

Guidelines for the 33rd Henro Experience

1. Purpose

This event aims to give foreign residents of Kagawa the chance to walk a section of the Shikoku Henro and deepen their understanding of both the pilgrimage route and local Kagawa culture. We also want participants to communicate their impressions and thoughts to both domestic and international audiences through social networking to advance the bid for the Shikoku Henro to be registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2. Organizer

Kagawa Prefectural Government

3. Cooperation

NPO Network for Shikoku Henro Pilgrimage and Hospitality

4. Time and Date

May 24 2026 (Sunday) 9:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.

(In the case of bad weather, the event will be cancelled. If the event is cancelled, participants will be notified via e-mail by 6:00 a.m. on the day of the event.)

5. Intended Participants and Number of Participants

This trip is intended for foreign residents in Kagawa. The maximum number of participants is **20**.

6. Participation Fee

Free

(Participants must pay for their own transportation to/from the meeting point and during the trip.)

7. Conditions for Participation

- a) The route will be almost 7.8 km (4.8 miles, including a steep mountain path) of walking in total. We ask that all participants be fit and healthy enough to complete the entire course on foot. Please wear clothes and shoes that are easy to walk in.
- b) Participants must comply with the following:
 - I. Any videos or photos we take on the Henro Experience may be used in the promotion of this project on our website or in other media.
 - II. Please use SNS to spread the word about your experience on the tour.

8. Meeting Point

Please meet at Kotoden Yashima Station at 9:00 a.m.

*Staff will be waiting to guide you at Kotoden Yashima Station.

9. What to bring

Your **lunch/bento(if necessary)**, plenty of water, towel, transportation expenses (about 700 yen in total), other necessary items.

10. Other information

Since it'll be hot out, please take precautions against heatstroke.

11. Application

Please fill in the attached application form and return it by e-mail by **Friday, May 8, 2026**.

By e-mail kokusai@pref.kagawa.lg.jp (Please type "**Henro**" in the subject line of your email.)

12. Itinerary

Depart from Kotoden Takamatsu-chikko Station 08:15 (Kotoden Kotohira Line) →Kawaramachi Station 08:19 →
Kawaramachi Station 08:28 (Kotoden Shido Line) →Kotoden Yashima Station 08:45

Note: Train timetables are subject to change so please verify the provided information above.

* Staff will be waiting to guide you at Kotoden Yashima Station.

- 9:00 **【Meet at Kotoden Yashima Station】**
 -Take attendance
 -Move to Yashima Temple (one-hour walk)
 -Change into Henro pilgrimage attire (walking stick, hat, and white top)
- 10:00 **【Arrive at Yashima Temple (Temple #84)】**
 - Important Information, Commemorative picture
 - Visit the temple
- 11:00 **【Depart from Yashima Temple】**
 -Take Yashima Shuttle Bus 11:18 to Shikoku Village 11:24
 From Shikoku Village to Lunch spot : 3.5 km, 40 min. walk
- 12:00 **【Arrive at Lunch spot (Nakamura setsuro-sekizai)】**
 - “osettai”(offered cold udon noodles), your own lunch(if necessary)
- 13:30 **【Arrive at Yakuri Temple(Temple #85)】**
 -Visit the temple
 - Return Henro pilgrimage attire (walking stick, hat, and white top)
- 14:00 **【Depart from Yakuri Temple】**
 -Walk to Yakuri Sanzyo Station, and take Yakuri cable car to Yakuri Tozanguchi Station
 -Walk to Yakuri Station from Yakuri Tozanguchi Station : 1.5 km, 30 min. walk
- 15:00 **【Arrive at Yakuri Station】**

Depart from Yakuri Station 15:03 (Kotoden Shido Line) →Kawaramachi Station 15:25 → Kawaramachi Station 15:30
(Kotoden Kotohira Line) →Kotoden Takamatsu-chikko Station 15:35

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