# Short trip ideas for after meetings and events **Beyond Tokyo**





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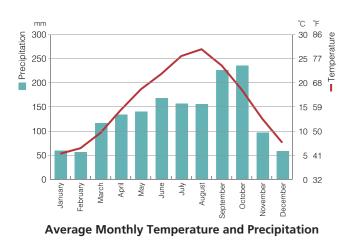


# Welcome to Tokyo!

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 August 2022, the exchange rate is approx. 130-135 yen to the US dollar and approx. 135-140 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 32,000Japan 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** токто

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.



## Smokina

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 68 countries and regions, under which delegates can enter the country for a short-term stay simply with their valid passport.

\*Due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Visa Exemption Arrangements with 68 countries and regions are subject to change. For more information, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan:

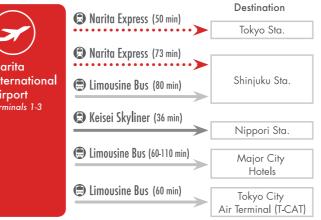
https://www.mofa.go.jp/j\_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html

# 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.

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## Safety Tips

#### **UPDATE ON COVID-19**

For information on current restrictions to travel to Japan, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan:

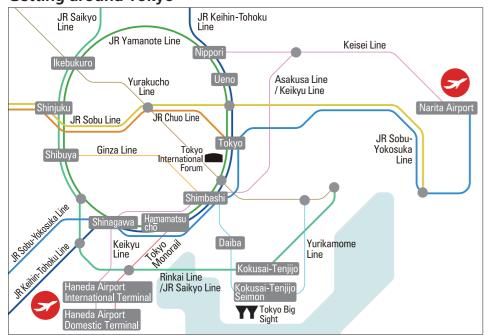
https://www.mofa.go.jp/p\_pd/pds/page22e\_000910.html

For coronavirus (COVID-19) advisory information, please visit the website of the Japan National Tourism Organization: https://www.japan.travel/en/coronavirus/ https://www.jnto.go.jp/jpn/projects/visitor\_support/japa

nvisitorhotline.pdf

For Tokyo's latest information, please visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's COVID-19 Information Website: https://stopcovid19.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/en

#### **Getting around Tokyo**



#### 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.

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.



#### Taxis

In addition to gueuing 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 the 23 wards of Tokyo, Musashino city and Mitaka city, the initial fare of 410 yen covers the first 1.052 kilometers, beyond which 80 yen is added for each additional 237 meters. Many taxis have adopted a fare system based on time and distance that also adds an 80 yen surcharge for each 90 seconds traveling at less than 10 kilometers per hour.





# 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<sup>®</sup>, 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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#### Sapporo Japan's Big Nature

•Tokyo International Airport (Haneda) >>>>> New Chitose Airport: **1 h 30 min** New Chitose Airport >**1** Sapporo Station: **37 min** (by JR airport rapid train)

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## Nagoya Technology and Tradition

•Tokyo Station ► ► Nagoya Station: 1 h 40 min (by Nozomi JR Tokaido Shinkansen)

