

Heritage Sites of Sasayama Castle Town and Tamba Pottery Village and Tea Ceremony



Daisho-in, Sasayama Castle

The Tamba area is located in the mountainous region in the central-eastern part of Hyogo Prefecture. We will visit two Japanese Heritage Sites, Sasayama Castle Town, which is famous for landscape with a history spanning back over 400 years, and the Tamba pottery village, one of Japan's six ancient kilns with an 800-year history. In the village, we will see pottery products, join a tea ceremony, and visit Tamba pottery factories.

Itinerary

*The itinerary is subject to change without notice.

9:00	Meet at charter bus stop at JR Kyoto Station Hachijo exit	=== Chartered bus ===
10:30 - 12:30	Sasayama Castle Town Daisho-in of Sasayama Castle (former Sasayama Castle site), Tamba Sasayama Dekansho Museum, and samurai residences *Lunch on your own	=== Chartered bus ===
13:00 - 14:30	The Museum of Ceramic Art, Hyogo Exhibition of Tamba pottery products, tea ceremony	=== Chartered bus ===
14:30 - 15:30	Pottery factories to see potters creating traditional ceramics	=== Chartered bus ===
15:30 - 16:30	Tamba Traditional Art Craft Park, Tachikui Sue no Sato, Kamamoto Yokocho (ceramics shop)	=== Chartered bus ===
18:00	Tour ends at JR Kyoto Station	

***Note:** This course does not include lunch. Please have lunch on your own (Lunch typically cost 1,500 to 2,000 yen).

Sasayama Castle Town: The town developed around Sasayama Castle built in the early 17th century, which retains much of the original castle town layout of the early modern period, including the samurai and merchant quarters. For its historical townscape, which is recognized as one of the most valuable historical assets in Japan, the town was designated as a national preservation district for groups of historic buildings in 2004. We will visit the samurai residences and the former Sasayama Castle site to see what the castle town was like in the past.

The Museum of Ceramic Art, Hyogo: This prefectural museum is dedicated to pottery products and is located in the Tamba pottery village, one of the six ancient kilns in Japan with an 800-year history designated as a Japanese Heritage Site. Here, we will see an exhibition of Tamba pottery products and join a tea ceremony using Tamba pottery cups, set in the lush green environment.

Visit to pottery factories: We will visit the oldest Tamba pottery climbing kiln and pottery factories each with distinctive characteristics, while enjoying views of the traditional pottery village with its 60 pottery factories.



The Museum of Ceramic Art, Hyogo



Tamba Traditional Art Craft Park
Tachikui Sue no Sato (Kamamoto Yokocho Shop)



Pottery Factories