

1-Day Kyoto & Nara Tour

08:25 -

Depart from Sunrise Tours Desk inside Avanti (across from Kyoto Station Hachijo

Exit) 

Pick-up service is available at hotels in Kyoto city.

All transportation 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 lunch) (50 min)

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.

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.

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

18:30 - 19:30

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..