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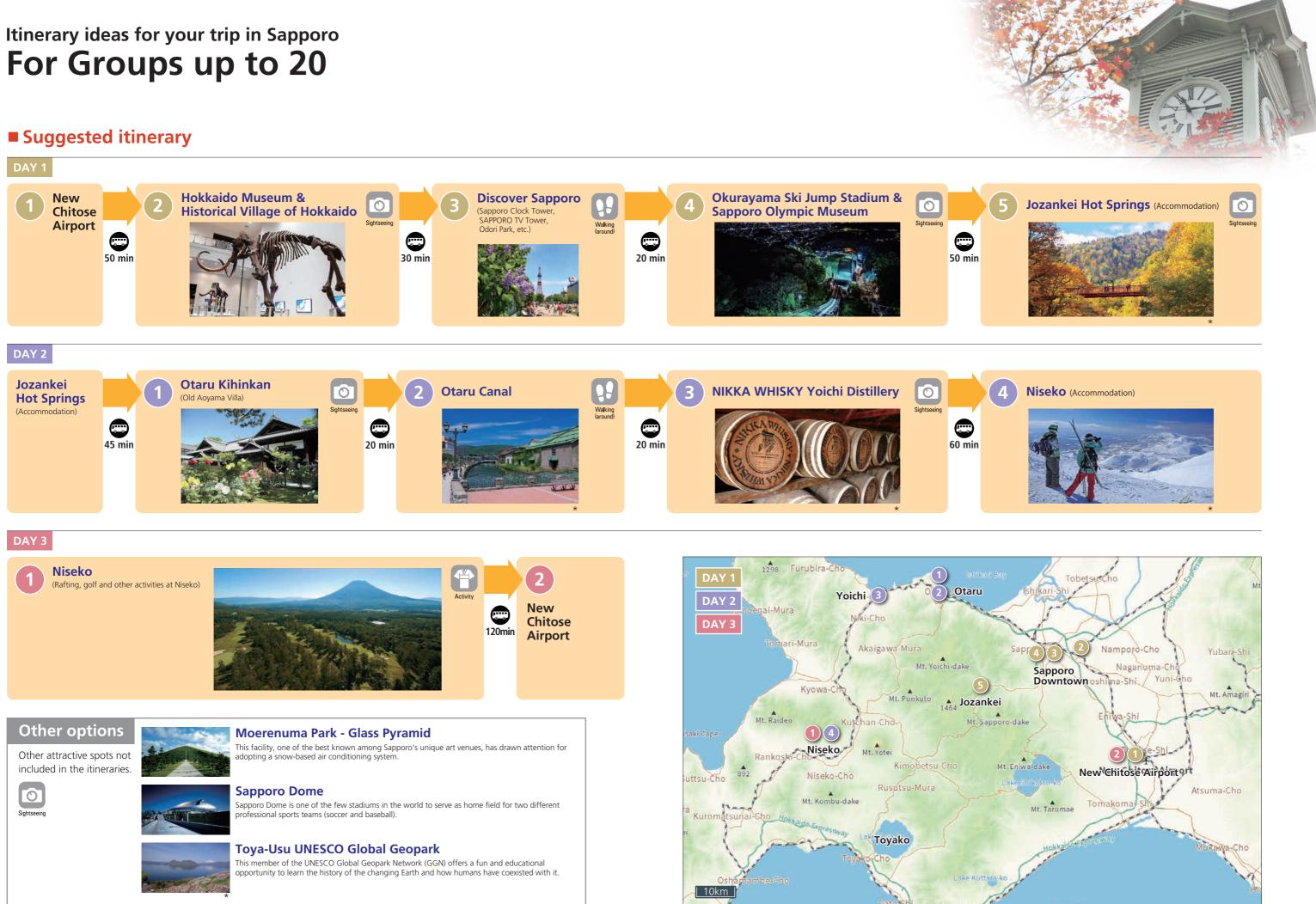


# •Tokyo Station • Kyoto Station: 2 h 20 min

(by Nozomi JR Tokaido Shinkansen)

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# Ishikawa

Located along the Sea of Japan at the center of Japan's main island of Honshu, Ishikawa Prefecture is a thriving center for the production of traditional crafts items such as lacquerware and pottery.

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# Itinerary ideas for your trip in Ishikawa **For Individual Travelers**

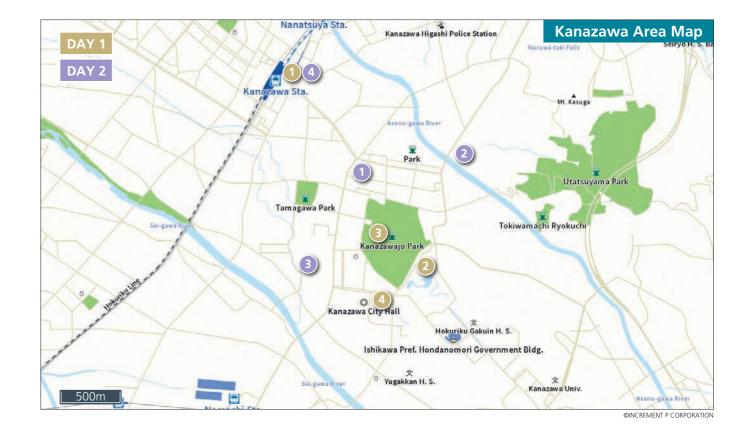
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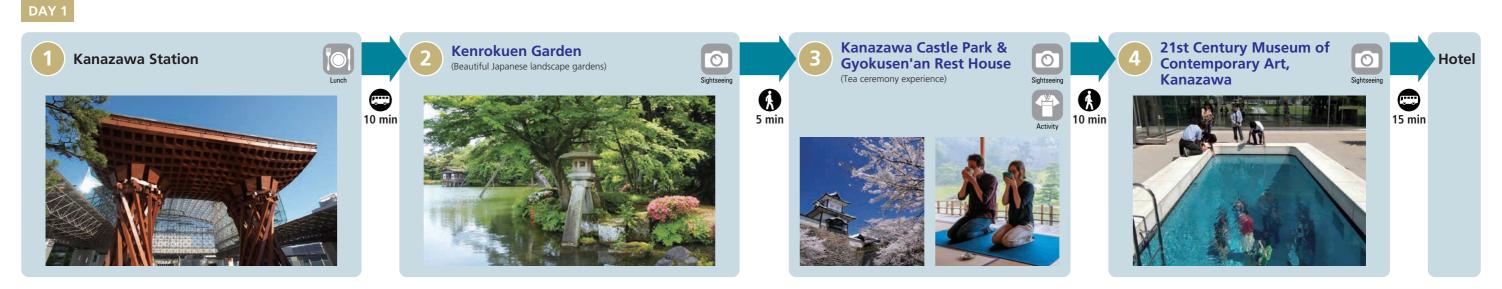
#### **To Kanazawa Station**

