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# SADS Japan Tour 2022

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# Tour Profile



**Organizer:** Moto Tours Japan.

**Airport:** Kansai Int. Airport.

**Total distance:** 2,000 km.

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

**Maximum Altitude:** 1,250m.

**Roads:** 100% asphalt.

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

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

**Accommodations:** 3-4 star hotels mixing western with traditional Japanese ryokans.

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

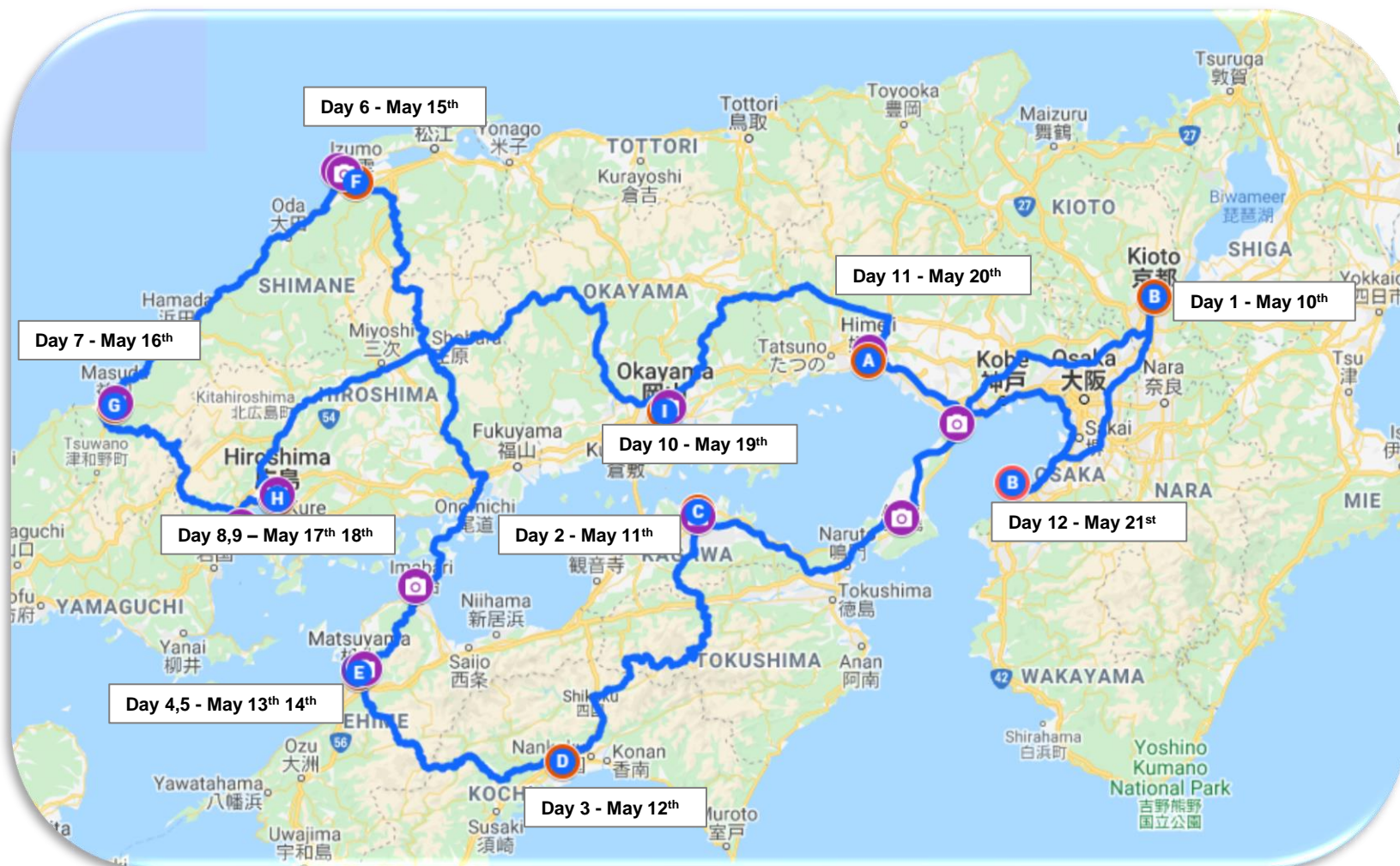
**Included:** 12 nights hotel, 12 breakfasts, 12 dinners, 3 sightseeing with lunch, motorcycle rental, toll fees, support van and driver.

