

Two-Day Tour to Ise Grand Shrine and the Hometown of Ninjas in Mie Prefecture

Capacity: **35**



On this two day trip to coastal Mie prefecture, you'll be able to visit a site that many people in Japan try to visit once in a lifetime; Ise Grand Shrine. This place has a fascinating cultural and craft heritage, and is believed to have many special powers. We will stroll along Okage Yokocho and enjoy the many street foods available here. On the second day, we will tour some of the popular tourist spots including Iga Ueno Castle, where we can discover the history of ninjas.

Itinerary

*The itinerary is subject to change without notice.

Day 1

- 9:00 Meet at charter bus stop at JR Kyoto Station Hachijo exit = = = Chartered bus = = =
- 11:30–12:30 Ise Grand Shrine (Outer Shrine) = = = = = Chartered bus = = = = =
- 12:50–14:30 Lunch (Okage Yokocho Street)Walk.....
- 14:30–16:00 Ise Grand Shrine (Inner Shrine) = = = = = Chartered bus = = = = =
- 18:00– Hotel

Day 2

- 9:00 Meet at the hotel = = = = = Chartered bus = = = = =
- 9:45–10:45 Iga Ueno CastleWalk.....
- 10:50–11:50 Ninja Museum of IgaryuWalk.....
- 12:00–13:00 Haiseiden Hall = = = = = Chartered bus = = = = =
- 13:10–14:10 Lunch (Igaji) = = = = = Chartered bus = = = = =
- 15:40 Tour ends at Kyoto Station

Inner Shrine of Ise Grand Shrine: The Inner Shrine, which is dedicated to Amaterasu Omikami, the sun goddess and ancestor of the Japanese Imperial Family, attracts worshippers from all over Japan as a power spot. At the Ise Grand Shrine, people customarily visit the Outer Shrine first and then the Inner Shrine.

Okage Yokocho Street: Okage Yokocho Street is located in Oharai-machi, a town that has developed in front of the Inner Shrine of the Ise Grand Shrine. This area is renowned for casual meals such as Tekone Sushi, Fukusuke's Ise udon noodles and Butasute's croquettes, and visitors can hop from store to store enjoying the tasty foods on offer.

Iga Ueno Castle: The castle is also known as "White Phoenix Castle" because of the resemblance of its white three-story building to a phoenix with its wings folded. Samurai weapons and armor are on display within the castle, and the ceiling exhibits 46 *shikishi* picture cards by renowned Japanese painter Yokoyama Taikan, and other celebrated artists.

Ninja Museum of Igaryu: This museum holds the world's largest collection of artifacts associated with ninjas. At the Ninja House, staff disguised as ninjas show visitors various techniques employed by ninjas. The museum also has a Ninja Experience Hall and Ninja Tradition Hall where valuable ninja-related artifacts and materials are exhibited, including tools actually used by ninjas.



Ise Grand Shrine (Inner Shrine)



Okage Yokocho Street



Iga Ueno Castle