- •Tokyo Station **E** Kanazawa Station: **2** h **30** min (by Kagayaki JR Hokuriku Shinkansen)
- •Tokyo International Airport (Haneda) > >>>> Komatsu Airport: 1 h Komatsu Airport ► 🛲 Kanazawa Station: 40 min (by bus)

#### **To Noto Satoyama Airport**

•Tokyo International Airport (Haneda) >>>>>> Noto Satoyama Airport: 1 h







#### Itinerary ideas for your trip in Ishikawa For Groups up to 20 DAY 2 Wajimam First-time visitors will enjoy tracing the history of Ishikawa Prefecture and coming into contact DAY 3 with culture handed down from the past to the present. Noto Satoyama Airport Suggested itinerary Wakura Onsen (Hot Springs) Agehama Enden Wajima Shiroyone Salt-Making Morning Senmaida **Rice Terrace** Market Workshop Noto Wakura 2 0 Satoyama 0 14 Onsen 30 min 20 min 15 min 90 min 3 Airport Ryokan Walking Accommodation | 10km | Kanazawa City DAY 2 Keta Taisha Shrine Kanazawa Castle Park& **Chirihama Nagisa** Kenrokuen 0 0 (Taisha-yaki pottery workshop **Gyokusen'an Rest House Driveway** Garden and Shinto purification (Tea ceremony experience) (Beautiful Japanese ceremony experience) Wakura landscape gardens) $( \mathbf{J} )$ ..... Accommodation (Kanazawa City) Sightsee Onsen 0 5 min Check-in • Take a rest 40 min 15 min 50 min Ryokan (Accommodation) DAY 3 Other options Other attractive spots not included in the itineraries. Wajima Lacquerware Workshop Tour / **Gold Leaf** Naga-machi **Omi-cho** Wajima Lacquerware-Making Experience Hotel Pasting Samurai District / Market See for yourself how Wajima-nuri lacquerware, one of Ishikawa Prefecture's world-class traditional crafts, is produced. You can even try your hand at chinkin and makie decorative techniques. Activity Workshop Nomura-ke Kanazawa Samurai Residence Station 5 min 10 min 15 min Sake Brewery Tour 15 min 0 Ishikawa Prefecture has all the right conditions for brewing outstanding sake: pure water, a cold climate, and bountiful rice 0 Walking Lunch Activity harvests. Visit sake breweries to learn about the brewing process and enjoy a tasting. D.T. Suzuki Museum C 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.













#### Local Cuisine Cooking Class Learn about the traditional food

culture of Ishikawa Prefecture by experiencing how to prepare jibuni, a duck stew that has long been a regional specialty.

#### Nata-dera Temple

This Shingon sect Buddhist temple founded in 717 is included in the Michelin Green Guide Japan, which awarded it one star.



#### Kutaniyaki Art Museum

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.

# Nagoya

Nagoya, a city built by order of leyasu Tokugawa from 1610, today is a bustling industrial metropolis that melds rich historical heritages with the latest in hi-tech for you to enjoy all at once.

