

# Guidelines for the 31st 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

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024 (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:30 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 bus fare from JR Takuma station. [¥100].)

## 7. Conditions for Participation

- a) The route will be almost 10 km (6.2 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 JR Takuma Station at 9:00 a.m. \*Staff will be waiting to guide you there.

## 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 by **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

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

By QR Code



## 11. Itinerary

Depart from JR Takamatsu Station 07:48 → JR Sakaide Station 08:11 → Arrive at JR Takuma Station 08:41

Depart from JR Kan-onji Station 08:27 → Arrive at JR Takuma Station 08:45

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

\* Staff will be waiting to guide you at JR Takuma Station.

9:00 **【Meet at JR Takuma Station】**

-Take attendance

-Take a bus to Fureai Park Mino at 9:20.

9:36 **【Arrive at Fureai Park Mino】**

-Change into Henro pilgrimage attire (walking stick, hat, and white top)

-Greetings, Important Information, Commemorative picture

10:00 **【Depart from Fureai Park Mino】** <To Iyadani Temple: 1 km, 30 min. walk>

10:30 **【Arrive at Iyadani Temple (Temple #71)】**

- Visit the temple

11:00 **【Depart from Iyadani Temple】** <To Mandaraji Temple: 3.5 km, 80 min. walk>

12:20 **【Arrive at Mandaraji Temple (Temple #72)】**

- Visit the temple

- Lunch

13:10 **【Depart from Mandaraji Temple】** <To Shusshakaji Temple: 600m, 10 min. walk>

13:20 **【Arrive at Shusshakaji Temple (Temple #73)】**

-Visit the temple

13:50 **【Depart from Shusshakaji Temple】** <To Koyamaji temple: 2.2 km, 30 min. walk>

14:20 **【Arrive at Koyamaji Temple (Temple #74)】**

-Visit the temple

-Receive osettai (hospitality) : drink, snacks and fruits etc.

15:10 **【Depart from Koyamaji Temple】** <To Zentsuji Temple: 1.6 km, 20 min. walk>

15:30 **【Arrive at Zentsuji Temple (Temple #75)】**

-Visit the temple

-Closing remarks by the tour organizers

16:15 **【Depart from Zentsuji Temple】** <To JR Zentsuji Station: 20 min. walk>

Depart from JR Zentsuji Station 16:53 → JR Takamatsu Station 17:37

Depart from JR Zentsuji Station 16:53 → JR Kan-onji Station 18:09