



Treasures of Arita: Exclusive Tour of Kakiemon Kiln and the Art of Nigoshide



- Learn about the history of Kakiemon Kiln and its production process.
- Visit the wood-fired kilns and workshop which are usually closed to the public.
- Observe the process of wheel-making pottery and see the painters' techniques.
- Enjoy tea and sweets in a private area.

This special tour of Kakiemon Kiln offers a rare opportunity to visit the workshop which is normally closed to the public. Experience the 400-year-old tradition and craftsmanship of Kakiemon Kiln with an up-close tour of the production process. Kakiemon-style ceramics feature “Akae,” a red overglaze enameling technique developed by the kiln’s founder, Sakaita Kakiemon, over a milky white “Nigote” porcelain body. By watching the skilled potters and painters carefully create works of art, you can witness the seamless blend of tradition and innovation pursued by this kiln.

During the tour, enjoy tea and sweets served using the kiln’s pottery and hear about the history and culture of Kakiemon style from the general manager. Enjoy this unique experience which showcases the depth of tradition and skill of the Arita craftsmen.



Length
3 hours



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Arita, Saga



Group Size
2-10 people
1 person can participate
for the price of 2



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Price/Person
53,800~ JPY
For a group of 2,
interpreter fee included



The Sublime Beauty of Tsuji Seiji-sha: Exclusive Private Tour of an Imperial Purveyor



- Learn about the 16-generation history of Tsuji Seiji-sha and their production process.
- Visit the workshop and touch the ceramics in a space normally closed to the public.
- See how pieces for the Imperial Household

are made using the “Gokushin-yaki” technique.

- Enjoy tea served in pottery made by Tsuji Seiji-sha.

This special experience at Tsuji Seiji-sha allows guests to enter the kiln’s workshop, (a space not usually open to the public), to see how works are produced for the Imperial Household. This is a rare opportunity to observe the advanced techniques of craftsmen who have been serving the Imperial Household for over 350 years and learn about their secret “Gokushin-yaki” technique of firing pieces in special, protective containers.

During the tour, tea is provided and served in the same kind of ware that is presented to the Imperial Family. Enjoy this remarkable experience where traditional beauty and innovation merge.



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The Timeless Beauty of Genemon Kiln: Exclusive Workshop Tour and Ko-Imari Museum



- Hear from a craftsman about the history of Genemon Kiln and its production process.
- Visit the wood-fired kiln and workshop.
- Tour the Genemon Kiln Ko-Imari Museum
- Enjoy tea served in vessels made by Genemon Kiln.

This experience offers a rare opportunity to visit the Genemon Kiln workshop (which is usually closed to the public) and immerse yourself in the beauty and tradition of its over 150-year-old techniques. Observe the production process carried out by skilled craftsmen up close and take in the charms of the distinctive “Sotodami” brush painting technique.

Additionally, enjoy a guided tour of the private Ko-Imari Pottery Museum which features a collection of significant historical Arita-yaki pieces that date back to the Meiji period. After the tour, relax with a cup of tea served using the kiln’s own pottery. During this visit, experience the history and craftsmanship of Genemon Kiln with all five senses.



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The Innovation and Elegance of Riso Kiln: Crafting Pieces Praised by Top Chefs



- Learn about the history and endeavors of Riso Kiln from President Terauchi himself.
- Walk around the workshop, which is normally closed to the public, and watch the pottery being fired.
- Discover how digital technology is used to create pieces praised by top chefs.
- Enjoy tea served by President Terauchi using Riso Kiln teaware.

This experience at Riso Kiln offers a unique opportunity to tour the workshop with the 4th generation head, Shinji Terauchi as your personal guide. During the tour, witness the historic kiln loading process and learn how ceramics celebrated by top chefs are created using cutting-edge technology in a way that still preserves traditional aesthetic beauty.

In addition to the workshop tour, enjoy drinking tea personally brewed by President Terauchi and served in Riso Kiln's special teaware. This luxurious experience allows you to appreciate the tradition and innovation of Arita-yaki.