**Not included:** round trip flight tickets Netherland-Japan, gasoline, drinks, lunches, travel insurance.

**100% Collision Damage Waiver:** 3,500 yen/day x 12 days = 42,000 yen extra.



# Map



# May 10<sup>th</sup>, Day 1 – Arrive to Kyoto



**Kyoto (京都, Kyōto)** served as Japan's capital and the emperor's residence from 794 until 1868. It is one of the country's ten largest cities with a population of 1.5 million people and a modern face.

Over the centuries, Kyoto was destroyed by many wars and fires, but due to its exceptional historic value, the city was dropped from the list of target cities for the atomic bomb and escaped destruction during World War II. Countless temples, shrines and other historically priceless structures survive in the city today.



# May 10<sup>th</sup>, Day 1 - Sightseeing in Kyoto



## Kyoto

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

## May 11<sup>th</sup>, Day 2 – Kyoto to Takamatsu 270 km



**Ritsurin Koen (栗林公園)** is a landscape garden in Takamatsu City, built by the local feudal lords during the early Edo Period. Considered one of the best gardens in Japan, it is often suggested that Ritsurin Koen deserves a spot on the list of the "three most beautiful gardens of Japan" alongside Kanazawa's Kenrokuen, Mito's Kairakuen, and Okayama's Korakuen.



**The Akashi Kaikyo Bridge (明石海峡大橋)** is, with a length of almost four kilometers, the world's longest suspension bridge. Opened in 1998, it spans the Akashi Strait (Akashi Kaikyo) between Kobe and Awaji Island and is part of the Kobe-Awaji-Naruto Expressway, one of three expressways which connect Honshu with Shikoku.



## May 12<sup>th</sup>, Day 3 – Takamatsu to Kochi

165 km 



**Oboke Gorge (大歩危)** and neighboring Koboke Gorge (小歩危) a little ways downstream, are narrow, steep sided gorges near the entrance to the Iya Valley and popularly combined with a visit there. Cut by the swirling rapids of the Yoshino River, their names mean "big dangerous steps" and "small dangerous steps" as their jagged, rocky walls can be perilous to navigate.



**Kochi (高知, Kōchi)** is the capital of Kochi Prefecture on the southern coast of Shikoku. The city is small and friendly, with a casual atmosphere and a dose of southern flair.

Kochi boasts several attractions of interest to travelers. A well preserved, original hilltop castle from the feudal period marks Kochi's downtown. Nearby on another mountain, Godaisan, pilgrims visit Chikurinji Temple, one of the 88 temples along the Shikoku Pilgrimage. The city is also the proud home of Sakamoto Ryoma, who played a role in realizing the Meiji Restoration.

# May 13<sup>th</sup>, Day 4 – Kochi to Matsuyama

186 km 



## **Shikoku Mountain Roads.**

Shikoku, the smallest of Japan's five main islands, is a hidden gem of history and spirituality. Located south of Honshu, Shikoku is the smallest of Japan's five main islands after Okinawa. Historically isolated from the mainland, Shikoku developed unique architectural and religious characteristics. The region is also a top producer of citrus. Shikoku is most famous for its 88 Temple Pilgrimage, a 1400 kilometer route established by Kukai, the founder of Shingon Buddhism in Japan, and often compared to the "Camino de Santiago" in Spain. The pilgrimage circles through sweeping valleys, past tranquil streams, and secret rural communities, up to misty mountaintop shrines and self-realization.



## May 14<sup>th</sup>, Day 5 – Matsuyama Excursion

200 km **Moto Tours**  
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**Matsuyama Castle (松山城)** is one of Japan's twelve "original castles", i.e. castles which have survived the post-feudal era since 1868 intact. It is also one of the most complex and interesting castles in the country. It is located on Mount Katsuyama, a steep hill in the city center that provides visitors with a bird's eye view of Matsuyama and the Seto Inland Sea.



**Dogo Onsen Honkan (道後温泉本館)** is the symbol and main attraction of Dogo Onsen. The charismatic bath house was built in 1894 during the Meiji Period. Its wooden interior is a maze of stairways, passages and rooms, usually bustling with activity by staff and guests. Dogo Onsen Honkan is said to have served as inspiration for the award-winning animated film "Spirited Away" by Miyazaki's Studio Ghibli.

## May15<sup>th</sup>, Day 6 – Matsuyama to Izumo

236 km **Moto Tours**  
JAPAN



The **Shimanami Kaido (しまなみ海道)** is a 60 kilometer long road that connects Japan's main island of Honshu to the island of Shikoku, passing over six small islands in the Seto Inland Sea. The route was opened in 1999, so the bridges are modern and attractive. Along the way, travelers can enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Seto Inland Sea and the islands' small towns.



