

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

8:30 am – Pickup at your hotel

9:20 am – Arrival in Nikko



Tour participants will arrive at Nikko and drive to Toshogu Shrine directly. This is indeed a massive shrine complex, so this day's activities will begin right away.

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.

1:30 pm – Irohazaka



Certainly not an ascent for the faint of heart, this world famous hill climb that exits west out of Nikko is one of the more popular hills in the world. Unusual, sprawling, and an attraction in itself, this is the passage to Lake Chuzenji and Kegon Falls.

2:00 pm – Lake Chuzenji



Lake Chuzenji is one of those hidden yet completely out there in the open spots that you simply cannot miss in Japan, much less a trip to Nikko. Our private car gives you a full panoramic look at the beautiful lake, which was created over 20,000 years ago when nearby Mt. Nantai erupted, blocking the river and creating a pristine, mountainous lake.

2:45 pm – Kegon Falls



Often called some of the most picturesque falls in the entire country, our tour brings you to Kegon Falls as the sun just begins to set, allowing spectacular and memorable views of the waterfalls. This sight is often ranked among the most beautiful in all of Japan, no matter the season.

3:15 pm – Travel back to Tokyo

All fees required have been included in this price. This includes lunch, private transportation, entrance fees, and guide fees! It's all included in the tour.