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# SADS Japan Tour 2019

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# Tour Profile



**Organizer:** Moto Tours Japan.

**Airport:** Kansai Int. Airport.

**Total distance:** 2,325 km.

**Daily Stages:** 200km/day approx.

**Maximum Altitude:** 2,172m.

**Roads:** 100% asphalt.

**Motorcycles:** BMW R1200GS, Ducati Multistrada, Honda Africa Twin, etc.

**Skill:** difficulty of the route 6/10.

**Accommodations:** 4-5 star hotels mixing western with traditional Japanese ryokans\*.

**Climate:** temperate with four distinct seasons. Humid subtropical. 12 to 20 degrees Celsius.

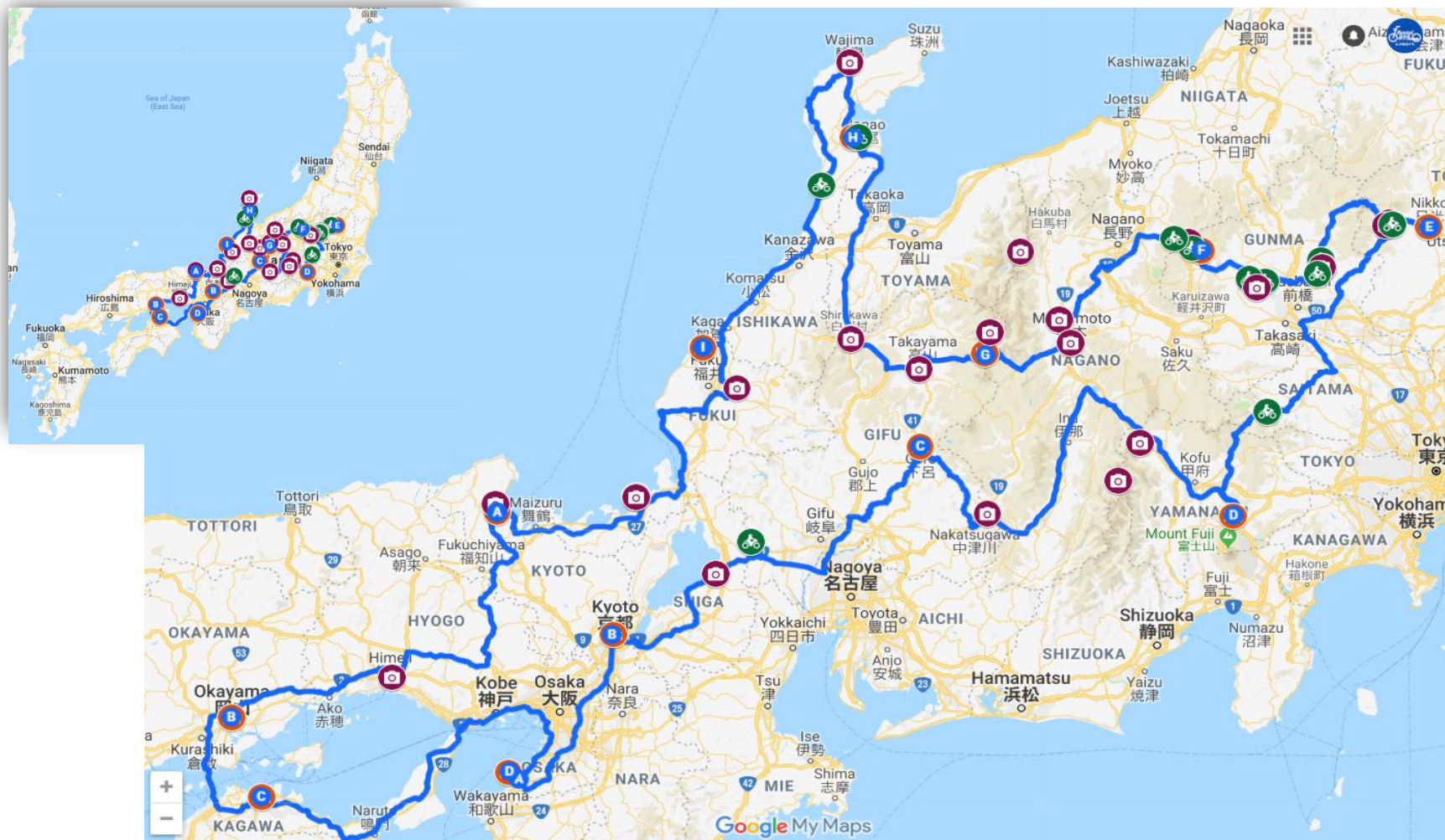
**Included:** round trip flight tickets Netherlands-Japan, 13 nights hotel, 13 breakfasts, 13 dinners, motorcycle rental, toll fees, support van and driver.

