

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

A relaxing one-day countryside tour from Kyoto "Shigaraki & Otsu course"

Today we will take you to the Shiga area, located east of Kyoto. First, we will visit an art museum nestled in the mountains, rich in nature, to see a magnificent collection, then we will visit Shigaraki, one of Japan's leading pottery producing regions. In Shigaraki, you will have the opportunity to try your hand at pottery making, and on the way back, you will also experience a tea ceremony in a mountain village.



Tour Itinerary

Time	Places to visit	Transportation/Travel Time
09:00		Private Mini-van/70 min from central Kyoto
10:00	Miho Museum /viewing	
11:00		
12:00	Lunch time (each)	Total travel time 1.2 hours including lunch (15 min net time by Private Mini-Van)
13:00	Shigaraki/viewing & strolling (Pottery making "Hand Forming course" experience)	➤ Additional fee needed for electric potter's wheel course
14:00		Private Mini-van/30 min
15:00	Sunai no Sato/viewing & strolling (Tea ceremony experience)	
16:00		
17:00		Private Mini-van/40 min to central Kyoto

Tour Fee

Prerequisite participants	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons
Price per person (tax included)	JPY 75,000.-	JPY53 ,000.-	JPY 41,000.-	JPY 35,000	JPY 30,000
Other prerequisites	Admission/Transportation/Tour Guide Fee included, Lunch excluded				

1st stop of the day “Miho Museum”

Miho Museum is a private art museum that opened in 1997 with the idea of creating a utopia, and houses art from a wide range of regions, including not only Japan but also Europe, the Middle East, and China.

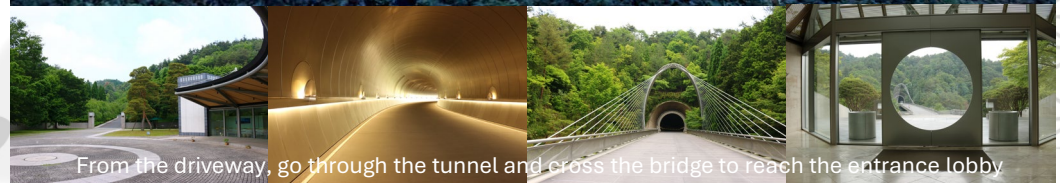
It was built in the mountains of Shigaraki, Shiga Prefecture, next to Kyoto, and much of the structure was constructed underground to protect the surrounding natural environment.



You can see the mountain ridges
at the same height from the lobby

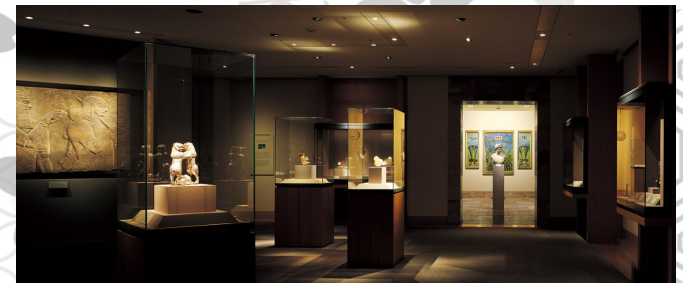


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From the driveway, go through the tunnel and cross the bridge to reach the entrance lobby

I.M. Pei, a renowned architect who designed the glass pyramid at the Louvre Museum, followed the wishes of the museum's founder, Mihoko Koyama, and created an approach to the museum through a tunnel and bridge from an avenue lined with weeping cherry trees, inviting visitors to a modern-day utopia. The museum regularly displays around 250 to 500 artworks from its collection of approximately 3,000 items, ranging from Japan to the ancient Orient, and hosts special temporary exhibitions. There is also a restaurant on the premises, where you can enjoy the harmony of beautiful nature, architecture, art, and food in this modern-day paradise, overflowing with the colors of the four seasons.



2nd stop of the day

“Shigaraki” (Pottery town)

Shigaraki is surrounded by mountains, and pottery manufacturing has been a livelihood here since the Kamakura period. Shigaraki has been recognized as a Japan Heritage site as one of the "Six Ancient Kilns of Japan," a region of pottery that originated in medieval Japan and continues to this day. Shigaraki pottery is famous for its tanuki (raccoon dog) figurines, but a wide variety of products are also made, including tableware and vases for everyday life, as well as building materials.



As you walk around Shigaraki, you will see raccoon dog pottery placed here and there, and the number is too numerous to count, surprising first-time visitors, but for the people who live in Shigaraki, it is a completely normal part of daily life. Shigaraki ware raccoon dog figurines have long been popular as good luck charms and bring prosperity to businesses, and their appearance is imbued with eight meanings known as "Hasso Engi" (eight auspicious symbols)



You will have the opportunity to experience pottery making (hand-forming, painting, and using an electric potter's wheel) in Shigaraki.

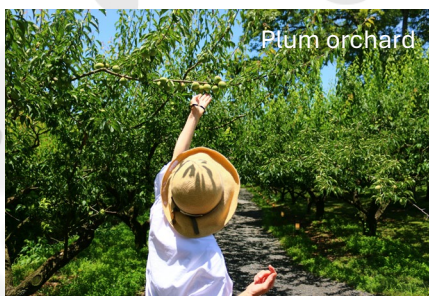


3rd stop of the day “Sunai no Sato”

This is a naturally rich rural area where you can experience Japanese food culture, centered around Japanese sweets, run by Kanou Shoujuan, one of the leading Japanese sweets companies in the Kansai region.



The natural scenery has been left untouched, and cherry blossoms, plum blossoms, camellias, hydrangeas, oaks, chestnuts, red pines and other flowers grow here, allowing visitors to enjoy the beautiful colors of Japan throughout the seasons. Along the walking trails that preserve the natural scenery, hundreds of thousands of wildflowers display their beauty throughout the seasons.



You can experience a tea ceremony with carefully crafted Japanese sweets and matcha green tea in the teahouse in the village.

