

<Introduction>

Unravel the mystery of the temple that attracts your heart with a strange festival and arts.

The Naked Man Festival held in Saidaiji Temple, Okayama City, is said to be one of the strangest festivals in Japan. It is held in February, and is visited by many tourists from Japan and overseas. Many old paintings (and folk tales) still remain at Saidaiji Temple, and by reading these, you can learn the story of the Naked Man Festival and the history of the temple. There are also many art works by world-famous contemporary artists on display in the precincts that you can visit. Finally, you can partake in the Gomakitou burning prayer ritual that prays for your various wishes.

<What you will experience> ※ 3 points

1. Learn the history of the temple from one of the priests (History Scroll tour)

A high priest will use the old paintings of good fortune held on the temple grounds to explain various stories about the history of the temple and the Naked Man festival.

2. Pray with the priests (Gomakitou ritual experience)

You will write on a wooden tile prayers for your sake and for the sake of your loved ones. When you put the tile into the flames that the high priests are burning, they will pray with you to fulfil those prayers.

3. Make a bamboo lantern with a craftsman (Bamboo lantern making)

With the help of a professional craftsman, you will make a lantern out of bamboo. Those are high quality made and can be used as a beautiful interior design accent.



<Reservation Information>

Operating Period

All year round

Time required

Time required: 3 hours
Starting time: From 9:00

Operation Frequency

Once a day

Number of people (Maximum/Minimum)

Up to 10 people (1 person minimum)

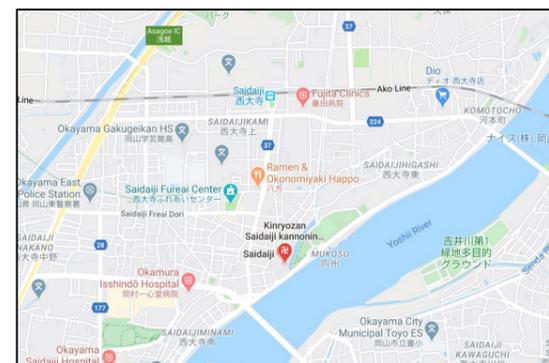
<Meeting point and access>

Access by public transportation

- 17 minutes by train from JR Okayama Station to Saidaiji Station, then 14 minutes walk

Meeting point and address

- Kinryozan Saidaiji kannonin (Saidaiji Temple)
3-8-8, Saidaijinaka, Higashi Ward,
Okayama, 704-8116



<Language Support>

Languages Available

Japanese English Chinese Other

Interpreter available

Yes No

Guide information

English speaking local guide (extra fee)

Language Translation Tool

<Other Plan Information>

Participant Requirements

Cancellation Policy

• 7 days before 30% • 2 days before 40% • The same day 100%

Precautionary considerations

- We may not be able to meet your desired time if it overlaps with the events of Saidaiji Temple.
- Please contact us if you have any questions that you would like to check in advance due to religious issues.

In case of bad weather, emergency, delay or no show

- If for any reasons, participants should be late for more than 15 minutes without contacting us, we will treat it as a cancellation on the day (cancellation fee: 100%).
- If the tour should be cancelled, we will contact the participants by the morning of the tour day (no cancellation fee).

Insurance Support

Inventory Management

Yes No

Support hours

9:00 ~ 16:00

Inquiry email address (company/person in charge)

saidaiji@saidaiji.jp

Kinryozan Saidaiji kannonin (Saidaiji Temple) office

<Package Information>

Price (Tax excluded)

Contact us for pricing

※Bamboo material fee/person + base fee

Options/Price (Tax excluded)

- Zazen experience and sutra experience (inquiry required)

What's Included

The fees include fares for guided tour of Saidaiji, Gomakitou ritual experience, bamboo lantern making experience.

What's Not Included

- Transportation expenses to the site.