

# 1-Day Uji & Nara Tour

08:30-

## Depart from New Miyako Hotel

Head to Kyoto Station on foot.

The morning portion of this tour is a walking tour, not a bus tour. Please participate in shoes which are easy to walk in. The afternoon portion of the tour will be a bus tour.

## From Kyoto Station to Uji Station (20 min)

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

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## Kintetsu-Nara Station

JR Special Rapid Service or Local Train Service (non-reserved seat)

This tour uses public transportation for the round-trip to Uji. All trains have non-reserved seats. Please note that seating is not guaranteed.

## Uji Bridge

Uji Bridge is thought to have been originally built sometime in the 7th century and is counted among the oldest bridges in Japan. A small protrusion off one side of the bridge known as san-no-ma offers great views.

## Nakanoshima Park

Walk around this park which is built on a sandbar in the middle of the river.

The tour may be unable to drop by Nakanoshima Park in case of high water level in the Uji River, etc.

## Tea Ceremony Experience at Taihoan (20 min)

Experience an authentic tea ceremony in the famous

tea town of Uji.

### **Byodo-in Temple (50 min)**

Built near the end of the Heian Era, this temple houses a Buddha statue and other images, and is surrounded by a beautiful garden. The temple is registered on the World Heritage List as a part of the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto. An image of this temple's Phoenix Hall is featured on the 10 yen coin.

The tour may not be able to enter the Phoenix Hall at Byodo-in Temple in case of congestion. In this case, JPY 300 will be refunded at the location.

### **From Uji Station to Kyoto Station (20 min)**

(JR Rapid/Local, non-reserved seating)

### **Kyoto Station**

Walk to New Miyako Hotel

### **Lunch (Western-style menu) (60 min)**

### **Depart from New Miyako Hotel**

Transportation for the Nara sightseeing will be by bus.

### **From Kyoto to Nara (90 min)**

Head to Nara via the Nara Keinawa Expressway

### **Todai-ji Temple (Great Buddha)/Nara Park (60 min)**

A World Heritage site. This is the symbol of the Nara Period and one of the world's largest wooden structures. Its huge main hall and bronze Great Buddha are impressive to behold.

### **Kasuga Taisha Shrine (40 min)**

This Nara Period shrine is designated as a World Heritage Site. The deer of Nara Park are thought to

be the shrine messengers.

At Kasuga Taisha Shrine, the tour will not enter areas requiring admission.

### **Nara Nagomikan (20 min)**

The largest souvenir shop in Nara. Enjoy yourself in this spacious shop and look for the perfect souvenir.

Nara Nagomikan may be omitted from the itinerary if it is closed on the day of the tour, or as a result of traffic congestion.

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### **Drop-off Service**

To hotels in Kyoto city

During the Gion Festival (Sakimatsuri, July 15 - 16), drop-off service to Karasuma Kyoto Hotel and Hotel Nikko Princess Kyoto will be unavailable due to traffic restrictions.