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Overview	Discover the story of two major beliefs, Konpira and Kukai!		Language Support	Languages Available	■ Japanese ■ English ■ Chinese □ Other		
	In the Kotohira area, located in the centre of Kagawa Prefecture, there are both a temple and a shrine believed to have great power, and essential places when discussing Japanese folk beliefs: Kotohira-gu Shrine and Zentsuji Temple. Konpira-mairi, a pilgrimage to Kotohira-gu Shrine, dedicated to the god of the sea, was the only pilgrimage allowed in the Edo period, when ordinary citizens could not travel casually. This pilgrimage was widely admired and longed for, second only to Ise-mairi, a pilgrimage to Ise Shrine in Mie Prefecture. Sohonzan Zentsuji Temple is known as the birthplace of Kobo-Daishi Kukai, and also a pilgrimage site, having long been considered a place of great faith.  On this tour, you will visit Kotohira-gu Shrine and Zentsuji Temple in a single day, and experience the folk history of these sacred places! On the way, you will be able to savour a sanuki udon lunch, which is an absolute must when you come to Kagawa, as well as a sake tasting experience.  Let’s take a trip to Kotohira and Zentsuji Temple to enjoy the majestic atmosphere of these sacred places, and learn about the deep-rooted faiths of Japan!			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	I .Visit the two major power spots in Kagawa, Kotohira-gu Shrine and Zentsuji Temple, in a single day.			Participant Requirements	None		
Unique Selling Points	II .Learn more about the history behind the folk beliefs represented by Kotohira and Zentsuji.			Cancellation Policy	Free cancellation up to 48 hours before		
Unique Selling Points	III .The approach to the temple town is full of atmosphere, and you can enjoy a “Konpira Stroll” tour of stores selling souvenirs that can only be bought here.			Precautionary considerations	•Please note that this tour consists of walking up hundreds of stone steps, and as such wheelchair users cannot participate. We apologise for the inconvenience. •Some locations serve alcoholic beverages. Children are allowed to enter, but they must be at least 20 years of age to consume alcohol. •This tour feature long walking distances, so we recommend you wear comfortable footwear.		
Itinerary	<p>Meet up and explanation: JR Zentsuji Station, ticket gate</p> <p>1•Sanukinomiya: Kagawa Gokoku Shrine 15 min.</p> <p>2•Sohonzan Zentsuji Temple 50 min.</p> <p>3•Takadoro 5 min.</p> <p>4•Tentekomai 40 min.</p> <p>5•Kinryo no Sato 30 min.</p> <p>6•Konpira Omotesando 20 min.</p> <p>7•Kotohira-gu Shrine Omon (Gate) 10 min.</p> <p>8•Kotohira-gu Shrine Asahi-no-Yashiro10 min.</p> <p>9• Kotohira-gu Shrine Gohongu 20 min.</p> <p>10•Kotohira Onsen Oyado Shikishima-kan Footbath 20 min.</p> <p><b>[Outline of each spot]</b></p> <p>Sanukinomiya Kagawa Gokoku Shrine: This shrine enshrines the heroic spirits of people from Kagawa Prefecture who have given their precious lives for their country during the Meiji Restoration. As the 12th of the 15 Sanuki shrines in existence, it is one of the representative shrines of Kagawa. Feel free to follow the shrine’s instructions for worship.</p> <p>Sohonzan Zentsuji Temple: The 75th temple of the 88 sacred sites in Shikoku, and the head temple of the Zentsuji sect of Shingon Buddhism, known as the birthplace of Kobo-Daishi Kukai. Feel the source of the power of “Daishi-sama” as you tour the sights of the temple, in the spacious grounds filled with clean air!</p> <p>Takadoro: This is the tallest wooden lantern in Japan, standing 27 metres high. It was once used as a lighthouse for ships sailing in the Seto Inland Sea, and is also a guiding light for sailors to worship Konpira Shrine. Start your “Konpira Stroll” from this retro landmark.</p> <p>Tentekomai: This restaurant is located at the entrance to Konpira Omotesando and serves authentic Sanuki udon. The udon soup is so light that you can drink it all up, and the noodles are so smooth that you can feel them slipping down your throat, making it the perfect place to eat before visiting Konpira. Enjoy an inexpensive, fast, and delicious lunch considered the pride of Kagawa!</p> <p>Kinryo no Sato: Located at the approach to Konpira Shrine, this is a sake museum and sales office, where you can take a tour of the restored white-walled sake brewery founded in 1789, and taste the famous “pure sake” Kinryo!</p> <p>Konpira Omotesando: At last, the road to Kotohira-gu Shrine begins here. There are 785 long stone steps from the Omotesando to the main shrine. Leisurely making your way through the bustling streets, you begin your “Konpira-mairi” , beloved by the people for centuries!</p> <p>Kotohira-gu Shrine Omon (Gate): At the end of the approach lined with souvenir stores lies the entrance gate to Kotohira-gu Shrine, named Kotohira-gu Omon, located on the 365th step. When you arrive at the gate, take a look back at the path you have taken for a beautiful view of the stone steps and the Sanuki Plain below!</p> <p>Kotohira-gu Shrine Asahi-no-Yashiro: We finally arrived at the 628th step! Asahi-no-Yashiro shrine is said to have taken about 40 years to complete, and the magnificent double-height gabled shrine building will take your breath away. We recommend not yet visiting Asahi-no-Yashiro shrine, but to do so on your way back after the main shrine, Gohongu. There are only 157 steps left to the main shrine!</p> <p>Kotohira-gu Shrine Gohongu (Main Shrine): After climbing the last 133 steps, you will finally arrive at the main sanctuary of Kotohira-gu Shrine! The shrine, dedicated to the God of the Sea, has been known as “Sanuki’s Konpira Shrine” since ancient times. On a clear day, you can even see a spectacular view of the Seto Ohashi Bridge. Let’s pay our respects right away!</p> <p>Kotohira Onsen Oyado Shikishima-kan Footbath: Good job on completing the Konpira-mairi! Soak away your fatigue at the free footbath facility facing the approach to the shrine, and enjoy the warm hot spring water as you reflect on today’s tour.</p>		Other Plan Information	In case of bad weather, emergency, delay or no show	•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		Insurance Support	■ Yes／□ No	
	All year round (except New Year holidays), from Monday to Sunday		Dependent on number of requests				
	■ Duration and start time		■ Number of people				
	Duration : 6hours Start times : 9:30am, 10am		1 to 6 people				
Meeting point and access	■ Access via public transport			Package Information	Inventory Management	□ Yes／■ No	
	In front of the ticket gate of JR Zentsuji Station				Contact Information	otomo corporation / 03-6876-6003 3F Mitomi Building, 3-13-3 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan	
	Accessible from the Dosan Line				Support hours	10:00～19:00	
	■ Address of meeting place				Inquiry email address	notice_partner-reservation@otomo-travel.com	
	JR Zentsuji Station 1-7 Bunkyo-cho, Zentsuji City, Kagawa, 765-0013, Japan				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: 2,300 yen/person)	