

## A Nikko Affair

“Don’t say magnificent until you have seen Nikko,” the saying goes.

Take a journey into the colder north with our exciting one-day tour to Nikko. It is a place known for its monumental serenity and beauty, and one that remains both distinct, and also representative of Japan as a whole.

This is a great choice for travelers hoping to combine the natural elements of Japan with the more mysterious, more hallowed notions that Japan holds at its core. There is no shortage of experience when this tour is all said and done, and there is no recollection of Japan complete without a proper affair with the historic Nikko. Before you ever say a word like magnificent, or decadent, or marvelous again, come and confirm the word’s worth with this whole-day tour north.

Today we take a trip north of the city, for A Nikko Affair.



## Tour Itinerary

**7:10 am** – Meet at Asakusa Station

**7:15 am** – Tobu-Nikko Line



The tour begins on the Tobu-Nikko Line, a railway that brings people by the thousands each week to the areas north of Tokyo. The Tobu-Nikko Line is a scenic and charming pathway to the north, in a trip that takes just about two hours.

**7:30 am** – Train to Tobu-Nikko Station

**9:20 am** – Arrival in Nikko



Tour participants will arrive at Tobo-Nikko Station and take a short bus ride past the Shinkyo Bridge towards the entrance of the Toshogu Shrine complex. Please note that tour participants will be visiting Shinkyo Bridge later in their tour.

**9:30 am** – Bus to shrine entrance area

**9:45 am** – Toshogu Shrine



This begins the journey into the Toshogu Shrine. The lavishly decorated shrine complex consists of more than a dozen buildings set in a beautiful forest. Countless wood carvings and large amounts of gold leaf were used to decorate the buildings in a way not seen elsewhere in Japan, where simplicity has been traditionally stressed in shrine architecture. Visitors may note that

the shrine contains both Shinto and Buddhist elements.

**1:00 pm** – Short walk to Nikko Sanraku

**1:10 pm** – Lunch at Nikko-Sanraku



Give a Nikko original taste a try at this popular spot for travelers. Sample some of Nikko's famous tofu skin, a delicacy and local favorite in the area, boiled into a broth of fresh vegetables from locally sourced farms. This is the proper meal for a day at Nikko, something hearty and warm for the cold months of Japan.

**2:00 pm** – Shinkyō Bridge



For some, this sound, simple, and serene bridge is often the highlight of a trip to Nikko, and for very good reason. It seems that often the most unintentional of sights stay in your mind the most, and the Shinkyō Bridge may just be that. As the day just begins to darken, this tour captures Shinkyō Bridge at one of its most peaceful moments.

**4:30 pm** – Train back to Tokyo (Asakusa)

**All fees required have been included in this tour. This includes lunch, train tickets, entrance fees, bus tickets, and guide fees! It's all included in the tour.**