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The Tradition and Innovation of Koransha: Award-Winning Art, Private Tour, & VIP Room



- Learn about the history of Koransha and porcelain insulators.
- Visit the special VIP room which is usually closed to the public.
- Tour the porcelain insulator factor which is also closed to the public.
- Walk the Ancient Pottery and Porcelain Exhibition Hall, which displays pieces that were highly received at the World Expo.

This special experience allows you to immerse yourself in the tradition and craftsmanship of Koransha, a prestigious Arita-yaki brand founded in 1879. Visit the company’s insulator factory which is usually not open to the public and explore the history of the innovative technology that led to the creation of Japan’s first porcelain insulators. Additionally, learn about art pieces that were highly praised at the World Expo and enjoy a tea ceremony in a private guest room. This luxurious and intellectually enriching experience offers a chance to appreciate the beauty of traditional Arita-yaki and the technology behind ceramic insulators.



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Elegant White Porcelain by Living National Treasure, Manji Inoue: The Beauty of Sculpted Pottery



- Learn about the kiln's history and the works of Yuki Inoue directly from the artist himself.
- Visit the studio of Living National Treasure, Manji Inoue, (usually closed to the public), with an artist as your guide.
- Experience making pottery using a potter's wheel.
- Observe the techniques of the studio's artists and craftsmen up close.

On this special tour of Inoue Manji Kiln, see the distinguished beauty of white porcelain perfected by Living National Treasure, Manji Inoue. Additionally, see the unique and modern expressions created by his grandson and artist, Yuki Inoue. Stepping into the workshop, which is normally closed to the public, you will be able to try your hand at making pottery using the same potter's wheel used by master, Manji Inoue. During this unique experience, feel with your hands how tradition and innovation intersect.

Observe the techniques of the studio's craftsmen and artists up close, and enjoy having a surprise piece made for you on the spot. During the workshop tour, you can interact with the artists to learn about the deep history of Arita-yaki and hear about their dreams for the future.



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Nature-Inspired Blue and White Porcelain: in blue Akatsuki's Innovation and Craftsmanship



- Explore the gallery with artist Akio Momota and learn about the kiln's history and works.
- Tour the workshop, (usually closed to the public), and learn about the production process with the artist as your personal guide.
- Experience Ikebana flower arranging using vases made by the artist.
- Partake in a sencha tea ceremony that uses three pieces of the artist's special tea-ware.

At Akio Momota's "in blue Akatsuki" gallery, experience the aesthetic beauty of the artist's outstanding pottery skills and observe the unique glazes and specialty blue and white porcelain. Enjoy the harmony of nature and art by making your own Ikebana flower arrangement using nature-themed vases. Relax and sip on sencha tea brewed using specialty-made tea utensils crafted by Mr. Momota.

The gallery, set in a lush green open environment where natural light streams in, is a place to fully enjoy the appeal of crafted works. During this special tour, stimulate your senses and engage in artistry that transcends the boundaries of typical Arita-yaki.



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SOUGAMA: The Art of Camouflage Formed by the Neriage Technique



- Learn from a craftsman about the history of SOUGAMA and the Neriage technique.
- Tour the workshop, (usually closed to the public), and hear about the production process.
- Create an original piece using the Neriage technique in a workshop led by the craftsman.
- See how pieces are made using scraps from the production process.

Join this special workshop and experience the rare “Neriage” kneading technique used to create Arita-yaki. The patterns created by combining different colored clays possess a unique beauty and appear on both sides of the piece offering a warmth and individuality distinct from that of painted pottery.

Not only will you be able to see the works created by the three family members, each having mastered different techniques and adapted unique styles, but you will also have the opportunity to create your own Neriage clay masterpiece. In addition, you can watch how pieces are made from scrap materials - a sustainable practice that showcases new possibilities for traditional crafts. On this tour, experience the joy, beauty, and harmony of nature.



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