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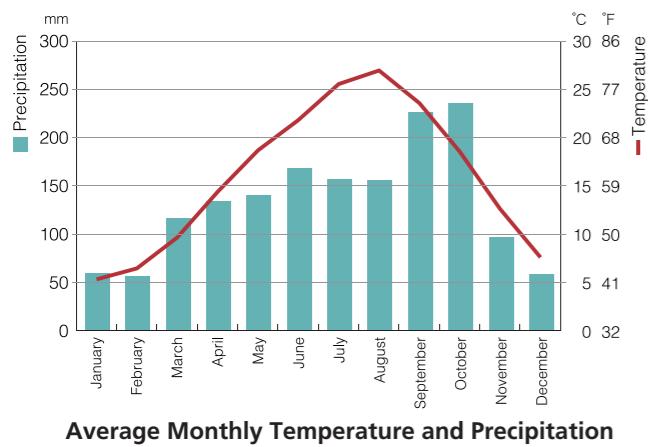
Welcome to Tokyo!

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 September 2025, the exchange rate is approx. 145 -150 yen to the US dollar and approx. 170 -175 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.

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.

■ 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 71 countries and regions, under which delegates can enter the country for a short-term stay simply with their valid passport. (as of April 8, 2024)

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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Ishikawa Rich Culture and Traditions
To Kanazawa Station
• Tokyo Station ➔ 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**
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Fukuoka Fantastic Local Flavors
• Tokyo International Airport (Haneda) ➔ Fukuoka Airport: **1 h 50 min**
Fukuoka Airport ➔ Hakata Station: **5 min** (by subway)
• Tokyo Station ➔ Hakata Station: **5 h** (by Nozomi JR Tokaido Shinkansen)
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Okinawa Nature and Unique Culture
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Nagoya Technology and Tradition
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Kyoto Tradition Meets Innovation
• Tokyo Station ➔ Kyoto Station: **2 h 20 min**
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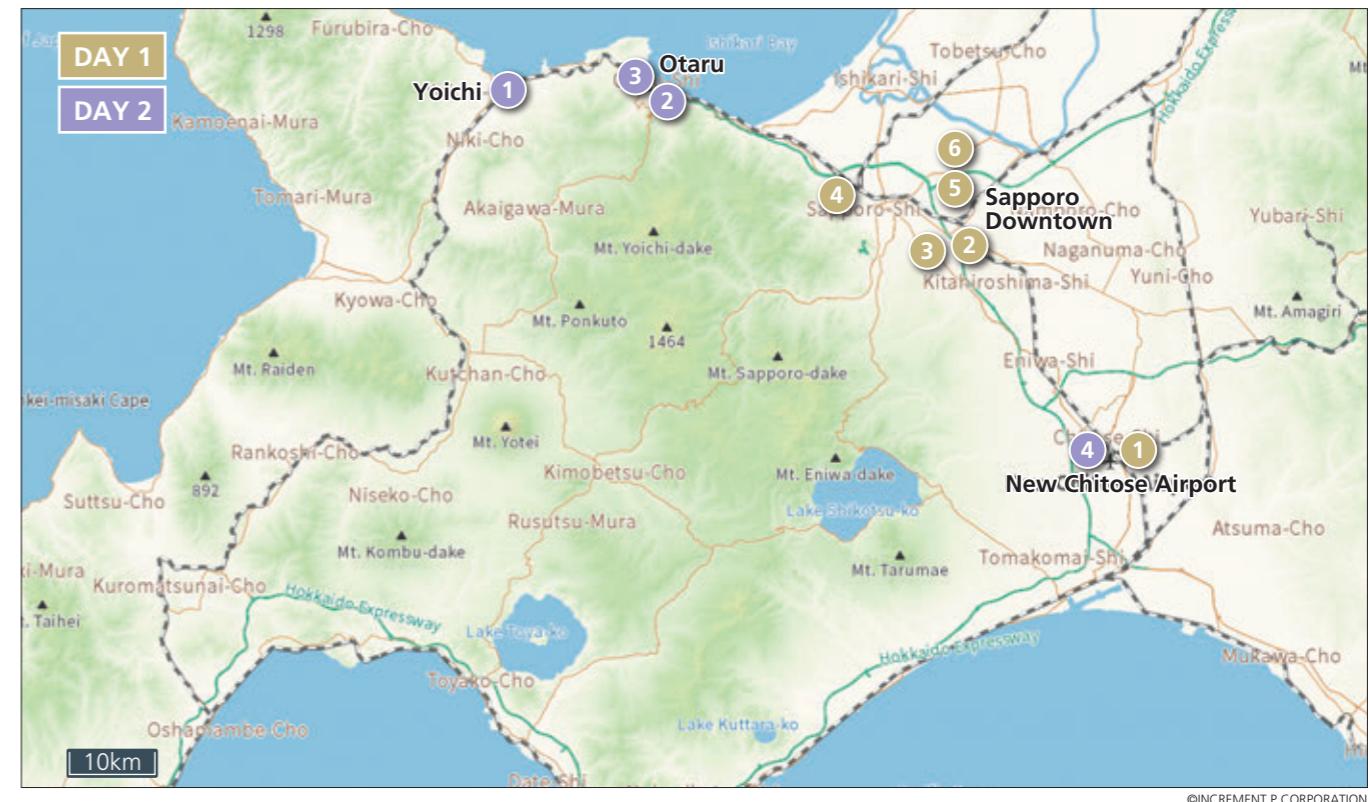
Sapporo

Sapporo boasts all the nature you need to open your mind for fresh ideas.

Itinerary ideas for your trip in Sapporo For Individual Travelers

Rich forested mountains, beautiful parks and greenery together with an abundance of activities and delicacies to try, and its renowned beer are what make Japan's Big Nature, Sapporo so unique.

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



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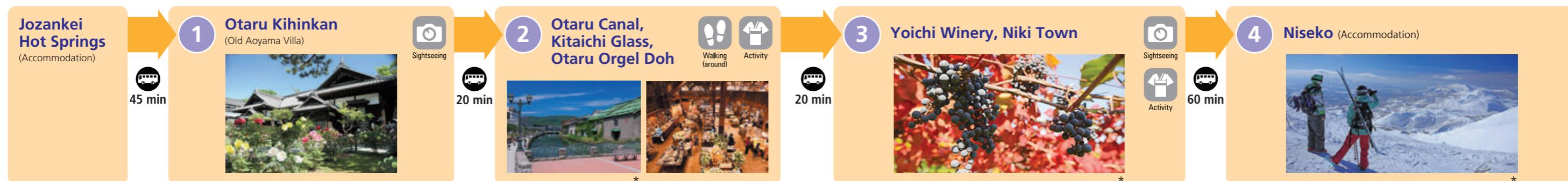
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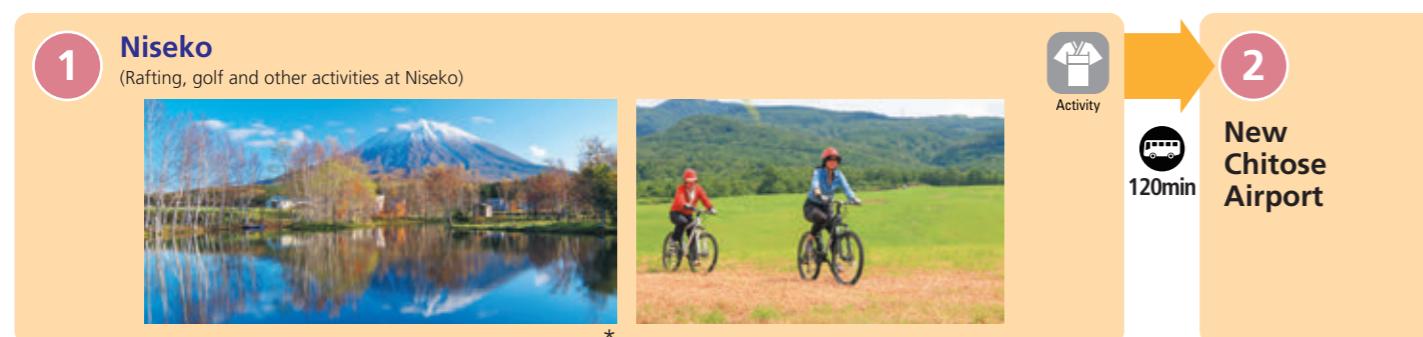
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Other options

