

Gifu: The Heart of Japan Historical and Scenic Train and Bus Journey

A 6-day Adventure through Japan's Heritage and Natural Wonders

"Discover the Heartbeat of Japan: Where History Meets Nature."



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Day 1

Course 1: Train and Bus Journey in Gifu



After arriving at Gifu Station by bullet train from Tokyo to Nagoya, and local train from Nagoya to Gifu, enjoy lunch at traditional Japanese restaurants. In the afternoon, your itinerary includes exploring one of the prefecture's most captivating historical sites.

① Gifu Castle || 岐阜城



Gifu Castle is a hidden gem perched high on Mount Kinka in the heart of Gifu City, offering a thrilling peek into Japan's rich history and stunning natural beauty. It's one of Japan's most iconic castles, was famously associate with **Oda Nobunaga**.

② Sekigahara Battlefield || 関ヶ原



The Sekigahara Battlefield, a key historical site where samurai history was made, invites you to explore its storied grounds. Visit museums like the Sekigahara Battlefield Memorial Museum, Town History and Folklore Learning Center etc.

Day 2

Course 1: Train and Bus Journey in Gifu



On your first full day in Gifu, you'll explore Nakatsugawa and the picturesque post town of Magome, both rich in samurai history and closely linked to the historic Nakasendo Trail.

① Nakatsugawa || 中津川



Nakatsugawa is a historic town at the start of the **Nakasendo Trail**, known for its natural beauty and traditional atmosphere. Rich in history, it attracts visitors eager to walk the same paths once used by samurai and traders. The town offers scenic mountain views, cultural landmarks, and great **hiking opportunities**, making it the perfect gateway to explore Gifu's countryside.

② Magome || 馬籠



Magome is a picturesque post town along the **Nakasendo Trail**, beautifully preserved to reflect the **Edo period**. Located in the mountains, it features **traditional wooden houses, shops, and tea houses** along its main street. A walk through Magome feels like stepping back in time, offering visitors a chance to experience Japan's rural charm and explore part of the historic trail.

Day 3

Course 1: Train and Bus Journey in Gifu



Day three takes you to Gero Onsen, a historic hot spring town with over 1,000 years of history. Known as one of Japan's "Three Great Onsens," it was a favorite retreat for samurai for a long period, offering relaxing, healing waters.

① Gero Onsen || 下呂温泉



Gero Onsen is famous for its high-quality hot springs, warm hospitality, nostalgic rural scenery, delicious local cuisine, and charming town walks. One of the highlights of visiting Gero is enjoying a street food tour the town as you explore.

② Hida-Osaka Falls || 小坂の滝



Osaka no Taki refers to Osaka Town, which boasts over 200 waterfalls with drops of 5 meters or more, making it one of Japan's top waterfall-rich areas. The Gandate Gorge, featuring the 72-meter lava cliff, offers scenic walking paths for visitors to enjoy the waterfalls and the region's clear streams.

Day 4

Course 1: Train and Bus Journey in Gifu



On day four, discover Takayama, a city steeped in tradition with its historic old town, wooden merchant buildings, and lively morning markets. Explore Takayama Jinya and enjoy the beautiful scenery, offering a wonderful blend of culture and nature.

① Takayama Old Town || 高山



Takayama, situated in Gifu Prefecture's Hida region. The city boasts a traditional charm, particularly in its beautifully preserved old town, offering a rare glimpse of historical Japan. It is a favored destination for travelers looking to experience rural life on their journey.

② Hida Beef || 飛騨牛



Hida Beef is a high-quality Wagyu (Japanese beef) from Gifu Prefecture, known for its rich marbling, tender texture, and exquisite flavor. Raised with care, it is a prized delicacy in Japan, often enjoyed in dishes like steaks, sukiyaki, sushi and shabu-shabu.

Day 5

Course 1: Train and Bus Journey in Gifu



On day five, take a public bus to Shirakawa-go, a village renowned for its stunning beauty. Surrounded by mountains, the gassho-zukuri farmhouses, with their steep, snow-covered roofs, create a magical, picturesque scene. The village's timeless charm, especially in winter, offers a serene and unforgettable glimpse into traditional rural Japan.

① Shirakawago || 白川郷



Shirakawa-go is a historic village located in Gifu Prefecture, Japan, known for its traditional **gassho-zukuri** farmhouses. These unique, steep-roofed structures were designed to withstand heavy snowfall. The village, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, offers a picturesque glimpse into rural Japan's past.

② Shirakawago in Snow || 雪景色



Shirakawa-go covered in snow is truly breathtaking. The serene, snowy landscape and the village's peaceful atmosphere make it one of Japan's most beautiful and enchanting sights during the winter season.

Day 6

Course 1: Train and Bus Journey in Gifu

In the past 5 days, you would have enjoyed:

- Amazing historic sites
- Traditional & cultural hubs
- Top Japanese cuisine
- Great outdoors

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