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## Best self guided walking tours japan

Level Contributor 7 posts 81 reviews 107 useful voices Our experience using Oku Japan self-guided tours 6 years ago We do Kumano Kodo and Nakasendo walks in late May 2014, back-to-back, as two self-guided tours. Each trip was about 56 miles from walking in 5 days. For Kumano Kodo, the hiking effort was strenuous, and moderate for Nakasendo. Most days were climbing and then landing. Oku booked us in local country hotels - basic accommodation (tutons on the floor, shared baths) with excellent Japanese food (dinner and breakfast included). We were happy with the package that Oku put together – a detailed route and lots of useful info were included, but there are a few things that they didn't communicate really clearly at once: – Almost every day included a trip to a bus and/or train or more than one – usually quite short (maybe half an hour or an hour max). If possible, Oku provided tickets and booked seats ahead of time. - Oku packages do not include the movement of luggage, so either you need to take all your things with you (some people did - it is 5 days and you only need to mainly carry clothes), or you need your luggage to be shipped forward and repeated with it every 2-3 days. We did it and it worked fine – we used the Takkyubin service, which is somewhat similar to Fedex just cheaper. - Oku claimed we have travel insurance, but their claims were not initially too clear. It turned out you must have insurance that will cover medical and emergency medical evacuations in Japan. We found one online for under \$200 that Oku accepted. - Oku gave us a choice between regular or extra-fancy accommodations. We chose a higher level of opportunity, but with a look back it really wasn't worth it – most of the cities you walk through and stay overnight just offer a few fields of similar quality, and Oku seems to have one or two in each place that they always use for everyone. The only places where we clearly got top-level accommodations were hotels in Osaka and Kyoto at the beginning of each trip. We only knew a couple dozen Japanese words between us, and the idea of taking Japanese buses and trains and dealing with Japanese hotels for luggage transportation all seemed scary, but everything turned out pretty easy. The staff were very friendly and helpful. Level Contributor 343 posts 11 reviews 11 came in handy 1. Re: Our experience using Oku Japan self-guided walking tours 6 years ago Good to hear about your experience! I'm not a travel person, but walking tours like that sound like they offer something little different. How would you appreciate your services in terms of enriching your trip rather than if you had organized it yourself? Oh, and by the way, \$200 for insurance seems pretty steep to me... is it a question of where you live? Man mine 15 € for 72days Year. Evac included. I can't imagine paying this kind of money Level Contributor 7 posts 81 reviews 107 useful votes 2. Re: Our experience using Oku Japan Japan walking tours 6 years ago I didn't really think about what they did in terms of enriching the tour... rather they organized it! I do not speak Japanese, so it would have been impossible to make this trip without their help - perhaps I could have arranged trains (perhaps), but of course not all hotels, nor could I have thought of bus routes ahead of time. Re insurance, it was actually \$127. And I think that's pretty typical travel insurance for U.S. citizens; I checked several other service providers. 1 post 1 review 3. Re: In our experience using Oku Japan self-guided walking tours 6 years ago I just done nakasendo self guided tour and was very disappointed with the value of money and terrible maps. it's bitly with all the train journeys in between and really I think most of us would book three accommodations. I managed to do it all month the rest of Japan! magome on Tsugome is touristy say lest. We didn't need train tickets to force Oku booked into our accommodations and if bad cards, it didn't help with transport luggage or local train tickets, and itinerary was confusing to work out it turned out to be a very expensive part of my stay in Japan! we enjoyed walking, but were overshadowed by feeling a bit cheated oku in Japan, couldn't do it again! Level Contributor 2 posts 27 reviews 21 came in 4. Re: Our experience using Oku Japan self-guided walking tours 5 years ago I do not recommend OKU JAPAN tours. I have booked to go on their May Kumano Kodo trip and their communication with me is very poor. They lowered hotels from the website to another hotel that has poorer reviews (4+ to 3 star). The most contact I had with this travel agency is requests for payment and reminders when payment is due. Very little help otherwise. Level Contributor 8154 posts 5. Re: In our experience of using Oku Japan self-guided walking tours 5 years ago As Kumano Kodo, you might want to book a trip to the Kumano Tourist Center Official Site. Edited: 5 years ago Level Contributor 7 posts 4 reviews 3 helpful 6. Re: In our experience using Oku Japan self-guided walking tours 5 years ago I look to guided Nakasendo trail tour so will ask if it changes the