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 adopting a snow-based air conditioning system.



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.



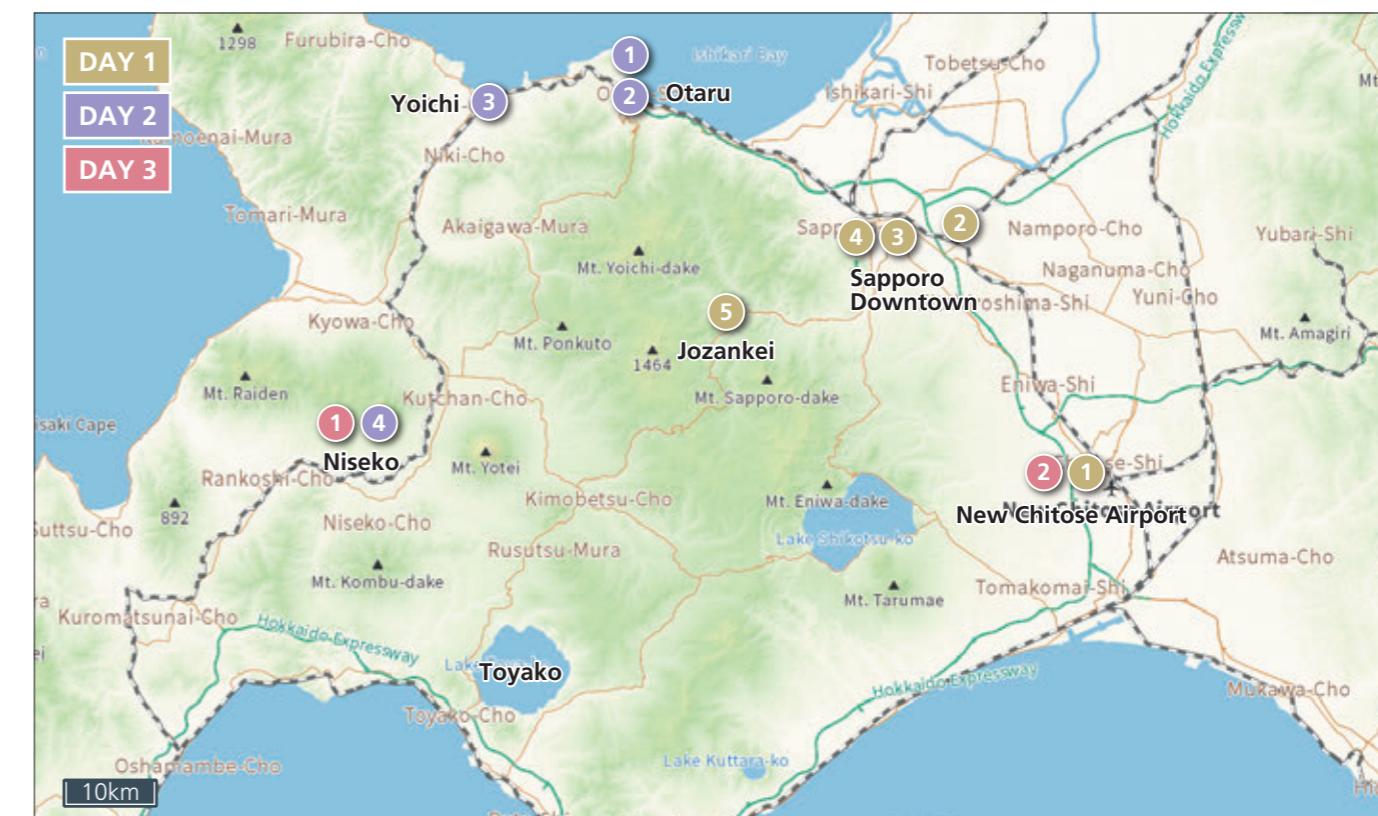
Daiwa House PREMIST DOME

Daiwa House PREMIST DOME is not only a home field for a professional soccer team but also a facility with the largest indoor exhibition space in Hokkaido.



Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park

Japan's first national museum dedicated to the history and culture of the indigenous Ainu people. It offers interactive exhibitions, performances and workshops in a beautiful natural setting.



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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.

