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Overview	<b>Cycling along abandoned railway tracks and visiting famous jeans stores; Kojima is filled with unique activities</b>		Language Support	Languages Available	■ Japanese ■ English ■ Chinese □ Other			
	Kojima is a scenic port town located in the southern part of Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture, and has prospered since ancient times as a strategic point for maritime traffic in the Seto Inland Sea. Due to its geographical characteristics, the town has developed export-heavy industries, such as textiles, shipping, and salt manufacturing to meet the changing needs of the times. On this tour, you will use a pedal-assist electric bicycle to fully enjoy the highlights of Kojima in a single day.			Language completion tools	■ Yes / □ No			
	For our first activity, you will ride along an unusual bike path converted from a train track. Weaving through the houses and roads, you will feel like you yourself have become a train riding through the tracks. Afterwards, at Washuzan Observatory, you will enjoy a 360° panoramic view of the sky and sea in all its lushness, and soon after you will visit Kojima Jeans Street, introduced in the Michelin Guide as the “jeans capital of Japan”, a perfect place for jeans lovers. In addition, you will also visit other spots where you can feel the history and daily life of the people living in Kojima.			Interpreter available	■ Yes / □ No			
	Setouchi’s sea and sky, and jeans. Let’s go on a journey of nature and industry connected by blue.			Guide information	1 multilingual tour guide staff (Japanese, English, Chinese), who has passed an independent assessment			
Unique Selling Points	<b>I . You can have a rare experience of cycling on the remains of a train track.</b>  You can enjoy cycling on a special cycle road converted from the Shimotsui Electric Railway tracks. It is a truly exhilarating experience, breezing through the houses and roads along the 6 kilometre route, admiring the beautiful flowers along the side of the road, exchanging greetings with locals on a stroll, and enjoying a truly unique local experience.		Other Plan Information	Participant Requirements	None			
Unique Selling Points	<b>II . You can enjoy spectacular views of the sea, and islands of Setouchi.</b>  The tour will take you to Washuzan Observatory, a viewing spot with a spectacular view of the Seto Inland Sea and the magnificent Seto Ohashi Bridge. The 360° panoramic view from the observatory is breathtakingly beautiful, and with our guide taking you to the best photo spots, it makes it the perfect place to snap a few pictures with the gorgeous background in frame.			Cancellation Policy	Free cancellation up to 48 hours before			
Unique Selling Points	<b>III . The birthplace of Japanese jeans manufacturing, introduced in the Michelin Guide, where you can enjoy the individuality of each jeans manufacturer’s products.</b>  Kojima is known as a “city of textiles” due to its long history of active cotton cultivation; Kojima Jeans are one of the most famous products of Kojima. Kojima is said to be the birthplace of jeans “made in Japan”, and there are about 30 stores specialising in jeans in the town. Enjoy shopping in the “holy land of jeans”, a place irresistible to fashion lovers.			Precautionary considerations	•The “Former Nozaki Family Residence” is closed on Mondays. Please also note that if any of the other locations are temporarily closed, they may be replaced by other locations.			
Itinerary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Meet up and explanation: Kojima Station</li><li>1•Kurashiki City Kojima Industrial Promotion Center 15 min.</li><li>2•Kaze no Michi (Former Kojima Station) 10 min.</li><li>3•Remains of Kinkai Station 10 min.</li><li>4•Mt. Washuzan (Washuzan Observatory) 40 min</li><li>5•Shimotsui Shipping Agent Museum 60 min.</li><li>6•Former Nozaki Family Residence 25 min.</li><li>7•Kojima Jeans Street 30 min.</li></ul> <p>【Outline of each spot】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Kojima Industrial Promotion Center, Kurashiki City: In our first stop, you will rent a pedal-assist electric bicycle to use on the tour, making it easier to cycle up hills. The basket of the bicycle is decorated with Kojima’s specialty, jeans.</li><li>•Kaze no Michi (Former Kojima Station): This is a cycling path that has been converted from a railroad track where trains used to run. You will cycle the 6 kilometre route winding between houses and roads. As there are no cars and almost no traffic lights, you can freely ride along like the wind.</li><li>•Ruins of Kinkai Station: The area around the remains of Kinkai Station is a cycling path where you can enjoy nature. The scenery is throughout the path is quite unique, with views of the Seto Inland Sea and tunnels made of wood. You may also enjoy a chat with the locals taking a walk in the path.</li><li>•Mt. Washuzan (Washuzan Observatory): This observatory is located near the top of Mt. Washuzan. There are several different observation decks, and you can enjoy many different views of the beautiful islands of the Seto Inland Sea, and the magnificent Seto Ohashi Bridge. The 360° panoramic view from the observatory deck located at the top of the mountain is especially impressive.</li><li>•Shimotsui Shipping Agent Museum: Shimotsui is a port town located in the southern part of the Kojima area, which flourished through its ship trading industry. This is a museum where you can learn about its history. The surrounding townscape, which still retains the atmosphere of that time, is also worth a visit, and you can also enjoy dishes made with local ingredients at a nearby restaurant.</li><li>•Former Nozaki Family Residence: This museum tells the history of Kojima, a city that has developed not only thanks to its textile industry, but also its salt industry. The building is one of the oldest and most gorgeous buildings in town, worth a visit to see the beautiful garden and the display of daily necessities that show how people lived back in the day.</li><li>•Kojima Jeans Street: A street full of jeans stores. Kojima is the birthplace of jeans manufacturing in Japan, and it is a holy place for jeans lovers. You can shop and compare from a variety of unique denim brands all at once, and find the perfect pair for you. Some products are also only available here.</li></ul>			In case of bad weather, emergency, delay or no show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•In the event of bad weather on the day of the tour, the means of transportation, destinations, and routes may be changed.</li><li>•If you do not arrive at the departure point within 60 minutes of the agreed time, it will be treated as a no-show.</li></ul>			
Reservation Information	■ Operation hours		■ Number of tours		Package Information	Insurance Support	■ Yes / □ No	
	All year round (except New Year holidays), Mondays, Wednesdays through Sundays		Dependent on number of requests			Inventory Management	□ Yes / ■ No	
	■ Duration and start time		■ Number of people			Contact Information	otomo corporation / 03-6876-6003 3F Mitomi Building, 3-13-3 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan	
	Duration : 5.5hours Start time : 9am					Support hours	10:00~19:00	
Meeting point and access	■ Access via public transport				Price (Tax included)	Contact us for pricing		
	Kojima Station							
	Accessible from JR Uzushio, Yosan Line, Dosan Line, and Seto-ohashi Line							
	■ Address of meeting place							
Kojima Station 1, Kojima Ekimae, Kurashiki City, Okayama, 711-0921		Lawson Kojima Station Guide ローソン 衣類館 本店		Options / Price	What’s Included		Guide fee, guide expenses, insurance	
				What’s Not Included	Transportation, entrance fees, meals, souvenirs and experiences (Recommended minimum cash amount: 2,700 yen/person)			