



Okayama and Shodoshima – 3 days : Itinerary sample

Fall foliage period: Late October to mid-December

Best period: Mid-November to early December

Day 1 : Tokyo / Okayama

Evening departure for Okayama.

Dinner on your own.

Administrative and commercial center, Okayama was a prosperous lord city from the 16th to the 19th century. It also has a valuable cultural heritage: in addition to many museums, it is home to Kōraku-en, one of the three most beautiful gardens in Japan, as well as Okayama Castle, nicknamed the Raven Castle because of its black walls.



Okayama Castle

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Night in hotel.



Day 2 : Okayama / Shodoshima

Breakfast at the hotel.

Sightseeing and meals are on your own.

Suggested visits :

- **Korakuen garden**
This garden is considered one of the three most beautiful gardens in the country. This masterpiece consists of huge lawns, ponds connected by canals, several tea pavilions, a beautiful maple forest and a lovely hill covered with cherry trees, a plum grove and shrines, all with Okayama Castle as a background. A special night opening will be held during the autumn leaf season (mid to late November).
- **Okayama Castle**
Known as the "Castle of Crows" because of its black walls, Okayama Castle was destroyed during the Second World War. Inside, one can admire an authentic collection of palanquins, samurai helmets and swords.



Korakuen Garden (Okayama)



Transportation by bus and ferry from Okayama Station to Shodoshima Island (About 2 hours).

Shodoshima is the second largest island in the Seto Inland Sea and one of the first islands created by the gods in the myth of the birth of Japan. The name literally means "little bean island", which technically refers to the azuki bean but today it would be more appropriate to refer to soybean or olive, as the island has traditionally been a producer of soy sauce and is now even more famous for its olive plantations.



Kankakei Gorge (Shodoshima)

Suggested visits :

- **Angel road**
Near Tonosho Harbor is Angel Road, a sandbar connecting three small islands in Shodoshima. Twice a day, at low tide, visitors can walk on the sandbar and it is said that couples who cross it hand in hand will find happiness together.
- **The Kankakei Gorge**
Located in the center of the island, Kankakei Gorge is a breathtaking landscape. It is ranked among the three most beautiful gorges in Japan and becomes particularly spectacular during the autumn. A cable car runs the length of the gorge. The upper station is near the highest peak in Shodoshima and has observation decks with beautiful panoramic views of the gorge, the island and the Seto Inland Sea.

Dinner and night in hotel.



day 3 : Shodoshima / Tokyo

Breakfast at the hote. Sightseeing and meals at your own convenience.

Suggested de visits :

- **Shodoshima Olive Park**
Today, Shodoshima olives are primarily a tourist attraction. This park is a working olive grove, and the first olives were cultivated a century ago. The park offers beautiful hiking trails through the hill, as well as a replica of a Greek windmill.
- **Hishio no Sato museum**
Shodoshima has a 400-year history of soy sauce production. This museum explains the production process and contains several traditional soy sauce factories. There are explanations in English and a souvenir store selling many varieties of sauce.
- **Choshikei Monkey Park**
This Park is located near a ravine along the Shodoshima Skyline Road in the mountains of the central part of the island. Two troops of about 500 Japanese macaques live on the mountain and roam freely. In addition, there are also a few exotic monkeys and dozens of peacocks in pens. A 15-minute walk beyond the monkey park takes visitors to an observation deck with a beautiful view of the island and the inland sea.

Departure by ferry from Shodoshima port in the afternoon.

You can decide to continue your stay by choosing the **Iya Valley** option from Takamatsu (see our existing programs) or return to Tokyo at the end of the day.

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