Itinerary ideas for your trip in Ishikawa For Individual Travelers

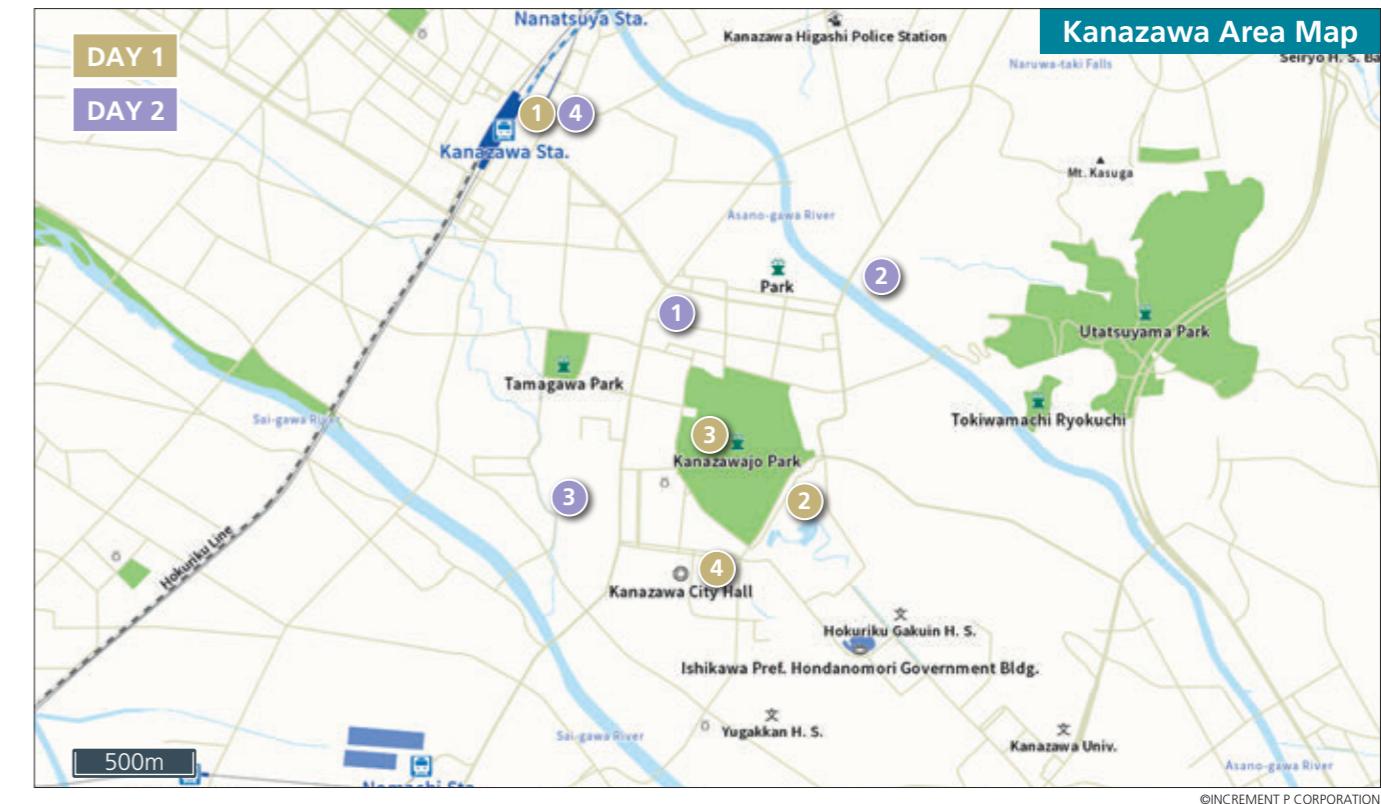
First-time visitors will enjoy tracing the history of Ishikawa Prefecture and coming into contact with culture handed down from the past to the present.

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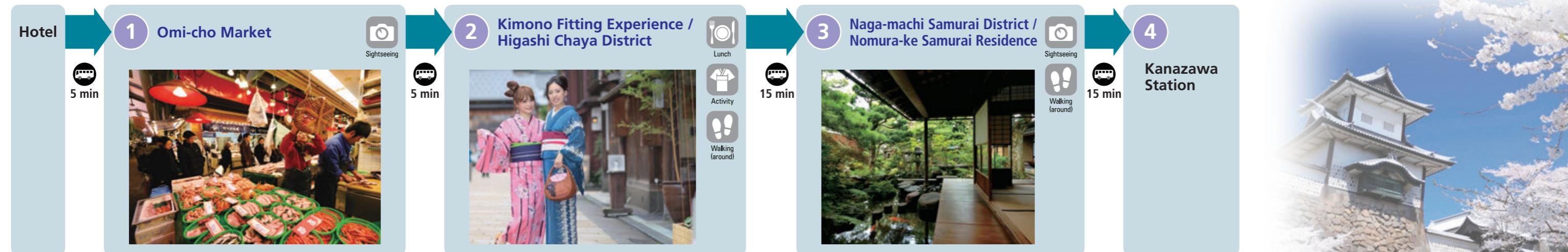


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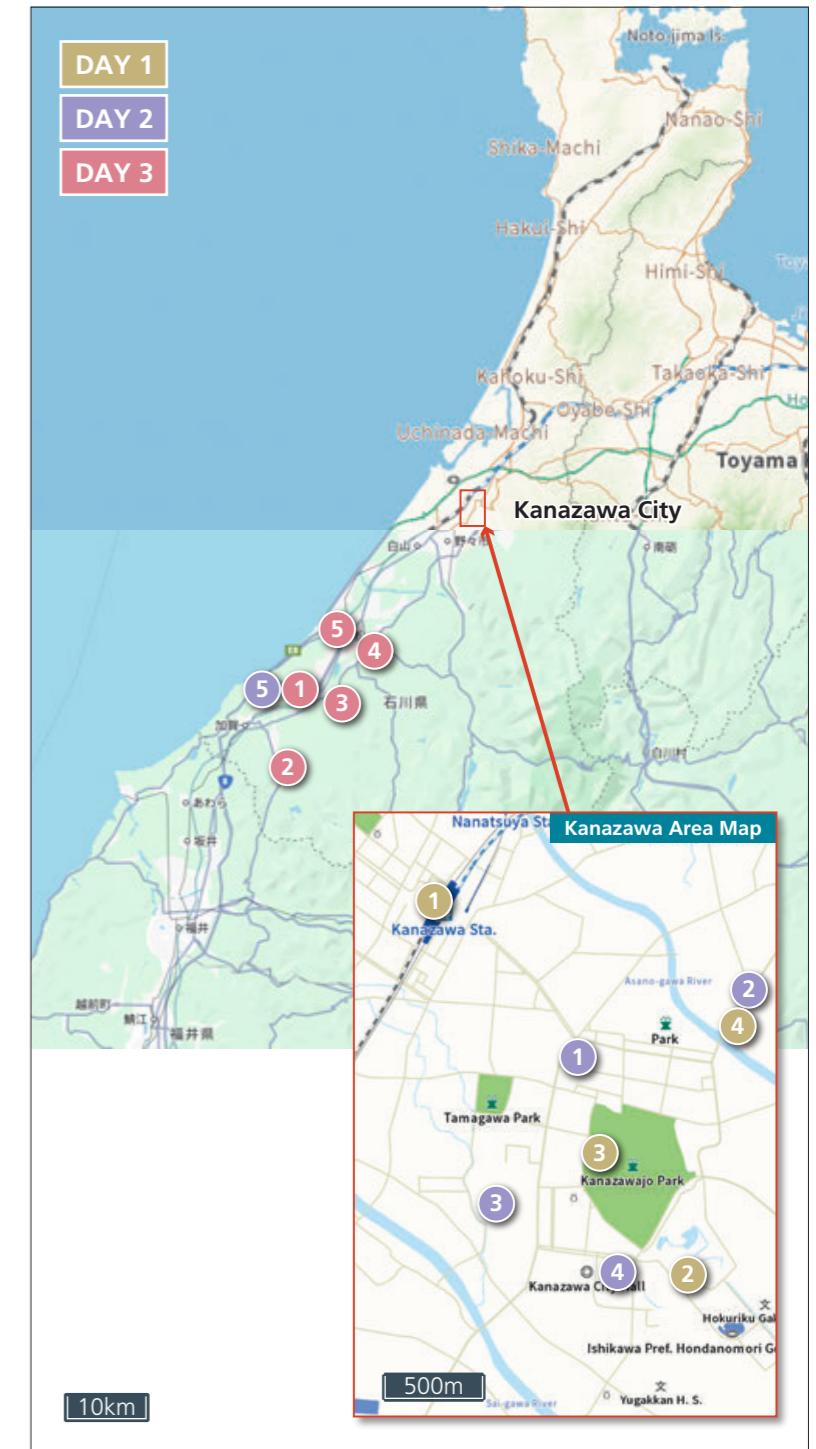
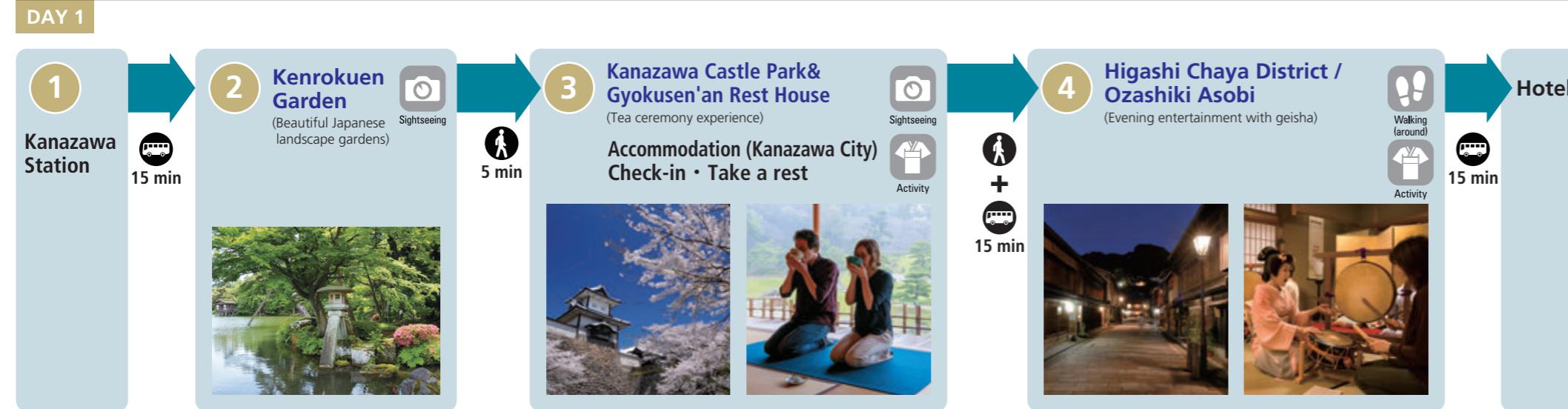
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Other options