luggage element. I'm not keen to transport luggage every day and off buses and trains. What was your overall walking trail rating? Quietly, moderately, picturesque? Which month are you going? Finally, have you heard anything about Company World Expeditions? Level Contributor 7 posts 4 reviews 3 useful. Re: Our experience of using Oku Japan for self-guided walking tours 5 years ago Art mom-When are you going on your trip? I would really like to know what your experience is like. Hopefully it's better than your communication This. I'm looking to book an Oku guided Nakasendo trail, but I'm wary now. Do you know anything about World expeditions? Level Contributor 25 posts 24 reviews 17 came in handy 8. Re: Our experience of using Oku Japan self-study walking tours 5 years ago We ourselves guided 4 day, 3 night walk along the Nakasendo trail in November 2015. We booked it directly through OKU JAPAN. We'll be back and the number is very good. Nakasendo is well labelled and we did not feel that we needed their instructions. In retrospect, I thought I might have booked fields and train myself through Japanese guesthouses and HYPERDIA. Level Contributor 7 posts 81 reviews 107 useful votes 9. Re: Our experience of using Oku Japan self-guided walking tours 5 years ago Yes, Oku was not cheap and I agree that the trail was mostly well marked and easy to follow. But we don't speak Japanese, so we had it worth what we paid for – considering that they booked all the accommodations for us (even tiny places from the way the villages) and got us our train tickets, and provided information about train and bus schedules etc. Level Contributor 1 post 68 reviews 13 usefuler 10. Re: Our experience using Oku Japan self-guided walking tours 4 years ago Hi. Do you recommend this trip to be done solo? In 2010, Oku Japan pioneered self-guided walking tours in Japan's Kumano Kodo and Nakasendo regions. Since then, we've continued to build on this strong foundation as leading experts in sustainable off-the-beaten-the-path self-guided tours in Japan, and now offer a range of tours featuring not only walking, but cycling, kayaking and other cultural experiences across the country. We focus on destinations with historical and spiritual value that create a story about your journey. We started our tours, incorporating the best walks from Shikoku 88 Temple Pilgrimage and cycling to the changing cultures of the islands seto inland sea, and will continue to bring you closer to the heart and soul of Japan. Discover the country at your own pace with our detailed maps and instructions for going. Everything else - from rail tickets to accommodation - is all organized by us so you can focus on relaxing and enjoying great local home-made food and world-class hospitality. Japan is a wonderful destination for everyone to visit, from families to solo travelers too, with outstanding public transport and security, as well as a member of our local team available to help 24/7. Our self-guided tours give you the flexibility to change content to fit in with your overall travel plans to allow us to welcome you to Japan. Feudal times people traveling between Kyoto and Tokyo could use nakasendo way - the way through the central mountains - a network of ancient highways. We offer excursions with 3, 4 and 5 days of walking village to the village along the Nakasendo trail, the old route that connects Kyoto with Tokyo inland through the mountains. Walking is mostly gentle and passes through rural landscapes and villages, including preserved settlements Magome and Tsumago. Tsumago, all self-guided Nakasendo tours the Kii Peninsula points south away from Kyoto and Osaka and is one of the most remote and mystical areas of Japan, despite its vicinity to these big cities. Long place for pilgrimage, the Kii Peninsula is the site of three Grand Shrines in Kumano (Kumano Sanzan) - Our Kumano Kodo self-guided tours offer 4, 5, or 6 days walking village to the village along the old pilgrimage route heading west east along the Kii-Peninsula. - Our Kumano to Koya self-guided trip offers a 5-day walk to the village along another wonderful section of the pilgrimage route that leads from Kumano Hongu Taisha Shrine to the spiritual Mount Koya, from south to north. See all the self-guided Kumano Kodo tours shikoku is Japan's fourth largest island, which is home to some of the country's most spectacular and undeveloped interior decorations. The island is also the setting of the ancient walking trail, the challenge shikoku 88 pilgrimage. The trail connects 88 Buddhist temples and a full walk spans over a thousand kilometers. We have selected the best walks and the best accommodation, including Shukubo pilgrim accommodation and fine fields in attractive cities such as Tokushima and Dogo Onsen. We offer excursions with 4, 6, 8 and 10 days, walking along shikoku 88 pilgrimage. See all the self-guided Shikoku 88 Pilgrimage tours Our self-guided walking tours you must be fit enough and take the right gear. Our walks are not technically difficult and are mainly on village roads and forest trails, which are usually well maintained and well labeled. English may not be widely spoken in rural areas, but you will