

Seto Inland Sea Cruise and World Heritage Site Tour

3 nights 4 days

Seto Inland Sea Cruise + Tour of World Heritage Sites
in Wakayama, Himeji, and Hiroshima

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Himeji Castle 2

A famous castle from the Harima Province and the first World Heritage Site in Japan. It is highly regarded among the castles that still remain in Japan. It is also called the White Heron Castle due to its vivid white color.



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Schedule

Day	Port of Call	Tour Details	Overnight Lodging	Entering Port	Leaving Port
Day 1	Wakayama Shimotsu	Mt. Koya (Inner Shrine) – Kuroe, the Town of Kishu Lacquerware		7:00	18:00
Day 2	Himeji	Himeji Castle – Nadagiku Sake Brewery – Shoshazan Engyoji Temple	Kinosaki Onsen	7:00	Anchorage
Day 3	Himeji	Seto Inland Sea Cruise			13:00
Day 4	Hiroshima	Miyajima – Itsukushima Shrine – Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum – Atomic Bomb Dome		7:00	18:00



Himeji

Day 2



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Shoshazan Engyoji Temple

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Kinosaki Onsen



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Hiroshima

Day 4

Itsukushima Shrine 8

The island of Itsukushima itself was believed to be a god since ancient times, and the shrine has its origins in an old Japanese phrase referring to "the island where the gods are enshrined and worshipped". A traditional shrine, it is a famous spot visited by many tourists year-round.

Peace Memorial Museum 7

A museum opened in 1955 to realize lasting peace and the abandonment of nuclear weapons. It is the heart of Hiroshima, and aims to show the devastation from and facts about atomic bombs to the world.



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Mt. Koya 12

The inner shrines are the holiest of places, with shrines to Kobo Daishi who is believed to still offer help to those in need.



Kishu Lacquerware

Kishu Lacquerware has continued since woodworkers of the Muromachi period moved to Kuroe and began to create wooden bowls. It is a traditional lacquerware that has been produced over more than 400 long years of history.

Wakayama

Day 1



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Kumano
Nachi Taisha 12

Kumano Nachi Taisha is one of the three Kumano Sanzan shrines, which also includes Kumano Hayatama Taisha and Kumano Hongu Taisha. It has been visited by the faithful since ancient times. The main shrine building, made up of six connected buildings located at the top of 467 stone steps, is about 330 meters above sea level and a god is enshrined at each of the six buildings, with Fusumi-no-kami being the main god. Also called Izanami-no-mikoto, Fusumi-no-kami is said to rule over the creation and growth of all things, and is worshipped as a protector of agriculture, forestry, the marine industry, and fishing, as well as the god of marriage and the god of fulfilling wishes.

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Day 2	Komatsushima, Tokushima	Otsuka Museum of Art and Seeing the Naruto Whirlpools – Tour of Awaji Island – Awa-odori Dance Experience (Festival)		7:00	18:00
Day 3	Himeji	World Heritage Site Himeji Castle, Koko-en Garden, and Shoshazan Engyoji Temple/ World Heritage Site Himeji Castle, the Tononome Highlands, and the Japan Toy Museum	Shiota Onsen or Aki Onsen	7:00	Anchorage
Day 4	Himeji	Seto Inland Sea Cruise			11:00
Day 5	Hiroshima	Peace Memorial Park and Aki no Miyajima – Higashihiroshima Seijo Sakagura-dori		7:00	18:00



Wakayama

Day 1

Nachi Waterfall 12

The Nachi Waterfall, an associated shrine of Kumano Nachi Taisha that has inspired awe in many since ancient times, is also known as the First Waterfall and is one of the three largest waterfalls in Japan. The water column drops 133 meters – the tallest in Japan – with a width of 13 meters and depth at the basin of 10 meters. There are three cracks in the rock at the crest of the waterfall, causing the water to spill into three streams before falling. The waterfall is thus also known as the Three Stream Falls.



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Tokushima

Day 2

Naruto Whirlpool

The Naruto Whirlpools are a natural phenomenon created by the violent tidal current that occurs due to the tidal variations between the Seto Inland Sea and the Kii Channel. The whirlpools are their largest during spring tide in spring and autumn. They are said to be the largest in the world, with vortices up to 20 meters in diameter.

Otsuka Museum of Art

Features 300,000 square meters of space dedicated to permanent exhibits and an approximately 4 kilometer-long viewing route. The largest in Japan and one of the few ceramic tile art museums in the world. Over 1,000 Western masterpieces from antiquity to the present day have been faithfully reproduced in full size on ceramic plates from works owned by 190 art museums in 26 countries. This is a perfect place for art education and sightseeing.



