

Wendy's recommendation for the people, ever been to Kyoto before

A relaxing one-day countryside tour from Kyoto "West shore of Lake Biwa course"

Get away from the hustle and bustle of the central Kyoto and enjoy the original Japanese scenery in the west shore of Lake Biwa, not so far away from the city.



Tour Itinerary

Time	Places to visit	Transportation/Travel Time
08:00		Private Mini-van/60 min from central Kyoto
09:00	Shirahige Shrine/viewing	Private Mini-van/30 min
10:00	Kabata within the Harie Freshwater Community /viewing & strolling	
11:00		
12:00	Lunch	Total travel time 70 min including lunch time (7 min net time on foot)
13:00	Kawashima Sake Distillery/viewing	Private Mini-van/20 min
14:00	Metasequoia Boulevard/viewing	Private Mini-van/90 min to central Kyoto
15:00		
16:00		

Tour Fee

Prerequisite participants	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons
Price per person (tax included)	JPY 73,000.-	JPY 57,000.-	JPY 44,000.-
Other prerequisites	Admission/Transportation/Tour Guide Fee included, Lunch included		

1st stop of the morning “Shirahige Shrine”



The Large Torii Gate

The large torii gate was built in Lake Biwa and is the symbol of Shirahige Shrine. The torii gate was drawn on land in an ancient drawing from 1280, but it is said that it came to stand in the water as the water level of Lake Biwa rose.

Since ancient times, he has been widely revered as the God of longevity and white beard and has also been worshipped as the god of guidance and opening of paths in all matters of the human world, including matchmaking, fertility, good fortune, prevention of disasters, bringing in good luck, prosperity in business, and traffic safety.



Shirahige Shrine



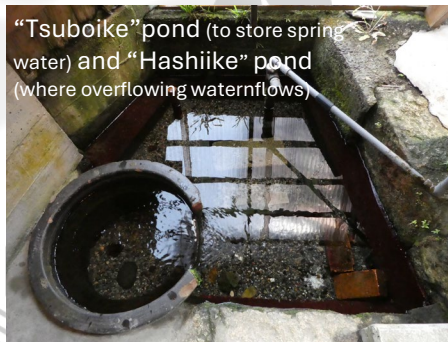
Guardian lion of the shrine

2nd stop of the morning “Harie Area, the source of fresh spring water”

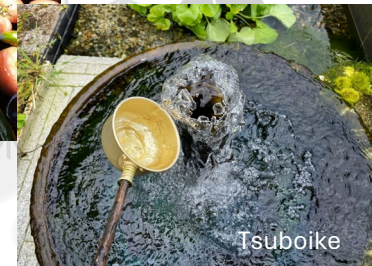
This region possesses a water culture that is uncommon even within Japan. The snow and rain that descend upon the Hira mountain range transform into underground water, resulting in exceptionally pure water flowing from each household. (In Harie, this spring water is referred to as shozu, or raw water.) Residents utilize this clear, naturally emerging water for drinking, cooking and various daily activities. This system is referred to as Kabata in this context.



A canal where spring water flows



“Tsuboike” pond (to store spring water) and “Hashiike” pond (where overflowing water flows)



Tsuboike

Today's lunch here

“Hinata Restaurant”

Enjoy meals made with plenty of freshly picked, home-grown vegetables in the nature-rich Harie Shozu no Sato.



The rose garden
in the restaurant's yard



inside
the restaurant



Stone oven baked pizza

The lunch menu: Pizza course

- Prosciutto salad
- A variety of seasonal pizzas
- four dessert options and beverage

1st stop of the afternoon

“Kawashima Sake Brewery”



Sake brewery storefront

Inside the brewery, visitors can find sake brewing tools and diagrams illustrating the sake-making process. The tools are available for hands-on interaction. Additionally, there are numerous vintage sake bottles on display, apart from the sake available for purchase at the entrance, allowing for new discoveries.



Chief brewer



Spring Shozu water

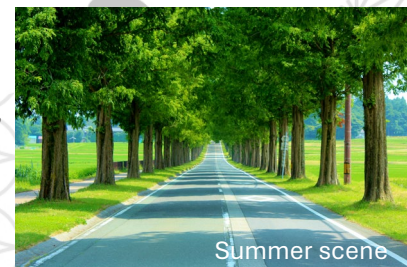


Water is essential for sake breweries, so each brewery has its own well. This brewery is located in an area with a spring called "Harie no Shozu," and is blessed with an abundant source of highly pure water.

2nd stop of the afternoon

“Metasequoia Boulevard”

Around 500 metasequoia trees are planted along the 2.4 km-long road, creating a plateau-like landscape as the access road to Makino Plateau. The stunning scenery transforms with the seasons, showcasing the budding greenery of spring, the lush green of summer, the vibrant autumn leaves, and the bare trees adorned with snowflakes in winter, harmonizing with the distant Nosaka Mountains, captivating all who come to visit.



Summer scene



Late autumn scene