Other attractive spots not included in the itineraries.

Wajima Lacquerware Workshop Tour / Wajima Lacquerware-Making Experience
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.

Sake Brewery Tour
Ishikawa Prefecture has all the right conditions for brewing outstanding sake: pure water, a cold climate, and bountiful rice harvests. Visit sake breweries to learn about the brewing process and enjoy a tasting.

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.

Local Cuisine Cooking Class
Learn about the traditional food culture of Ishikawa Prefecture by experiencing how to prepare jiburi, a duck stew that has long been a regional specialty.

Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine
Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine, which is said to have been built approximately 2,100 years ago, is said to be a shrine dedicated to Mt. Hakusan, one of Japan's three most famous mountains. You can also experience a sense of unity with nature during the misogi experience.

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 Ieyasu 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.

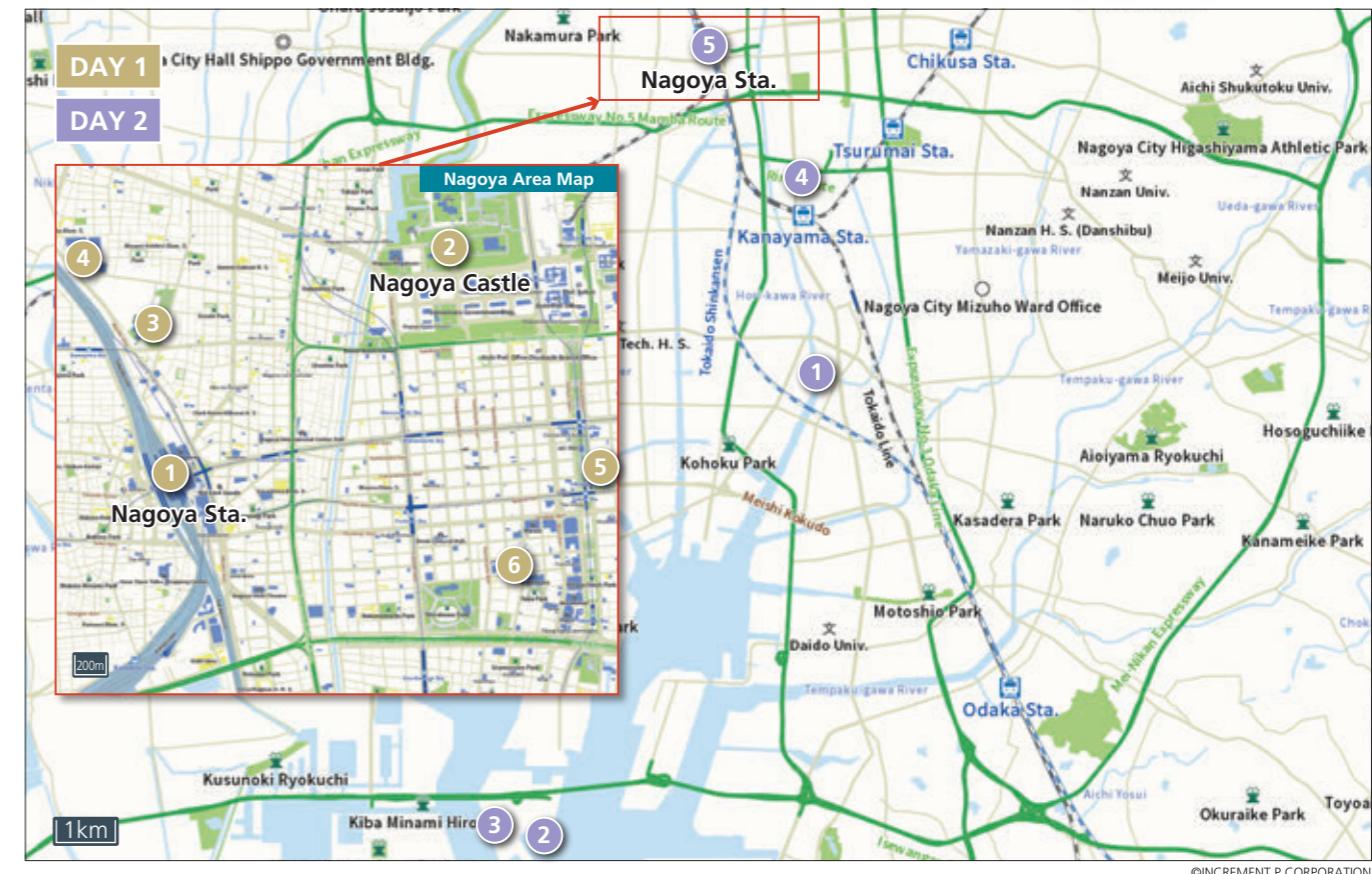
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Nagoya offers a variety of discoveries to fascinate you, from famous historic architecture and traditional crafts to the future in cutting-edge technology.

