

Japan's Traditional Craft Culture in a Mountain Village

Capacity: 40



Miyama, the village of thatched-roof houses

The name of the village of Miyama literally means 'beautiful mountain'. Indeed, this is a picturesque village surrounded by a gorgeous wooded mountains. With its thatched-roof houses, Miyama represents some of Japan's oldest ways of life, and is designated as a National Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings. On this tour you will enjoy the natural environment of Nantan, learn about the local lifestyle and culture maintained in this village, and the tradition of craftsmanship inherited from the past.

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 ===
9:45 - 10:25	Nantan City Museum of Culture	=== Chartered bus ===
10:35 - 11:15	Traditional Arts College of Excellence Kyoto	=== Chartered bus ===
12:10 - 13:10	Lunch (Kajika-so thatched-roof house)	=== Chartered bus ===
13:15 - 15:00	Miyama Folklore Museum, Stroll among thatched-roof houses	=== Chartered bus ===
16:00 - 17:00	Seigen-ji Temple	=== Chartered bus ===
18:00	Tour ends at JR Kyoto Station	

Traditional Arts 'College of Excellence' Kyoto: This college was established to train young successors of traditional Japanese craft techniques. We will visit the college to see students practicing how to make traditional craftworks.

Nantan City Museum of Culture: We will learn about the history and culture of the Nantan area.

Miyama Folklore Museum: This is a symbolic building of Miyama, a village of thatched-roof houses. With old agricultural equipment and daily goods on display, you can clearly imagine what life was like in Miyama in olden times. A thatcher will meet us to explain the traditional thatching techniques.

Seigen-ji Temple: We will see 22 wooden Buddhist statues made by high priest Mokujiki, who traveled around Japan and made more than 1,000 wooden Buddhist statues for temples.



Traditional Arts 'College of Excellence' Kyoto



Miyama Folklore Museum



Thatchers working on the roof