

Exploring Ohara, Kyoto Countryside Tour

Full-Day



Visit the little village of Ohara, an hour's bus ride from Kyoto. Venture to local markets, ancient temples and peaceful gardens that showcases Japan at its spiritual and cultural best.

On reaching Ohara, we walk through the town centre and pass by little shops that sell handmade products, vegetables, and souvenirs.

Our first stop will be Sanzen-in Temple, which is the oldest temple in Ohara. Throughout history, certain members of the Imperial family have also served in this temple during their priesthood. Next, we see the temple of Jakkoin, whose picturesque garden is visible from a tatami room, and you'll also have a chance to walk around it. Ohara is famous for soba and shiso and visitors can try these delicacies during their lunch break.

Our third temple of the day is Shorin-in. Listen to Buddhist chants in this peaceful setting where the main temple and the bell tower are designated as a tangible cultural asset by Kyoto City. The last stop for this excursion is Hose-in Temple. You will be welcomed by an ancient pine tree which resembles Mount Fuji. Upon reaching the main hall, we will sit on the tatami floor to enjoy matcha (Japanese green tea) with a Japanese sweet. Before returning to the bus stop, look at the local shops to buy souvenirs to remember this memorable trip out of Kyoto.

What makes this experience so unique?

- Do a deep dive into Japanese spirituality at four beautiful temples on Kyoto's outskirts.
- Try local culinary delicacies such as shoba and shiso and refreshing matcha tea.
- Enjoy the stunning and peaceful countryside in the mountains of Northern Kyoto.