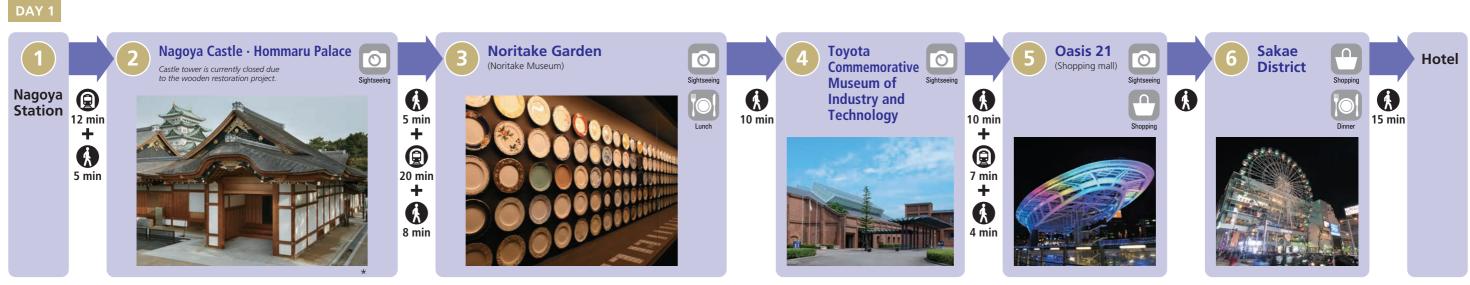
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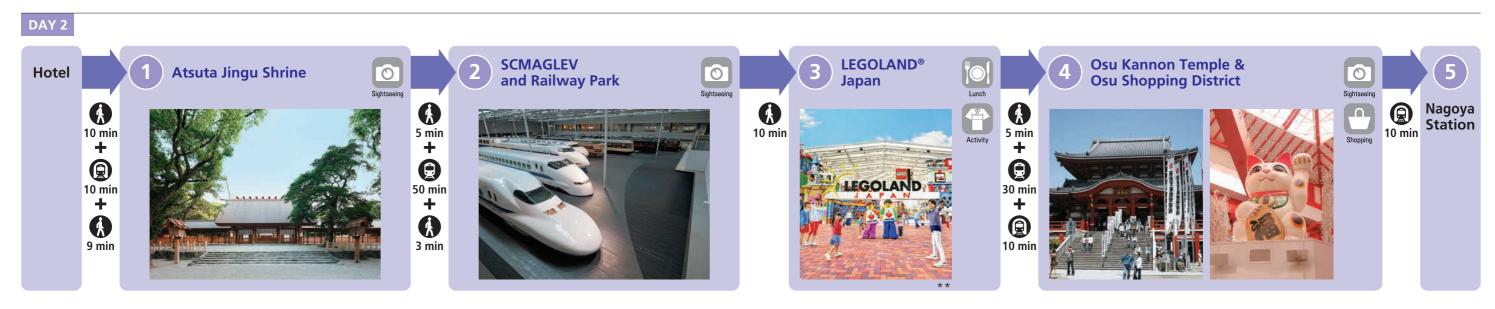
Nagoya offers a variety of discoveries to fascinate you, from famous historic architecture and traditional crafts to the future in cutting-edge technology.

•Tokyo Station **Nagoya Station**: **1 h 40 min** (by Nozomi JR Tokaido Shinkansen)

Nagoya







# 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



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# Kyoto

Steeped in history, Kyoto served as Japan's capital for more than 1,000 years. The city has 17 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites and over 200 museums. It is also home to approximately 2,500 Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines.

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# Itinerary ideas for your trip in Kyoto For Individual Travelers

In addition to visiting some of Kyoto's distinctive temples and shrines, you can also explore how craft techniques in the city have changed over time, and see everything from traditional methods to the latest technologies.

•Tokyo Station **Eurose** Kyoto Station: **2 h 20 min** (by Nozomi JR Tokaido Shinkansen)

