

Guidelines for the 30th Henro Experience

1. Purpose

This event aims to give foreign residents of Kagawa the chance to walk a section of the Shikoku Henro and deepen their understanding of both the pilgrimage route and local Kagawa culture. We also want participants to communicate their impressions and thoughts to both domestic and international audiences through social networking to advance the bid for the Shikoku Henro to be registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2. Organizer

Kagawa Prefectural Government

3. Cooperation

NPO Network for Shikoku Henro Pilgrimage and Hospitality

4. Time and Date

May 25 2024 (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

(In the case of bad weather, the event will be cancelled. If the event is cancelled, participants will be notified via e-mail by 6:30 a.m. on the day of the event.)

5. Intended Participants and Number of Participants

This trip is intended for foreign residents in Kagawa. The maximum number of participants is **20**. In the case of an excess of applicants, participants will be chosen on a first-come-first-served basis.

6. Participation Fee

Free

(Participants must pay for their own transportation to/from the meeting point and the return bus fare from Okuboji Temple [¥500].)

7. Conditions for Participation

- a) The route will be almost 15.4 km (9.6 miles) of walking in total. We ask that all participants be fit and healthy enough to complete the entire course on foot.
Please wear clothes and shoes that are easy to walk in.
- b) Participants must comply with the following:
 - I. Any videos or photos we take on the Henro Experience may be used in the promotion of this project on our website or in other media.
 - II. Please use SNS to spread the word about your experience on the tour.

8. Meeting Point

Please meet at Nagaoji Temple 9:00 a.m. *Staff will be waiting to guide you at Kotoden Nagao Station.

9. What to bring

Your **lunch/bento**, plenty of water, towel, other necessary items.

10. Application

Please fill in the application form and return it by e-mail / fax by **Thursday, May 16, 2024**.

By e-mail: kokusai@pref.kagawa.lg.jp (Please type "**Henro**" in the subject line of your email.)

By QR Code



By fax: 087-837-4289

11. Itinerary

Kotoden Nagao Line: Depart from Takamatsu Chikko 08:06 → Kawaramachi 08:13 → Arrive at Nagao Station 08:49

JR+Kotoden: Depart from Marugame Station 07:04 → Arrive at Takamatsu Station 07:33

Note: Train timetables are subject to change so please verify the provided information above.

*It is a four minute walk from Nagao Station to Nagaoji Temple.

- 9:00 **【Meet at Nagaoji Temple (Temple #87)】**
 -Take attendance
 -Change into Henro pilgrimage attire (walking stick, hat, and white top)
 -Greetings by the tour organizers, important information
 -Commemorative picture
 -Visit the temple
- 9:30 **【Depart from Nagaoji Temple】**
 <Walk to Maeyama Henro Pilgrimage Exchange Salon: 5.3 km, 90 min. walk>
- 11:00 **【Arrive at Maeyama Henro Pilgrimage Exchange Salon】**
 -Receive osettai (hospitality)
 -Lunch
 -View Salon
- 11:50 **【Depart from Maeyama Henro Pilgrimage Exchange Salon】**
 <Maeyama Henro Pilgrimage Exchange Salon → Hosokawa house: 4.8 km, 80 min. walk>
- 13:10 **【Arrive at Hosokawa house (old private residence); National Important Cultural Property】**
13:20 **【Depart from Hosokawa house】**
- 13:35 **【Arrive at Kechigan no Sato farm-fresh market】**
 -Break
- 13:50 **【Depart from Kechigan no Sato】**
 <Kechigan no Sato → Okuboji temple: 4.6 km, 80 min. walk>
- 15:10 **【Arrive at Okuboji Temple (Temple #88)】**
 -Visit the temple
 -Closing remarks by the tour organizers
 -Return the Henro pilgrimage attire
- 16:00 **【Depart from Okuboji Temple】 (Sanuki City Community Bus: ¥500)**
 <Arrive at Okawa Bus Honsha Mae Stop 16:31 (2 min walk to Kotoden Nagao Station)>

To Takamatsu: Depart from Kotoden Nagao Station 16:55 → Kawaramachi 17:31 → Takamatsu Chikko 17:36

JR Takamatsu Station 18:10 → Sakaide 18:24 / 18:33 → Kan-onji 19:33