



## **Farm Stay Asuka - 2 Days**



Kofun Ishibutai, Asuka

*The village of **Asuka**, where we offer you an insight into the Japanese agricultural world, is nevertheless steeped in history. It was indeed the first fixed capital of Japan from about 540 to 710, when the capital was established in Nara.*

*Today, although few of its original palaces and temples remain, its abundant nature attracts many visitors. Its rolling hills, terraced rice fields and rich green fields act as a real stress reliever. Discover these strong and interesting historical relics. By visiting Asuka, you will be contributing to the preservation of the Japanese countryside while enjoying its unique views and traditional culture.*

### **Day 1 : Tokyo / Imaicho / Asuka**

Departure in the morning for Imaicho.

Arrival in the late morning.

**Imaicho** is an old village which has kept its appearance of the Edo period (1603-1868). The town has a whole area of 2km<sup>2</sup> composed entirely of 500 typical 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 historical movies.



Visit of the village at your convenience. Lunch at a local restaurant and continuation to Asuka by local train.

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

Suggested visits :

- **Asuka-dera temple**

The Asuka-dera, is considered as the first temple of Japan. Inside, the oldest Buddha statue in the country does not look bad, considering its age.

- **Kofun Ishibutai**

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.



Asuka village

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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 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 !