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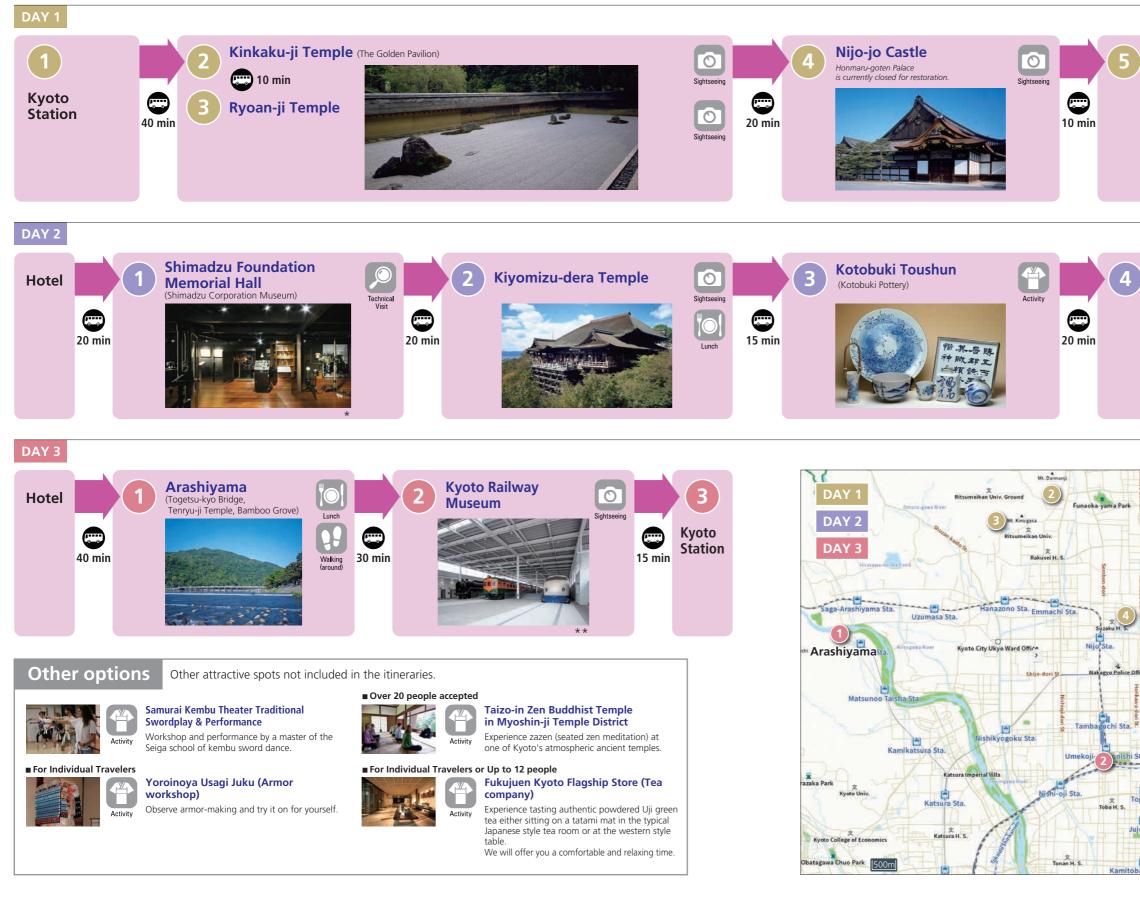






# Itinerary ideas for your trip in Kyoto For Groups up to 20

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.









\* Provided by Shimadzu Foundation Memorial Hall. 23 \*\* Provided by Kyoto Railway Museum.

# Fukuoka

The largest city in the Kyushu region, Fukuoka is located about 2 hours by plane from Tokyo. Near both the Chinese mainland and the Korean Peninsula, Fukuoka has an ancient history and is making great progress in becoming an international Asian city.

# Itinerary ideas for your trip in Fukuoka For Individual Travelers

Experience all that Fukuoka has to offer with visits not only to famous historical spots but also to parks, museums, and other facilities where you can learn about local culture and traditions.

**Fukuoka** 

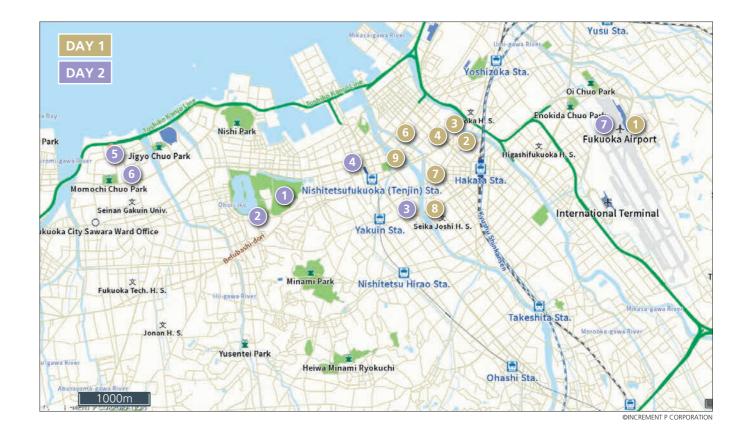
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•Tokyo International Airport (Haneda) ► ► Fukuoka Airport: 1 h 50 min Fukuoka Airport ► □□□□□□ Hakata Station: 5 min (by subway)

