

1-Day Kyoto & Nara Tour (Round-trip from Osaka)

07:15-

Pick-up Service

Head from pick-up hotels to Hotel Granvia Osaka

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Walk to Osaka Station

From Osaka Station to Kyoto Station

JR Special Rapid Service/Rapid Service (non-reserved seat) OR Bus

Depending on the number of participants, the tour will use JR train or a bus from Osaka to Kyoto, and Kintetsu train or bus from Nara to Osaka. Please note that seating is non-reserved for the trip from Osaka to Kyoto and the trip from Nara to Osaka if using public transportation. Please note that seating is not guaranteed.

08:25

Depart from Sunrise Tours Desk inside Avanti

(across from Kyoto Station Hachijo Exit) 

All sightseeing in Kyoto and Nara on this tour is by bus.

Nijo Castle (50 min)

A World Heritage site. Tour the historical castle completed in 1626, which was built to provide lodging for Tokugawa Shogun and as a palladium for Kyoto Imperial Palace. The impressive, elaborate carvings and decors in the Ninomaru Palace are a must-see.

Nijo Castle is closed on Tuesdays in January, July, August, and December (Closed on the following day if Tuesday is a holiday.) If the castle is closed, or if the tour is during the year-end/New Year's holidays, Ryoan-ji Temple will be visited instead.

Kinkaku-ji Temple (45 min)

A World Heritage site. The wooden architecture is covered in thin layers of pure gold and is surrounded by a beautiful pond.

[Except Mondays] Kyoto Imperial Palace (40 min)

See the Kyoto Imperial Palace, which was used as the Emperor's residence until about 150 years ago. On Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays, Kyoto Imperial Palace is closed. On these days, the tour will visit Kitano Tenmangu Shrine instead. (Mondays, Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday, May 14-17 for the Aoi Festival, New Year's holidays, and whenever there is an Imperial Household event).

[Mondays (and Tuesdays when Monday is a national holiday)] Kitano Tenmangu Shrine (40 min)

On Mondays (and Tuesdays if a national holiday falls on the preceding Monday), this tour will visit Kitano Tenmangu Shrine instead of the Kyoto Imperial Palace. It is famous for housing the God of scholarship. This shrine's main hall is a designated national treasure. The shrine is especially great to see during the plum blossom and autumn leaf seasons.

The tour will visit Nishi Hongan-ji Temple instead of Kitano Tenmangu Shrine on September 25 and December 25.

Lunch (Japanese/Western style buffet)

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From Kyoto to Nara (90 min) 

Head to Nara via the Nara Keinawa Expressway

Todai-ji Temple (Great Buddha)/Nara Park (40 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 (20 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.

From Nara Nagomikan to Kintetsu Nara Station

Go to Kintetsu Nara Station via bus and on foot

From Kintetsu Nara Station to Osaka Namba

Station 

Kintetsu Rail (non-reserved seat) OR Bus

19:30

Tour ends at Osaka Namba Station

Please head to your next destination on your own after the tour.