**Not included:** gasoline, drinks, lunches, travel insurance.



\*The hotels in this presentation are the ones we usually work with. If there were no availability at some of these we would use an alternative one of equivalent quality.

# Map



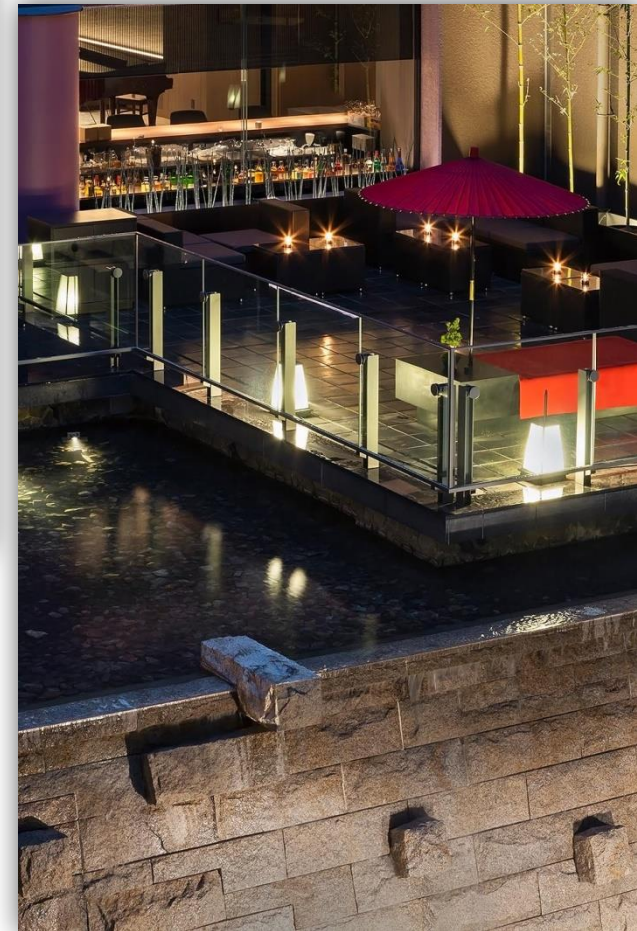


# Day 1 - Sightseeing in Kyoto



The first day we will visit the traditional Kyoto, some of the most impressive temples the city has to offer like the Golden one and Kiyomizu-dera. At night we will take a stroll through Gion Kyoto's most famous geisha district.

# Day 1 – Kyoto Hotel (Kyoto Tokyu)





## Day 2 – Kyoto to Gero Hot Springs

235 km



Today we will ride along Lake Biwa, the largest freshwater lake in Japan, pass by Hikone and its castle, ride the Ibuki Driveway and continue through the mountain roads of Gifu to the Hot Springs town of Gero to stay for the night.

## Day 2 – Gero Hot Springs Hotel (Sumeikan)





## Day 3 – Gero to Lake Kawaguchi

268 km

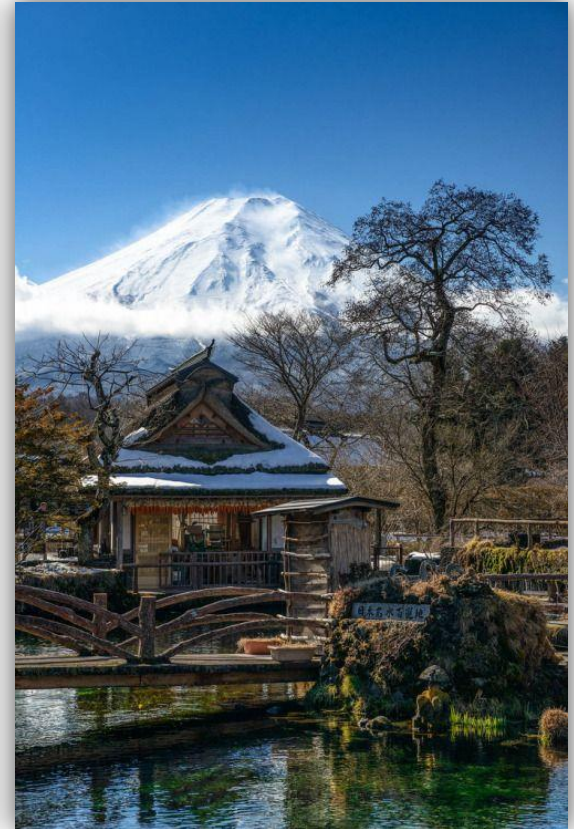


Today we will ride around the Southern Japanese Alps, stopping at Tsumago, one of the best preserved post towns in Japan. To recreate the ambience of the Edo Period , cars are prohibited on the main street in the day and phone lines and power cables are kept concealed, allowing visitors to imagine they have slipped back to an earlier time.