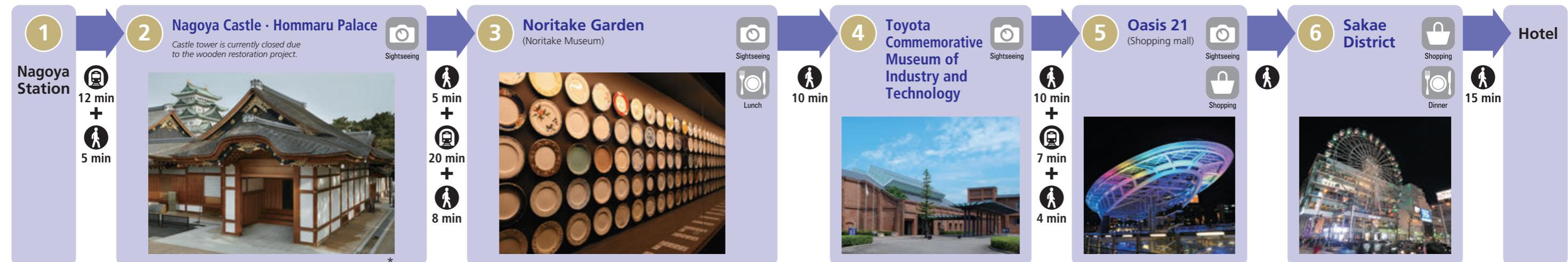
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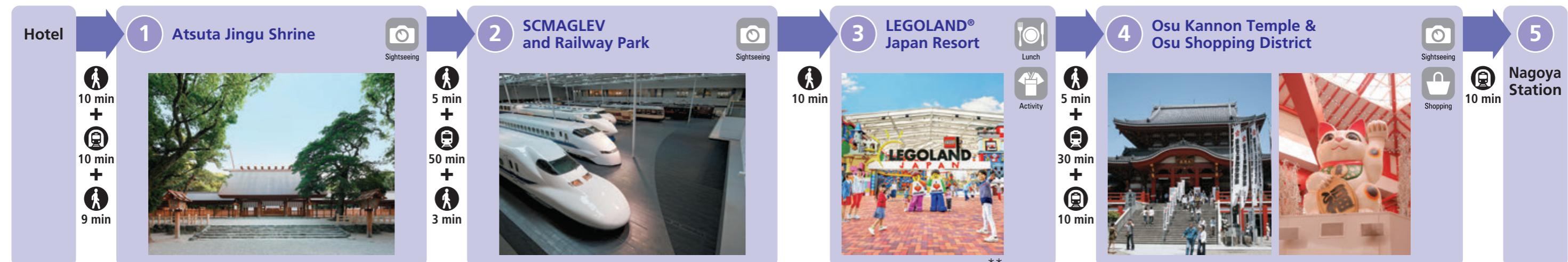
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Explore Nagoya's deep past through its impressive architecture and works of art from the feudal Sengoku (Warring States) period. And discover in whole how it continues to grow as an industrial center by getting in touch with the various industries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

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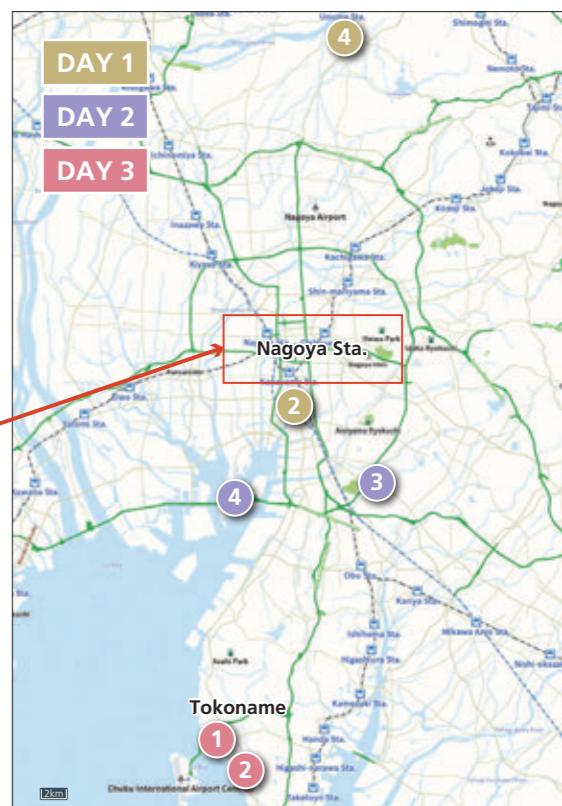
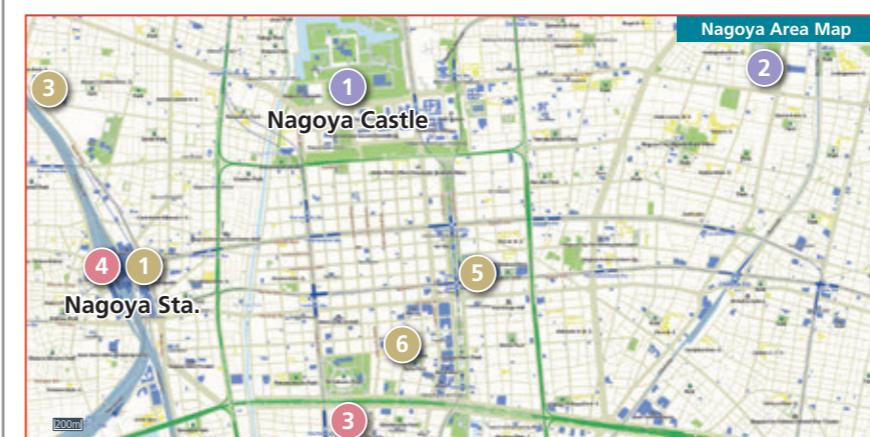


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- Nagoya City Science Museum**
Sightseeing
Nagoya's comprehensive science museum also houses the world's largest planetarium certified by GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™. It includes a Tornado Lab which artificially creates an air vortex to represent a real tornado.
- Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium**
Sightseeing
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**
Sightseeing
Learn about automotive history since its beginning through the 160 vehicles from around the world exhibited at this museum in Nagakute city.
- Toyokawa Inari (Toyokawa-kaku Myogenji Temple)**
Sightseeing
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.

- The Museum Meiji-Mura**
Sightseeing
Discover the Meiji period culture through its architecture from around Japan at this open-air museum in Inuyama city.
- The Little World Museum of Man**
Sightseeing
This open-air theme park in Inuyama city displays reconstructions of houses from Japan and around the world. Try on some traditional costumes and enjoy delectable cuisine from around the world.
- Laguna Ten Bosch's Lagunasia**
Sightseeing
A marine resort complex in Gamagori city overlooking beautiful Mikawa Bay includes a fish market for savoring the fresh catch of the day.
- Ghibli Park**
Sightseeing
Ghibli Park, located within Expo 2005 Aichi Commemorative Park in Nagakute city, showcases the world of Studio Ghibli's films which have fascinated fans around the world. Take a stroll through the park and find various ways to enjoy yourself.



* Provided by Nagoya Castle Administration Office.
** Provided by Tokugawaen.

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.

