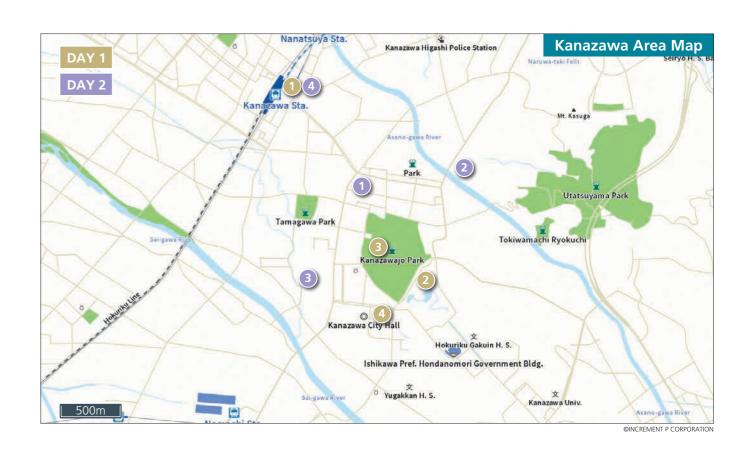
#### **Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark**

This member of the UNESCO Global Geopark Network (GGN) offers a fun and educational opportunity to learn the history of the changing Earth and how humans have coexisted with it.



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DAY 1





walk bus ataxi train subway





## Itinerary ideas for your trip in Ishikawa

# For Groups up to 20

First-time visitors will enjoy tracing the history of Ishikawa Prefecture and coming into contact with culture handed down from the past to the present.

## **■** Suggested itinerary





















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Hotel















**Keta Taisha Shrine** 











**Chirihama Nagisa** 

**Driveway** 



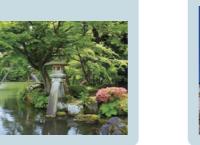




Kenrokuen

Garden



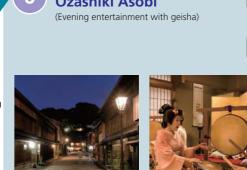


































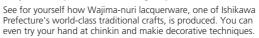












Other attractive spots not included in the itineraries.



harvests. Visit sake breweries to learn about the brewing

Wajima Lacquerware Workshop Tour /



Other options





D.T. Suzuki Museum

This facility was founded to foster a deeper understanding of Daisetz Suzuki, the Kanazawa-born Buddhist philosopher known to the world as D.T. Suzuki, by conveying his ideas and achievements broadly to people in Japan and around the world. More than just a place for appreciating objects, this is also a place where visitors are free to engage in self-reflection.

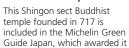


















Learn about the 360-year history of Kutani-yaki ceramics, an internationally renowned traditional craft born in Kaga, at this museum dedicated to the subject.

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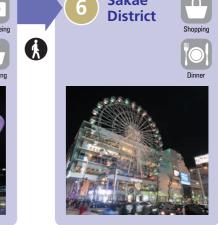
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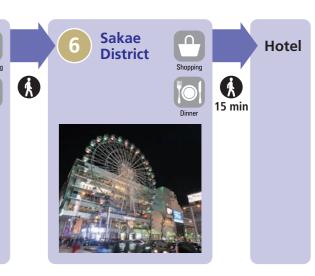


















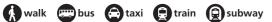












## Itinerary ideas for your trip in Nagoya

# For Groups up to 20

Explore Nagoya's deep past through its impressive architecture and works of art from the feudal Sengoku (Warring States) period. And discover in whole how it continues to grow as an industrial center by getting in touch with the various industries it fostered, particularly in traditional crafts.

#### **■** Suggested itinerary

































**SCMAGLEV** and

Sakae











DAY 2













**Tokugawaen Garden &** 





















#### DAY 3

Hotel















The Museum Meiji-Mura













## Other options

Other attractive spots not included in the itineraries.





#### **Nagoya City Science Museum**

Nagoya's comprehensive science museum also houses the world's largest planetarium certified by GUINESS WORLD RECORDS™. eeing It includes a Tornado Lab which artificially creates an air vortex to represent a real tornado.





## **Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium** See the best of sea life from the Antarctic to Japan at one of

the country's largest aquariums located at the Port of Nagoya.





**Toyota Automobile Museum** Learn about automotive history since its beginning through the 160 vehicles from around the world exhibited at this ing museum in Nagakute city.





**Toyokawa Inari Shrine (Toyokawa Myogon-ji Temple)** As one of Japan's Big Three Inari Shrines, this shrine, dedicated to the God of fertility, rice and agriculture, industry and worldly success, receives millions of visitors annually.

