

# Media tour (Kumagaya)

[Reservation] <https://surveys.synpoint.com/view/index.php?sid=52857&lang=en>  
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Outline	
Tour Name	Saitama Media Tour
Area	Kumagaya,Chichibu
Tour date and time	Oct 7 th,2019 9:00-17:00
Brief Introduction of Tour	To coincide with the Rugby World Cup, Host City Saitama Prefecture and Kumagaya City have organized a special media tour, highlighting Kumagaya (the venue of 3 matches) and Chichibu (a western region of Saitama know for its beautiful nature). This tour welcomes all foreign media, including media based in Japan.
Apply by	Oct 4th 12:00,2019
Conditions to participate	Show your official media accreditation pass to go on the trip
Maximum/minimum No. of participants	Maximum number of participants: 20

Tour course introduction			
Start Time	Place		
9:00	JR Kumagaya station (in front of main ticket gate)		
9:30~10:30	Menuma Shodenzan Temple	This temple was founded in 1179 by a local governor to enshrine Shoden, a god of good fortune. The main hall has been designated as a National Treasure and is an overwhelmingly powerful piece of architecture, with elaborate sculptures on the outer wall.	 <a href="http://www.ksky.ne.jp/~shouden/cuntry.html">http://www.ksky.ne.jp/~shouden/cuntry.html</a>
10:30~12:00	go to Nagatoro by bus		
12:00~13:00	Nagatoro River Boating	A popular tourist spot surrounded by the beauty of nature. It has flourished as a tourist area since the end of the 19th century, and currently receives 2 million visitors a year.	 <a href="https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/chokotabi-saitama/eng/things/experience/15.html">https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/chokotabi-saitama/eng/things/experience/15.html</a>
13:00~13:30	go to Chichibu by bus		
13:30~14:30	Lunch		
14:30~15:00	go to Chichibu Distillery by bus		
15:00~16:00	Chichibu Distillery (Ichiro's Malt Whisky)	Ichiro's Malt has been receiving attention the world over, especially after the Ichiro's Malt Card Series whisky, "King of Diamonds", was given the Gold Award in Whisky Magazine. The Hanyu Ichiro Full Card Series, composed of 54 individual bottles, was auctioned off at nearly 1 million USD in Hong Kong in August 2019.	 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ChichibuDistillery/">https://www.facebook.com/ChichibuDistillery/</a>
16:00~17:30	Go to Kumagaya by bus		
17:30~19:30	Dinner in Kumagaya		