





TitleA walking tour of Ozu and Uchiko, towns that still retain the townscape and culture of 100 years ago.			Region : Ozu City, Ehime Prefecture	
Overview	Towns which are themselves cultural heritages! Go on a journey to trace the different development of Ozu City and Uchiko Town.		Languages Available	■ Japanese ■ English ■ Chinese □ Other
	Uchiko Town and Ozu City, located in the southern part of Ehime Prefecture, are areas rich in nature. In the days of the samurai, both were part of the same Ozu clan; during that period, Ozu City prospered as a castle town, while Uchiko Town prospered as an industrial town. The area was particularly active in the production of a traditional craft called “mokuro,” also known as Japan wax, and the old streets are still lined with traditional architecture built in those days. On this tour, you will visit some locations where this traditional scenery of Japan can still be found standing today, allowing you to feel this traditional style of living.		Language completion tools	■ Yes / □ No
	Ozu Castle, a location that developed as Ozu’ s political and economic centre, offers a panoramic view of the city centre and its picturesque cityscape. The castle town, which escaped the air raids during World War II, still has many old buildings. In particular, the Garyu Sanso is a masterpiece of Japanese beauty, and has been listed in the Michelin Guide. At the Ozu Washi Kaikan, you can enter a washi paper factory, a traditional craft that has been around for more than 1,000 years, and watch skilled craftsmen at work right before your eyes. In addition, visit a restaurant where you can enjoy the local cuisine, and a museum where you can feel the nostalgia of traditional Japan. Let’s go on a trip brimming with the charms of rural Japan!		Interpreter available	■ Yes / □ No
			Guide information	1 multilingual tour guide staff (Japanese, English, Chinese), who has passed an independent assessment
Unique Selling Points	I .From this Michelin Guide listed mansion, you can enjoy the beautiful countryside scenery.		Participant Requirements	None
Unique Selling Points	II .Enter a traditional Japanese paper factory and watch the craftsmen at work right in front of you.		Cancellation Policy	Free cancellation up to 48 hours before
Unique Selling Points	III .In the streets lined with old architecture, you will feel as if you have stepped back in time to a Japan of 100 years ago.		Precautionary considerations	•The restaurant “Shun” is closed on Thursdays. •The “Ozu Washi Kaikan” factory is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. •Please note that if any locations are temporarily closed, they may be changed to a different location.
Itinerary	Meet up and explanation: Iyo Ozu Station, ticket gate 1•Hijikawa Green Park 5 min. 2•Ozu Castle 20 min. 3•Omoide Soko Museum 20 min. 4•Garyu Sanso 30 min. 5•Regional Cuisine Shun 50 min. 6•Tabiri-an (Uchiko Travel Information Center) 15 min. 7•Ozu Washi Kaikan 40 min. 8•Japanese Wax Museum: Kamihaga Residence 30 min. 9•Townscape of Yokaichi-Gokoku District 30 min. 【Outline of each spot】 •Hijikawa Green Park: In Ozu, buildings from more than 100 years ago still remain intact throughout the city, earning the city the title of “Little Kyoto of Iyo”. At the Hijikawa Green Park, you can see the river running through the town, and the castle towering on the other side of the river, an authentic local scenery. •Ozu Castle: A location that developed as the town’ s political and economic centre. The castle tower stands 19 metres high, making it the tallest reconstructed wooden tower in Japan. From inside the castle, you can enjoy a spectacular view of the city. •Omoide Soko Museum: A museum that recreates the scenery of Japan’ s Showa period, in the 1950s and 1960s. Cars and home appliances used in those days are on display, creating a nostalgic space where you can feel what life was like in Japan. •Garyu Sanso: A masterpiece of Japanese beauty and character, built over 100 years ago over a period of 10 years, it has been listed in the Michelin Guide for its excellence and the attention to detail throughout the building. The view of the Hijikawa River from the Furoan teahouse is exceptional. •Regional Cuisine Shun: A restaurant where you can taste the local cuisine of Ozu, made with locally sourced vegetables, fish, and other special ingredients. The building is a renovated samurai residence with a garden, so you will have more to enjoy than just the food. •Tabiri-an (Uchiko Travel Information Center): This is the tourist information centre of Uchiko Town. Here, you can rent a bicycle to take you to the next spot. Uchiko is known for its traditional arts and crafts, so be sure to stop by and buy some souvenirs on your way home. After a short bike ride, you will be able to experience the kind of peaceful landscape that you would never see in the city. •Ozu Washi Kaikan: This is a washi-making factory with a history of over 1000 years. The experience of going inside the factory and watching the craftsmen at work right in front of your eyes is a very exciting one. There is also a store where you can buy the products made here. •Japanese Wax Museum: Kamihaga Residence: This museum is dedicated to the traditional craft of “mokuro,” or Japan wax, an industry that helped Uchiko to prosper. One of the most gorgeous buildings in the town, you will be able to take a tour of the house and get a sense of the prosperity of the time. •Townscape of Yokaichi-Gokoku District: This is an area where you can enjoy a variety of buildings with rich designs. This 600-metre stretch of old town along the street makes you feel like you’ve gone back in time. You will also stop by a store run by a craftsman who has been making Japanese candles using Japan wax for over 200 years.		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.
			Insurance Support	■ Yes / □ No
			Inventory Management	□ Yes / ■ No
Reservation Information	■ Operation hours	■ Number of tours	Contact Information	otomo corporation / 03-6876-6003 3F Mitomi Building, 3-13-3 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan
	All year round (except New Year holidays), from Monday to Sunday	Dependent on number of requests	Support hours	10:00~19:00
	■ Duration and start time	■ Number of people	Inquiry email address	notice_partner-reservation@otomo-travel.com
Meeting point and access	Duration : 7hours Start time : 10am	1 to 6 people	Price (Tax included)	Contact us for pricing
	■ Access via public transport		Options / Price	
	Iyo Ozu Station ticket gate		What’s Included	Guide fee, guide expenses, insurance
	Accessible from the Yosan Line and Uchiko Line		What’s Not Included	Transportation, entrance fees, meals, souvenirs and experiences (Recommended minimum cash amount: 4,300 yen/person)
	■ Address of meeting place			
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