

Sunrise Tour Kyusyu -

Japan's Land of Myths: Takachiho 1-Day Private Tour (2-7 People)

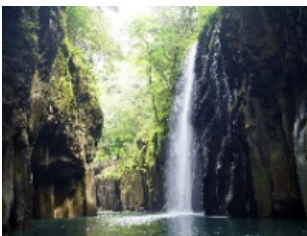
Experience plan details

1. In Takachiho, the land of Japanese myths, spend a day visiting famous sites that tell the story of the region's history. As this is a round-trip plan from Kumamoto, it's also recommended as a day trip for those traveling to Kyushu using the Shinkansen.
2. Takachiho, a place associated with Japanese mythology, is said to be where the gods descended from heaven to earth, and is home to many shrines dedicated to the gods. On this tour, customers will be accompanied by a National Government Licensed Guide Interpreter to Amanoiwato Shrine and Amanoyasu Dry River Bed, the setting of the myths surrounding Amaterasu Omikami, the sun goddess in Japanese mythology.
3. Tour around Takachiho Shrine, the head shrine of the 88 shrines in the 18 neighborhoods of Takachiho. Its Main Sanctuary and ironwork guardian dog statues have been designated as important cultural properties of Japan.
4. Visit Takachiho Gorge, one of Japan's most famous scenic spots, which was created when pyroclastic flows from the eruption of Mt. Aso cooled, solidified, and were eroded away. The majestic beauty of the valley is truly the mystical scenery created by the nature of Kyushu.
5. This is a private tour where a charter vehicle is provided for each group of customers along with a guide

About Initiatives for Sustainable Tourism:

- This tour promotes Cross-cultural Understanding as stated under Sunrise Tours' Sustainable Development Goals.
- We advocate for responsible travel, and urge one and all to become responsible travelers. Please check the dedicated page for details.

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Takachiho Gorge (image)

Itinerary

Day	Time		Duration (min)	Itinerary	Itinerary Details/Special Items	Transportation	Meal
	Start	End					
1	8:10	8:20	10	In front of Kumamoto Station Tourist Information Center Meet-up	Please show your reservation confirmation sheet at reception. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the departure time.		
1			145	Transfer	*A restroom break may be taken along the way.	Hired car	

1			90	Amanoiwato Shrine Nishi Hongu / Amanoyasu Dry River Bed	Amanoiwato Shrine is a shrine associated with Amaterasu Omikami, the sun goddess in Japanese mythology. It is said that Amaterasu Omikami once became angry at the mischief of her younger brother, Susanoo, and hid herself in a cave called Amanoiwato. In addition, customers can walk for about 10 minutes from Amanoiwato Shrine to the Amanoyasu Dry River Bed where 8 million gods are said to have gathered to call forth Amaterasu Omikami when she had been hiding in the cave.		
1			15	Transfer		Hired car	
1			50	Lunch (meal charges not included in the tour)	The tour will stop by Takachiho Roadside Station where customers can purchase and enjoy their own lunch.		
1			5	Transfer		Hired car	
1			35	Takachiho Shrine	Tour around Takachiho Shrine, the head shrine of the 88 shrines in the 18 neighborhoods of Takachiho. Its Main Sanctuary and ironwork guardian dog statues have been designated as important cultural properties of Japan. Within the grounds are the famous Meoto Cedar Trees (Married Cedars), which are two cedar trees growing from intertwined roots. It is said to be a power spot that can bring good fortune in finding a good partner, a harmonious relationship, and a wealth of children.		
1			10	Transfer		Hired car	
1			75	Stroll at Takachiho Gorge	Rising up to a hundred meters and stretching 7 km east to west, Takachiho Gorge is a valley that was formed when pyroclastic flows from the eruption of Mt. Aso cooled, solidified, and then were eroded. Amidst this beautiful valley created by the power of nature, must-see highlights include the beautiful columnar joint walls and the famous Manai Falls, which has been selected as one of Japan's top 100 waterfalls. *Boat rental not included during the stroll at Takachiho Gorge.		
1			120	Transfer		Hired car	
1	17:25	17:50		Drop-off at Specified Hotel in Kumamoto City	Tour ends at hotel specified for drop-off. *Hotel drop-off service is limited to hotels in Kumamoto City. During the tour, the guide will confirm with customers their hotel accommodation.		

Min. pax number to book tour:

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Min. pax number to run tour:

Included:

National Government Licensed English Guide Interpreter, Other admission fees and transportation costs included in the tour

Not included:

Lunch

Remarks:

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[Reception Method] At reception, please show the reservation confirmation sheet or e-mail (printout/digital copy on mobile device) to staff.
[Cancellation Charge] Cancellation fees will be charged from 10 days in advance.
[Operation Conditions/Tour Conditions] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of customers for 1 group booking for this tour is 2-7. (For 2025: 2-8 people) - The last reception day (reservation deadline) is 14 days prior to the tour. - If the minimum number of participants (2) is not met by 4 days before the scheduled date, or due to other operational management circumstances, the tour on that date may be canceled. - If the tour is canceled, customers will be notified by the conducting company or their travel agent. - The itinerary displayed on the booking screen is the final itinerary. - Please note that participants may not join partway through the tour.
[Exemptions/Itinerary Guarantee: Itinerary/Destinations] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While transportation will be by private vehicle for each group, each experience included in the itinerary may be shared with other customers. - Depending on road conditions or other reasons, arrival time at each location may be considerably delayed. - Itinerary locations and itinerary order may be changed depending on the weather and operating conditions of locations to be visited. - Tour booking charge refunds due to the above changes will not be issued. *Please be aware that boat rental is not included during the stroll at Takachiho Gorge. - During the tour, the guide will confirm with customers their hotel for drop-off on the return trip. (Drop-off is available only for hotels in Kumamoto City.)
[Important Notes/Supplements: Meeting/Pick-up/Pick-up Location] In front of Kumamoto Station Tourist Information Center *Customers who are late for the departure time will have their reservations canceled. Please give yourself plenty of time. Access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kumamoto Station Building
[Important Notes/Supplements: Guide/Tour Conductor] There will be an accompanying National Government Licensed English Guide Interpreter from the tour meeting location to the tour end location.
[Important Notes/Supplements: Regarding Children/Infants] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children up to 5 years old may join free of charge, but will not be provided with hired car seats. If seats are required, please make a booking under the child rate.
[Important Notes/Supplements: Regarding Meals] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Customers are free to have lunch at the Takachiho Roadside Station. Customers are to pay for their own lunch as it is not included in the tour booking charge. In addition, please also bring cash just in case as electronic money and credit cards may not be accepted.

[Important Notes/Supplements: What to Wear/Bring]

- Please participate in an outfit easy to walk in as the tour will be walking along an approx. 1 km path at Takachiho Gorge.
- As large luggage such as suitcases cannot be brought during the tour, please leave them in a locker or at your hotel before participating.

[Important Notes/Supplements: Language Support]

Tour Guide Language: English

*Drivers do not work as guides.