

# №12 Bird watching around Nikko Toshogu Shrine while visiting giant trees

## Target audience

- Accommodation guests
- Affluent class
- Nature lovers

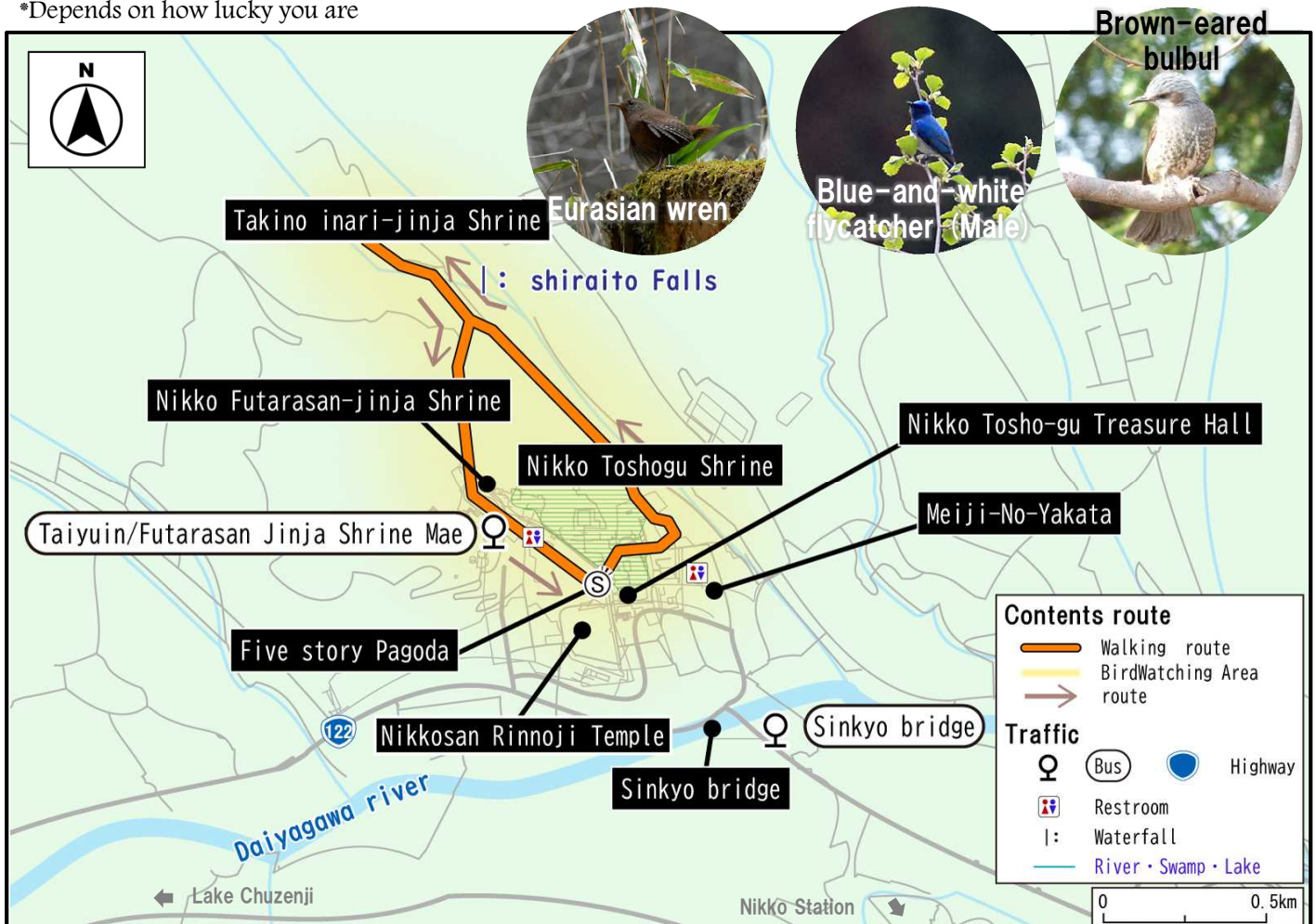
### Highlights

- A great walking experience around the World Heritage area which introduces you to Nikko, a city that has developed through mountain sceticism, together with the animistic world of giant trees where Gods are believed to be dwelling.
- Let's enjoy bird watching in the World Heritage area surrounded by giant cedar trees in a solemn atmosphere.
- Besides wild birds, with any luck you can even see flying squirrels.
- Nikko Toshogu Shrine, a famous World Heritage site as well as power spot which is dedicated to Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first Tokugawa shogun, who laid the foundations of peace and culture during the 260 years of the Edo period and made a great contribution to the development of modern Japan.



Season	Birds to watch
Mar.~ Apr.	Black kite • Japanese pygmy woodpecker • Brown-eared bulbul • Brown dipper • Eurasian wren • Japanese accentor • Daurian redstart • Goldcrest • Willow tit • Coal tit • Parus minor • Varied tit • Asian brown flycatcher • Treecreeper • Meadow bunting • Rustic bunting • Oriental greenfinch • Eurasian siskin • Eurasian bullfinch • Eurasian jay • Japanese green woodpecker • Emberiza elegans*
May~ Aug.	Blue-and-white flycatcher • Narcissus flycatcher • Eastern crowned-warbler • Ashy minivet • Asian brown flycatcher • Japanese thrush • Brown-headed thrush • Grey wagtail • Eurasian jay • Japanese grosbeak • Black kite • Japanese pygmy woodpecker • Brown-eared bulbul • Brown dipper • Eurasian wren • Goldcrest • Willow tit • Coal tit • Parus minor • Varied tit • Asian brown flycatcher • Treecreeper • Meadow bunting • Oriental greenfinch • Japanese green woodpecker • White-bellied green-pigeon* • Siberian ground thrush* • Ural owl*

\*Depends on how lucky you are



