Come and explore the historic district of Fushimi, as we head towards the southeastern part of the city to learn about the delicious Japanese alcoholic beverage sake in an historic brewery. After a sample (or two!) we’ll enjoy a leisurely stroll through the old town, before taking to the river by boat where the view of breweries with traditional white earthen walls is most impressive. As we ride along the Hori River, the outer moat of Fushimi Castle, we can consider its history, having been built by Japan’s most famous samurai leader, Toyotomi Hideyoshi. Finally, the unmissable Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine, with its mysterious tunnel of a thousand bright red torii gates – one of Japan’s most iconic sights.

Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum: The name Gekkeikan, which means “laurel crown,” reflects the sake brewery’s ambition to make sake produced in Fushimi, Kyoto, No. 1 in the world! This museum showcases the sake brewing techniques used by breweries in Fushimi, Kyoto and the history and culture of sake. The tour will also visit a sake brewing factory.

Jikkokubune Boat: Sanjikkokubune, is a wooden boat that used to transport sake produced by a cluster of breweries in Fushimi.

Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine: Locally referred to as “Oinari-san,” the shrine is dedicated to the deity of business prosperity and bountiful harvests. Famous for the long rows of vermilion torii gates known as senbon torii, meaning a thousand torii gates, the shrine is now attracting an increasing number of tourists, both from Japan and overseas.