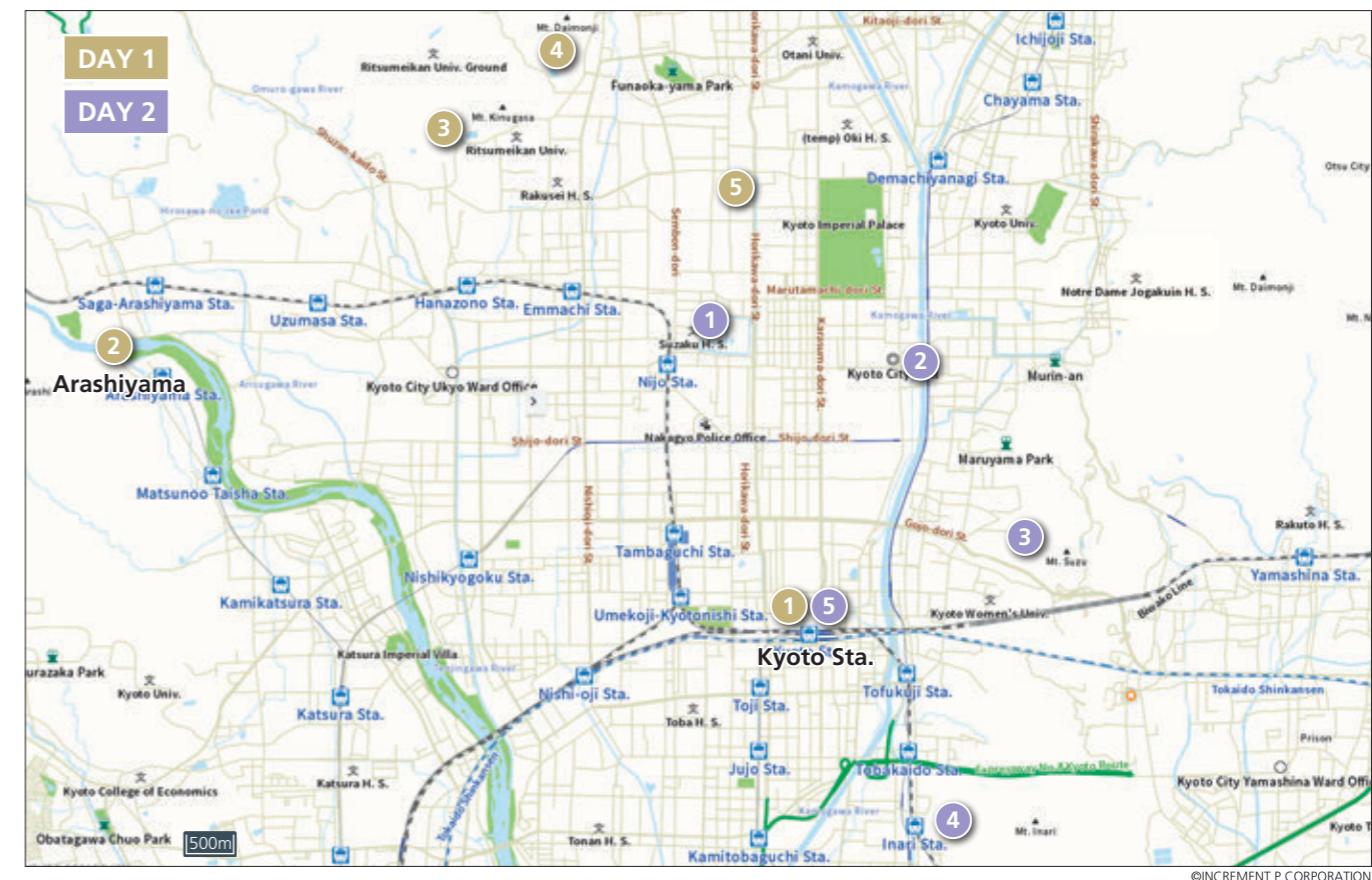
Itinerary ideas for your trip in Kyoto For Individual Travelers

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.

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(by Nozomi JR Tokaido Shinkansen)



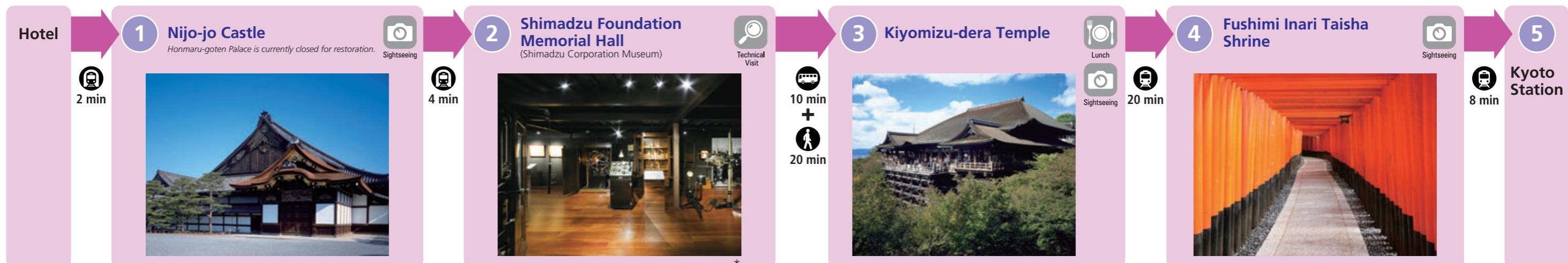
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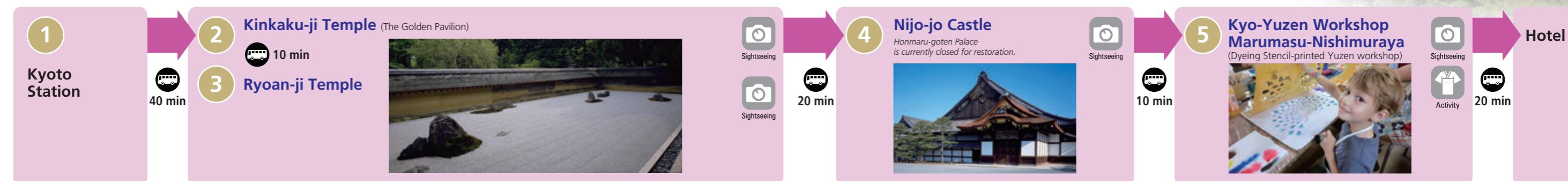


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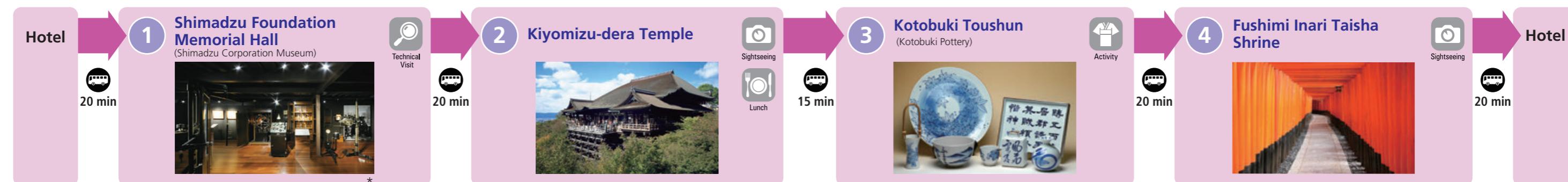
Gain a deeper understanding of history by visiting some of Kyoto's most famous temples and shrines, while also creating memories through experiencing some of Kyoto's traditional crafts and by visiting some of the city's most talked-about museums.

