



Hiking 2 Days Magome in Tsumago

*In the spring, visitors fall under the unspoiled charm of the checkpoint-cities of the **Nakasendo** (an old road that once led from Kyoto to Edo, present-day Tokyo) and its landscapes alternating between fields and forests. The beautiful hike, even more breathtaking when the cherry trees are in bloom, nonetheless offers magnificent views all year long including waterfalls and panoramic views.*

Day 1: Tokyo / Magome

Departure by train from Tokyo station in the morning for Magome.

Visits and lunch at your convenience.

*The cobblestones of central **Magome** have a history: in the Edo period (1600-1868), merchants and samurai trod that very path to make their way between Edo, the political capital, and Kyoto, the seat of imperial power. Back then, the city was important stop (the 43rd out of 69) of the Nakasendo road.*



Magome

Visit Suggestions:

- **Waki Honjin Museum**
Presents the history of the city and life in the Edo period.
- **The Toson Memorial Museum**
Showcases the works and life of Shimazaki Toson, a Japanese writer/poet from Magome.
- **The Shimizu-ya Museum**
Introduces the history and culture of the city. It houses the hanging scrolls of the painter Ogata Korin, the lacquered products of Wajima and the ceramic products of Kutani, Imari and Karatsu.

Dinner and night in a Minshuku. Japanese room (bath and toilet in common)



Magome at night

Day 2: Magome / Tsumago / Tokyo
Breakfast at the Minshuku.

Check out before 10am.

Visits and free meals.

It is possible to transport luggage from Magome to Tsumago.

Hiking from Magome to Tsumago (We will provide you with the necessary map and plan).

Walk on the old Nakasendo road to Tsumago. This popular route of about 9 km long connects these two beautiful checkpoints dating from the Edo period. The hike usually takes between two and a half hours to 3 hours. These two exceptional checkpoint towns have retained their Edo-period architecture.

After a 30-minute walk, reach the Magome Pass at an altitude of 801m, this is the highlight of the route between Magome and Tsumago.

After another 1h15min, arrive at the Ichikokutoki tea house, which is located at the halfway-point. It is a building from the Edo period that has provided a haven to travelers since ancient times.

After a final 1h15min, arrival in Tsumago. You will be able to see the Odaki and Medaki Falls on your way to Tsumago.



*The conservation of historical heritage is a priority in **Tsumago**. Indeed, there are no external signs to recall the 21st century as all modern constructions has been banned. There are not even any electrical wires or television antennas.*



Tsumago

Half-day of personal discovery of Tsumago.

Visit Suggestions:

- **Terashita Main Street**
This charming street with its beautiful wooden houses looks like it came straight out of the Edo period.
- **Waki Honjin Okuya**
Listed as a Cultural Heritage, it has a breathtakingly beautiful moss garden.
- **Tsumagojuku Honjin,**
The inn where the passing daimyos (lords) were received. Transformed into a museum, this house brings together all kinds of objects and documents on the history of the region.

In the late afternoon, return to Tokyo by bus and train. Arrival in the evening.



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