Discover the Meiji period culture through its architecture from









around Japan at this open-air museum in Inuyama city.





Laguna Ten Bosch A marine resort complex in Gamagori city overlooking beautiful Mikawa Bay includes a fish market for savoring the fresh catch

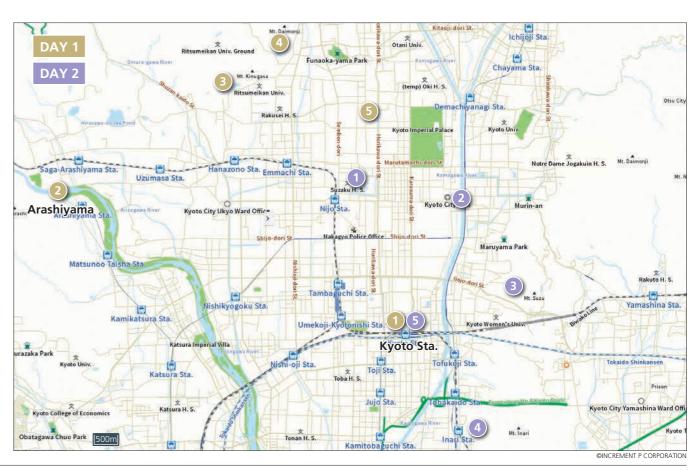




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## Itinerary ideas for your trip in Kyoto

# For Groups up to 20

Gain a deeper understanding of history by visiting some of Kyoto's most famous temples and shrines, while also creating memories through experiencing some of Kyoto's traditional crafts and by visiting some of the city's most talked-about museums.

## **■** Suggested itinerary

DAY 1



**Kyoto** Station



Kinkaku-ji Temple (The Golden Pavilion)











20 min















20 min



DAY 2

Hotel



































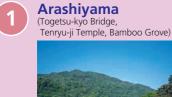


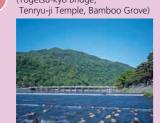
20 min

DAY 3

Hotel









30 min













Other attractive spots not included in the itineraries.



Samurai Kembu Theater Traditional **Swordplay & Performance** 

Workshop and performance by a master of the Seiga school of kembu sword dance.



Yoroinoya Usagi Juku (Armor workshop)

Observe armor-making and try it on for yourself.





Taizo-in Zen Buddhist Temple in Myoshin-ji Temple District Experience zazen (seated zen meditation) at

■ For Individual Travelers or Up to 12 people

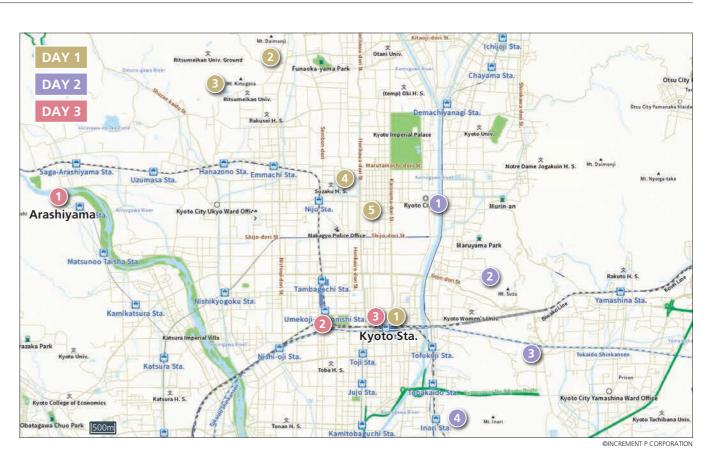


Fukujuen Kyoto Flagship Store (Tea company)

Experience tasting authentic powdered Uji green tea either sitting on a tatami mat in the typical Japanese style tea room or at the western style

one of Kyoto's atmospheric ancient temples.

