Area:	Hakushu		Recommended to	FIT/Small Groups
	Adventure Tourism :	► Nature	► Cross Cultural	► Activity

# Yatsugatake Adventure Retreat "Local Traditions Endowed by Sacred Mountains" 2 Nights 3 Days



# Story:

The Story of the Entire Tour: A tour interacting with locals centered on the waters and traditions of Mt. Kaikomagatake, where mountain worship is still practiced. Trekking along the Ojiragawa Gorge, feel the power of the waters flowing from Mt. Kaikomagatake. While riding eco-friendly e-bikes around rice paddies nurtured by the water, savor the local traditions as you visit a sake brewery and a Japanese sweets shop.

Day 1: Ride an e-bike, through rural scenery on the Kyu Koshu Kaido Road where travelers once went to and fro and Mt. Fuji is visible, and visit Yokote Komagatake Shrine which enshrines a deity of mountains.

Prepare for hiking the next day by purifying mind and body with the prayer of the chief priest , who even now continues to conduct the worship act of mountain climbing by traversing an old path of Mount Kaikomagatake which was opened in 1816 .

Day2: Trek along the "Ojiragawa" Gorge, which is believed to be a manifestation of the white tail of the legendary "black horse" which is said to live on Mt. Kaikomagatake. After enjoying seeing water falls of various sizes and the flow of emerald-colored pristine water, enjoy a riceball bento lunchbox featuring locally produced food, using the rice grown with the water of Mt. Kaikomagatake.

Day3: In the old post town of Daigahara-juku, enjoy the traditions formed around the water of Mt. Kaikomagatake, and Japanese sweets which have continued to be locally produced and enjoyed for 120-years, and traditional food prepared using koji rice malt which is essential for

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Carparks Access (meeting place): Available Kobuchizawa Station (JR Central Main Line) (coin operated XIf you come by car, please use coin operated parking. parking)

## Access (dismissal place):

Kobuchizawa Station (JR Central Main Line)

Available (coin operated parking)

Carparks

sake making.						
Number of participants in the tour :	Implementa	tion period:	Target age :	Application deadline:	What is included in this program	What is <u>NOT</u> included in this program
Minimum : 2 Maximum : 5	From Late April to early November	English	Over 12 (Over 154cm)	30 days prior to the tour starting date	Guide fees	in your own country.)  Other items not listed in "What is included in this program"  (Bank fees will be at the customer's expense.)

### **Schedule**

### DAY 1: Prayer experience at a shrine located at the foot of sacred Mt. Kaikomagatake!

# Highlights:

- While cycling, participants will stop to enjoy a picnic lunch of take-out sandwiches, prepared by a store using
- Participants ride e-bikes along the Kyu Koshu Kaido path, where remains the vivid local lifestyles, and the rural scenery which is fresh green in summer, and gold in fall.
- Participants will have Mr. Imahashi, the chief priest who worships the mountain by climbing it, pray for them to purify their body and mind.
- Enjoy dinner served on skillets with home-grown vegetables and Mukawa-mai rice, otherwise referred to as "phantom rice".

Food & Accom	modation
Breakfast	Х
Lunch	0
Dinner	0
Accommodation	0

Time

Physical and Technical Level:

Details

[Distance: 23km, Elevation Gain: 337m] Participants will ride e-bikes from Kobuchizawa Station down to the national highway, then along Kyu Koshukaido road through rural scenery. There are some hills to ride up and down, but Participants can relax as they ride e-bikes and enjoy the mountain scenery.

[Room Type]

[Wifi] Available

**About Accommodation** 

[Bedding Style] Japanese futon mattress

[Bath / Shower] Main public bath is

Japanese-style room (private)

[Air Conditioner] Available

available for private use. [Other hotel toiletries provided]

Toothbrush, towels



11:52	Kobuchizawa Station Meet with guide.
12:00-12:15	Pick up e-bikes, briefing, test ride e-bikes, departure **Deposit luggage to Akabou Courier (Luggage will be transported from the station and delivered to the guest's accommodation.)
12:15-12:30	Sandwich takeout from Bistro Bugaboo
12:30-14:30	Cycling (Kobuchizawa Sta→Shinshu Tsutaki-juku Road Station ※Lunch at Shinshu Tsutaki-juku Road Station →Yokote Komagatake Shrine) 18km
14:30-16:00	Prayers (Yokote Komagatake Shrine)
16:05-16:35	Cycling (Yokote Komagatake Shrine→Agrieable Mukawa) 4.9km
16:40	Agrieable Mukawa
18:30	Dinner served on skillets and dishes featuring vegetables freshly harvested from their own garden
《Accommodation	Photos)