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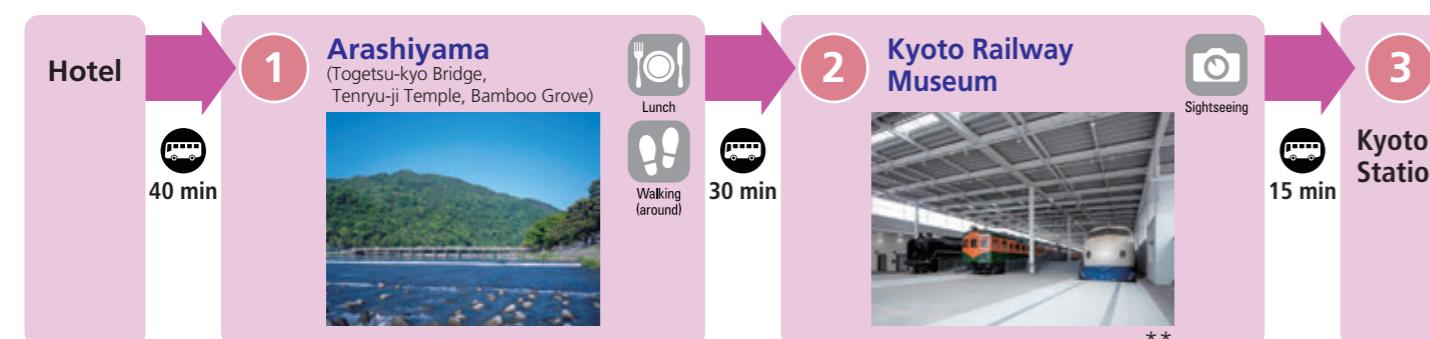
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Samurai Kembu Theater Traditional Swordplay & Performance

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

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Yoroinoya Usagi Juku (Armor workshop)

Observe armor-making and try it on for yourself.



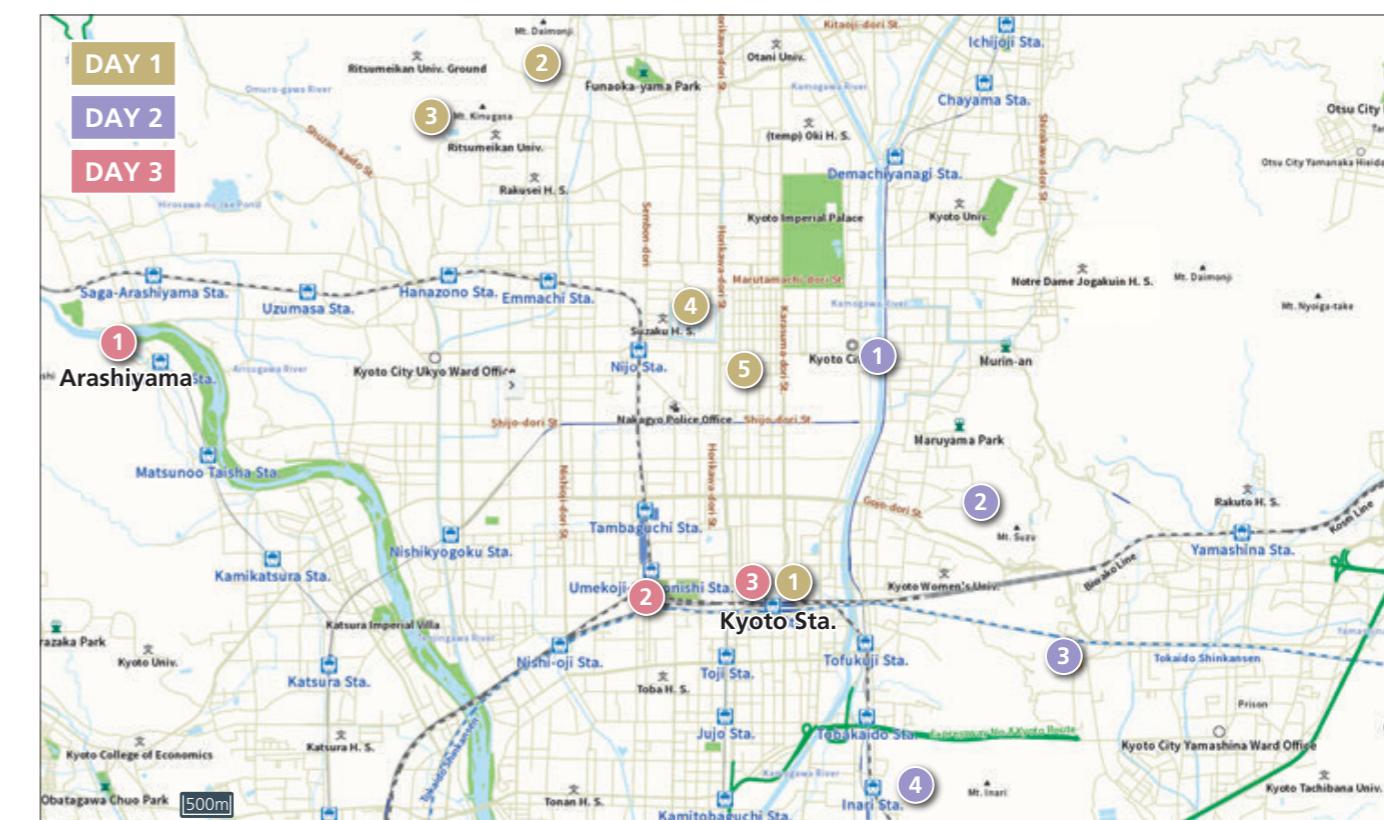
Taizo-in Zen Buddhist Temple in Myoshin-ji Temple District

Experience zazen (seated zen meditation) at one of Kyoto's atmospheric ancient temples.



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 table. We will offer you a comfortable and relaxing time.



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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.

