


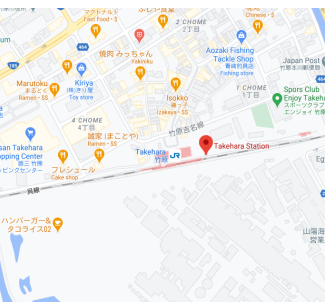



Title		Jam-packed visit to Takehara City! A private tour to a beautiful old town and "Rabbit Island"		Region: Takehara City, Hiroshima Prefecture	
Overview	<p>Let's go to a hidden healing spot away from the city centre! A local journey by coastal train, and ferry.</p> <p>Takehara City is home to the "Little Kyoto of Aki," a district with preserved streets dating back to the Edo period, and Okunoshima Island, which has recently been gaining popularity among tourists as "Rabbit Island". On this tour, you will be able to enjoy both areas with our private guide, who will explain the historical background of each area and help you with the logistics. Experience a different kind of travelling, featuring the chance of relaxing and playing with rabbits on a quaint island.</p> <p>Your first stop on the tour is Takehara, a city which flourished in the Edo period (1603-1868) as a salt manufacturing town, followed by sake production later on. An area where Japanese houses stood in those days is still preserved as a conservation area. It is an off-the-beaten-path spot that has yet to be discovered by the tourist crowds, so you can enjoy a leisurely stroll through the town as if you were back in the Edo period.</p> <p>Next on the tour, Okunoshima is an uninhabited island where poison gas was made during the war and was not mentioned on maps of the time. It is now attracting attention from both inside and outside Japan as an island where you can play with hundreds of wild rabbits. The mismatched scenery of the remains of the poison gas manufacturing locations and the freely roaming wild rabbits gives it a different feeling from a typical zoo experience, making a visit to the island worth it.</p> <p>The local train and ferry that connect the two areas will be arranged by our private guide, so you can relax and comfortably enjoy the scenery on the way. Our tour allows you to enjoy the history and nature of the Japanese countryside, where time flows at a leisurely pace.</p>		Language Support	Languages Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	Language completion tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	Interpreter available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	Guide information	1 multilingual tour guide staff (Japanese, English, Chinese), who has passed an independent assessment			
Unique Selling Points	<p>I. Enjoy feeding rabbits on Okunoshima Island, a popular spot also known as "Rabbit Island".</p> <p>Okunoshima, an uninhabited island in Takehara City, Hiroshima Prefecture, is home to hundreds of wild rabbits. You can freely play with the wild rabbits on the island, and when you feed them, dozens more will come to you! There are also a wide variety of rabbit-themed sweets and souvenirs to help you relax and have a good time on the island.</p>		Other Plan Information	Participant Requirements	None
Unique Selling Points	<p>II. Visit the unusual remains where poison gas was manufactured and stored during the war, and learn about the hidden history of "Rabbit Island".</p> <p>Although Okunoshima is now a peaceful place where you can play with rabbits, it was once a military facility where the Japanese army secretly manufactured poison gas. As you walk around the island, you can see the remains of the poison gas storage facility, the raw material storage area, and the cannon tower, all of which remain intact. During the tour, you will visit this "dark legacy" of a place that should never be built again, and our guide will explain the history in an easy-to-understand manner.</p>			Cancellation Policy	Free cancellation up to 48 hours before
Unique Selling Points	<p>III. Walk around a district where traditional Japanese buildings still remain intact.</p> <p>The "Takehara Machinami Preservation District," lined with splendid traditional Japanese houses, flourished in the Edo period due to the town's salt manufacturing industry. This is a true off-the-beaten-path, and it is a great place to take a leisurely stroll. As you walk along the streets, be sure to notice unique lattices on the buildings; the decoration of these elaborate "Takehara lattices" differs from house to house, giving you a sense of the refined ingenuity of the time.</p>			Precautionary considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The location "Morikawa Residence" is closed Thursdays. The location "Fujii Shuzo Sake and Souvenir Store" is closed on Mondays. The location "Aohata Jam Deck" is closed on Sundays and Mondays. Please also note that if any of the other locations are temporarily closed, they may be replaced by other locations.