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Himeji

Day 3



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Himeji Castle



Shiota Onsen

Koko-en Garden

Koko-en Garden is an authentic Japanese-style garden facing Himeji Castle, a World Heritage Site, and it is a popular tourist spot within Himeji. The Japanese-style garden covers about 3.5 hectares of land and was built to commemorate the 100th year anniversary of Himeji becoming a city. The garden shows off an Edo period atmosphere with its 9 gardens, including The Garden of the Lord's Residence, which features a path surrounding a pond, and the Tea Ceremony Garden, which features Souju-an, an authentic teahouse built in the sukiya-zukuri style. The garden is used as a filming location for historical dramas and large-scale TV productions.



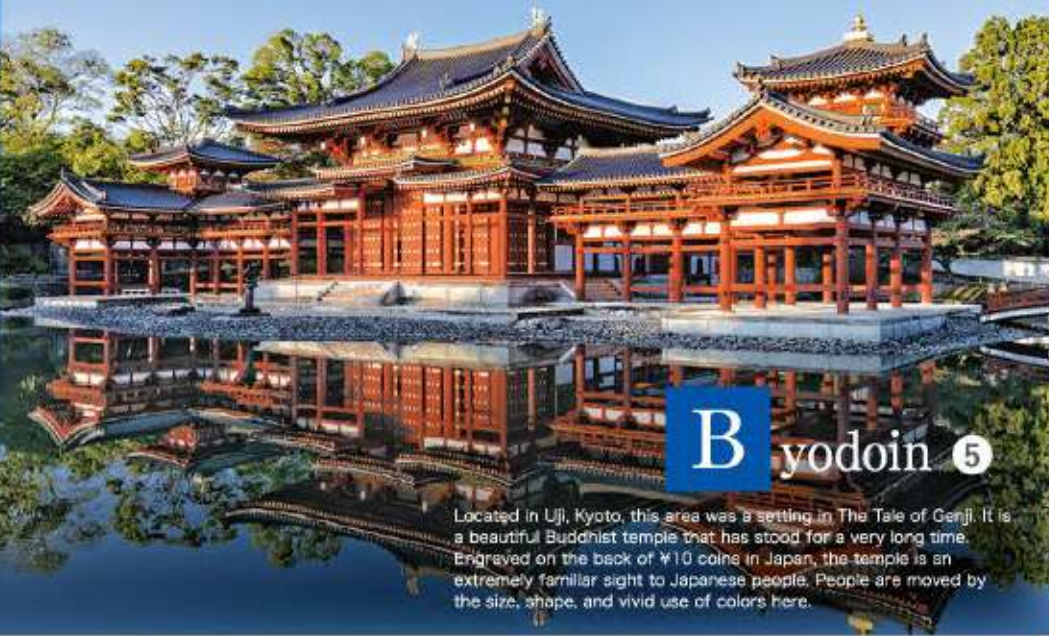
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Located in Uji, Kyoto, this area was a setting in The Tale of Genji. It is a beautiful Buddhist temple that has stood for a very long time. Engraved on the back of ¥10 coins in Japan, the temple is an extremely familiar sight to Japanese people. People are moved by the size, shape, and vivid use of colors here.

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Schedule

Day	Port of Call	Tour Details	Overnight Lodging	Entering Port	Leaving Port
Day 1	Osaka	Horyu-ji – Nara Park – Phoenix Hall at Byodoin	Yurohana Onsen	7:00	Anchorage
Day 2	Osaka	Hozu River Boat Ride – Arashiyama – Kiyomizu-dera Temple			18:00
Day 3	Himeji	Himeji Castle – Nadagiku Sake Brewery – Shoshazan Engyoji Temple		7:00	Anchorage
Day 4	Himeji	Seto Inland Sea Cruise			8:00
Day 4	Hiroshima	Miyajima – Itsukushima Shrine – Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum – Atomic Bomb Dome		17:00	Anchorage
Day 5					18:00



Kyoto

Day 2



Photos provided by Kiyomizu-dera Temple

Kiyomizu-dera Temple 5

A World Heritage Site that has been passed down over the ages. Known as the "Stage of Kiyomizu", the main hall is an elegant structure, featuring a hipped roof and built in the shinden-zukuri style. The Eleven-headed Thousand-armed Kannon Bodhisattva is enshrined here.



Hozu River Boat Ride

From a waterfall in the Tango Highlands in central Kyoto Prefecture, you float down the river between the mountains from Sonobe to Kameoka for 16 kilometers through the valley before arriving at scenic Arashiyama.

Nara

Day 1

Nara Park

Nara Park is approximately 600 hectares in size, and within the park are woodlands and rivers. In addition to nature, the park is adjacent to Todai-ji, a World Heritage Site, Kohfukuji Temple, Kasuga-taisha Shrine, and the Nara National Museum. It is also called History Park as it contains many especially valuable items of historical heritage.



