



Sojourn at the Farm Asuka – 2 Days



Kofun Ishibutai, Asuka

*We offer you a dive into the Japanese agricultural world in the village of **Asuka**, which is steeped in history. It was Japan's first capital from 540 to 710 CE, when the capital was moved to Nara.*

Today, only few of its original palaces and temples remain, but its abundant nature attracts many visitors. Its rolling hills, terraced rice fields and rich green fields act as a real anti-stress. Its historical remains are also very interesting.

Day 1: Tokyo / Imaicho / Asuka

Morning departure for Imaicho.

Arrival later that morning.

***Imaicho** is an ancient village that has kept its appearance from the Edo period (1603-1868). The city has a whole 2 square kilometer district consisting entirely of 500 traditional old houses. It is the largest settlement in Japan preserved in its traditional state. It is so authentic that it is often used as a set for the filming of historical movies.*

Free tour of the village.

Lunch at a local restaurant and transfer to Asuka by local train.

***Asuka** can be considered the cradle of Japanese civilization. It was here that the first known emperors - and empresses - of Japanese history reigned.*



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Visit Suggestions:

- **Asuka-dera Temple**

The Asuka-dera, is considered Japan's first temple. Inside, the oldest Buddha statue in the country looks pretty good for its age.

- **Ishibutai Kofun**

The Ishibutai is a burial mound whose earth has eroded, thus revealing the stone funerary structure whose weight is estimated at 2,300 tons. At 54m long, it is the largest known megalithic structure in Japan.

Meet your host and drive to their home.

Check-in and installation.

After settling down, you will get to know your host and make dinner together. Enjoy a traditional Japanese dinner using local seasonal produce. Your host, a farmer from the Asuka region and can tell you all about the region and life there. You can learn more about country life and the lives of farm workers.

Night at the farmstead.



Village d'Asuka

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Day 2: Asuka / Tokyo

Breakfast with the locals followed by an agricultural activity with your host in a nearby field.

Activity:

✧ **Seasonal fruits and vegetable farming (about 1 hour)**

Depending on the time of year, beans, snow peas or summer vegetable planting activities will be organized.

Once the activity is over, you can continue your visit to Asuka and its Buddhist temples, archaeological sites and rice terraces on foot or by bicycle, before returning to Tokyo (3h45 by rail transport).

You can also choose a short stopover in Kyoto on your way home.

We are here to help you plan and achieve your wishes.
We can shorten or extend your stay, or add other destinations.

Do you enjoy freedom and **lack of constraints**?
We can leave you with a personalized list of interesting activities and locations, giving you the freedom to wander around as you please during your stay.

Do you want a bulletproof plan and **hassle-free getaway**?
We can arrange everything for you in advance, whether it be reserving activities, luggage shipments, car rental or guided tours, and more.

Feel free to contact us for a personalized itinerary