

A Feast for the Ages

— Okitsu Terroir & Special Exhibition of the Treasures of Seikenji Temple

Limited to 20 people/day

Gastronomy Tourism



Photos are for illustrative purposes only. Actual dishes may vary.

A partial recreation of the feasts offered to historical delegations from Korea, made with local Okitsu ingredients

A beautiful meal crafted by up-and-coming chef Ryo Utsumi



Ryo Utsumi

Born in Shizuoka City. Recipient of the Silver Egg from 2013 to 2016 at RED U-35, one of Japan's largest chef competitions for discovering new talent. After working at hotels and ryotei, Utsumi is now head chef at Seiyu in Okitsu, Shimizu Ward, Shizuoka City.



Verkehr Museum
Special Exhibit: Seikenji Temple & the Korean Delegations



Garyubai
Junmai Ginjo sake with a connection to Tokugawa Ieyasu

2023
11/25 SAT 11/28 TUE 12/2 SAT

Special Price Tickets ¥25,000 per person

Includes souvenir

Application deadline: 11/10 (Fri) 5PM


Japan Tourism Agency Restart Tourism Project
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Tour Schedule

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2023.11.25 (SAT) / 28 (TUE) / 12.2(SAT)

Time		
12:30-12:40	Meet in front of Suruga Bank at South Exit of Shizuoka Station	
13:00	Depart	
13:50	Sightseeing Verkehr Museum	
15:00		
15:15	Sightseeing Special exhibition of Seikenji Temple treasure collection	
16:25		
16:30	Dinner Minaguchiya	
19:00		
19:45-	End of tour in front of Suruga Bank at South Exit of Shizuoka Station	

Verkehr Museum

The Verkehr Museum teaches visitors about the history of man and the sea. The limited-time exhibition “Seikenji Temple & the Korean Delegations” will be on display during the tour. In addition to items registered as UNESCO Memories of the World normally not on public display, the exhibit shows the historical relationship Japan and Korea has had through historical materials from Seikenji Temple and the Korean delegations to Japan (Shizuoka Prefecture Designated Cultural Property).

Seikenji Temple

Seikenji Temple was founded in the 13th century and saved by Tokugawa Ieyasu. Local historian Yasuhiro Watanabe will be your guide. Hear about Ieyasu's life, from his early years to his later years, and see Ieyasu-related items, historical weapons, and cultural properties on special display from the temple's treasure collection.

Korean Delegations

The Korean Delegations were diplomatic emissaries sent from Korea to Japan. These envoys actively engaged in exchanges of culture, religion, and goods, and supposedly influenced Japanese food culture. Seikenji was where some of the delegations visited, and this tour allows you to get a taste of some of the actual dishes that were served to the delegations from Korea.

Minaguchiya

Centuries ago, there existed an inn called Ippekiro Minaguchiya along the Tokaido highway. After the Meiji Restoration in the late 1800s, it was used as a vacation inn for the imperial family, politicians, and cultural figures, before closing in 1985. It is now a gallery exhibiting national treasures and items that show historical Okitsu. Dinner for this tour will be served in a room normally off-limits to the public.

Garyubai

Participants will be served Garyubai Junmai Daiginjo Sake made by Sanwa Shuzo, a brewery in Shimizu Ward, Shizuoka City. Garyubai means “plum tree of the resting dragon,” and refers to a plum tree planted by a young Tokugawa Ieyasu at Seikenji Temple that grew to look like a dragon lying down. This tree came to be called Garyubai, and this is what the sake is named after.

Okitsu Sea Bream

Okitsu sea bream is a premium fish caught in Suruga Bay, characterized by its soft, light taste with a hint of sweetness and umami. The nearby area is famous for its Okitsu sea bream dried overnight, which was supposedly liked by Tokugawa Ieyasu so much that he requested it be presented to him.

Details/Notices

- Participants must be 20 years of age or older.
- Menu subject to change due to availability of ingredients.
- Seating will be arranged by the tour operator. Participants may have to sit next to people they don't know.
- The tour schedule may change or be canceled without prior notice due to weather, safety reasons, etc.

*This event is being held as part of the East Asia Culture City 2023 Shizuoka Prefecture Project and the Japan Tourism Agency Restart Tourism Project run by the Shizuoka Shin Shokubunka-ka Kyoso Kiko.

Make your reservation here:

<https://www.fujidream.co.jp/press-web/minaguchiya/index.html/>



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Further information

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