## Get Out of the City, Course Three

A trip to Tokyo would never be complete without a good look at a mountain often called the most picturesque and beautiful in the world.

Mt. Fuji is certainly the centerpiece of this tour, but our route approaches the mountain in a different way. A large list of shrines and temples spread about the valleys around Mt. Fuji are revered, sacred sites for many Japanese travelers throughout the year, and this course takes foreign travelers along a very popular route. Your tour guide will explain the significance and importance of these locations in relation to the mountain, and tour participants will walk away from the experience with a better understanding of the classical and contemporary importance of the famous Mt. Fuji. There is quite a rich history here.

We have arranged a complete package for you that includes all necessary fees, lunch, private car arrangement.

We sure do love Tokyo, but we invite you now to Get Out of the City.



## **Tour Itinerary**

7:30 am - Pickup at your hotel with our private driver

## 9:30 am – Arrival at Arakura Sengen Shrine



Ask anyone about pictures of Mt. Fuji, and they will inevitably talk about the Arakura Sengen Shrine, which sits just north of Mt. Fuji. This picturesque spot on the outskirts of a small town next to the mountain attracts thousands of visitors each year, and in every season. The springtime especially brings crowds from all over the world hoping to get a clear shot of the mountain with its snowcapped peak and newly unearthed features, with a foreground of cherry blossoms. This is the start to our tour, and an absolute highlight.

10:30 am – Onward to Kitaguchi Sengen Shrine



11:45 am – Oshino Hakkai



Kitaguchi Sengen Shrine stands in a dense forest and is set off from the road by a long approach lined by stone lanterns and shaded by tall cedar trees. The shrine's red painted buildings include a main hall dating from 1615, a dancing stage and a few auxiliary buildings. This is an important Shinto shrine and one that is frequented by thousands of Japanese each year.

The waters that run here come directly from Mt. Fuji itself, and are some of the purest you will ever find. Oshino Hakkai is a set of eight ponds set inside a small village with a majestic view of Mt. Fuji. Visitors to this spot are able to drink from a special pond whose waters flow from the mountain through its porous lava layers on a nearly 80-year journey. The atmosphere here is quite pleasant throughout the year, and is a fine spot for our tour around Mt. Fuji. This is a very popular spot for Japanese people.

## 12:15 pm – Lunch at Yakiniku/Sushi Restaurant

12:30 pm – Onward to Shiraito and Otodome Falls



3:30 pm – Otodome Falls



If the Otodome Falls are a powerful and straightforward example of Japan's scenic beauty, the Shiraito Falls are a gentler and nobler alternative. At over 200 meters in length, they are also some of the widest falling waters in the country.

Otodome Falls, otherwise known as the "soundstopping falls", are a stark and steep contrast to the serenity and broadness of the Shiraito Falls. This daring and heroic waterfall has a drop of over 25 meters, and is a popular sight for tourists and local travelers alike.

Depending on the interest of the tour participants, we will be able to take a further excursion in this area to see other popular scenic spots in the vicinity.

4:30 pm – Departure from Shiraito and Otodome Falls

7:00 pm – Arrival back at hotel

<u>All tour fees required have been included in this price. This</u> <u>includes guide fees, and your transportation, lunch, and</u> <u>entrance fees! It is all included in the tour</u>

Please contact us for more tour details