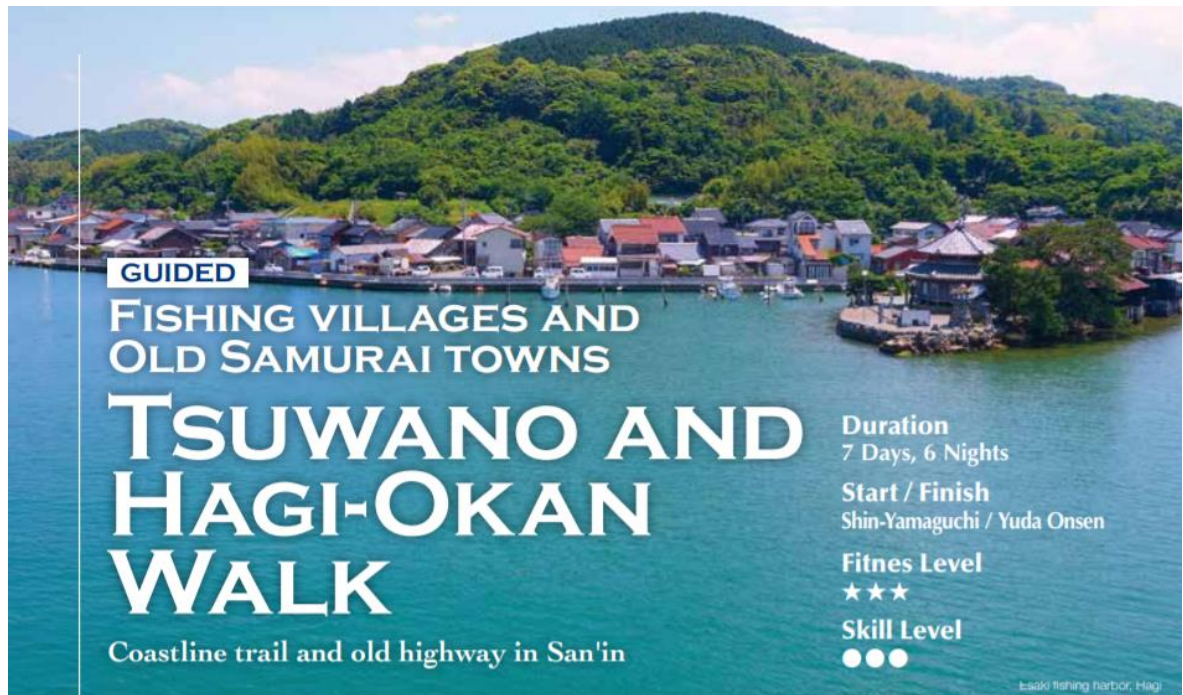


Tsuwano & Hagi-Okun Walk 6 Nights 7 Days



Highlights

- Experience the heartland of Japan in fishing villages, as well as rural settlements.
- Walk a portion of the Hagi-Okun Highway, a circuit once traversed by the samurai.
- Explore the exceptionally well-preserved city of Hagi.
- Examine the history of Shinto, Buddhism and Christianity in the city of Tsuwano.
- Board a squid fishing vessel manned by a local fisherman.
- Enter the world of Japanese mythology and enjoy a dynamic performance of Iwami Kagura, a flamboyant and traditional Japanese art of storytelling!

Overview

The Tsuwano and Hagi-Okun Highway tour is a breathtaking journey across Japan's Chugoku region, located on the western part of the main island of Honshu. This tour will take you between Shimane and Yamaguchi Prefectures. By visiting towns and villages that are seemingly frozen in time, experience the rich and unique history of Japan and this region.

Your tour begins with a taste of authentic life in the heartland of Japan, in the scenic village of Susa. From here you will walk in the footsteps of samurai and traverse a portion of the historical Hagi-Okun Highway. Before the tour culminates in Yamaguchi, the peaceful capital of Yamaguchi Prefecture, you will be in awe at the "open-air museum" city of Hagi and explore the fusion between Eastern and Western religions in the city of Tsuwano.

Day 01 Shin Yamaguchi – Susa

- 14:00-14:30 Meet at Shin Yamaguchi Station, Shinkansen
Ticket Barrier - Briefing
- 14:30-16:00 Microbus to Ecology Camp (cabin) or traditional
ryokan inn
- 16:00-16:30 Check in
- 16:30-17:30 Beach, free time
- 17:30-17:45 Microbus to Tamagawa Onsen
- 17:45-18:45 Tamagawa Onsen
- 18:45-20:30 Dinner
- 20:30-20:45 Microbus back to hotel
- 20:45 Free time



Tamagawa Onsen

Day 02 Tamagawa (Esaki Ogawa)

- 8:30-9:30 Breakfast
- 9:30-9:45 Microbus to Tamagawa
- 9:45-11:00 Walking tour of Itsukushima Shrine, Saidoji Temple
- 11:00-11:15 Microbus to Segoe promenade
- 11:25-12:30 Walking tour of Segoe promenade and beach
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-13:45 Microbus to Minato Iriguchi
- 13:45-14:45 Walking tour of Minato Iriguchi and beach
- 14:45-15:15 Microbus to Ogawa Sumikawa Sake Brewery
- 15:15-16:15 Tour, tasting and shopping at Sumikawa Sake
Brewery
- 16:15-16:30 Microbus to Tamagawa Hot Spring
- 16:30-17:30 Tamagawa Hot Spring
- 17:30-17:45 Microbus to Kuhara Dojo
- 17:45-19:30 Dinner
- 19:30-19:45 Microbus to hotel
- 19:45 Free time



