

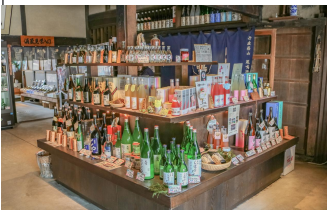



Title			Learn about the indigenous culture nurtured in remote mountainous areas with our Hyogo Tamba–Sasayama Walking Tour.			Region:Tambasasayama City, Hyogo Prefecture				
Overview	Meet the local people and enjoy the traditional culture through local sake and Tamba-yaki pottery			Languages Available	■ Japanese ■ English ■ Chinese □ Other					
	Tamba–Sasayama City is located in the middle–eastern part of Hyogo Prefecture, an hour and a half by train from Osaka and Kobe. Surrounded by mountains on all sides, the city has nurtured a unique culture in its natural environment.				Language completion tools	■ Yes／□ No				
	Tamba–Sasayama is a castle town established in the 17th century, and its original townscape has been preserved to this day. Traditional culture, such as sake and pottery, has also been passed down from generation to generation, and visitors can enjoy a variety of traditional experiences. It is said this appreciation for traditional crafts and arts is influenced by the culture of Kyoto, located to the southeast. On this tour, you will visit the spots where you can feel the culture of Tamba–Sasayama, and the lives of its residents.									
	In the castle town surrounding Sasayama Castle, traditional architecture, such as houses where samurai lived and merchant houses with hundreds of years of history, is still preserved. Here, you can go inside these historical buildings and feel the lifestyle of the past. You will also visit the Tamba Toji Sake Brewery Memorial Hall, where you can learn about sake brewing, and the Homei Shuzo Sake Brewery, where you can taste different types of sake and enjoy the differences in taste resulting from the brewing techniques used. In the city, there is also a pottery museum showcasing traditional Japanese art and craftsmanship, and restaurants and Japanese sweets stores where you can taste the local specialties. Why not take a peek at a different side of Japan in a mountain village where time flows leisurely?									
Unique Selling Points	I . The old streets with more than 400 years of history will take you back in time.		Language Support	Participant Requirements	None					
Unique Selling Points	II . You can eat dishes unique to Tamba–Sasayama, such as sweet black soybeans, wild boar meat, and mackerel sushi.									
Unique Selling Points	III . Enjoy a variety of sake tasting at a sake brewery that has been in operation for over 200 years.									
Unique Selling Points	One of the highlights of the tour is a visit to a sake brewery that has been in business for over 200 years. After the tour, you can enjoy tasting the different flavours of sake, a result of the variety of brewing techniques used. Unique sake made with locally grown black soybeans and chestnuts is also available for purchase, making it a great spot to pick up a few souvenirs. Our guide will carefully explain the process, and even guests who are not familiar with alcoholic beverages will be able to fully enjoy the experience.									
Itinerary	Sasayamaguchi station ticket gate 1•Sasayama Castle Town (Okachi-machi samurai residences) 20 min. 2•Sasayama Castle Ruins 20 min. 3•Nikaimachi Street 60 min. 4•Tamba Toji Sake Brewery Memorial Hall 30 min. 5• Homei Shuzo (Horoyoi Sake Brewery), Horoyoi Castle Storehouse 30min. 6•Baikakudo 15min. 7•Tamba Pottery Museum 25min. 8•Kawaramachi Tsumairi Merchant Housing District 15min.			Other Plan Information	In case of bad weather, emergency, delay or no show	•The Homei Shuzo (Horoyoi Sake Brewery) location is closed on Tuesdays. •The Baikakudo location is closed on Thursdays. •Please note that if any other locations are temporarily closed, they may also be changed to a different location. • Some locations serve alcoholic beverages. Children are allowed to enter, but they must be at least 20 years of age to consume alcohol.				
	【Itinerary outline】 •Sasayama Castle Town (Okachimachi Samurai Residences): This is an area of the castle town lined with samurai residences. Inside these residences, you will find armour, kimonos, and other daily necessities of the time, making you feel as if you have slipped back in time to the days of the samurai. •Sasayama Castle Ruins: The castle has been the centre of the city for 400 years, with its huge stone walls and magnificent wooden architecture. This carefully maintained cultural spot is definitely worth a visit. The unique history of the castle's construction is also noteworthy. •Nikai-machi Street: The castle town's main street, lined with nostalgic feeling stores and restaurants. Enjoy dishes made from local specialties such as sweet black soybeans, wild boar meat, and mackerel. •Tamba Toji Sake Brewing Museum: This is a museum dedicated to the artisan who make sake. The sheer amount and variety of the tools used in the making of traditional Japanese sake is nothing short of astonishing. Take a peek into the deep world of sake in this museum. •Homei Shuzo (Horoyoi Sake Brewery), Horoyoi Castle Storehouse: A sake brewery where the traditions of the Tamba Toji brewers live on. On our tour, you will visit this brewery, which has been in business for over 200 years. Tastings are also available, and you can enjoy the differences in taste resulting from the brewing techniques used. In addition to traditionally brewed Japanese sake, the brewery also sells unique local sake, made from locally grown black soybeans and chestnuts. •Baikakudo: A popular Japanese sweets store in the local area that has been in business for over 100 years. The Sasayama Tart was born from the fusion of the owner's love for western sweets, and the local specialty, Tamba black beans, and is the store's most popular pastry. This is a taste you can't find in other stores and is highly recommended. •Tamba Pottery Museum: A museum dedicated to Tamba pottery, displaying the work of many generations of potters, where you can understand the importance of pottery in Japanese culture. The beauty of the works, a showcase of the skills of the craftsmen who created them, is a captivating sight. You can also buy the works at the store attached to the museum. •Kawaramachi Tsumairi Merchant Housing District: A district lined with old merchant houses that stretch for about 600 meters. The varied designs of the buildings, and their unique architectural style make it a pleasant and interesting area to enjoy a stroll through. You can also find a variety of unique souvenir shops in the district.									
	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/start time		■ Number of people	Support hours	10:00～19:00						
Duration:5.5 hours Start times: 10am, 10:30am, 11am		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					
	Sasayamaguchi station ticket gate			Options／Price						
	Accessible from Fukuchiyama Line and JR Konotori			What's Included	Guide fee, guide expenses, insurance					
	■ Address of meeting place Sasayamaguchi Station Osawa, Tamba Sasayama, Hyogo 669-2212, Japan			What's Not Included	Transportation, entrance fees, meals, souvenirs and experiences (Recommended minimum cash amount: 2,900 yen/person)					