have wonderful memories of staying in the small country countryside with your hosts and seeing Japan at its own pace. Self-Guided Cycle through historic cultural landscapes and secluded rural villages around Japan's most famous lake near Kyoto. Self-Guided Explore the dramatic nature and local culture of Japan's second largest island Self-Guided Experience hidden in the local culture of northern Japan Self-Guided Enjoy the slow island life of the Setouchi Inland Sea by bike, kayaking and walking Self-Guided Explore the peaceful Setouchi inland sea by bike and kayaking before walking on the lovely parts of Shikoku 88 Temple Pilgrimage Trail Ehime Self-Guided Self-Guided Eastern Hokkaido Winter Landscapes and Wild Self-Guided Self-Guided Winter Tour through the Japanese Alps By snowshoeing, many Onsen hot springs and local culinary experiences of a Self-Guided Experiential journey through Japan's diverse culturally rich landscapes of Self-Guided Rewarding cycle along the sea, mountains and rivers of Shikoku in the southern Kochi region of Self-Guided full Kumano Kodo pilgrimage experience on Mount Koya. See the Grand Shrines at Hongu and Nachi walking the full Nakahachi and Kohechi route, with a wonderful Over the valleys, mountains and Pacific Ocean Self-Guided Experience the full Kumano Kodo pilgrimage experience on Mount Koya, walking along the Nakahachi and Kohechi routes, ending with an authentic stay of Shukubo pilgrims lodging a Mount Koya Self-Guided Walk along the wonderful Nakahachi route to the Kumano Kodo Trail ending at the Hayatama Shrine. Self-Guided Experience Nakahachi route on foot from Takijiri to Nachi Waterfall, visiting the Grand Shrines at Hongu and Nachi along the way to Self-Guided Travel along the full Nakahachi route to the enchanting Kumano Kodo pilgrimage trail, experience the Grand Shrines at Hongu and Nachi and bathe in the thermal waters at the hot spring Self-Guided Walk in Nara and highlight sections of Kumano Kodo, experiencing the best country and local food in the Kumano region of the Self-Guided Hike challenge on the Kohechi route of the ancient Kumano Kodo trail, from Hongu Taisha Grand Shrine to Mount Koya. Enjoying a wonderful view over the valleys and mountains every day of the Self-Guided Explore Nakasendo Trail before heading into the Oku-Hida Mountains to explore the biodiverse Kamikochi, ending with a magnificent hike and Onsen Oku-Nikko Self-Guided Self-Guided Enjoy the best forest walks and Yuku post towns of the Nakaendo Trail, before going to the Oku-Hida Mountains to explore Kamikochi before arriving at the iconic Takayama. Self-Guided Visit exquisitely preserved villages of Magome, Tsumago and Narai over 3 days walking in picturesque Kiso Valley Self-Guided Walking for over 4 days in the picturesque Kiso Valley with overnight stays in Tsumago, Kiso-Fukushima and Narai Self-Guided Village to the village walking on the loveliest parts of the old Nakasendo Trail, before visiting Matsumoto with their historic castle and beyond the picturesque Karuzawa Self-Explore Guided historic and culturally significant hiking trails of the lesser-known Kansai Self-Guided Explore historic Nikko and hike the beautiful Oku Nikko plains around Yumoto Guided Self-Experience stunning Sanin UNESCO Geopark and coastline along the Sea of Japan, from Northern Kyoto to Hyogo and Mount Daisen Tottori. A self-Guided Ride from peaceful mountain roads to breathtaking coastal trails and seaside villages in this 5-day self-paced cycling trip self-guided arm Explore Kanazawa through the wonderful Kenen Garden and the fascinating Omicho food market before heading for five days of road biking through the dramatic coasts and seaside villages of Self-Guided Explore Atmospheric Noto Peninsula with six days of cycling path, experiencing unique cuisine, delightful onsen hot-springs and atmospheric fishing towns along the coastal breathtaking trail. Self-Guided Walk on the loveliest parts of Shikoku 88 Temple Pilgrimage Trail in Tokushima, Kagawa and Ehime, spending nights in Shukubo temple accommodation and nature baths Dogo Onsen Self-Guided abundant character, and various temples with walks on sections of the ancient 88th Temple Ehime Prefecture Shikoku Self-Guided Walk on the 88 Shikoku Temple Pilgrimage Trails for the best parts of Tokushima and Kagawa, enjoying the wonderful views of the cedar forests and rural villages of Self-Guided Walks in parts of Shikoku 88 Temple Pilgrimage Trail in Tokushima, Kagawa and Ehime, spending nights in shukubo temple lodging days up to 8 hours hiking a Self-Guided Scenic tour through Japanese culture highlights Self-Guided rewarding guided by the sea, mountains and rivers in Shikoku south of the Kochi Region Self-Guided Explore the beautifully chechtded roof of the roof of the house in Myama village In the charming port city of Ine-cho, and relax with Miyazu and Kinosaki Onsen north of Kyoto's Self-Guided Trail walking the mountains of West Shiga and Fukui Prefecture, with four hikes in 1-6 hours Subscribe to our newsletter Get our latest news and deals delivered right to your inbox COVID-19 : Please see Oku Japan's answer here. 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