# Nikko Toshogu Shrine

Most buildings of the shrine where Tokugawa Ieyasu is dedicated to were rebuilt during the "Great Reconstruction of Kanei/Kan'ei no Taizukuri" by the 3rd Shogun Iemitsu in Kan'ei 13 (1636). 55 buildings lining in the precincts of it, including eight national treasures and 34 important cultural properties. The buildings are decorated with lacquer and brilliant colours by master craftsmen from all over Japan. Numerous sculptures are displayed on the pillars.

## Takino Shrine

Tagorihime-no-Mikoto, concubine of Ōnamuchi-no-Mikoto (the main enshrined deity of Futarasan Shrine), has been enshrined in the associated shrine.

This shrine is popular since it brings benefits. Especially the "Luck-testing torii gate", which is said to bring good luck if you can throw stones into a small hole in the torii gate for 3 times and at least 1 passes through the hole. And the "Offspring stone", which is said to be blessed with good children and easy delivery. Also the "Marriage bamboo", which is said to make you a good matchmaking if you pray to a bamboo grass.

Itinerary	
9:00	Meet at Nikko Toshogu Shrine Five story Pagoda Mae
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	Takino Inari Jinja Shrine
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	Futarasan Jinja Shrine
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11:30	Dismiss at Nikko Toshogu Shrine Five story Pagoda Mae

※Hiking may take approximately 1.5 to 2 times longer than usual depends on weather conditions, congestion and probabilities of birds' occurrence.



## Tour overview

Course	Nikko Toshogu Five story Pagoda → Takino Inari Jinja Shrine → Futarasan-Jinja Shrine → Nikko Toshogu Five story Pagoda → On foot
Caution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please be considerate of others when birdwatching.</li> <li>• <b>Let's take all rubbish home and help to protect the rich natural environment. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.</b></li> </ul>
Minimum number of participants	2 people
What is included	Guide fee
Tour price	<b>Selling price : ¥17,200</b>
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