

Visit the Stunning Wall Paintings and Stone Age Burial Sites of Asuka Village



The area around Asuka in Nara Prefecture, about 20 kilometers south of Nara City, can be considered the cradle of Japanese civilization. It is here where the first Japanese emperors established their capitals, and many of the country's oldest shrines, temples, tombs, stone monuments and archaeological excavations can be found. Asuka village is an open-air museum where you can catch a glimpse of the history and culture of the Asuka period, and experience the way of life in Japan 1400 years ago.

Ishibutai Burial Mound

Itinerary

※The tour is subject to change without notice.

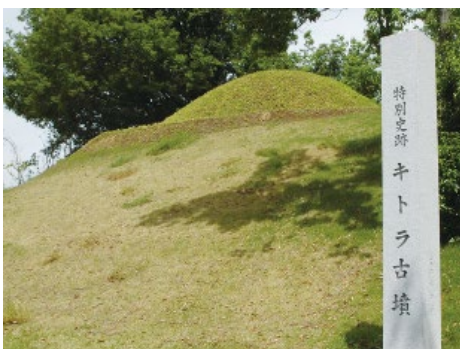
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| 09:00 | Meet at Kyoto Station | ====Chartered Bus==== |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Kitora Tumulus & Mural Museum | ====Chartered Bus==== |
| 12:10 – 13:00 | Lunch | ====Chartered Bus==== |
| 13:10 – 14:10 | Ishibutai Burial Mound | ====Chartered Bus==== |
| 14:20 – 15:30 | Takamatsuzuka Tomb & Mural Hall | ==Chartered Bus== |
| 17:00 | Tour ends at Kyoto Station | |

Kitora Tumulus: This mural tomb is believed to have been built in the late 7th to early 8th centuries. On the ceiling of the stone chamber is a full-scale astronomical map, and on the wall is a beautiful picture of the four gods and zodiacs who are thought to be the gods that protect the four compass points.

Kitora Tumulus Mural Experiential Museum Shijino Yakata : Kitora tomb is introduced through various interesting exhibition methods including a documentary exhibition, high-resolution multi-screen images, a full-sized Kitora archaeological stone chamber model, a diorama model to introduce everyday life in ancient Asuka.

Ishibutai Tumulus : This is one of the largest rectangular tombs in Japan. The massive stone tomb was built in the sixth century for the powerful Soga family. The total weight of the 30 rocks is about 2300 tons, and the weight of the ceiling stone is about 77 tons.

Takamatsuzuka Tomb & Mural Hall : A tomb was built from the end of the 7th century to the beginning of the 8th century. Famed for the mural paintings of colorful women on the west wall. The Takamatsuzuka Tomb Mural Museum reproduces Takamatsuzuka Tomb in an easy-to-understand format.



Kitora Tumulus



Kitora Burial Mound North Wall Mural, Black Turtle



Takamatsuzuka Tombs West Wall Mural