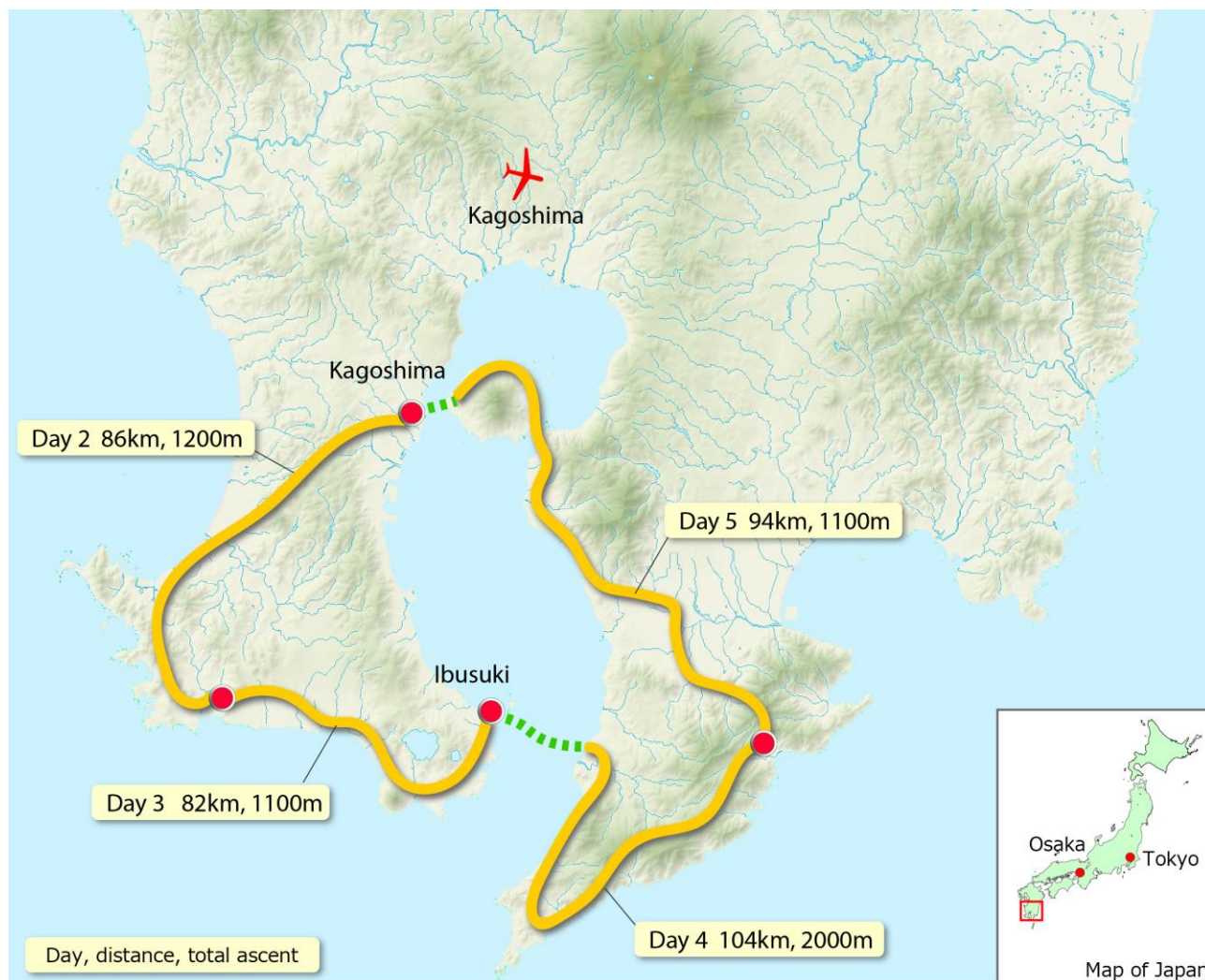




South Kyushu advanced 6 days 2021

Tour map



Introduction

Kyushu is the third largest island of Japan and most southwesterly of its four main islands. The island is mountainous, and Japan's one of the most active volcano, Sakurajima at 1,117 meters, is in Kagoshima. There are many other signs of tectonic activity, including numerous areas of hot springs.

Highlights

- Cycling near active volcano, Sakurajima.
- Visiting historical Shochu brewery.

- Cycling through green tea farm, and tea tasting.
- Staying at accommodation with Onsen hot spring spa every night.
- Reaching to most southern tip of Kyushu island.

