

Shizuoka Town Tour

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Fare: JPY9,200

Maximum Participants: 20

Course:

8:30 **Leave Shizuoka Station**

9:00 **Nihon-daira – Kuno-zan Toshogu Shrine by Ropeway – Nihon-daira**

Nihon-daira is a hilly area located in the central part of Shizuoka on the northern side of Mt. Udo facing the Izu Peninsula with the Suruga Bay in between. From the area designated as a Prefecture Natural Park you can enjoy the panoramic view of Mt. Fuji and Suruga Bay.



Kuno-zan Toshogu Shrine was built by the 2nd Shogun Hidetada Tokugawa, the son of Ieyasu Tokugawa. Ieyasu Tokugawa became the first shogun of the Tokugawa shogunate in the early 17th century, and established the foundation of an approximately 300-year-long stable Edo period.



Kuno-zan Toshogu and Nihon-daira are connected by a 1,065 meter ropeway. You can gaze at Byobu-iwa, a chain of towering cliffs, and Suruga Bay below you.

11:45 – 12:45 **Lunch at sushi restaurant “Fukuichimaru”**

13:00 – 13:40 **Sengen Shrine**

Shizuoka Sengen Shrine is located at the southern foot of Mt. Shizuhata. Having been honored as the head shrine of Sumpu, the old name of Shizuoka, the shrine had received the patronage of the Tokugawa. At the top of the hundred stone steps of Sengen Shrine, you will find Shizuhatayama Kofun, an ancient tomb of a local ruler of the 6th century. It measures about 32 meters in diameter and 7 meters in height.

13:50 **Sumpu Castle**

Sumpu Castle was built as a residence of Shogun Ieyasu Tokugawa in the early 17th century. He lived in this castle for 10 years until he died in 1616 at the age of 75. Unfortunately, Sumpu Castle had been destroyed and severely damaged repeatedly by fires and earthquakes. The castle itself has not been reconstructed until now.

15:00 **Momijiyama Park**

Momijiyama Garden, which was opened in November 2001, is located in Sumpu Park, Shizuoka-city, where the famous first Tokugawa Shogun Ieyasu lived about 400 years ago. This is a typical Japanese garden, which is influenced by the Buddhist philosophy.

*Tea service is provided in the park.

Tour disbands at Momijiyama Park

Amazing Mt. Fuji Environments Tour

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Fare: JPY8,700

Maximum Participants: 30



Mt. Fuji is 3,776m high and is the highest mountain in Japan situated at the border of southeastern Yamanashi and Shizuoka. With its unrivaled magnificence and beautiful conic shape, Mt. Fuji has often been selected as the subject for paintings and literature. It is the world famous symbol of Japan. At the foot of the mountain and around its wide base lies a beautiful resort area replete with abundant natural scenery that includes lakes, plateaus, waterfall and caves. Please note that this tour is not a hiking tour. Trails are closed during winter time.

Course:

8:30 **Leave Hotel in Shizuoka**

10:00 - 10:30 **Narusawa Ice Cave**

Narusawa Fuketsu (Narusawa Ice Cave) is an ice cave, with temperatures around 2°C it contains ice the whole year. There are 90cm long ice stalactites hanging from the ceiling. A mighty layer of ice is up to six meters thick.

10:45 – 11:30 **Oshino Hakkai**

Oshino Hakkai is the popular tourist spot consisted of eight spring-fed ponds. The source of the spring water is snow at Mt. Fuji. The clear water here was selected one of the best 100 water in Japan.



12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch at Gotenba Kogen Beer Restaurant “Mugibatake”**

14:45 – 15:30 **Kakitagawa Park**

16:00 – 17:00 **Tokaido Hiroshige Art Museum / Yui Honjin Memorial Hall**

Tokaido Hiroshige art Museu is the only art museum in the world that has mainly collected the works of Hiroshige Utagawa, a famous painter of the splendid “Ukiyo-e” or Japanese print. More than 1300 wood-block prints including works of Hiroshige as the main collection are displayed. Among them is a very valuable work named “Kisokaido 69- tsugi-Nakatsugawa-no-zu”(Scenery of Nakatsugawa as the 69th station town of the Kisokaido high way). It is said that most works of his rainy scenery prints are masterpieces.



18:00 **Return to Hotel in Shizuoka**