

3. Kakurinji and Tairyuji Mountain Temple and Coastal View Walking Course

| | DAY 1 | DAY 2 | DAY 3 | DAY 4 | NOTES |
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| 6:00 | | | | | <p>DAY 1 Baggage: Meet the owner of Inn Aoi, where you will stay on the first night, at Tatsue Station and leave your luggage and go to T19 and T20.</p> <p>Tatsueji: This was a sekishoji (barrier temple where inspections were performed; each prefecture has only one sekishoji) where Kobo Daishi is said to check each pilgrim's behavior so "evil cannot proceed beyond this point." Kakurinji: Located near the summit of a 516m-high mountain, the temple commands a splendid view of the Pacific Ocean. A statue of a crane welcomes visitors to the main hall.</p> <p>DAY 2 Baggage: Drop it off at Aoi and ask to have it delivered to Pandaya Minshuku. Omatsu Daigongen: The shrine is dedicated to about 10,000 manekineko "beckoning cats." It has komaneko (guardian cats), not komainu (guardian dogs)! The pilgrimage route around Tairyuji Temple is an ancient path surrounded by greenery. Don't miss the bamboo forest, pristine nature, and the stone with the year 1365 inscribed on it! Tairyuji: Known as "Koyasan of the West," the temple's spacious grounds are lined with centuries-old cedar and cypress trees. From the ropeway summit station, visitors can visit 88 stone statues one by one as they climb the mountain. Beyond is the inner sanctuary, Shashingatake, where a statue of Kukai sits on a rocky cliff.</p> <p>DAY 3 Take a lunch break at Tainohama Beach with its shallow blue water and calm waves. It boasts one of the best water qualities in Japan.</p> <p>Ebisu Cave, created by erosion of the waves lapping the shore, is 32 meters wide and 31 meters high!</p> <p>DAY 4 Yakuoji is popular as a temple that wards off bad luck. There are 33 stone steps to the main hall for women and 42 stone steps for men, and visitors in bad luck years can be seen placing a 1 yen coin on each step as they climb.</p> <p>Bike: Rent a bike at Michi-no-Eki Hiwasa and enjoy the majestic view of the towering Senba Kaigai Cliff. After returning the bike, head to JR Hiwasa Station and then to Tokushima Station.</p> |
| 7:00 | | | Pandaya Minshuku (Check out, leave baggage) | | |
| 8:00 | | Aoi (Check out, leave baggage) | | T23 Yakuoji | |
| | | Omatsu Daigongen | | Hiwasaya (Check out) | |
| 9:00 | 9:30 Depart Tokushima Station 9:57 Arrive Tatsue Station | Walk Kamo-michi | Cross Kaitani Pass | Michi-no-Eki Hiwasa (bike rental and leave baggage) Explore by bike | |
| 10:00 | Meet up with staff of Aoi where you stay the night and leave your baggage T19 Tatsueji | | | Senba Kaigai Cliff | |
| 11:00 | | T21 Tairyuji | Lunch: Bento box lunch at Tainohama Beach | | |
| | | Shashingatake, inner sanctuary of T21 | | | |
| 12:00 | | Lunch: Bento box lunch, etc. | | | |
| | | Walk Iwaya-michi | | | |
| 13:00 | Lunch: Lawson Numae, etc. | | Ebisu Cave | | |
| 14:00 | | | | Michi-no-Eki Hiwasa (Return the bike and pick-up your baggage) 14:40 Depart JR Hiwasa Station | |
| | | | Ohama Beach Hiwasa Chelonian Museum Caretta | | |
| 15:00 | Walk Kakurinji-michi | | | | |
| | T20 Kakurinji | | | | |
| 16:00 | | T22 Byodoji | Hiwasaya (Check in, pick-up your baggage) | 16:11 Arrive Tokushima Station | |
| | | Pandaya Minshuku (Check in, pick-up your baggage) | | | |
| 17:00 | | | | | |
| 18:00 | Inn Aoi (Check in, pick-up your baggage) | | | | |