

Fares

Quick Tour of Korakuen and Kurashiki

Operated daily from March 20 to November 30 (No operation from December 1 to March 19)

Portion covered: Round trip from JR Okayama Station			
Adult	4,000 yen	Child	1,990 yen
Portion covered: JR Okayama Station to Kurashiki (If leaving the tour at Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter or JR Kurashiki Station)			
Adult	3,460 yen	Child	1,720 yen

- *Japanese currency only. Please pay on the day of the tour.
- *Child fares apply to children ages 6 to 11.
- *Fares do not include lunch.
- *Tour guide on board describes the sights (in Japanese only)

Circle Tour of the Seto-Ohashi Bridges and Kurashiki

Operated daily from March 20 to November 30
Operated Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays only, from December 1 to March 19
(during the New Year holidays, operated January 1, 2 and 3)

Portion covered: Round trip from JR Okayama Station (If leaving the tour at JR Okayama Station or Korakuen Garden)			
Adult	5,500 yen	Child	2,800 yen
Portion covered: Okayama to Kurashiki (If leaving the tour at Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter)			
Adult	4,850 yen	Child	2,480 yen

- *Japanese currency only. Please pay on the day of the tour.
- *Child fares apply to children ages 6 to 11.
- *Fares do not include lunch.
- *Unaccompanied tour. No bus attendant on board.
- *Tour commentary on tape, in Japanese only (English-language pamphlets will be distributed aboard the bus.)

Reservations and Boarding

How to Reserve

Reservations are required for scheduled sightseeing buses. (Passengers may board without a reservation if seats are available, but all seats may be taken, so making a reservation is recommended. Reservations are accepted up to three days prior to departure.)

- Please reserve via the Internet (through the website below). Reservations are accepted starting from three months to three days prior to departure. Choose the desired tour and departure date (note that tours do not operate on certain days of the year). When reserving, you will be asked for the following information:
 - Your name
 - Your e-mail address, etc.

- Please use the reservation form on the website below to make a reservation. Your reservation will be confirmed by e-mail within two days.

- Tours may already be fully booked when you wish to take a tour, so early reservations are recommended.

Reservation:
<http://www.ryobi-bus.jp/scheduled-sightseeing/>

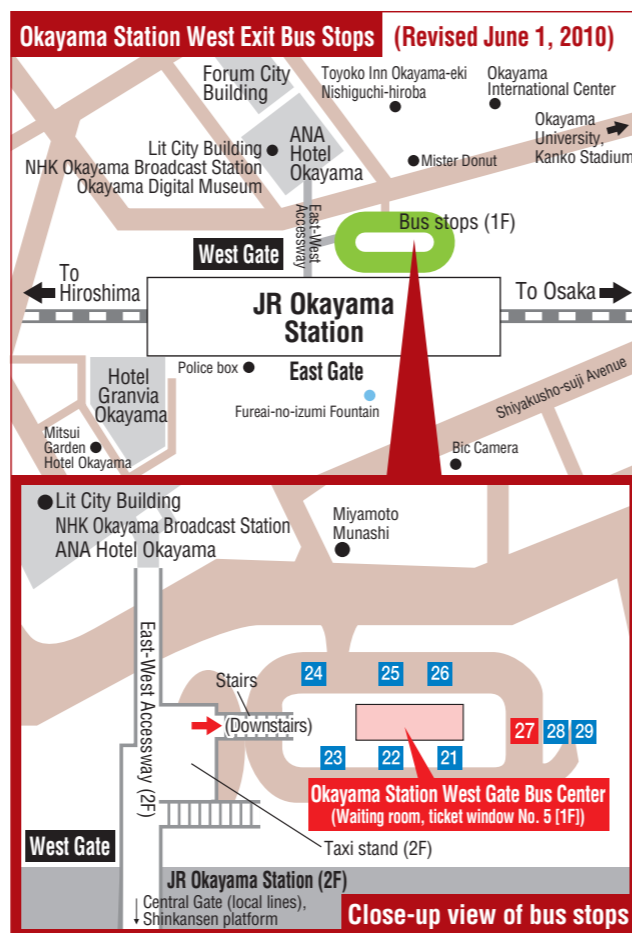
Cancelling

Please notify us promptly of any changes in your reservation (no. of persons, etc.) by e-mail. No cancellation fees apply.

On the Day of the Tour

On the day of the tour, please buy your tour ticket from the Okayama Station West Gate Bus Center (ticket window No. 5) and board the bus by 15 minutes before departure.

Departure Point



From the Shinkansen Gate or the Central Gate (local lines) on the 2nd floor of the station, go to the Okayama Station West Gate Bus Center (ticket window No. 5) (reached by going down one level of the East-West Accessway) and buy a tour ticket.

Welcome to Okayama!
Welcome to Seto Inland Sea!