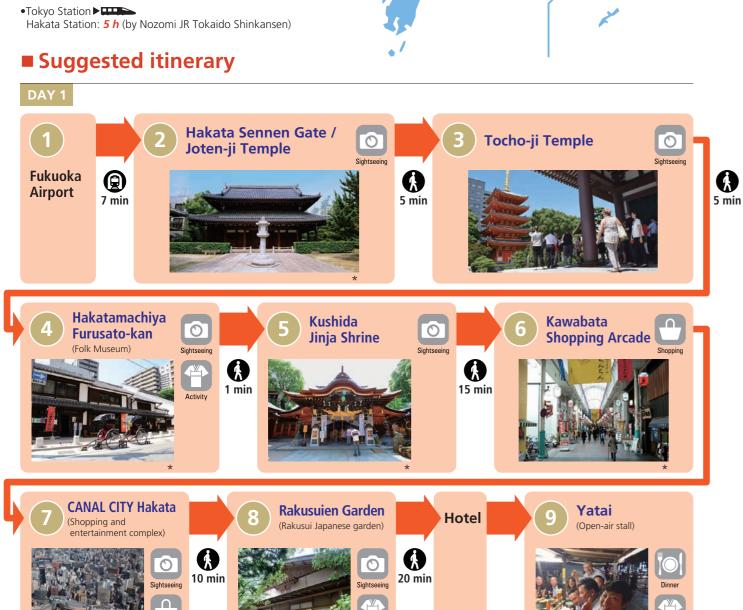
We will offer you a comfortable and relaxing time.



<sup>\*</sup> Provided by Shimadzu Foundation Memorial Hall. 23

<sup>\*\*</sup> Provided by Kyoto Railway Museum.























## Itinerary ideas for your trip in Fukuoka

# For Groups up to 20

To ensure that visitors to Fukuoka enjoy themselves, casual cultural experiences and shopping are included as well as visits to Hakata's famous temples, shrines, and historical spots.

## **■** Suggested itinerary















#### Other options

Other attractive spots not included in the itineraries.

#### ■ For Individual Travelers or Up to about 40 persons





#### **Hakata Ningyo Shop Shogetsudo**

'Hakata Dolls" are an elegant and subtle traditional craft. Try painting a Hakata doll of





#### Ishikura Brewery Hyakunengura (Hakata Hyakunengura)

Hakata's last remaining sake brewery, popular for its Meiji period atmosphere. Explanations of the sake can be provided during tastings. Enjoy lunch or dinner at the brewery restaurant (reservations available for parties of 15



Surrounded by beautiful blue sky and ocean, Okinawa is Japan's tropical paradise which has fostered its own vibrant culture over the centuries. Unique experiences not to be found elsewhere await your arrival.

Itinerary ideas for your trip in Okinawa **For Individual Travelers** 

Stroll and explore the streets, arcades and traditional sites to feel the unique history of Okinawa and friendly atmosphere.

- •Tokyo International Airport (Haneda) Naha Airport: 2 h 45 min
- Prefectural Office Station: **12 min** (by Okinawa Monorail)



## **■** Suggested itinerary

DAY 1



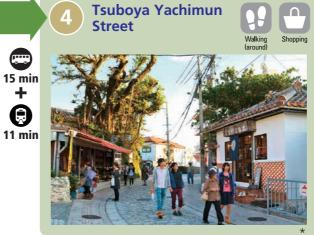


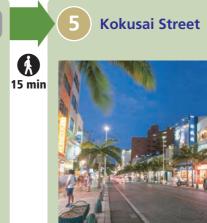


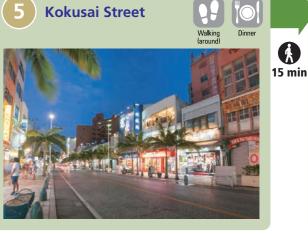


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Okinawa







DAY 2









Ocean Expo Park







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<sup>\*\*</sup> Okinawa Commemorative National Government Park (Ocean Expo Park)/Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium. 29

## Itinerary ideas for your trip in Okinawa

# For Groups up to 20

Discover the unique island culture and centuries-old customs through a selection of activities. The experience will take you away from your daily routine.

#### **■** Suggested itinerary

























Ryukyu Mura Village



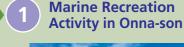






DAY 2









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Hotel



15 min

DAY 3

Hotel





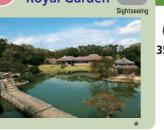




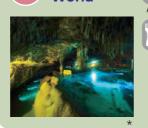




**Peace Memorial Park** 















## Other options

Other attractive spots not included in the itineraries.









**Naha Sunset Dinner Cruise** Enjoy an elegant dinner while gazing at the splendid sunset and ocean views on a large ship which departs from Naha port.











Sightseeing of the sunset from the adjacent beach at the end of the day.









Peace Memorial Park, located in Itoman city, is dedicated to all who have given their ives in the Battle of Okinawa during World War II. This park's extensive 40-hectare

ground includes the Prayer Tower, the Cemetery Garden and The Cornerstones of Peace carved with the names of the 240,000 people who lost their lives during

the battle including military and civilians regardless of their nationality.







Discover various exotic fruits, butterflies and birds in a huge greenhouse at this all-weather subtropical theme park in Nago city

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