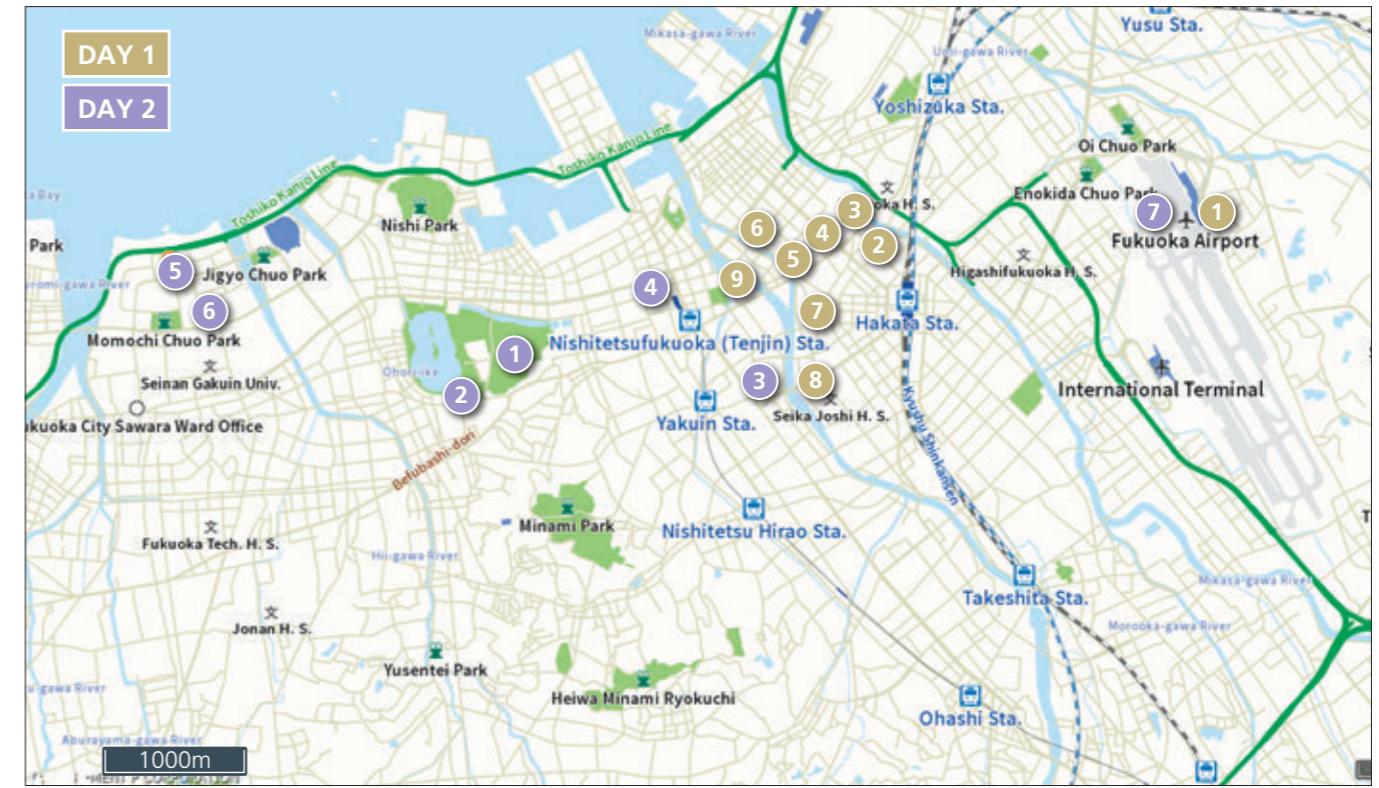
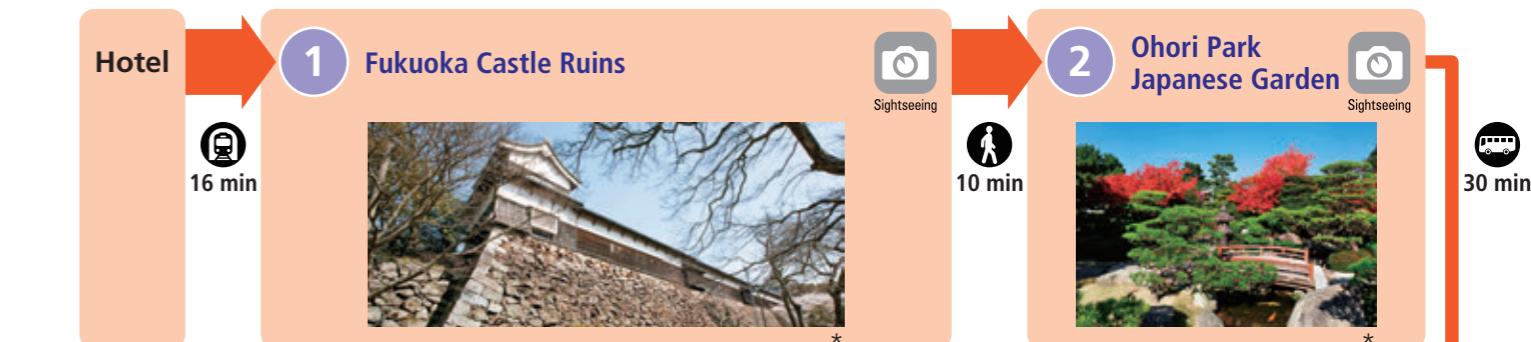


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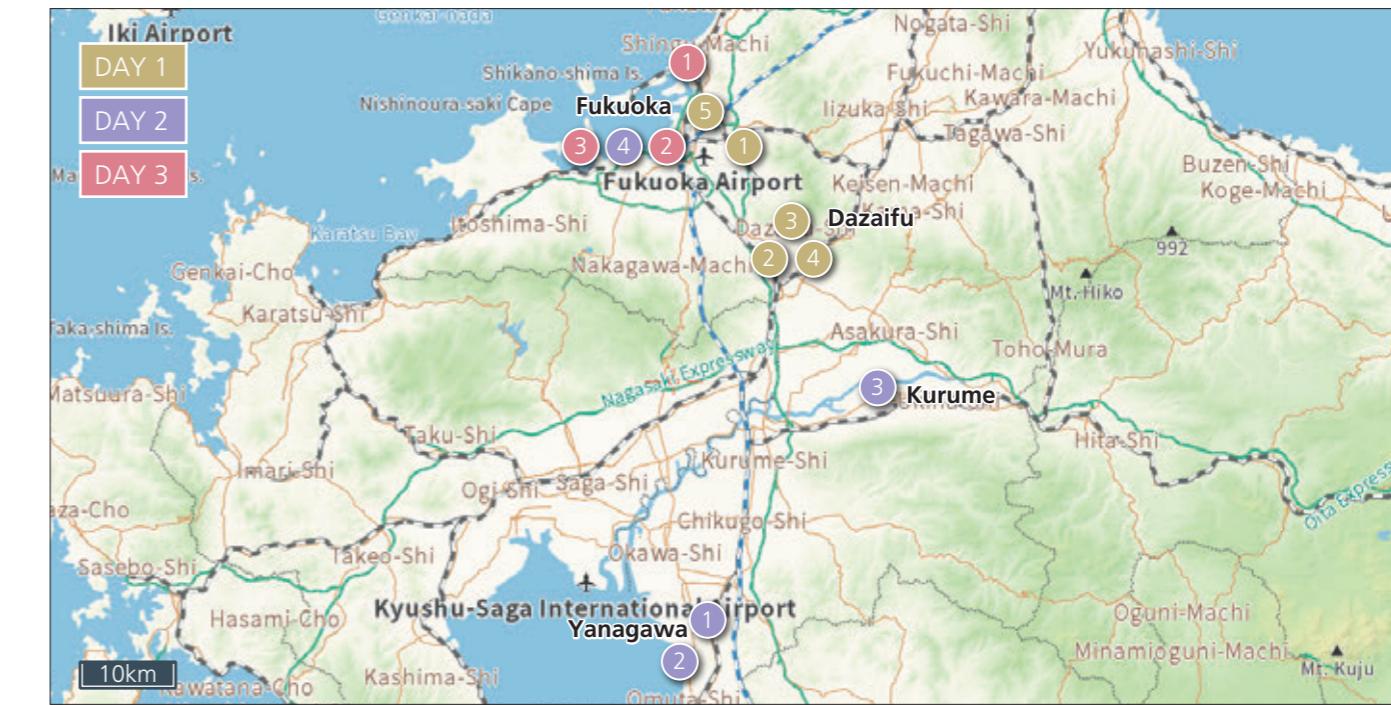
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Itinerary ideas for your trip in Fukuoka For Groups up to 20

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.

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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 your very own.



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 10 or more).

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)



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

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** Okinawa Commemorative National Government Park (Ocean Expo Park)/Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium.

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