Okayama Scheduled Sightseeing Bus Tours

Operated Daily from March 20 to November 30

December 1–March 19: Only Circle Tour of the Seto-Ohashi Bridges and Kurashiki is available. (See p. 3 for detailed schedule)

Reservations for scheduled sightseeing bus tours can be made even on an individual basis. Scheduled sightseeing buses operate as scheduled during the operation period. They are the easy, convenient way for individuals or groups to see the sights.

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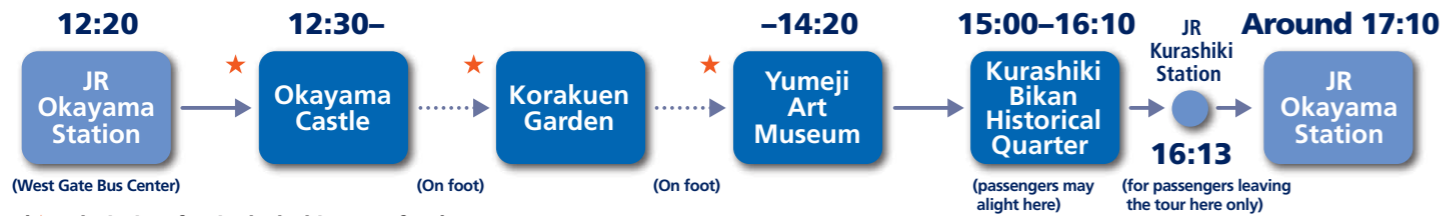
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Quick Tour of Korakuen and Kurashiki

This tour visits Okayama's three most popular sightseeing spots, representing the best that Okayama has to offer—Korakuen Japanese garden, Okayama Castle and Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter, an area popular with visitors of all ages.

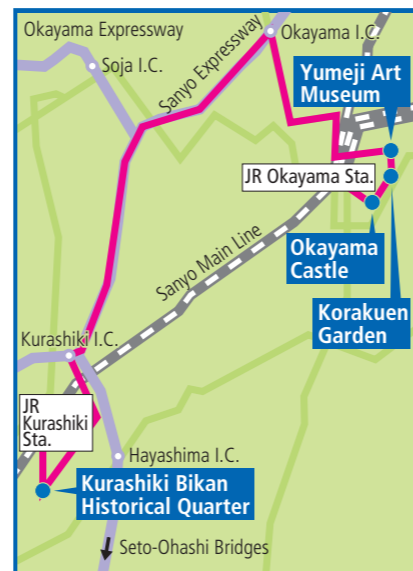


(★:admission fee included in tour fare)

Itinerary, visit order and final arrival time may change depending on traffic conditions. Please allow for sufficient time for connections if you are planning to depart by train after the tour.

Tour Description

- Operated daily from March 20 to November 30 (no operation from December 1 to March 19)
- Minimum no. of passengers for operation: 1
- Tour leaves from JR Okayama Station (West Gate Bus Center).
Tour ends at Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter, JR Kurashiki Station or JR Okayama Station.
- Departs 12:20 p.m.; returns around 5:10 p.m. (total time: 4 hours 50 minutes)
- Lunch not included. If desired, please eat before leaving on the tour.
- Operated by Ryobi Bus (Ryobi Holdings Co., Ltd.)
- Reservations: required. Reservations accepted up to three days prior to departure, but passengers may board without a reservation if seats are available.
- To reserve: Please fill out the reservation form on our website. (See p. 4)
- For information on how to check in on the day of the tour, see page 4.



Tour Highlights (★:admission fee included in tour fare)

★ Okayama Castle

This castle was erected in 1597 by 16th-century military man Ukita Hideie. Its imposing six-floor main tower is said to have been modeled on the main tower of Azuchi Castle built by Oda Nobunaga, the most prominent military leader of the same period, and is of interest because of its unusual asymmetrical pentagon shape. Clad in black wood planks, this castle is also called "Crow Castle."



★ Yumeji Art Museum (closed Mondays)



This museum displays the works of Yumeji Takehisa, Taisho era (1912–1926) poet and artist who was born in Okayama. The museum, built on the banks of the Asahi River which flows through Okayama, opened in March 1984 to commemorate the centenary of Yumeji's birth. It is located in Okayama's cultural zone centering on Korakuen. The museum's red brick building topped with a weathervane is reminiscent of the days when Yumeji lived. One of the city's newer attractions, it welcomes numerous visitors. It was awarded one Guide Michelin star in 2007.

