
SADS Japan Tour 2020



Tour Profile



Organizer: Moto Tours Japan.

Airport: Kansai Int. Airport.

Total distance: 1,810 km.

Daily Stages: 230km/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, 11 nights hotel, 11 breakfasts, 9 dinners, motorcycle rental, toll fees, support van and driver.

Not included: gasoline, drinks, lunches, dinner 2 times, 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 (Grand Prince Hotel Kyoto)



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

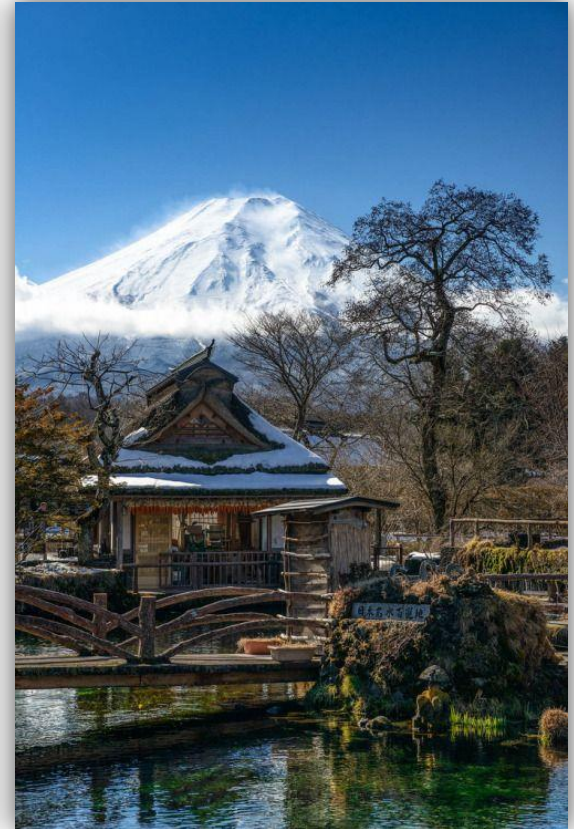
268 km



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 (Highland Resort Hotel & SPA)



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 Now Resort Hotel)



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)

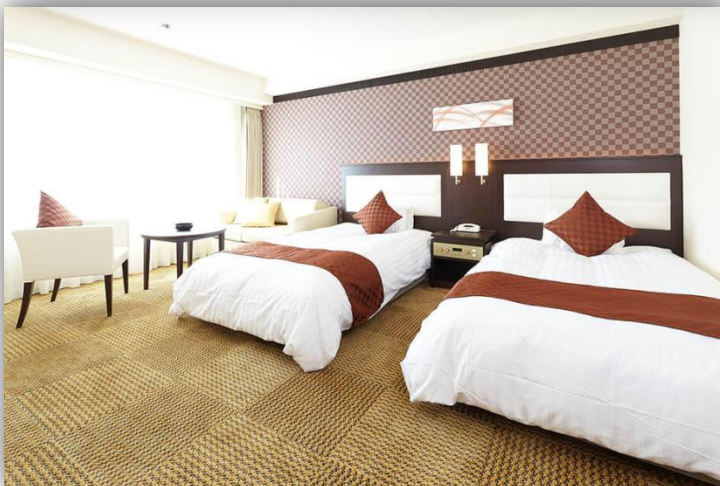


Day 10 – Noto Peninsula to Lake Biwa 270 km



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 near Lake Biwa, in Shiga Prefecture.

Day 10 Lake Biwa Hotel (Hotel & Resorts Nagahama)



Day 11 – Lake Biwa to Osaka

230 km



Today is the last riding day. We will go along the Lake Biwa, and stop at Hikone Castle which is a designated national treasure. There is a moat around the castle and you can enjoy taking a Japanese small boat with a boatman and also rickshaw if you like. Then we head back to Osaka. You can also stop at Osaka city, which is enthusiastic city. Please make sure to arrive at the hotel by the farewell dinner!

Day 11 Osaka Hotel (Nikko Kansai)



Day 12 – Fly back



See you on your next Japanese adventure! ☺