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3 Days Tateyama Kurobe Alpine route, Toyama and Matsumoto

Day 1 Morning

Depart Tokyo station by Hokuriku Shinkansen



Arrival at Toyama station.

Sightseeing in Toyama by public transportation and on foot Visit to Iwase district by tram

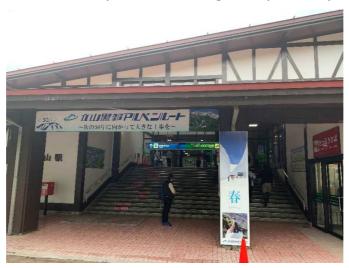




Overnight in Toyama

Day 2 Morning

Depart Dentetsu Toyama to Tateyama by Toyama Chiho railway train Arrival at Tateyama station – gateway of Tateyama Kurobe Alpine route



Start of Tateyama Kurobe Alpine route including Murodo(Snow wall) and Kurobe dam/lake.

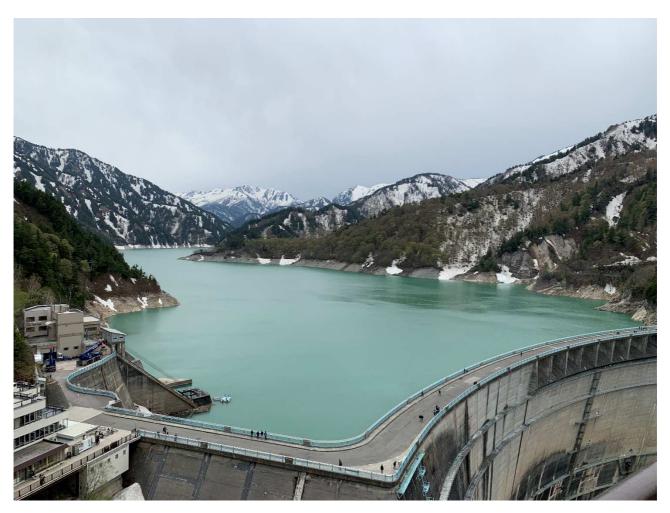














Afternoon Arrival at Ogizawa – End of Tateyama Kurobe Alpine route

Local bus from Ogizawa to Shinano-Omachi station

Arrival at Shinano-Omachi station and transfer to JR Oito line train.

Arrival at Matsumoto station

Overnight in Matsumoto

Day 3 Morning Sightseeing in Matsumoto on foot

Visit to Matsumoto castle / Kaichi school museum



Afternoon Depart Matsumoto station by limited express Azusa



Arrival at Shinjuku station – End of the tour

Toyama

Prefectural capital of Toyama prefecture located along Sea of Japan. One of the two gateways to Tateyama Kurobe Alpine route. Small but lovely old town, Iwa district is located here.

Iwase

A district in Toyama city, a port town with an old town with former trade brokers mansions for Kitamaebune shipping route.

Tateyama Kurobe Alpine route

Probably the most famous mountain sightseeing route in Japan, between Tateyama in Toyama prefecture and Omachi in Nagano prefecture. It is 37 km long and connected by 2 cable cars, 1 aerial tramway, 1 trolley bus, 1 electric bus and 1 ordinary bus. Most of the part belongs to Chubu-Sangaku National Park. The only trolley bus in Japan is located along this route.

Murodo

One of the two main points of Tateyama Kurobe Alpine route is the snow wall located close from Murodo station. Snow wall which is 15-20 meters tall can be seen between April and May.

Kurobe dam/lake

Another main points of the Tateyama Kurobe Alpine route. Kurobe dam is a 186 meters variable-radius arch dam, the tallest dam in Japan. The project was one of the most difficult projects to take part after WWII. Discharge of water for tourists take place between end of June to mid October. Subject to climate.

Matsumoto

Second populous city in Nagano prefecture after prefectural capital Nagano city. Not like Nagano city which developed by Zenkoji temple, Matsumoto is more commercial and academic city. One of the oldest elementary schools in Japan, Kaichi school museum is located here.

Matsumoto castle

The keep, tenshukaku is one of the 12 remaining original tenshukaku and one of the five tenshukaku which is listed as a national treasure.

Tour includes:

Tour escort: English speaking tour escort will meet you at Tokyo station on day 1 and accompany you till day 3, terminating at Shinjuku station.

Accommodation: 3/4 stars hotel in Toyama and in Matsumoto. Twin/Double room basis. Single room can be booked with extra supplement.

Train tickets: Hokuriku Shinkansen train between Tokyo and Toyama (Ordinary/ 2^{nd} class seat, possible to upgrade to Green car/ 1^{st} class). Toyama Chiho railway train from Dentetsu Toyama to Tateyama. JR train between Shinano-Omachi to Matsumoto. Limited express Azusa (Ordinary/ 2^{nd} class seat, possible to upgrade to Green car/ 1^{st} class) between Matsumoto and Shinjuku.

Bus ticket: Local bus from Ogizawa to Shinano-Omachi.

Tateyama Kurobe Alpine route ticket from Tateyama to Ogizawa.

Admission: Matsumoto castle and Kaichi school museum in Matsumoto.

Meal: Buffet breakfast on day 2 and 3. You will have opportunities to have hot meals for lunch and dinner on your expense, advised by tour escort on the spot.

Others:

Advised to bring backpack. Larger luggage is unsuitable for this tour. Large suitcase should be left at your hotel/residence in Tokyo.

Rate: Please contact Tessera and get the best rate!