The History of Conflict and Peace in Kyoto’s Coastal Region

Visit Maizuru, a port town with a fascinating history, located about 100 km north of Kyoto City. You’ll visit the town’s 16th century castle and the former Japanese naval base, which was active here until the 20th century. After World War II, Maizuru received Japanese repatriates from abroad, including from the former Manchuria and Soviet Union. The tour offers a variety of special activities, including cruising in Maizuru Bay where a guided missile destroyer is anchored, visiting museums, and joining a tea ceremony.

Maizuru Repatriation Memorial Museum: This museum tells the experiences of Japanese soldiers who were detained in the former Soviet Union after World War II. We will be shown artifacts used by detainees including the clothes they wore, and be guided through the backyard of the museum.

Maizuru Red Brick Museum: The former torpedo warehouse built in 1903 by the Japanese navy was turned into a museum. We will also make a special guided tour into 12 fascinating brick buildings around the museum that are not usually open to the public.

Tanabe Castle Museum: Tanabe Castle was built by the warlord Hosokawa Yusai in the late 16th century. The restored castle gate is now used as a museum, where visitors have the opportunity to wear samurai armor and join a tea ceremony.

**Itinerary**

*The itinerary is subject to change without notice.*

9:00 Meet at chartered bus stop at Hachijo exit of JR Kyoto Station — — = = Chartered bus — =

10:50 - 12:20 Maizuru Repatriation Memorial Museum (experiences of detainees, the behind-the-scenes tour, etc.) = = = Chartered bus = =

12:40 - 13:40 Lunch (at the Farm Restaurant Fururu) = = = Chartered bus = = =

14:00 - 14:30 Cruising in Maizuru Bay ・・・・・Walk・・・・・

14:35 - 15:30 Maizuru Red Brick Museum/Maizuru Red Brick Park = = = Chartered bus = = =

16:10 - 17:30 Former Tanabe Castle site (Tanabe Castle Museum) (wearing Japanese armor, tea ceremony)

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19:15 Tour ends at JR Kyoto Station