Itinerary	<p>Meet up and explanation: JR Takehara Station, ticket gate</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Morikawa Residence 20 min. Takehara Machinami Preservation District 5 min. Fumei-kaku 15 min. Fujii Shuzo Sake and Souvenir Store 10 min. Aohata Jam Deck 20 min. Okunoshima 15 min. Kyukamura Okunoshima 30 min. Okunoshima Poison Gas Storage Remnants 10 min. Poison Gas Museum 20 min. Power Plant Ruins 10 min. <p>[Outline of each spot]</p> <p>Morikawa Residence: The Morikawa Residence is a grand wooden mansion built in the traditional Japanese architectural style. In addition to the main building, the tatami room, tea ceremony room, and storehouse are still intact, allowing you to appreciate the elaborate technology of the time. You can enjoy many discoveries as you admire every corner of the house.</p> <p>Takehara Machinami Preservation District: This is an area where the salt manufacturing industry flourished in the Edo period, and where many well-preserved houses built in a traditional Japanese architectural style stand side by side. Despite the area being designated as a national preservation area, there are still few tourists coming and going, so you can take a leisurely stroll and feel as if you were blending in with the townscape.</p> <p>Fumei-kaku: Located on top of a hill, Saihoji Temple is home to the Kannon Hall called Fumei-Kaku, which offers a panoramic view of Takehara's old town. There are no tall buildings around, and the view of the black tiled roofs is a very rare sight in Japan nowadays. The Kannondo was built in the style of Kiyomizu Temple in Kyoto, with a beautiful vermilion stage.</p> <p>Fujii Shuzo Sake and Souvenir Store: A 150-year-old sake brewery that has been converted into a store where you can sample sake and buy handmade tableware. The store is made of earth and wood, which gives it the feel of a sake brewery, and it also displays the tools used to make sake back in the day. There is also a restaurant where you can eat soba noodles made with the water used to brew sake.</p> <p>Aohata Jam Deck: A stylish spot where you can enjoy exhibits about jam and sweets made with jam. Aohata is a company that makes jam using citrus fruits from the Seto Inland Sea, their products earning them fame throughout Japan. In this location, you'll be able to learn more about these products, as well as try them.</p> <p>Okunoshima Island: This is an island where you can play with hundreds of wild rabbits that live on the island. If you feed them, dozens of rabbits will gather round your feet! The rabbits come in a wide variety of colours, sizes, and personalities, including some that are friendly and others that are picky eaters. On the other side of the coin, the island also has a history of producing poison gas during the war, and the war remains are one of the highlights.</p> <p>Kyukamura Okunoshima: Take a break for lunch at the café of the only accommodation on the island. You will find dishes such as Takehara's famous octopus, and rabbit-inspired soft-serve ice cream, all of which are only available on "Rabbit Island". You can also buy rabbit-themed goods at this spot.</p> <p>Okunoshima Poison Gas Storage Remnants: The ruins of a building where poison gas was stored during the war. It is a rare ruin that could have collapsed and disappeared at any time, as it had been left without any protection. Let's learn about the history behind this "dark legacy", a place that should never be built again.</p> <p>Poison Gas Museum: During the war, Okunoshima was used as a location to produce poison gas, so its existence was erased from maps of the time, so as to conceal its location from other countries. This is a small museum where you can learn about its history. Only by learning about the hidden history of "Rabbit Island" will you be able to truly enjoy this island!</p> <p>Power Plant Ruins: A power station built for the production of poison gas, one of the remains of the war. As there are many rabbits now living in this area, you can see the unbalanced scenery of ruins and rabbits. Although the scene is now a symbol of peace, it still reminds us of the history of war, one that we should not forget about.</p>			In case of bad weather, emergency, delay or no show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>■ Operation hours</p> <p>All year round (except New Year holidays), from Monday to Sunday</p>	<p>■ Number of tours</p> <p>Dependent on number of requests</p>	Inventory Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	<p>■ Duration and start time</p> <p>Duration: 5.5 hours Start times: 9am, 9:30am, 10am, 10:30am, 11am, 11:30am, 12pm</p>	<p>■ Number of people</p> <p>1 to 6 people</p>	Contact Information	otomo corporation / 03-6876-6003 3F Mitomi Building, 3-13-3 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan	
	<p>■ Access via public transport</p> <p>JR Takehara Station ticket gate</p> <p>Accessible from Kure Line</p> <p>■ Address of meeting place</p> <p>JR Takehara Station 1 Chuo, Takehara City, Hiroshima 725-0026, Japan</p>		Support hours	10:00~19:00	
	<p>■ Address of meeting place</p> <p>JR Takehara Station 1 Chuo, Takehara City, Hiroshima 725-0026, Japan</p>		Inquiry email address	notice_partner-reservation@otomo-travel.com	
Meeting point and access			Package Information	Price (Tax included)	Contact us for pricing
				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: 2,500 yen/person)