

Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan



Boasting the second warmest temperatures in Japan, Miyazaki offers a playground of outdoor activities that take full advantage of its balmy breezes and aquamarine waters. A resort atmosphere permeates Miyazaki, fragrant by blooms from local botanical gardens. Emerald green golf courses, some of the best surfing in Japan, and a zoo with the largest number of flamingos in captivity in all of Japan add to the festive atmosphere. A Peace Tower, built with stones from throughout Asia anchors the city and Heiwadai Park and is one of the most noted landmarks. Visit Haniwa Gardens where over 400 replica haniwa (burial statues) make for wonderful photo opportunities, and see Miyazaki's history and culture on display at The Miyazaki Prefectural Museum of Nature and History, located on the same grounds as the picturesque Miyazaki Shrine. For a change of pace, stop into the Miyazaki Science Center where an animatronics "Dr. Cosmo" welcomes you to this hands-on museum. Looking for a little adventure? Try a side trip to Aoshima, a small island just off the coast of Miyazaki City, and enjoy the charming Aoshima Shrine and over 400 species of subtropical plants. The options are endless in Miyazaki to soak up local color...or just soak up the sun!

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1 Obi Castle Ruins

Obi is an old castle town which was the home of the Obi clan. In those days, the size of a town was measured according to the amount of rice products. Obi produced 51,000 Goku of rice. Today, samurai houses still remain. Walking through the streets lined by old houses gives one a distinct impression of the Edo Period. The partially restored castle, Matsuono-maru, was rebuilt with Japanese Cedar which is a special product of Obi.

2 Aoshima

A tiny island of 1.5 km in circumference lying about 14 km south of Miyazaki, connected with the mainland by a 300-m-long bridge. It is celebrated for its luxurious growth of tropical and subtropical plants. The island is surrounded by eroded sandstone and shale boulders that protrude from the sea between the waves. Aoshima is designated a National Natural Monument.

3 Shochu Brewery

Shochu is a very popular drink in Japan, similar to sake. The ingredients used in Shochu depend on the region where it is produced. It can be made from sweet potatoes, rice, grains or even fruit.

Visit one of the Shochu brewery and learn the process.

4 Udo Jingu Shrine

This shrine is dedicated to the father of Jimmu, the first Emperor of Japan. The vermilion Main Hall is situated in a large cave - an unusual setting for a shrine. Since the cave opens on a cliff facing the sea, the view from the shrine is magnificent.

5 Sakamoto Rice Terrace

6 Kyoya Distiller & Brewer

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Sightseeing & City Tours



Guided in Japanese: Aoshima & Shochu Brewery

KMI-204 | Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan

5
hours

from \$79.00

You will visit:

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Explore two of Aoshima Island's most popular attractions on a half-day tour featuring the National Natural Monument and Island's only structure, the ancient Aoshima Shrine and Oni no Sentaku iwa (the devil's washboard), followed by a visit to an authentic shochu brewery for a production tour and tasting. A photo opportunity of magnificent costal views completes the adventure.



Guided in Japanese: Udo Jingu Shrine & Obi Castle

KMI-209 | Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan | Group Size: 40

4.5
hours

from \$89.00

You will visit:

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Discover two of Miyazaki's most significant religious sites on this half-day excursion, which explores the ancient Obi Castle shrine and ruins, transporting you back to the Edo Period, and the cliff-side Udo Jingu shrine, built in the 1st century B.C. and perched high above the ocean for magnificent views.



Aoshima & Shouchu Brewery

KMI-200 | Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan

5
hours

from \$109.95

You will visit:

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Udo Jingu Shrine & Obi Castle

KMI-205 | Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan | Group Size: 40

4
hours

from \$129.95

You will visit:

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Guided in Japanese: Aoshima & Obi Castle Town

KMI-104 | Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan

7
hours

from \$149.00

You will visit:



Experience both the natural wonders and the historic pleasures of the region when you step back in time and explore the Obi Castle town built during the Edo period then travel to the picturesque island of Aoshima, renowned for its ancient shrine. Lunch and a souvenirs stop conclude the day.



Aoshima & Obi Castle Town

KMI-100 | Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan

7
hours

from \$169.95

You will visit:



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Special Interests



A Discovery Exclusive - Taiko Drumming Experience & Shochu Brewery

KMI-115 | Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan

7
hours

from \$209.95

You will visit:



Discover a trio of exciting attractions designed to immerse visitors in a cultural experience. Bang the traditional Japanese taiko drum at a fun-filled music class, visit a theme park that highlights the production of Japan's h spirits and liquor products, and walk across the Aya Teruha Suspension Bridge, one of the highest in the world for dazzling views.

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New Tour

Local Connections: Sakamoto Rice Terrace and Cooking experience with Chef Kazumi Nobe

KMI-985 | Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan

5.5
hours

from \$319.95

You will visit:



Discover the beauty and cultural relevance of the Sakamoto Tanada, step-like paddies (rice terraces) that are beautiful as they are functional. This rural landscape was selected as one of Japan's top 100 tanada. Photograph the thundering Kobuse Falls, interact with locals and learn about the local produce during an authentic regional lunch.

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New Tour

Local Connections: Cook with Nichinan Fisherman Wife, Meet Mizumoto Knife Maker & Shochu Experience

KMI-990 | Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan

5.5
hours

from \$329.95

You will visit:



Engage in an authentic regional experience when you visit Mizumoto Blade, the workshop of master knife maker Toshinubu Mizumoto, who employs generations-old techniques. Try your hand in the creation of a traditional "gyo-udon" lunch under the tutelage of local fishmongers and Chef Yuki Takei, and tour the Kyoya Distillery & Brewery, concluding with a tasting of the Japanese distilled spirit called shochu.

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New Tour

Local Connections: Calligraphy, Kimono and Lunch with Chef Kazuo Kur

KMI-980 | Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan

5.5
hours

from \$419.95

You will visit:



Delve into the history and heritage of Japan under the tutelage of local guides on this immersive cultural experience. Step back in time at Obi Castle town and learn the origins and artistry of the kimono (a traditional garment), shodo (Japanese calligraphy), and shihan-mato (Japanese archery). Then dine on authentic cuisine introduced by the chef.