## Day 4 – Lake Kawaguchi

## Rest/Excursion



The first rest day, so you can enjoy in the hotel hot springs or take the opportunity to visit Mount Fuji, do some shopping at Gotemba Outlet, visit the World heritage site of Oshino Hakkai or take a cruise on a classic ship through Ashinoko Lake.

## Day 3&4 Hotel (Regina Resort)





## Day 5 – Lake Kawaguchi to Nikko

245 km



Today we will ride the winding mountain roads of Chichibu all the way to Nikko National Park, which has been a center of Shinto and Buddhist worship for centuries. It offers scenic mountainous landscapes, lakes, waterfalls and wild monkeys, watch out!

## Day 5 Nikko hotel ( Kinugawa Onsen Resort)





## Day 6 – Nikko to Kusatsu Hot Springs 200 km



Today we will ride the Japanese Romantic road through some breathtaking mountain passes like to Mount Akagi and Mount Haruna. Akagi has a temple inside an island, inside a lake, inside a volcano crater! We will spend the night at Kusatsu Hot Springs. It is one of Japan's most famous hot spring resorts and is blessed with large volumes of high quality hot spring water said to cure every illness but lovesickness.

# Day 6 Kusatsu Hotel (Kusatsu Onsen Hotel Resort)





## Day 7 – Kusatsu to Hirayu

181 km



Today we will ride through the highest public road in Japan, continue to visit the largest wasabi farm in the country to learn how it is cultivated, pass by Matsumoto and its impressive castle and stay in the middle of the Northern Japanese Alps at Hirayu.



## Day 8 – Hirayu

## Rest/Excursions



Today is the second rest day, you can enjoy the nature around Hirayu, relax in its hot Springs or do one day trips like taking the Shin Hotaka Ropeway for beautiful views of the Japanese Northern Alps



## Day 7&8 Hirayu Hotel (Miyama Ouan)





## Day 9 – Hirayu to Noto Peninsula 191 km



Today we will ride through Takayama to the World Heritage site of Shirakawago to visit how the houses looked 400 years ago in this region. Then we will continue north to reach the Sea of Japan at the Noto Peninsula.



## Day 9 Noto Peninsula Hotel (Tadaya)



## Day 10 – Noto Peninsula to Awara

231 km



Today we will ride around the Noto Peninsula passing by the fish port town of Wajima, then continue south to ride on Chirihama, the only beach driveway in Japan. We will spend the night at Awara town in Fukui prefecture.



# Day 10 Awara Hotel (Grandia Housen)





## Day 11 – Awara to Miyazu

239 km



Today we will visit Eiheiiji, the buddhist temple complex founded in 1,244. We will then continue west to ride the Rainbow line, a beautiful road that spans between the sea of Japan and the Mitaka five lakes. Then going through Obama city we will arrive to Miyazu for the night. Here we have Amanohashidate, one of the three best views of Japan.



# Day 11 Miyazu Hotel (Hotel & Resort Kyoto Miyazu)



## Day 12 – Miyazu to Okayama

236 km



Today we will go to Okayama but on the way we will stop by Himeji to visit the castle. It is considered as Japan's most spectacular castle for its imposing size and beauty and its well preserved, complex castle grounds. The castle is both a national treasure and a world heritage site. Unlike many other Japanese castles, it was never destroyed by war, earthquake or fire and survives to this day as one of the country's twelve original castles.



# Day 12 Okayama Hotel (Ana Crown Plaza)



## Day 13 – Okayama to Osaka

299 km



Today is the last riding day. We will cross to Shikoku island through the Seto Ohashi bridge. Then we will ride across Shikoku island, heading back to Osaka through Awaji island and cross the Akashi Kaikyo bridge, which with a length of 4 km, is the world's longest suspension bridge that connects Honshu with Shikoku since 1998.



## Day 13 Osaka Hotel (Nikko Kansai)



## Day 15 – Fly back



See you on your next Japanese adventure! ☺