

Japanese Masterpieces at Sagawa Art Museum and the Historic City of Omihachiman



Sagawa Art Museum

Sagawa Art Museum is situated amongst the stunning natural surroundings of the Omi-Moriyama area. Amongst the museum's exquisite collection are many masterpieces of the Japanese art. We will have an exclusive tour of the modern tea room designed by the ceramic artist Raku Kichizaemon XV. After enjoying the local delicacy of Omi beef *sukiyaki* for lunch, we will spend the afternoon exploring the scenic streets of Omihachiman, which came to prominence as a historic center of commerce, and visit the Himure Hachiman Shrine.

Itinerary

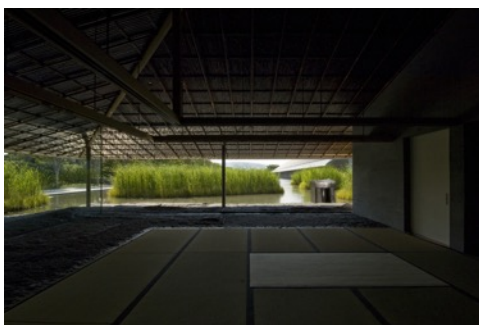
※The tour is subject to change without notice.

09:00	Meet at Kyoto Station	====Chartered Bus====
10:00 – 13:00	Sagawa Art Museum Exhibitions and Special Tea Room Tour	==Chartered Bus==
13:20 – 14:20	Lunch (Omi beef <i>sukiyaki</i>)	====Chartered Bus====
14:40 – 15:40	Hachiman-bori Canal and Himure Hachimangu Shrine	==Chartered Bus==
17:00	Tour ends at Kyoto Station	

Sagawa Art Museum: The museum opened in March 1998 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Sagawa Express shipping company. The museum's permanent collections include works by famous Japanese ceramic artist Raku Kichizaemon XV, painter Hirayama Ikuo, and sculptor Sato Churyo. The museum is probably best known among pottery and ceramics fans. It has underwater rooms showcasing the works of Raku Kichizaemon XV, the current head of a family of pottery masters dating back 450 years. Immerse yourself in the underwater galleries and explore the tea room on an exclusive guided tour.

Hachiman-bori Canal and Omihachiman: Sitting on the ancient road from Tokyo to Kyoto, the once bustling commercial hub of Omihachiman retains its merchant town charm. The waterway in Omihachiman City was built to be 15 meters wide and 6 kilometers long. As we see the sights along Hachiman-bori's famous white walls, you'll have the opportunity to talk to local volunteer guides.

Himure Hachimangu Shrine: Located at the foot of Mount Hachiman, Himure Hachimangu Shrine is an ancient majestic shrine worshipped as the protective deity for the Omi merchants.



Tea Room designed by Raku Kichizaemon XV



Hachiman-bori Canal



Himure Hachimangu Shrine