

Half-Day Nara Park & Kasuga Okuyama Morning Tour (Regular Sightseeing Bus, Course B) (Multilingual Audio Guide Avail., With Japanese-speaking Guide)

08:45-

Check-in at the sightseeing bus information center at either JR Nara Station or Kintetsu Nara Station.

Show your reservation confirmation sheet at the meeting location at least 20 minutes prior to departure and finish procedures for boarding the bus.

Meeting Locations:

[JR Nara Station]

Just outside the ticket gates on the 2nd floor.

[Kintetsu Nara Station]

Head to your right after exiting the west ticket gates. Go up the stairs of exit 5. On the 1st floor of Nara Line House.

09:05

JR Nara Station 

Once the bus has departed, participants will not be able to join halfway through the tour.

09:10-

Kintetsu-Nara Station 

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Todai-ji Temple (70 min)

Established by Emperor Shomu in the middle of the 8th century. The 25m high Nandai-mon Gate (Great South

Gate) is one of the largest in the country, with 2 muscular guardians of Buddha (Kongo-rikishi-zo) standing on both sides of the gate facing each other. The Great Buddha Hall houses the majestic statue of Great Buddha, known in Japanese as the "Daibutsu of Nara." Crawl through the hole cut through the old supporting pillar, the same size as the nostril of the Great Buddha, which is said to bring good luck.

Kasuga Taisha Shrine (60 min)

This shrine, adjacent to the sacred Kasugayama mountain, was established in the mid-8th century and features beautiful vermilion-lacquered structures.

Kofuku-ji Temple (45 min)

Learn about the temple by understanding the layout of this World Heritage site, including the Goju-no-To (five-storied pagoda), which has now become a symbol of Nara, and the Sarusawa Lake. Visit the Eastern Golden Hall, a National Treasure.

Mount Wakakusa and Kasugayama primeval

forest (drive-by)

Get a view of Mount Wakakusa from the bus window as the bus passes through the New Wakakusa driveway, and pass through the Kasuga Okuyama driveway and view the primeval forest of Kasugayama.

Drop off at Kintetsu-Nara Station and JR

Nara Station