

Information about the Excursion

●Date

Fri, 31 May 2013

Note: Sado course is from Fri, 31 May to Sat, 1 June

●Language

Japanese/English (consecutive interpretation)

●Course (Please see the following pages for details)

- Noto Course 1: Enjoy food and culture of *Naka-Noto* (Central *Noto*)
- Noto Course 2: Enjoy food and culture of *Oku-Noto* (Northern *Noto*)
- Noto Course 3: Learn about agriculture, forestry and fisheries in Noto's Satoyama and Satoumi
- Noto Course 4: Learn about Noto's traditional techniques and culture
- Noto Course 5: Sense Noto's rich biodiversity
- Sado Course: Traditional performing art, culture and scenic farming village highlighting Sado GIAHS

●Attention

(1) Departure time for the excursion is 10:30 am.

If you will head home directly after the excursion from Komatsu airport/ Noto airport/Kanazawa station or from Sado course, please make sure you have all your baggage at the time of departure. Please see the following pages for dismiss place and time.

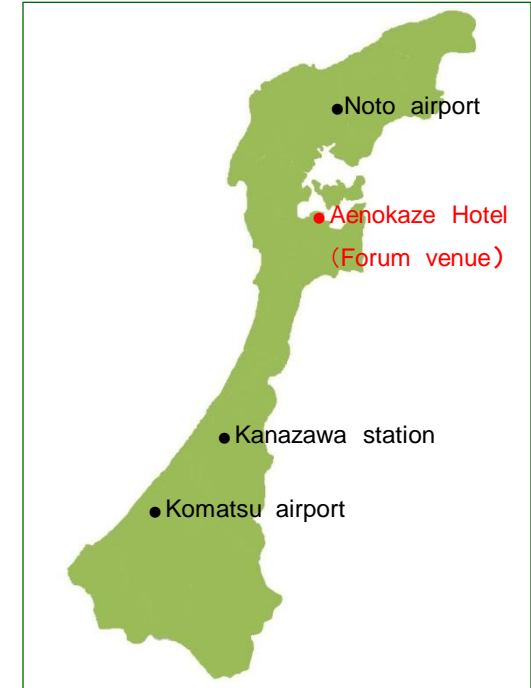
For those who will stay at the venue area on 31 May, transportation(shuttle bus) to Noto airport will be provided next morning.

(2) Please wear comfortable clothes especially if you are participating in courses containing special activities.

(3) Meals will mainly contain seasonal vegetables, seafood and other ingredients produced in the local area.

Please notify in advance if you can not eat particular food for religious reasons, etc. (Please specify at the time of registration in "Others (Food Request etc.)" box at the bottom of the page.)

(4) Meal(s) and all transportation from the start of excursion to Noto airport/Komatsu airport/Kanazawa station/Niigata station are free of charge. (For those participating in the Sado course, accommodation is also provided.) However, participants are responsible for their own expense for purchasing any goods during the excursion.



Noto Course 1: Enjoy food and culture of *Naka-Noto* (Central *Noto*)

10:30 Depart from Aenokaze Hotel (Forum venue)

Stroll through the heart of Nanao City
 <Fuse Sake brewery/ Torii Soy Sauce shop> (Nanao City)

In Nanao City, the heart of Noto, you can learn about the traditional Japanese fermentation culture by viewing sake brewing and soy sauce production processes.



Nanao Fishermen's Wharf <Lunch> (Nanao City)

Meal using seasonal local ingredients will be served.

Sugiyo Hokuriku Regional Plant (Nanao City)

View the manufacturing process of fish paste products using local vegetables such as onions, carrots and others.



Noto Jofu Kaikan
 <Experience weaving Noto Jofu> (Nakanoto Town)

View the manufacturing process of Noto's high quality hemp fabrics (*Noto Jofu*) which was registered as an intangible cultural asset of Ishikawa Prefecture. If you wish, you can try weaving using the loom yourself



Rice Terraces of Mikohara (Hakui City)

View the scenery of rice terraces with newly planted rice, as well as the farmer's market which is part of the local revitalization effort. You will also learn about local efforts such as farming method aiming for conservation of biodiversity.



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 17:00 Aenokaze Hotel (Forum venue)

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Noto course 2: Enjoy food and culture of *Oku-Noto* (Northern *Noto*)

10:30 Depart from Aenokaze Hotel (Forum venue)

Hiyoshi Sake Brewery
 <Japanese sake brewery> (Wajima City)

View the sake brewing processes at this Japanese Sake brewery located on the street of well known Wajima Morning Market and learn about the traditional Japanese fermentation culture.



Wajima Koubou Nagaya
 <Viewing technique of Wajima Lacquerware> (Wajima City)

While you stroll through the morning market, you can learn about the culture that thrives in the region as well as the technique of *Wajima* Lacquerware which have been designated as the Japanese Traditional Craft.



Restaurant Wajima Yabu <Lunch> (Wajima City)

Meal using local ingredients will be served.

Shiroyone Rice Terraces
 <Experience rice planting> (Wajima City)

These rice terraces face the Sea of Japan. The area of each rice paddy is small and most farm work is done by hand. If you wish, you can try rice planting yourself.

