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SHIKOKU

# What Fun! Shikoku

Ehime edition

Matsuyama City
&

Tobe Town

Area









O1 Toon City

Ehime Japan Farmstay & Cycling Tour Near Matsuyama City

Experience a Japan farmstay in a renovated traditional farmhouse. Journey to the mountains east of Matsuyama City-the capital of Ehime Prefecture-to experience local life, eat, shop, and enjoy a cycling tour of a picturesque Japanese landscape.

Stay at a renovated traditional farmhouse nestled in the mountains of Ehime Prefecture
 Experience the local lifestyle simplicity and natural tranquility

•Make tempura for dinner using local ingredients

•Eniov a pleasant cycling tour of the picturesque countryside

Shop local stores and sample local cuisine

■¥: 21,384 yen ■Where: Ehime Local Promotion Association
■Location: Toon City, Ehime Prefecture ■W: www.govoyagin.com
■Book: Via website ■Min. 2 people ■Max. 6 people ■Open: All year
■Hours: Please inquire ■Closed: Please inquire ■Time: 2-day stay
■Other: Booking required

02 Matsuyama City

Dogo Onsen Traditional Japan Experience in Matsuyama, Ehime

Dogo Onsen in Matsuyama, Ehime Prefecture, offers many traditional Japanese cultural activities. In this experience, you can craft a bamboo flower basket, learn basic Noh theater performance skills, and relax at the local hot spring resort.

Experience three traditional Japanese cultural activities at Dogo Onsen
 Make a bamboo flower basket under the guidance of a skilled craftsman
 Learn basic Noh theater performance skills from an experienced actor
 Relax in the Asuka no Yu hot spring baths
 Enjoy the nostalgic retro atmosphere of Dogo Onsen

■¥: 7,200 yen ■Where: Ehime Local Promotion Association
■Location: Matsuyama City, Ehime Prefecture ■W: www.govoyagin.com
■Book: Via website ■Min. 2 people ■Max. 10 people
■Open: All year ■Hours: Please inquire
■Closed: Please inquire ■Time: 3 hours ■Other: Booking required

03 Tobe Town

Tobe Ware Ceramics Town Walking Tour Near Matsuyama, Ehime

On this tour, a chartered taxi will pick you up from Matsuyama and take you to the nearby town of Tobe, famous for its Tobe-yaki ceramics. Stroll the old streets, paint ceramics, tour a sake brewery, and relax at a cafe inside the brewery.

Visit the town of Tobe in Ehime Prefecture-famous for Tobe ware ceramics
 Stroll the Tobe Ceramic Promenade and see various ceramics displays in local shops
 Paint the ceramic item of your choice in a special workshop

•Tour the Kyowa Shuzo sake brewery and taste Hatsuyukihai brand sake •Have a drink and sweets at the fancy cafe of a renovated sake brewery

■¥: 5,400 yen ■Where: Ehime Local Promotion Association
■Location: Tobe Town, Ehime Prefecture
■W: www.govoyagin.com ■Book: Via website
■Min. 2 people ■Max. 9 people ■Open: All year
■Hours: Please inquire ■Closed: Please inquire
■Time: 3.5 hours ■Other: Booking required



■¥: Cost ■Where: Host destination ■Location: Address ■W: Website ■Book: Booking method
■Min.: minimum number of persons required ■Max.: Maximum number of people per event ■Open: Days open
■Hours: Opening hours ■Closed: Days closed, holidays ■Time: Time required to experience ■Other: Other items



Visit a Japanese sake brewery and try your hand at labeling sake bottles

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Enjoy a tour of an historic sake brewery registered as a national tangible cultural asset (building), and take home a bottle bearing a handwritten label as a great souvenir.

■¥: 2,000 yen ■Where: Mizukuchi Shuzo Brewery ■Location: 3-23 Dogo-kitamachi, Matsuyama City, Ehime ■Book: Via email: info@dogobeer.jp
■Min. 2 people ■Max. 10 people
■Open: All year round ■Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM

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#### Pick strawberries and make strawberry daifuku sweets at one of the biggest sightseeing farms in Shikoku

One of the biggest strawberry farms in Shikoku: Hojo Strawberry Farm 45-minute all-you-can-eat course featuring 10 varieties of strawberries! You can also enjoy making strawberry daifuku sweets with the strawberries you pick!

■¥: 1,750 yen
■Where: Hojo Strawberry Farm
■Location: 213-2 Natsume Kabuto, Matsuyama
City, Enime
■W: http://ichigo-farm-hojo.com
■Book: Phone: 090-1000-3915
■Min. 1 person ■Max. 45 people
■Open: Dec. – May ■Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM
■Closed: Mondays ■Time: 45 minutes

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Try hand-rolling chestnut rolls, a traditional Ehime sweet treat

#### Only in Shikoku can you experience hand-rolling these tarts

A traditional taste produced by chopped chestnuts and a fragrant, sweet bean jam containing yuzu citrus

Try hand-rolling a Hatada chestnut tart; experience the traditional work of stretching sweet bean jam onto fresh-baked sponge, then rolling it up. It looks easy enough, just like rolling sushi by hand, but it's surprisingly difficult to distribute the bean jam evenly or roll the sponge properly – which is just another aspect to enjoy.

The building is filled with a sweet aroma, and is highly recommended spot for those who like sweets, being able to taste fresh tarts, and enjoying sweets in a Japanese dessert cafe.

¥: 1,080 yen ■Where: Hatada Okashi-kan
■Location: 1008-1 Ushibuchi, Toon City, Ehime
■W: http://www.hatada.co.jp/shop/okashi-kan.html
■Book: Phone: 089-964-5000 ■Min. 2 people
■Max. 40 people ■Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM
■Closed: Never ■Time: 20 minutes
■Other: Booking required, accompaniment by interprete







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Matsuyama Castle Ropeway, samurai armor experience, matchlock gun experience



## Get a feel for the military life in a historical castle

Original replica armor, featuring torso and helmet sections that bear the family crest of the historical owners of Matsuyama Castle, are available to wear. Children's sizes are also available, so you can experience it as a family.

Delve into the secrets of the defense of Matsuyama Castle by holding and aiming a matchlock gun through the loopholes in the wall. Matsuyama Castle is said to be impregnable, with its heavily layered stone walls, snaking entrance path, fortified gates and towers, and more. Have your photograph taken aiming a matchlock gun through a loophole window.

■¥: 1,020 yen (ropeway & admission to castle keep) ■Where: Matsuyama Castle ■Location: 1 Marunouchi, Matsuyama City, Ehime ■W: http://www.matsuyamajo.jp/ ■Book: None ■Min. 1 person ■Open: All year ■Hours: 9 AM – 4 PM ■Closed: 3rd Wed. in Dec. ■Time: 2 hours



The highlight of the trip is the scenery around Shimonada Station. This unmanned station, where the lyo-Nada region extends before your eyes from the railroad platform, is a scenic spot visited by many tourists, and was once known as "Japan's closest station to the sea."

The Iyonada Monogatari Sightseeing Train stops here for around 10 minutes, so passengers can take their time and enjoy the beautiful scenery

■¥: 1,930 yen −2,260 yen ■Where: JR Shikoku ■W: http://iyonadamonogatari.com/ ■Book: Via email: inbound@jr-shikoku.co.jp
■Min. 1 person ■Max. 40 people (booking required for groups) ■Open: Saturdays, Sundays (please inquire) ■Time: 2 hours ■Other: Booking required

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#### MODEL COURSE

### JOURNEY WITHIN EHIME



(Japanese traditional inn)