**Izumo Taisha (出雲大社)** is one of Japan's most important shrines. There are no records of exactly when Izumo Taisha was built, but it is often considered the oldest shrine in Japan, being already in existence in the early 700s as revealed by the nation's oldest chronicles. Izumo used to be ruled by a powerful clan in pre-historic times, and the region plays a central role in Japan's creation mythology.



## May 16<sup>th</sup>, Day 7 – Izumo to Masuda



### Shimane Coastal Roads

Shimane Prefecture is located on the Sea of Japan coast in the Chugoku (south west) region of Japan. Shimane is the second least populous prefecture in Japan after its neighbor Tottori.

Shimane has a long history with a number of distinctive and unusual square-shaped kofun (burial mounds) dating from the Yayoi Period (300 BC). What is now Shimane Prefecture may well also have remained outside of the influence of the Yamato dynasty in Nara and it is known to have strong connections with both ancient Korea and China. During the Edo Period, Shimane was ruled first by the Horio clan who deposed the Mori clan after the decisive Battle of Sekigahara in 1600, and later by the strong Tokugawa allies, the Matsudaira clan. The Iwami Ginzan mines and Yunotsu port were under the direct control of the Tokugawa regime.

# May 17<sup>th</sup>, Day 8 – Masuda to Hiroshima

150 km **Moto Tours**  
JAPAN



## Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.

Consisting of two buildings, the museum surveys the history of Hiroshima and the advent of the nuclear bomb. Its main focus though is on the events of August 6: the dropping of the bomb and its outcome in human suffering. The personal details displayed are quite upsetting and serve to remind that we should not take peace for granted.



## The A-Bomb Dome

Also known as the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, is what remains of the former Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall. The building served as a location to promote Hiroshima's industries. When the bomb exploded, it was one of the few buildings to remain standing, and remains so today. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the A-Bomb Dome is a tangible link to Hiroshima's unique past.



# May 18<sup>th</sup>, Day 9 – Hiroshima Excursion (Miyajima)

**Miyajima (宮島)** is a small island less than an hour outside the city of Hiroshima. It is most famous for its giant torii gate, which at high tide seems to float on the water. The sight is ranked as one of Japan's three best views.

While officially named Itsukushima, the island is more commonly referred to as Miyajima, Japanese for "shrine island". This is because the island is so closely related to its key shrine, Itsukushima Shrine, in the public's mind. Like the torii gate, the shrine's main buildings are built over water.

There are also wild deer on the island that have become accustomed to people. In the day the deer wander around the same sites as the tourists, and in the evening they sleep along the walking paths.



## May 19<sup>th</sup>, Day 10 – Hiroshima to Okayama



**Korakuen (後楽園)** is a beautiful landscape garden and Okayama's main attraction. Along with Kanazawa's Kenrokuen and Mito's Kairakuen, Korakuen is ranked as one of Japan's three best landscape gardens. It is located just beside Okayama Castle, which can be seen from the garden as "borrowed scenery".

The local feudal lord ordered the construction of Korakuen in 1687 as a place of entertainment for the ruling family and a location for receiving important guests. Occasionally, the public was permitted to enter the garden. In 1884, a few years after the end of the feudal era, Korakuen became the property of Okayama Prefecture and was opened to the public.



## May 20<sup>th</sup>, Day 11 – Okayama to Himeji

115 km  Moto Tours  
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**Himeji Castle (姫路城)**, also known as White Heron Castle (Shirasagijo) due to its elegant, white appearance, is widely 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.

## May 21<sup>st</sup>, Day 12 – Himeji to Osaka



### Kobe and Mount Rokko.

Kobe (神戸) is the capital of Hyogo Prefecture and one of Japan's ten largest cities.

Mount Rokko (六甲山) is the highest peak in the Rokko mountain range, which provides the pleasant green backdrop to the city of Kobe. Panoramic views of the heavily urbanized Hanshin region (Kobe and Osaka) can be enjoyed from the mountain and are particularly spectacular around sunset.



May 22<sup>nd</sup> Day 13 – Fly back



See you on your next Japanese adventure! ☺

# Motorcycles

## BMW



### — F750GS

Price Class : P-5  
Displacement : 853cc  
Seat Height : 770mm  
Weight : 186kg  
Capacity : 15L



### — R1200GS

Price Class : P-7  
Displacement : 1169cc  
Seat Height : 850/870mm  
Weight : 245kg  
Capacity : 20L



### — R1250GS

Price Class : P-7  
Displacement : 1254cc  
Seat Height : 800/820mm  
Weight : 249kg  
Capacity : 20L



# Motorcycles



## DUCATI



### — Multistrada 950

Price Class : P-6  
Displacement : 937cc  
Seat Height : 840mm  
Weight : 299kg  
Capacity : 20L



