

Bus Tour : Horyuji Temple & Toshodaiji Temple

Date : 23 May (Wed) 14:00 ~ 17:30 / Fee : 8,500 yen (per person)

Maximum : 48 people / Minimum : 30 people

*If the minimum number of participants (30 people) is not met, the tour will be cancelled.

Horyuji Temple www.horyuji.or.jp/assets/images/pdf/english.pdf



Horyuji was founded, according to the wishes of his dying father, Emperor Yomei and the Empress Suiko (554-628), in 607 by Prince Shotoku (573-621). Emperor Yomei wished to build a temple and an image of Buddha as a form of observance and prayer for recovery from illness. The emperor died before his wishes could be completed and were thus carried out by his son and consort. Horyuji ("Temple of the Flourishing Law") burnt down in 670 and was then rebuilt; the ancient wooden structures in the temple complex are thought to date to the time of that reconstruction. Horyuji can be considered the cradle of Japanese Buddhism and contains some of its most beautiful artistic treasures. The buildings exhibit cultural and architectural influences from China and Korea from where Buddhism was transmitted to Japan.

That the 45 most important buildings at Horyuji have survived the various vicissitudes of fire and earthquake over the succeeding ages is a testament to the quality of their construction and design. The Five-Story Pagoda was dismantled during World War II and reassembled when the conflict ended.

The buildings at Horyuji date from the Asuka Period (552-645) to the Momoyama Period (1573-1598).

Toshodaiji Temple <http://www.toshodaiji.jp/english/index.html>



Toshodaiji Temple located south of Heijo Palace Site in Nara, just north of Yakushiji Temple, is an important temple in the history and development of Buddhism in Japan during the Nara Period.

Toshodaiji, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a large temple complex and is the headquarters of the Ritsu sect of Japanese Buddhism. Toshodaiji contains the tomb of the influential Chinese monk, Ganjin, the temple's founder.

Most of the buildings at Toshodaiji are designated as National Treasures due to their age and architectural significance.

Itinerary

14:00	Departure from Nara Kasugano International Forum IRAKA
	~approx. 50 minutes by bus~
14:50	Arrival at Horyuji Temple
15:45	Departure
	~approx. 35 minutes by bus~
16:20	Arrival at Toshodaiji Temple
17:00~18:00	Drop off service to the designated hotel.