•Tokyo Station • **CHEN** Hakata Station: **5** *h* (by Nozomi JR Tokaido Shinkansen)

## Suggested itinerary







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# **Okinawa**

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

•Naha Airport ► Prefectural Office Station: 12 min (by Okinawa Monorail)



### Suggested itinerary



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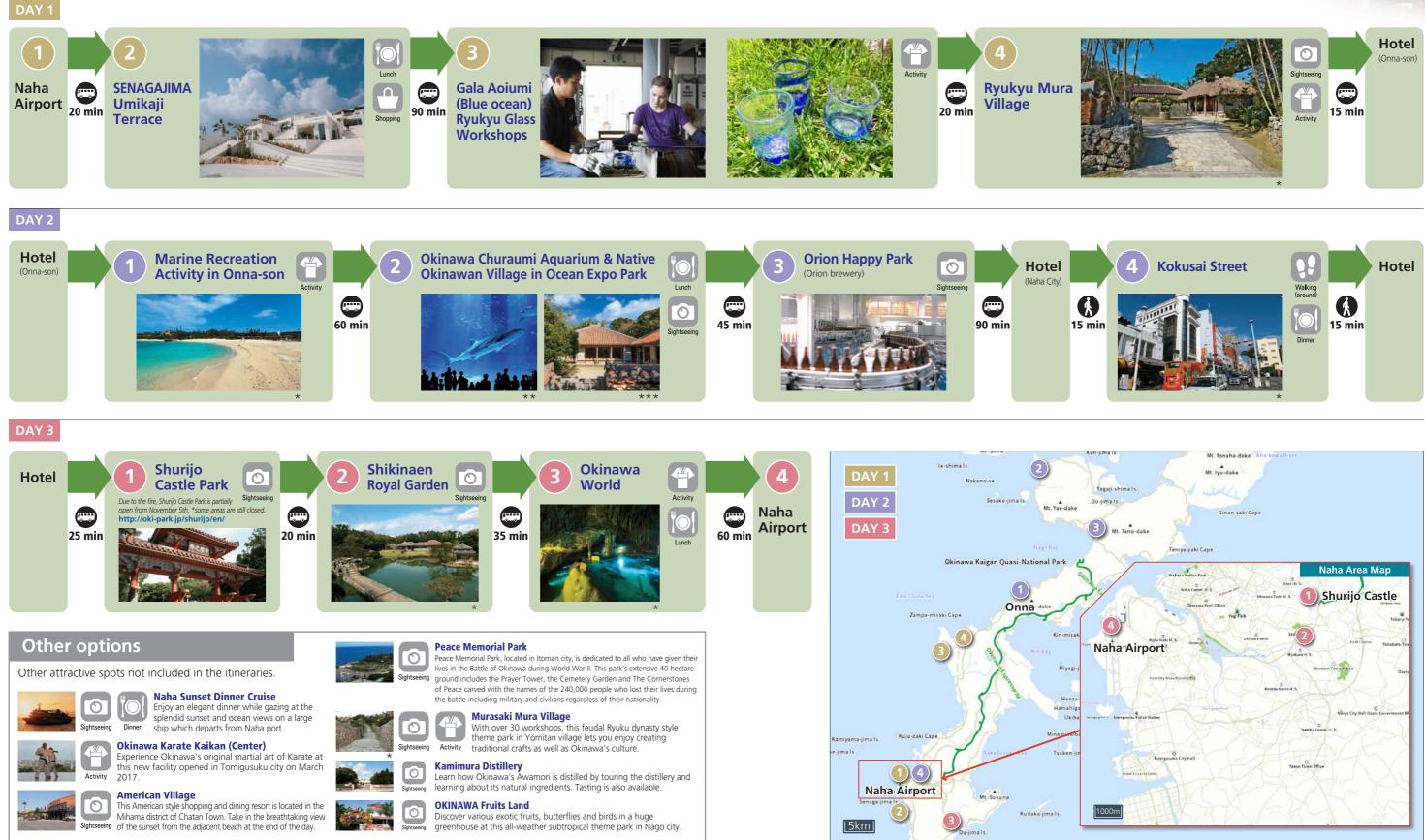
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walk bus 🛱 taxi 🛱 monorail

# 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



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