### — Multistrada 950S

Price Class : P-6  
Displacement : 937cc  
Seat Height : 840mm  
Weight : 235kg  
Capacity : 20L



### — Multistrada 1200

Price Class : P-7  
Displacement : 1198cc  
Seat Height : 800/820mm  
Weight : 232kg  
Capacity : 20L



### — Multistrada 1260S

Price Class : P-7  
Displacement : 1262cc  
Seat Height : 825/845mm  
Weight : 235kg  
Capacity : 20L



### — Scrambler Sixty2

Price Class : P-4  
Displacement : 399cc  
Seat Height : 770mm  
Weight : 211kg  
Capacity : 16.5L



### — Scrambler Icon

Price Class : P-5  
Displacement : 803cc  
Seat Height : 770mm  
Weight : 186kg  
Capacity : 13.5L

# Motorcycles

## HONDA



### — CB400SF

Price Class : P-4  
Displacement : 399cc  
Seat Height : 755mm  
Weight : 199kg  
Capacity : 18L



### — CB400SB

Price Class : P-4  
Displacement : 399cc  
Seat Height : 755mm  
Weight : 206kg  
Capacity : 18L



### — NC750X

Price Class : P-4  
Displacement : 745cc  
Seat Height : 800mm  
Weight : 217kg  
Capacity : 14L



### — NC750X-DCT

Price Class : P-4  
Displacement : 745cc  
Seat Height : 800mm  
Weight : 231kg  
Capacity : 14L



### — 400X

Price Class : P-4  
Displacement : 399cc  
Seat Height : 800mm  
Weight : 230kg  
Capacity : 17L



### — CRF1000L

Price Class : P-6  
Displacement : 998cc  
Seat Height : 870mm  
Weight : 230kg  
Capacity : 18.8L



### — CRF1100L-DCT

Price Class : P-6  
Displacement : 998cc  
Seat Height : 870mm  
Weight : 230kg  
Capacity : 18.8L



### — CB1300SB

Price Class : P-5  
Displacement : 1284cc  
Seat Height : 780mm  
Weight : 273kg  
Capacity : 21L



### — CB1100

Price Class : P-5  
Displacement : 1140cc  
Seat Height : 765mm  
Weight : 252kg  
Capacity : 14L



# Motorcycles

## SUZUKI



### — VStrom250

Price Class : P-3  
Displacement : 249cc  
Seat Height : 800mm  
Weight : 188kg  
Capacity : 17L



### — VStrom650ABS

Price Class : P-4  
Displacement : 645cc  
Seat Height : 835mm  
Weight : 215kg  
Capacity : 20L



### — Burgman400

Price Class : P-4  
Displacement : 399cc  
Seat Height : 755mm  
Weight : 215kg  
Capacity : 13L

# Motorcycles

## YAMAHA



### — MT-07

Price Class : P-4  
Displacement : 688cc  
Seat Height : 805mm  
Weight : 179kg  
Capacity : 13L



### — MT-09

Price Class : P-4  
Displacement : 846cc  
Seat Height : 815mm  
Weight : 188kg  
Capacity : 14L



### — MT-09 Tracer

Price Class : P-5  
Displacement : 847cc  
Seat Height : 845mm  
Weight : 210kg  
Capacity : 18L



### — Tracer900

Price Class : P-5  
Displacement : 845cc  
Seat Height : 850mm  
Weight : 214kg  
Capacity : 18L



### — TMAX530SX

Price Class : P-5  
Displacement : 530cc  
Seat Height : 800mm  
Weight : 215kg  
Capacity : 15L



# Motorcycles

## Harley-Davidson®



### — ROAD KING®

Price Class : P-8  
Displacement : 1745cc  
Seat Height : 705mm  
Weight : 379kg  
Capacity : 22.7L



### — ELECTRA GLIDE®

Price Class : P-8  
Displacement : 1689cc  
Seat Height : 685mm  
Weight : 408kg  
Capacity : 22.7L



### — ROAD GLIDE SPECIAL®

Price Class : P-8  
Displacement : 1689cc  
Seat Height : 695mm  
Weight : 391kg  
Capacity : 22.7L



### — LOW RIDER® FXLR

Price Class : P-7  
Displacement : 1745cc  
Seat Height : 690mm  
Weight : 300kg  
Capacity : 18.9L



### — LOW RIDER® FXDL

Price Class : P-7  
Displacement : 1690cc  
Seat Height : 700mm  
Weight : 311kg  
Capacity : 17.8L



### — TRI GLIDE™ ULTRA

Price Class : P-8  
Displacement : 1868cc  
Seat Height : 735mm  
Weight : 564kg  
Capacity : 22.7L