9PM(EST), 8PM(CDT), 6PM(PST), 3PM(HST)







Depart from San Francisco

Arrival at Matsuyama Airport in Ehime



SHIKOKU

Shikoku is the fourth largest island in Japan and southwest of Japan's main island Honshu. The name means four countries in Japanese, and Shikoku is divided into four prefectures as its name suggests.

Dogo Onsen (Hot spring)

Dogo Onsen is one of Japan's oldest hot springs with a history of about 3,000 years. The main building, a three-story castle-style wooden structure, has been designated as the first Important Cultural Asset as a public bathhouse in Japan. The bathhouse in Hayao Miyazaki's animated film "Spirited Away" was modeled after this unique main building.



Mikan (citrus fruits)

Ehime Prefecture is famous for citrus fruits and about 40 varieties of citrus fruits including Mikan are grown. The Mikan of Ehime are a perfect balance of sweet and sour, which is a result of the perfect natural growing conditions of sunshine, sea breezes, and mild temperatures.



lya Valley

lya Valley is located deep in the heart of Shikoku. The secluded valley is characterized by steep mountain slopes and deep rocky gorges which were traditionally crossed by vine bridges.







Oboke & Koboke Gorges

This gorges were made by the rapid current of the Yoshino River crossing Shikoku Mountains over a period of 200 million years.



Vine Bridge in the Iya Valley

The bridge is made of Actinidia Arguta (hardy kiwi) vine, and the length, width and height above the water are 45 meters, 2 meters and 14 meters, respectively. It is rebuilt every three years.

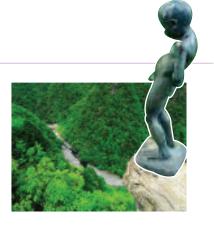






The Peeing Boy Statue

A statue of a peeing boy, standing on a protruding rock, was made based on the anecdote that local children and travellers tested their courage there.



Zentsuji Temple

Zentsuji is the head temple of Shingon sec, the 75th place of the 88 spiritual pull of shikoku's pilgrimage and one of the top therr pilgrimage destinations in the entire country. Kobo Daishi Kukai was born at Zentsuji Temple



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Udon & Tempura

Udon are thick Japanese noodles made of wheat flour. There are some differences with region in terms of flavor and name. The most popular style to eat is eating with seafood and vegetable tempura.

Udon Taxi

Udon taxi is a specific car for udon restaurant hopping and is oprated only in Kagawa prefecture.



Chichibugahama Beach

Chichibugahama Beach boasts a 1km-long beach, which has become well-known as one of the "Top 100 Sunset Spots in Japan" where visitors can take incredible natural mirror photos like in Salar de Uyuni in Bolivia. Come here with your camera in hand!



Kagawa Travel Information

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Tour ends at Takamatsu Airport in Kagawa 11:15PM(EST), 10:15PM(CDT), 10:15PM(PST), 5:15PM(HST)

Join us for meetup after the tour! (about 15 minutes)