★ Okayama Korakuen Garden

Okayama Korakuen is one of Japan's top three landscape gardens. Construction was begun in 1687 by loyal retainer Tsuda Nagatada on the orders of local feudal lord Ikeda Tsunamasa and completed in 1700. Lord Ikeda initially used the garden for personal recreation and for entertaining important visitors, and it was occasionally opened for visits by people of the domain. Korakuen has been open to the general public since 1884. In 1952, it was designated a "Place of Outstanding Scenic Beauty" under the Cultural Artifacts Protection Law, under which the garden's historic cultural legacy is preserved and maintained. Korakuen was awarded three Guide Michelin stars in 2007, contributing to its expanding popularity.

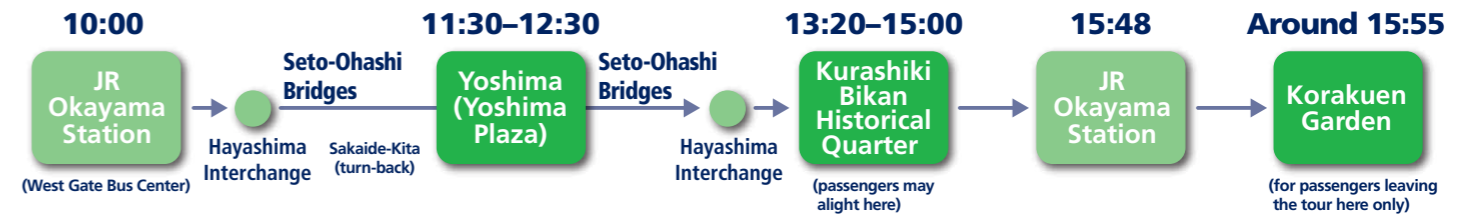


● Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter

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Circle Tour of the Seto-Ohashi Bridges and Kurashiki

This tour offers a dynamic way to experience the appeal of the Seto Inland Sea by traveling across the Seto-Ohashi Bridge, one of the largest bridges. These bridges link Okayama and Kagawa prefectures, crossing over islands that dot the peaceful Seto Inland Sea. Afterwards, you will have a chance to stroll in Kurashiki's Bikan Historical Quarter, a popular area offering art and culture.



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- Minimum no. of passengers for operation: 1
- Tour leaves from JR Okayama Station (West Gate Bus Center).
Tour ends at Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter, JR Okayama Station or Korakuen Garden.
- Departs 10:00 a.m.; returns around 3:48 p.m. (total time: 5 hours 48 minutes)
- Lunch not included. Food and beverages available at Yoshima at your own expense.
- Operated by Ryobi Bus (Ryobi Holdings Co., Ltd. and Okayama Kotsu Co., Ltd.)
- Reservations: required. Reservations accepted up to three days prior to departure, but passengers may board without a reservation if seats are available.
- To reserve: Please fill out the reservation form on our website. (See p. 4)
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Tour Highlights

● Seto-Ohashi Bridges (View of the Setonaikai National Park)

The Seto-Ohashi Bridges refer collectively to the six bridges linking five islands between Honshu and Shikoku. Passing through the peaceful, island-dotted setting of the Seto Inland Sea, designated as Japan's first national park, these double-decker bridges accommodate both road and rail traffic. Of the three bridge complexes linking Honshu and Shikoku, the Seto-Ohashi Bridges were the first to open to traffic, in April 1988.



The route covers a distance of 37.3 kilometers for road traffic and 32.4 kilometers for the railroad, and out of this, the bridges span totaling 9.4 kilometers of the maritime route are called the Seto-Ohashi Bridges. The bridges are suspension, cable-stayed and truss bridges, and this bridge complex, one of the largest in the world, is a stirring sight.

● Yoshima (Yoshima Plaza)

The Yoshima parking area, situated midway on the maritime route of the Seto-Chuo Expressway, is the only spot where traffic can leave the Seto-Ohashi Bridges. It is also a scenic viewing spot. The facilities at Yoshima Plaza, located next to parking lot No. 1, include a food court, shops and a road travel information center. From the observation deck at Yoshima Plaza, visitors can enjoy panoramic vistas of the many islands dotting the sea and boats large and small busily plying to and fro.

● Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter

In the early days of the Edo period (1603–1867), Kurashiki was designated an area under direct control of the shogunal government. Over the years, it flourished as a goods distribution center for southern Bitchu (the western part of present-day Okayama prefecture). Estates behind white or patterned walls and storehouses filled a district that ran from the banks of the Kurashiki River to south side of Mount Tsurugata and formed a well-preserved Edo period townscape. In 1979, the Bikan Historical Quarter was chosen as the second district within the prefecture to be designated an Preservation Area for Important Traditional Architecture.

The best-known buildings in the district are the Ohara Museum of Art, erected in 1930 as Japan's first museum for Western art, and Kurashiki Ivy Square, the building housing the former Kurashiki Spinning Mill, refurbished and repurposed as a tourist facility.

*Visitors are free to stroll as they wish through the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter (admission fees at own expense). Some facilities within the district may be closed on certain days.