***Itinerary may change depending on the weather.**



Boramachi Yagura (Anamizu Town)

View a wooden fishing tower (*Boramachi Yagura*) used back in the days when fishermen would watch over flathead mullets (Bora) being trapped in the fishing net, then raising the net for the day's catch: a very laid-back way of traditional fishing.



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Excursion

*Capacity per course is 30 (tentative) ..Experience ..Study field ..Lunch or Dinner

Noto course 3: Learn about agriculture, forestry and fisheries in Noto's Satoyama and Satoumi

10:30 Depart from Aenokaze Hotel (Forum venue)

Oyster farming

<Viewing oyster racks from a ship> (Nanao City)

View the oyster racks from a ship in the area where high quality oysters grow. Oyster farming is an important industry in the region. (The ship will leave from a port near Aenokaze Hotel.)

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Restaurant Murotani <Lunch> (Shika Town)

This farmer's restaurant offers friendly atmosphere in the parlor (zashiki) of a private residence. Meal using seasonal local ingredients will be served.



Water storage reservoir and surrounding scenery (Shika Town)

View the irrigation system of water storage reservoir along with the rice fields by the Sea of Japan. Local efforts aiming for conservation of biodiversity which started from infrastructure development will be introduced.



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Noto course 4: Learn about Noto's traditional techniques and culture

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Farm Hostels (Shunran no Sato) <Lunch> (Noto Town)

For the purpose to establish a village utilizing the nature of Satoyama, Green Tourism is being promoted by running farm hostels as its core attraction along with agricultural experiences. Meal using seasonal local ingredients will be served.



Salt Manufacturing Field (Okunoto Endenmura)

<Experience salt manufacturing> (Suzu City)

View the partial process of traditional salt manufacturing method "Agehama-type salt manufacturing method". If you wish, you can experience salt manufacturing yourself.



Gorokuan in Yanagida Botanical Park

<Viewing of Aenokoto ritual> (Noto Town)

View "Aenokoto" which is an agricultural ritual to worship the rice god who ensures the growth of rice and a rich harvest. Aenokoto was also designated as World's Intangible Cultural Heritage.



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Noto course 5: Sense Noto's rich biodiversity

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Kodomari Biotope

<Studying on species> (Suzu City)

Local farmers and university team are working together to reproduce rice terraces and managing biotopes that are friendly to scarce-species. If you wish, you can try searching for species in the biotope yourself.

*Itinerary may change depending on the weather.



Restaurant Tenzo <Lunch> (Suzu City)

This restaurant is a farmer's private residence built during the end of Edo period and holds a Tapestry/Suzu pottery studio besides the house. Meal using seasonal local ingredients will be served.



Eco-friendly agriculture and infrastructure development (Suzu City)

Efforts on infrastructure development towards reconnection between rice fields and rivers (i.e. irrigation ditches for fish), as well as local efforts toward eco-friendly rice farming and corresponding sales method of rice will be introduced.



Sougen Sake Brewery

<Visit Japanese sake brewery> (Suzu City)

Visit Noto's oldest sake brewery in which the Noto master brewer, one of the four top Japanese master brewers, started sake production. Local revitalization effort reusing the deserted Noto railroad will also be introduced.



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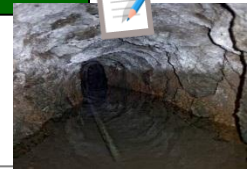
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<Take a ship from Naetsu port>

Horizontal water well of Kotoura (Kotoura, Sado City)

View the horizontal water well which is still being used to irrigate water to rice fields in Ogi peninsula, Sado City. There is a history that life in Kotoura was enriched through the development of new rice fields using the water from this horizontal well.



Ondeko (Izumi, Sado City)

<during the dinner social event>

During dinner, you will view "Ondeko", Sado's unique traditional performing art, which is still being passed on in nearly 120 villages as a farm village festival to fend off evil and to pray for good harvest.



Kokubunji temple, Myozenji temple, Noh stage in Daizen shrine (Takeda, Sado City and others)

View historical architecture, Kokubunji temple and Myozenji temple, which represent culture and religious beliefs in Sado area. Also, you will visit one of the four major Noh stages preserved from the past, which is still being used in the present day for a mystical Noh performance put on outdoors with light supplied by bonfires.



Ogura rice terraces (Ogura, Sado City)

View the rice terraces which were developed in the 17 century to resolve rice shortage. "Owner system" is implemented nowadays in order to maintain the scenery of rice terraces and are trying to strike a balance between city-exchange and conservation by promoting voluntary farm work.



Toki Forest Park/ Toki Fureai Plaza (Sado City)

View the exhibition introducing effort to protect/breed/release Toki (Japanese Crested Ibis) into the wild. At Toki Fureai Plaza, you can observe the nature of Toki by having the living environment such as biotope and rice field recreated in the cage.



<Take a ship to Niigata port>

Dismiss: Sat, 1 June 14:25 Arrive at Nigata port 15:00 Arrive at Nigata station