T-3: Two-Day Tour  8 – 9 September, 2019

Two days in Kanagawa: Seaside Cities of Kamakura and Yokohama

This tour will visit two popular cities in Kanagawa Prefecture bordering the south-western borders of Tokyo: Kamakura and Yokohama. Kamakura is a historic town with tranquil temples and a giant seated Buddha. Yokohama is a fun port town to shop and sightsee, where we’ll have the opportunity to eat in one of Japan’s largest Chinatowns.

Itinerary

Day 1
9:30  Meet at charter bus stop at JR Kyoto Station Hachijo exit — — Shinkansen (Boxed lunch) — —
12:22  Shin-Yokohama Station — — — — — — Chartered bus — — — — — —
15:00–16:30  Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine, Komachi-dori Street — — — — Chartered bus — — — — — —
17:20–  Hotel around Yokohama

Day 2
10:00  Meet at the hotel — — — — — — Chartered bus — — — — — —
10:10–11:10  Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse/Yamashita Park — — — — Chartered bus — — — — — —
11:20–13:00  Yokohama Chinatown (lunch) — — — — — — Chartered bus — — — — — —
13:20–14:50  Sankeien Garden (matcha tea) — — — — — — Chartered bus — — — — — —
15:10–  Shin-Yokohama Station — — — — — — Shinkansen — — — — — —
17:47  Tour ends at Kyoto Station

Yamashita Park: This park has a lot to see, such as memorials and a monument to a children’s song. The park commands a magnificent view of Yokohama Port, with the Yokohama Bay Bridge and ships sailing in the port creating a romantic scenescape. We will also enjoy walking around the historic Red Brick Warehouse area.

Yokohama Chinatown: This is one of the three major Chinatowns in Japan where you can enjoy tasty take-out foods, authentic Chinese dishes, and shopping. Have fun buying a street-food lunch and eating while walking around Chinatown.

Great Buddha of Kamakura at Kotoku-in Temple: The Kotoku-in Temple is famous for the Great Buddha of Kamakura, which, though not as large as the Great Buddha enshrined in the Todai-ji Temple in Nara, retains its original state almost perfectly and thus holds a very important position in the Japanese history of Buddhist art.

Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine: The shrine is one of Japan’s three major shrines dedicated to Hachiman, the guardian deity of warriors. Associated with Minamoto no Yoritomo, the founder of the Kamakura shogunate, the shrine was worshipped by samurais during the Kamakura period. Along Komachi-dori Street near the shrine, you can enjoy shopping and eating street-foods as you get to know the area.