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Himeji

Day 3

Shoshazan Engyoji Temple

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2 Himeji Castle



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Peace Memorial Park

The Peace Memorial Park is an urban park built in central Hiroshima near the blast center in memory of those who died from the atomic bomb and as a wish for everlasting world peace. Filled with a desire for peace, the sounds of the peace bells when rung were selected by the Ministry of the Environment as one of the 100 Soundscapes of Japan to be remembered.



Courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture

Day 5

Hiroshima

From Kansai International Airport
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Dedicated as a central shrine for the city enshrining multiple gods in 1895 on the 1100th anniversary of the founding of Heiankyo, the imperial capital of Japan. It is famous as the place where Emperors Kanmu and Komei are enshrined. The vermillion-lacquered Otenimon Gate, Daigokuden, and other buildings modeled after the official reception hall of the Heiankyo inner palace are vivid and beautiful.

Heian Jingu Shrine 5

Kyoto

Day 1



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Schedule

Day	Port of Call	Tour Details	Overnight Lodging	Entering Port	Leaving Port
Day 1	Kansai International Airport	Kinkaku-ji – Heian Jingu Shrine – Kiyomizu-dera Temple	Arima Onsen		
Day 2	Himeji	Himeji Castle – Nadagiku Sake Brewery – Shoshazan Engyoji Temple		15:00	Anchorage
Day 3	Himeji	Seto Inland Sea Cruise			8:00
Day 3	Hiroshima	Miyajima – Itsukushima Shrine – Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum – Atomic Bomb Dome		17:00	Anchorage
Day 4					18:00



Arima

Day 1



Arima Onsen

Arima Onsen is counted among the top three hot springs in Japan. The reddish brown waters, known as Kinsen, are famous. The resort town is easy to walk around and features cute shops and cafes.



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Hiroshima

Day 4

Himeji

Day 2



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Nadagiku Sake Brewery

A sake brewery in Himeji that was founded in 1910. They produce the Nadagiku and Kikunoshizuku brands of sake. They offer brewery tours and meals you might expect from a brewery. It is gaining popularity as a tourist spot where you can enjoy a nostalgic brewery atmosphere along with a healthy meal.

Miyajima 8

Miyajima is a World Heritage Site and one of the Three Views of Japan. Locals from nearby say that the island has been an area of nature worship since ancient times as visitors have felt the presence of spirits from the appearance of the island, the high peak of Mt. Misen among the other mountains, and the fact that the island is covered in a primeval forest that is dark even in the daytime.

Atomic Bomb Dome 7

The Atomic Bomb Dome is a building that was bombed by the first atomic bomb used by humankind at the end of the Second World War. It is a monument of peace for all people of all races that transcends time and continues to seek the abandonment of nuclear weapons and the importance of everlasting peace.



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Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter

The Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter where you can enjoy the white-walled storehouses, the tiled namako walls, rows of willow trees, and exotic streets. The townscape, made up of traditional buildings, and the retro-modern scenes along the Kurashiki River continue to attract people from all around the world.

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Day 1	Hiroshima	Peace Memorial Park and Aki no Miyajima – Higashihiroshima Saijo Sakagura-dori – Seto Inland Sea Cruise		7:00	16:00
Day 2	Imabari	Sightseeing Along the Shimanami Kaido (Ohmishima Bridge, Setoda, and Onomichi) – Sightseeing at Dogo Onsen in Matsuyama		7:00	18:00
Day 3	Uno	Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter – Sightseeing at Okayama Korakuen – Sightseeing on Naoshima – Sightseeing at Kotohira-gū and Takametsu Ritsurin Garden		7:00	18:00
Day 4	Himeji	World Heritage Site Himeji Castle, Koko-en Garden, and Shoshazan Engyoji Temple/ World Heritage Site Himeji Castle, the Tomonine Highlands, and the Japan Toy Museum		7:00	18:00
Day 5	Shingu	Kumano Nachi Taisha and Nachi Waterfall – Tour of the Three Kumano Sanzan Shrines		7:00	18:00



Uno

Day 3



"Red Pumpkin" ©Yayoi Kusama, 2006 Naoshima Miyanoura Port Square
 Photo/Daisuke Aochi

Naoshima

This work by Yayoi Kusama catches your eye as soon as you arrive in Miyanoura Port. For this work, announced in 2006, Yayoi said that she, "searched for the red light of the sun to the end of the universe, and that is was transformed into a red pumpkin under the sea near Naoshima." This powerful artwork gives off the strength and presence of the sun.



