

The Wooded Mountains Where Japan's Paper-Making Traditions Still Thrive

Capacity: 40



Fukuchiyama and Ayabe are located in the stunning mountainous area of Kyoto Prefecture known as “Kyoto in the Forest.” The diverse natural resources in the led people to develop special local products and industries, such as Kurotani Japanese *washi* paper and textiles. The area has a unique religious faith and traditions. On this tour you will enjoy beautiful nature and discover fascinating local history and culture.

Kurotani Japanese *washi* paper

Itinerary

* The itinerary is subject to change without notice.

- 8:45 Meet at chartered bus stop at Hachijo exit of JR Kyoto Station === Chartered bus ===
- 10:20 - 11:20 Kurotani Washi Kaikan Hall === Chartered bus ===
- 11:40 - 12:40 Gunze Memorial Hall === Chartered bus ===
- 13:05 - 14:15 Sato Taisei Memorial Art Museum and Tanba Seikatsui-kan === Chartered bus ===
- 15:00 - 16:00 Japanese Oni Exchange Museum === Chartered bus ===
- 16:15 - 17:15 Motoise Naiku Kotai Shrine === Chartered bus ===
- 19:15 Tour ends at JR Kyoto Station

Kurotani Washi Kaikan Hall: Visit a Japanese paper studio and meet Japanese Kurotani washi paper craftsmen. You will actually experience making Japanese paper at the studio.

Gunze Memorial Hall: The hall shows the history of Gunze, a textile manufacturer that started out producing raw silk, a local industry of Ayabe.

Fukuchiyama Castle: The castle was built by the warlord Akechi Mitsuhide. We will look at the castle from the outside due to constructions.

Japanese Oni Exchange Museum: Oe-cho in Fukuchiyama is famous for legends of *oni* demons. This museum features an exhibition of artifacts relating to *oni* demons collected from Japan and abroad.

Three Motoise Shrines: The tour will visit Naiku Kotai Shrine and Amano Iwato Shrine, two of the three Motoise Shrines that are associated with Ise Grand Shrine, and feature an impressive, mysterious and sacred atmosphere.



Gunze Memorial Hall



Fukuchiyama Castle
(under renovation)



Japanese Oni Exchange Museum