Saidoji Temple

Day 03 Susa (Susa Yatomi) – Tsurano

- 8:30-9:30 Breakfast
- 9:30-10:00 Microbus to Koyama
- 10:00-11:30 30 mins trek Kouteisha Shrine to the summit
- 11:30-11:45 Microbus to fishing boat dock
- 11:45-12:45 Ride on fishing boat
- 12:45-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-15:00 30 mins walking tour Kabuto Iwa, Yoroi Iwa to Hornfels
- 15:00-15:30 Microbus to Yutomi Tatamigahuchi, stroll
- 15:30-16:30 Microbus to Tsurano
- 16:30-18:00 Free time
- 18:00-20:00 Dinner
- 20:00 Free time



Hornfels

Day 03 Tsurano

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00-9:15 Microbus to Taikodani Inari Shrine
- 9:15-10:30 Trek and cable car from Taikodani Inari Shrine to Tsurano Castle
- 10:30-12:15 Walk T. I. Shrine to Catholic Church to Otome Pass, Youmei Temple, Rice Shop
- 12:15-13:15 Lunch
- 13:15-13:45 Microbus to Shusuien Tea Stall
- 13:45-16:00 Tour of tea fields, production process, shopping
- 16:00-16:30 Microbus to bottom of Taikodani Inari Shrine
- 16:30-18:00 Dinner
- 18:00-18:30 Microbus to Taikodani Inari Shrine
- 18:30-21:30 Iwami Kagura performance at Taikodani Inari Shrine
- 21:30-22:00 Microbus to hotel
- 22:00 Free time



Inari Shrine



Inari Shrine

Day 05 Tsuwano – Hagi

- 8:30-9:30 Breakfast
- 9:30-10:30 Microbus to Hagi, Koshigahama
- 10:30-11:00 Tour of Hagi glass factory
- 11:00-12:30 1 hour trek from Hagi glass factory to camellia forest and Mt Kasayama summit
- 12:30-13:00 Microbus to Hagi Sea Market
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch and tour of Hagi Sea Market
- 14:00-14:30 Microbus to see Hagi pottery - Seigan Yamane
- 14:30-15:30 Visit Seigan Yamane's kiln - pottery experience and shopping
- 15:30-16:00 Microbus to downtown Hagi
- 16:00-17:30 Walking tour Hagi to Edoya Yokocho, Kikuya Yokocho, Kikugahama, Gallery JIBITA
- 17:30-18:00 Microbus to hotel
- 18:00-19:00 Free time
- 19:00-20:30 Dinner
- 20:30 Free time



Hagi Okan



Edoya Yokocho

Day 06 Hagi – Hagi Oukan

- 8:30-9:30 Breakfast
- 9:30-10:00 Microbus to Shoka Sonjuku
- 10:00-11:00 Tour of Shoka Sonjuku
- 11:00-13:00 2 hour walking tour from Sasanami to Kunizakai no Ishibumi
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00-14:00 Microbus to Rurikoji Temple
- 14:00-15:00 Walk around Koizan Park
- 15:00-15:30 Microbus to Joeiji Temple and Garden
- 15:30-16:30 Tour of Joeiji Temple and Garden
- 16:30-17:00 Microbus to Yuda Hot Spring
- 17:00-19:00 Free time
- 19:00-21:00 Dinner
- 21:00 Free time



Rurikoji Temple



Yuda Hot Spring

Day 07 Hagi

8:30-9:30 Breakfast
9:30 End of tour



Hagi

Package Information

Package Includes:



- All transport from starting point to end, and throughout tour by private car or coach (dependent on group size)
- Professional English speaking guide throughout tour
- All entrance and activity fees during tour
- 06 nights hotel accommodation
- Daily breakfast at hotels
- Daily lunch as specified in itinerary
- Daily dinner as specified in itinerary
- All relevant government taxes

Do note that we shall tailor the itinerary to suit your needs and budget, we look forward to creating your Bespoke Itinerary.

Some tours we offer focus on nature and the outdoors, there is some level of fitness required, we provide a guide for the level of activity expected for each day. Should you wish to do more / less we can tailor made the tour according to your preference:

Fitness Levels

- * You should be OK to carry your own luggage for up to an hour and climb stairs, most long distance travel will be by private car or public transport.
- ** Additionally to level 1 requirements, you should be able to walk around 5km per day. Longer works are mostly over flat ground and range from 01-03hrs.

*** Additionally to level 1 requirements, you should be able to walk 15-25km per day. Walks may include some hills but not over extended period of times. Walks range from 3-5hrs per day.

Skill Levels

- * Walking on roads and stair climbing
- ** Walking on well-made paths and flat earth surfaces
- *** Walking on forest trails which may not be even surfaced. The use of walking poles or sticks is recommended.
- **** Walking mountain paths, which may include loose rocks. Walking poles and proper hiking shoes and recommended.