Itinerary at a glance

ITINERARY (6days/5nights)				
Day 1	Meeting in Kagoshima	Hotel	TSO	D
Day 2	Cycle 86km (t.a.1200m) Kagoshima - Makurazaki	Hotel	TSO	B
Day 3	Cycle 82km (t.a.1100m) Makurazaki - Ibusuki	Ryokan	TSO	B,D
Day 4	Cycle 104km (t.a.2000m) Ibusuki - Kimotsuki	Ryokan	CO	B,D
Day 5	Cycle 94km (t.a.1100m) Kimotsuki - Kagoshima	Hotel	TSO	B,D
Day 6	Finish after breakfast	Ryokan	TO	B

Ryokan: Traditional Japanese inn.

T room with toilet only **TS** room with toilet & shower **C** communal facility **O** onsen spa
B breakfast **D** dinner

Tour price per person

#of people	service	price	includes
2 clients	van, guide	JPY 288,000	See below
3+ clients	van, guide	JPY 227,000	

Single supplement JPY 18,000

Includes

- 5 nights' accommodation on twin share basis
- 5 breakfasts and 4 evening meals
- All transport detailed in the below itinerary
- Snacks and refreshments
- English speaking guide(s)
- Spare parts and mechanic services
- Support vehicle with seats and bike rack



Does not include

- Other meals (JPY 1000-1500 for a lunch, JPY 2000-3000 for a dinner)
- Drink at meals

What we offer as our services

- We have support vehicle to follow cyclists to back up water, snacks, and other necessary things for the ride. If one of you wants to stop riding at some point of the day, he or she will be welcomed to have seat in our support vehicle.
- Our guides are all cyclists, we know what you need during your ride. We are trained to be a bike mechanic and cycling leader.
- In case of heavy rain, strong wind or other fierce weather conditions for cycling, we may change plan and give you other activities option like hiking, sightseeing, and so on.
- We guide in English basically; our guides are all very knowledgeable in the region and Japanese culture.

Itinerary details

Day 1 Meet at hotel in Kagoshima

We meet at Hotel in Kagoshima at 5:00pm, and have briefing of the tour and bike fitting. We go out for dinner together around 6:30pm.

Accommodation – 3 stars accommodation

Hotel / Private bath / Wifi / Onsen hot spa / Laundry

Day 2 Cycling Kagoshima - Makurazaki

Getting out of Kagoshima, we take back road to cycle over to the other side of peninsula. We ride into cycling path which spread along the coast for 15km. Relax and cruise on the cycling path with nice sea breeze on the sand dune. After 50km flat ride, we cycle on beautiful coastal road with some hills. We finish at Makurazaki town where famous Shōchū “Satsuma-Shiranami” is originally from. Shōchū is a distilled beverage native to Japan, and the one distilled from

sweet potato is a local specialty around this area. We visit the 100 year's old brewery and of course get tasting of several kinds of excellent Shōchū.

Cycling Distance - 86km / Altitude gain - 1200m

Accommodation - 3 stars accommodation

Hotel / Private bath / Wifi / Onsen hot spa / Laundry / meal (B)



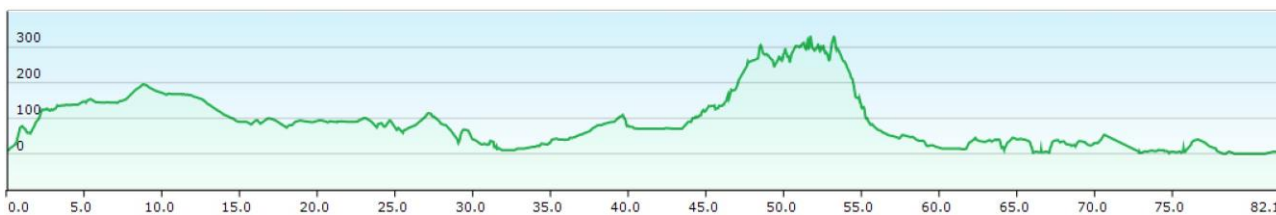
Day 3 Cycling Makurazaki – Ibusuki

From Makurazaki, we cycle up to a hill where vast green tea farms are laid out. Fresh scents from tea leaves will give you refresh feeling all through the farm ride. The road around beautiful cone shape Mt. Kaimon brings you a nice quiet ride with ocean view. We have a break at natural sand Onsen on the beach. Put your whole body in sand warmed up naturally by geothermal activity and relax with hearing sound of waves, this is an unforgettable moment on this trip.

