



Sustainable tourism: Sunrise night Train Seto/Izumo

Three magnificent gardens

Garden design is an important Japanese art form that has been refined for over 1000 years. Gardens have evolved into a variety of styles with different purposes, such as walking gardens for the leisure of Edo period lords or dry-stone gardens for religious use by Zen monks. This tour will take you to three of the most important gardens in Japan.



Adachi Museum



day 1 : Tokyo (or Yokohama) / Matsue

Départ en fin de soirée pour Matsue en train de nuit (repas non inclus).
Nuit à bord du train.

Day 2 : Matsue / Okayama / Takamatsu

Arrival in the morning in Yasugi.

Scheduling of sightseeing and meals are at your convenience.

- **Adachi Museum.**

The remarkable Adachi Museum is famous for its large Japanese garden and for its collection of early 20th century modern Japanese paintings, including paintings by Yokoyama Taikan, the founder of modern Japanese painting - twenty of his works are on display here - and for the works of brilliant contemporary ceramists that it contains. The visitor cannot enter the garden, but alternates between the exhibition rooms and the rooms overlooking the gardens, which are veritable paintings through the bay windows. Exceptional..

Transfer to Okayama.

*Administrative and commercial center, **Okayama** was a prosperous lordly 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.*

- **Korakuen Garden**

Located on an island in the Asahi River, is considered one of the three most beautiful gardens in the country. This masterpiece, created in 1687 by the powerful lord of the Ikeda clan, consists of huge lawns, ponds connected by canals, several tea pavilions, a beautiful maple forest as well as a lovely hill covered with cherry trees, a plum grove and shrines, all with Okayama Castle as a backdrop.



Korakuen Garden

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Transfer to Takamatsu.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 : Takamatsu / Bonsai Nursery / Ritsurin / Tokyo (Yokohama)

Breakfast at the hotel.

***Takamatsu** was badly hit by the bombings of the Second World War, which caused the loss of its castle. Nevertheless, this modern and industrialized city managed to save its main jewel, the Ritsurin-koen, a beautiful garden dating from the Edo period (1603-1867). In this city, one can taste a famous variety of noodles called Sanuki Udon (a type of thick noodle dipped in a soup often accompanied by seasoned tuna and seaweed).*

Scheduling of sightseeing and meals are at your convenience.

- **Free visits to the pine bonsai nurseries in Kinashi village*.**

For more than 250 years, the village of Kinashi has been home to a hundred nurseries specializing in matsu (black and white pines), so appreciated for their rough and textured bark. The luxuriant hills of Shikoku, one of the four big islands of the Archipelago, are full of them, so much so that 80% of the national production of bonsai made from these species comes from Kinashi. *If the Kinashi bonsai center is closed, we will suggest you an alternative address.

Return to Takamatsu in the late morning.



- **Ritsurin-Kōen**

Founded in 1625, the construction of Ritsurin Garden took more than a hundred years. Wonderful space of 75 hectares, it is the largest garden in Japan and many people wish to see it included in the list of the three most beautiful gardens of the archipelago. Using Mount Shiun as a backdrop, it is divided into two parts, the southern part being dedicated to the Japanese style and the northern part to the Western style. With changing landscapes in every season, it is dotted with ponds, bridges and tea pavilions where you can enjoy matcha (green tea) and some Japanese sweets.



Ritsurin Garden

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Return to Tokyo (Shin-Yokohama) by rail (meals not included).

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