

Easygoing bicycle Joetsu exploration : 3 Guided Bicycle Tours You Should Join in Joetsu

Sekiyama to Arai Downhill 14.8km

A *Historic Road Slow Cycling and Sushi Chef Experience*

Overview:

This tour will take you on a slow bicycle ride down the traces of the historic road that still remains today, leading from Myoko, an area of heavy snowfall, to Arai Station. You will enjoy old shrines that make you feel spiritual, the vast countryside, the magnificent view of Myoko Mountain. At lunch time, enjoy the "Sushi Chef Experience" where you can make sushi using fresh fish from Joetsu.

Date : Saturday, Nov 4

Recruiting : up to 4 travelers in total.

This tour will be accompanied by an English interpreter-guide. The minimum number of participants for this tour is 2.

Itinerary : about 5hours

9:45 a.m. Meet at the Joetsu-Myoko Station : Echigo Tokimeki Railways
 10:02 a.m. Train from Joetsu-Myoko Station to Sekiyama Station
 10:30 a.m. Cycling starts from Sekiyama station.
 Sekiyama Shrine ; Old Hokkoku Kaido Road ;
 Nakago area's railroad scenic spots ; Nihongi Station ;
 Sushi Chef Experience Lunch at "Sushi-Yoshi"
 3:00 p.m. Arai Station : Echigo Tokimeki Railways

Participation Fee : Free

This trial tour is free of charge for monitors, but you will be required to cooperate with the interview and answer a questionnaire from the organizer.

Including :

Train ticket : JoetsuMyoko-Sekiyama
 Bicycle Rental : City Bicycle with Electric Power Assist
 Bicycle transportation Cost
 Helmet
 Bottled water
 Stops for sightseeing and photos
 Local informative guide
 Lunch : Sushi Chef Experience

Additional Information

- Confirmation will be received at time of booking
- Must be age 15 or older and be able to confidently ride a bicycle
- Youth under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult
- It is recommend that you wear comfortable breathable sport clothes and shoes
- The tours distance is 10 Km to 20km flat or slightly downhill course.
- Not recommended for participants with heart complaints, pregnant women or other serious medical conditions
- Near public transportation
- Operates in all weather conditions, please dress appropriately understand this in advance.
- Rain or stormy weather will cancel the tour.
- Not recommended for travelers with back problems
- Not recommended for pregnant travelers
- No heart problems or other serious medical conditions
- Travelers should have a moderate physical fitness level
- For people with minimum body height 150cm and Maximum body height 195cm (in order to ride the proper bike size)
- This tour/activity will have a maximum of 4 travelers
- Transportation to and from the meeting place is not included.

These trial tour is subsidized by the Japan Tourism Agency. The tour fee for meals, experiences, etc., included in the trial tour is set at the subsidized rate. However, the cost of transportation to and from the tour destination and the cost of free activities in the area will be borne by the monitored participants. Please understand this in advance.

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JoetsuMyoko to Takada Flat 9.9km

B *Exploring Castle Town Takada and Popular Sweets in Joetsu*

Overview:

Takada Castle Site Park is famous as one of Japan's top three destinations for nighttime cherry blossom viewing, and the town of Takada, which thrived as the castle town of Takada Castle, continues to captivate visitors with its nostalgic atmosphere and well-preserved old machiya (traditional townhouses). And from century-old traditional Japanese confectionery shops to the latest trendy sweets, you can savor a variety of sweets on a cycling tour while exploring tourist spots.

Date : Saturday, Nov 11

Recruiting : up to 4 travelers in total.

This tour will be accompanied by an English interpreter-guide. The minimum number of participants for this tour is 2.

Itinerary : about 4hours

9:45 a.m. Meet at Furusatto : 1min walk from the Joetsu-Myoko Station
 10:00 a.m. Cycling starts
 Kotake Seika (Sandwich bread) ; Ameya (traditional candy)
 Former Division Commander's Official Residence ; Mochiya(baked dango)
 Takada jo sanju yagura (Takada Castle Three-story-Turret) ;
 Takada Komachi ; Taga Tea Roastery(tea and Japanese confectionery)
 2:00 p.m. Takada Station : Echigo Tokimeki Railways

Participation Fee : Free

This trial tour is free of charge for monitors, but you will be required to cooperate with the interview and answer a questionnaire from the organizer.

Including :

Bicycle Rental : City Bicycle with Electric Power Assist
 Bicycle transportation Cost
 Helmet
 Bottled water
 Stops for sightseeing and photos
 Local informative guide
 Several Sweets Tasting at shops
 Tea Time: Taga Tea Roastery

×Lunch is not included

Naoetsu to Nadachi Flat 18.9km

C *Cycling course to visit the traces of the railroad while feeling the wind of the Sea of Japan*

Overview:

Starting from Naoetsu, the birthplace of Niigata Prefecture's railroad system. You can proceed to the Kubiki Bicycle Path along the coast, taking in the scenery of the Gotsu Coast that appears as you pass through the town. Then, from there, you can ride through the scenery with retro station buildings and railroads, or ride along the seaside path along the Kubiki Bicycle Path, which was built on the site of a former railroad line. The goal of the cycling course, which is full of photo spots, is Umiterasu Nadachi. At Umiterasu Nadachi, you can shop for souvenirs and marine products, and enjoy hot springs.

Date : Friday, Nov 3

Recruiting : up to 4 travelers in total.

This tour will be accompanied by an English interpreter-guide. The minimum number of participants for this tour is 2.

Itinerary : about 4hours

8:45 a.m. Meet at the Naoetsu Station : Echigo Tokimeki Railways
 9:00 a.m. Cycling starts along the Kubiki Bicycle Path
 Gotsu Coast ; Tanihama Tetsumi Deck (train view spot);
 Tanihama Park (view of the Japan Sea);
 Arimagawa Station (old station building and sea view);
 Torigakubi Tunnel (Photo spot of old tunnel);
 1:00 p.m. Umiterasu Nadachi ; 15min walk from Nadachi Station

Participation Fee : Free

This trial tour is free of charge for monitors, but you will be required to cooperate with the interview and answer a questionnaire from the organizer.

Including :

Bicycle Rental : City Bicycle with Electric Power Assist
 Bicycle transportation Cost
 Helmet
 Bottled water & Snacks
 Stops for sightseeing and photos
 Local informative guide

×Lunch is not included



Trial Tour Application Form from here
Application period: From October 18th to October 24th.