Kotohira-gū

Kotohira-gū, famous as the "Konpira-san of Sanuki", is enshrined on the side of Mt. Zozu, and has been visited by the faithful from all over Japan since ancient times. It is believed that a variety of gods are enshrined here, including the god of the sea and other gods. Believers wish for an abundant crop, a good catch of fish, and prosperity in business.

Himeji

Day 4



Japan Toy Museum

The Japan Toy Museum is another spot worth visiting after Himeji Castle, having earned two stars in the Michelin Green Guide. Inside the white walls of the museum's 6 buildings, approximately 5,000 toys and dolls from 160 countries in addition to Japanese toys, dolls, and traditional silk craft items are on display. Special exhibits are held every season. The play area where you can play with toys is quite popular among children.

Koko-en Garden

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Imabari

Day 2

Ohmishima Bridge

Ohmishima Bridge is the only arch bridge of the Shimanami Kaido, and connects Ohmishima and Hakata Islands. It was opened in 1979, and was the first of the Honshu-Shikoku Bridges to be opened. The arch support spans 297 meters, and was the longest arch bridge at the time when completed. The light gray of the bridge, which blends in beautifully with the surrounding landscape, is exquisite when reflected in the blue sea.



Dogo Onsen

Dogo Onsen, with a history of over 3,000 years, was the setting of a novel by Natsume Soseki and is famous as the oldest hot spring area in Japan. Its history goes back 3,000 years. It appears in several texts, and was called the Waters of Iyo and the Waters of Nikitatsu. The current "Dogo" name began to be used during renovations in the Taika period (645 AD).



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Day 2

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Day 1	Uwajima	Sightseeing in Uwajima and Bull Fighting – Shimanto River Sightseeing		7:00	18:00
Day 2	Hiroshima	Peace Memorial Park and Aki no Miyajima – Higashihiroshima Saijo Sakagura-dori		7:00	Anchorage
Day 3	Hiroshima Himeji	Seto Inland Sea Cruise		18:00	8:00 Anchorage
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Wakayama

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Day 6



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Uwajima

Day 1

Tokushima

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Awa-odori Dance Experience

The Awa-odori is one of the three largest Bon festival dances in Japan and is held in central Tokushima city. The summer festival envelops the entire town in a fever from the heated atmosphere of this dance that matches the clamorous rhythms.

Shimanto River

The Shimanto River is the longest river in Shikoku, at 196 kilometers in length. Downstream, there are many sights to see, including tourist house boats, the Dragonfly Nature Park, and the Sada Submersible Bridge. The river is also blessed with scenes of traditional river fishing.

Bull Fighting

Bull fighting, a folk culture unique to the Uwajima area, is only held in a few areas across Japan. There is no time limit for the bull fighting, and so, while some matches may end in 1 minute, others can take more than 40. There are nail-biting moments when the more than 1 ton bulls glare at one another or clash.





World Heritage Sites in Japan

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| 1 Buddhist Monuments in the Horyu-ji Area (Date of inscription: 1993) | 12 Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range (Date of inscription: 2004) |
| 2 Himeji-jo (Himeji Castle) (Date of inscription: 1993) | 13 Shiretoko (Date of inscription: 2005) |
| 3 Yakushima (Date of inscription: 1993) | 14 Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine and its Cultural Landscape (Date of inscription: 2007) |
| 4 Shirakami-Sanchi (Date of inscription: 1993) | 15 Ogasawara Islands (Date of inscription: 2011) |
| 5 Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto (Date of inscription: 1994) | 16 Hiraizumi – Temples, Gardens and Archaeological Sites Representing the Buddhist Pure Land (Date of inscription: 2011) |
| 6 Historic Villages of Shirakawa-go and Gokayama (Date of inscription: 1995) | 17 Fushimi, sacred place and source of artistic inspiration (Date of inscription: 2013) |
| 7 Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Atomic Bomb Dome) (Date of inscription: 1996) | 18 Tomioka Silk Mill and Related Sites (Date of inscription: 2014) |
| 8 Itsukushima Shrine (Date of inscription: 1996) | 19 Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution: Iron and Steel, Shipbuilding and Coal Mining (Date of inscription: 2015) |
| 9 Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara (Date of inscription: 1998) | 20 The National Museum of Western Art (Date of inscription: 2016) |
| 10 Shrines and Temples of Nikko (Date of inscription: 1999) | 21 Sacred Island of Okinoshima and Associated Sites in the Munakata Region (Date of inscription: 2017) |
| 11 Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu (Date of inscription: 2000) | 22 Hidden Christian Sites in the Nagasaki Region (Date of inscription: 2018) |
| | 23 Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group: Mounded Tombs of Ancient Japan (Date of inscription: 2019) |



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