


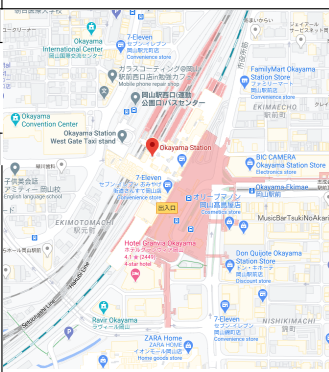


Title			Visit the refined beauty of Japan. Okayama & Kurashiki Walking Tour			Region : Okayama City, Okayama Prefecture		
Overview	Covering the three largest gardens in Japan, Japan's first Western art museum and other must-see spots that reveal the roots of Japanese beauty.			Language Support	Languages Available	■ Japanese ■ English ■ Chinese □ Other		
					Language completion tools	■ Yes / □ No		
					Interpreter available	■ Yes / □ No		
					Guide information	1 multilingual tour guide staff (Japanese, English, Chinese), who has passed an independent assessment		
Unique Selling Points	<b>I . An all-encompassing one-day tour of Okayama City and Kurashiki City, two of Okayama's most popular tourist destinations.</b>  The focus of this tour is the beauty of Okayama City and Kurashiki City. In Okayama City, you will visit Okayama Castle's gorgeous tower, Japanese gardens, as well as other places of traditional Japanese beauty. In Kurashiki City, you can enjoy the historical value and beauty of the city's landscape, a scenery which has been compared to the streets of Kyoto. This is a luxury plan that allows you to fully enjoy the beauty of Okayama in a single day.		Other Plan Information	Participant Requirements	None			
Unique Selling Points	<b>II . You can enjoy one of the most historically significant landscapes in Japan.</b>  The area along the Kurashiki River in Kurashiki City is known as the "Kurashiki Bikan Area" and its architecture and traditional beauty has earned a comparison to the olden streets of Kyoto. The area was developed as a distribution centre for goods in the Edo period (1603-1867), and the traditional buildings and old townscape have been preserved to this day. Today, the area is a popular place to enjoy the quaint atmosphere of renovated traditional machiya houses converted into stylish shops and cafes.			Cancellation Policy	Free cancellation up to 48 hours before			
Unique Selling Points	<b>III . A taste of Western art, which has had a major influence on the development of Japan's unique aesthetic.</b>  On the tour, you will visit the famous Ohara Museum of Art in Kurashiki, the first private western art museum in Japan. It was founded by Magosaburo Ohara, Kurabo Company's second president, an entrepreneur who contributed to the cultural development of Kurashiki. You will surely be fascinated by the aesthetic curiosity of the works of art displayed, containing a fusion of Japanese and Western beauty that can only be enjoyed here.			Precautionary considerations	Okayama Castle will be closed for renovations from June 2021 to Autumn 2022. Please note that in case of such temporary closures, other spots included, we reserve the right to change the places to be visited.			
Itinerary	<p>Meet-up and tour explanation in front of the Central Exit ticket gate in Okayama Station.</p> <p>1・Okayama Electric Railway 10:05~10:15 2・Okayama Castle 10:30 - 11:10 3. Okayama Korakuen Garden 11:20-12:20 4. Nishikawa Canal Park 12:40-12:45 5・Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter 13:25-14:45 6, Kurashiki Ivy Square 14:55 - 15:35 7. Ohara Museum of Art 15:40-16:45</p> <p>【Outline of each spot】 Okayama Electric Railway: This tramway is very popular with the locals. The design of the cars is quite distinctive and varies from retro cars that are over 70 years old to those adorned with whimsical cat illustrations; you never know which car you'll be able to ride, and that's half the fun! The line has a history of over 100 years and is a well-loved sight in Okayama City.</p> <p>Okayama Castle: The symbol of Okayama. With its unique building shape, in large part thanks to a river acting as its moat, Okayama castle presents a unique aesthetic sense making it the only one of its kind in Japan. It also serves as a museum where visitors can learn more about the period when samurai were active.</p> <p>Okayama Korakuen Garden: This is one of Japan's oldest and most famous gardens, built over 300 years ago. The beauty of the landscape has earned it three stars on the Michelin Green Guide. It is also notable for its history of gradual alterations to the landscape according to the personal aesthetic tastes of successive feudal lords.</p> <p>Nishigawa Canal Park: A park where you can feel the current day atmosphere of Okayama City. Both banks of the north-south canal have been turned into a park, which is often used as a place for artistic activities by the citizens. Along the canal is Tamachi, the largest amusement district in Okayama.</p> <p>Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter: This is the area where the old streets were laid out during the samurai period. The view of the quarter from a traditional rowing boat is a unique experience. The area is also home to traditional machiya houses that have been converted into some of the most fashionable restaurants in Okayama offering traditional Okayama cuisine.</p> <p>Kurashiki Ivy Square: This complex of hotels and restaurants, covered in ivy dating back over 130 years ago, is a valuable work of art that embodies the harmony between Man and nature. There is also a museum where you can learn more about the history of Kurashiki, making it a must-visit place when in the city.</p> <p>Ohara Museum of Art: This museum, famous as the first private western art museum in Japan, was founded by one of Kurashiki's leading industrialists. One of its unique highlights are the exhibited works focused on the unique Japanese aesthetic sensibility of finding beauty in everyday objects.</p>			In case of bad weather, emergency, delay or no show	・In the event of bad weather on the day of the tour, the means of transportation, destinations, and routes may be changed. ・If you do not arrive at the departure point within 60 minutes of the agreed time, it will be treated as a no-show.			
Reservation Information	■ Operation hours		■ Number of tours		Inventory Management	□ Yes / ■ No		
	All year round (except New Year holidays), from Tuesday to Sunday		Dependent on number of requests		Contact Information	otomo corporation / 03-6876-6003 3F Mitomi Building, 3-13-3 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan		
	■ Duration and start time		■ Number of people		Support hours	10:00~19:00		
	Duration: 7 hours Start times: 9am, 9.30am, 10am		1 to 6 people		Inquiry email address	notice_partner-reservation@otomo-travel.com		
Meeting point and access	■ Access via public transport			Package Information	Price (Tax included)	Contact us for pricing		
	In front of the ticket gate at Okayama Station Central Exit				Options / Price			
	Accessible from Tsuyama Line, Ako Line, Kibi Line, Tokaido and Sanyo Shinkansen.				What's Included	Guide fee, guide expenses, insurance		
	■ Address of meeting place Okayama Station Central Exit 1 Ekimoto-machi, Kita-ku, Okayama City, Okayama Prefecture 700-0024, Japan				What's Not Included	Transportation, entrance fees, meals, souvenirs and experiences (Recommended minimum cash amount: 4,700 yen/person)		