Cycling Distance – 82km / Altitude gain – 1100m

Accommodation - 3 stars accommodation

Ryokan / Private toilet / Wifi / Onsen hot spa / Laundry / meal (B,D)



Day 5 Cycling Ibusuki – Kimotsuki

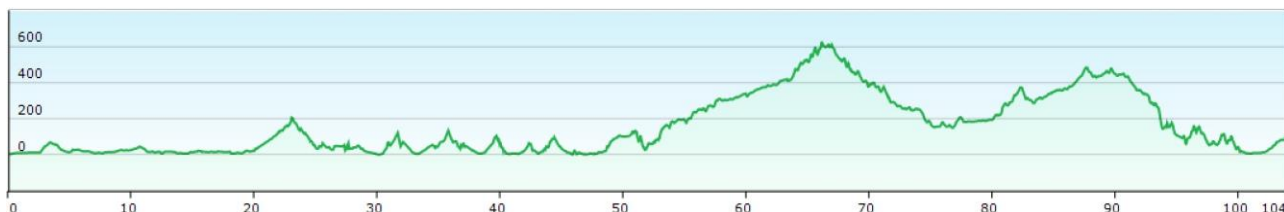
We take 60 mins ferry to Nejime where we start cycling. Riding along the coast with the view of

blue sea and white sand will make your ride even more fun. We cycle to southernmost tip of Kyushu, Cape Sata with beautiful rugged coastline. We head north of Osumi peninsula with riding over several passes. We have last break at beautiful beach which is just before our accommodation with Onsen hot spring spa.

Cycling Distance – 104km / Altitude gain – 2000m

Accommodation - 3 stars accommodation

Hotel / Private bath / Wifi / Onsen hot spa / Laundry / meal (B,D)



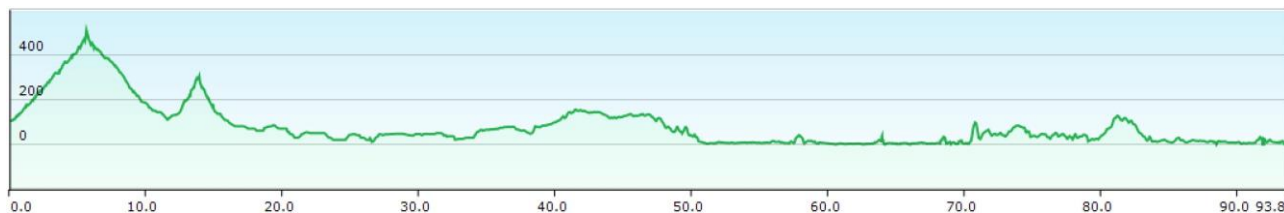
Day 5 Cycling Kimotsuki - Kagoshima

Leaving the Onsen, we cycle through mountain passes in the quiet road, we will cycle towards Sakurajima. We might be able to see the eruption of Sakurajima on one side and beautiful coastline on the other. Then we take ferry to Kagoshima to finish our trip.

Cycling Distance - 94km / Altitude gain - 1100m

Accommodation - 3 stars accommodation

Hotel / Private bath / Wifi / Onsen hot spa / Laundry / meal (B,D)



Day 6 Finish after breakfast

Our tour finishes after breakfast. You can take a bus to Kagoshima airport or Kagoshima station.

from the bus stop near our hotel.

meal (B)

About accommodation

We choose Ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) as much as possible to support local tourism and economy. Ryokan is traditional Japanese style inns often run by family and in many cases, it has Onsen (natural hot springs) on site. You will sleep on a futon on the tatami floor in ryokan. It's definitely the best choice if you want to experience authentic Japanese accommodation. However, there are a few things to remember before staying there.



Room in Ryokan



Yukata



Onsen hot spring



Washing space

- Traditional Japanese room does not have bed, instead, it has Futon mat on "Tatami" straw weaving floor to sleep on. The photo is how typical Ryokan room looks like.
- Most of the accommodation provide "Yukata" traditional night robe, you can wear it to hot spring and restaurants on site. You don't have to carry your night clothing as much if you enjoy Yukata.
- Most of Ryokan provide nice public Onsen hot spring to share, then some of the rooms do not have their own shower and bath. Public onsen has washing place where you can wash yourself.
- Some of Ryokans in remote area do not have toilet in each room. They have public toilet on site.

What to bring

- Passport** You need to show passport when you check in accommodations.
- Travel insurance detail** Medical cost is expensive in Japan. You are strongly recommended to have comprehensive travel insurance.
- Cash in Yen** Credit card does not work in small restaurants and shops in Japan. Lunch costs 1000-1500yen, dinner 2000-3000yen. ATM in post office can work for international card.
- Helmet** It is compulsory to wear helmet on our tour. Rental on request.
- Gloves** Protect your hands.
- Cycling clothing** Bring appropriate clothing for cycling.

- Rain jacket** It rains in Japan.
- Warmers** It can be cold in the mountains.
- Casual clothing** to go out to restaurants at night.

Please see "Japan general info" file attached too for more detail packing list.

Weather forecast

Kagoshima <https://goo.gl/5wvKvq>

Highest point of this trip is 600m above sea level. It can be 3-4C lower than lowland, please prepare warmers and jacket.