### DAY2: Thoroughly enjoy the shining emerald green "water" while trekking along the Ojiragawa Gorge at the foot of sacred Mt. Kaikomagatake Highlights: Food & Accommodation ■ Participants will begin trekking after visiting Breakfast 0 [Distance: 7km, Elevation gain: 202m] Physical and Kaikomagatake Shrine which is another subshrine of Mt. There are just a few hills to ride up and down, on a Lunch 0 **Technical Level** Kaikomagatake, just like Yokote Komagatake Shrine. pleasant route riding through rural scenery toward the 0 Dinner (e-bike): ■ Participants can swim in the beautiful emerald-green Accommodation 0 to swim, taking the water temperature and the participants' state of health into consideration. [Distance: 6.5km, Elevation gain: 849m] ■ Enjoy coffee made using spring water and a rice ball There are many hills to walk up and down, and also there bento lunchbox prepared by local farmers, in front of the are dangerous spots with ladders and chains. Sufficient waterfalls, while exposing yourself to negative ions. Physical and physical fitness is required to participate in this tour. ■ Harvest vegetables as ingredients for your own dinner **Technical Level** from Agrieable Mukawa's private farm! (Trekking): ■ Enjoy dinner featuring locally produced ingredients and vegetables harvested by you. [Option] Visiting a hot spring is possible, of which its water source is from Mt. Kaikomagatake. (830 yen/person) **Photo Gallery** Details **About Accommodation** Time [Room Type] 6:45-7:00 Briefing at Agrieable Mukawa Cycling (Hotel → Ojiragawa Gorge Carpark) 7.5km 7:00-7:45 \*Along the way, pick up bento lunchboxes from Pitara Japanese-style room (private) 7:45-7:8:00 Explanation of the course at Ojiragawa Gorge Carpark [Bedding Style] Japanese futon mattress Hiking (Carpark → Kaikomagatake Shrine → Fudo Falls ightarrow Carpark) \*Destinations may change depending on [Air Conditioner] Available 8:00-14:30 the customer's fitness level Cycling (Ojiragawa Gorge Carpark - Agrieable 14:35-15:05 [Wifi]Available Mukawa) [Bath / Shower] Main public bath is 15:10 Stay 2 nights at Agrieable Mukawa available for private use. Evening Harvest experience at Agrieable Mukawa's own farm [Other hotel toiletries provided] Dinner featuring freshly harvested vegetables Toothbrush, towels 18:30 After the hiking, visiting a hot spring is possible, of which its water source is from Mt. ((Option)) Kaikomagatake. (Additional cost will apply.) «Accommodation For customers who would like to relax in a luxurious hotel on the last night. Option) Hotel Keyforest Hokuto Small boutique hotel limited to 6 groups a day ·Twin room / Double room ·Course dinner, available to hotel guests exclusively ·Breakfast is served in your room ·Private spa, available to hotel guests exclusively Bar where guests can enjoy Hakushu's vintage whiskey ※Please inquire for the price. XIf guests stay at Hotel Keyforest Hokuto, their transfer will be by taxi on Day 3. DAY3: Enjoy lip-smacking local sake and Japanese sweets, the blessings of sacred Mt. Kaikomagatake! **⊳**2 3 Highlights: ■ If sunny, the tour will stop at a viewing spot where the majestic Mt. Kaikomagatake can be [Distance: 8.4km, Elevation gain: 119m] Physical and After stopping at a great viewing spot (Suisha-no-sato Koen ■ Visits a long-established sake brewery founded in 1750, and taste the underground water of Technical Level: Park), Participants will relaxedly ride along the gentle Kyu Mt. Kaikomgatake and local sake brewed using locally grown rice! Koshu Kaido route. ■ At the restaurant operated by the sake brewery, enjoy a Japanese-style lunch featuring koji, mold made from rice during sake making, which is believed to have an anti-aging effect, along with "Kaikoma", \*Junmai Daiginjo sake. Food & Accommodation $\ensuremath{\ensuremath{\%}}$ For guests who don't drink sake, amazake, a sweet drink made from fermented rice or coffee prepared using the water used for sake brewing are available. Breakfast 0 \*Junmai Daiginjo is a premium type of sake made with over 50% polished rice and with no Lunch 0

distilled alcohol added.

■Guests can enjoy Japanese sweets produced using the underground water of Mt. Kaikomagatake and locally grown rice, produced by a shop established in 1902. \*Mizu Shingenmochi is available from June to September (available only on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays).

Dinner Х

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**About Accommodation** N/A

# Photo Gallery

Time	Details
7:30	Breakfast
8:30-8:45	Briefing before departing Agrieable Mukawa **Guests deposit luggage at the accommodation.
8:50-9:50	Cycling (Agrieable Mukawa → Suisha-no-koya Koen Park → Daigahara-juku) 8.3km
9:50	Return e-bikes
10:00-11:00	Visit to the sake brewery (Yamanashi Meijo) %Anzaisho tour from 10:30
11:05-12:05	Strolling around Daigahara-juku and visiting a Japanese sweets shop (Kinseiken).
12:10-13:30	Lunch (at Daimin restaurant) and free time for strolling
13:30-14:00	Transfer by taxi (Daigahara-juku $\rightarrow$ Kobuchizawa Station) $\%$ Pick up luggage from the accommodation.
14:29-16:24	JR Chuo Main Line (Kobuchizawa Sta $ ightarrow$ Shinjuku Sta)

Accommodation