[Arranged Tour] Visit the Town where the Once-Extinct Oriental White Storks Fly in the Skies Again

Organizer: Toyooka Tourism Innovation

Toyooka City is the place where the once-extinct Oriental White Stork was last seen in Japan. How were these gentle creatures, thought to bring happiness, brought back into the wild? In this tour, learn about Toyooka City’s efforts to create a rich environment in which the Oriental White Storks can live, as well as eat organic rice and local vegetables produced by those efforts.

This tour is recommended for outdoor and nature conservation groups, families with interests in organic food ingredients, couples (*this tour does not have full-fledged bird watching)

**Day 1**
- 13:50 - 9:00(L+1day) LHR (London)→KIX (Osaka) (British Airways)
- 11:44 - 13:04 KIX→JR Kyoto Station (Limited Express Haruka 20)
- 13:25 - 15:50 JR Kyoto Station→JR Kinosaki Onsen Station (Limited Express Kinosaki 7)
- 16:00 - Check-in at Kinosaki Onsen ryokan
- 18:00 - 20:00 Dinner
- 20:00 - Onsen-hopping in 7 public bathhouses

**Day 2**
- 8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 - Meet at JR Kinosaki Onsen Station *those who stayed the previous night in Kinosaki will head over to the station from their ryokan
- 10:05 - 10:20 Travel on foot Head over to the Toshima Wetlands while observing the landscape of the Maruyama River on the way
- 10:20 - 11:10 Hachigoro Toshima Wetlands Learn about the Oriental White Stork’s ecology at the administrative building, observe the storks in the observation building
- 11:10 - 11:30 Travel by taxi
- 11:30 - 12:30 Hyogo Park of the Oriental White Stork Watch a short film in the theater room, see storks that have been born and raised in captivity in an open cage
- 12:30 - 12:45 Travel by taxi
- 12:45 - 13:00 Fukuda rice paddies You may be able to see some wild Oriental White Storks!
- 13:00 - 13:10 Travel by taxi
- 13:15 - 14:15 Lunch; Amita (lunch course) French restaurant that prides itself on its local ingredients, such as bread made from Stork Natural Rice
- 14:15 - 14:30 Travel by taxi
- 15:00 - Kannabe Highlands River & Mountains Harvest From Kannabe to Toshima Wetlands, collect wild vegetables, harvest wasabi from a wasabi plantation, and pick seasonal vegetables from an organic vegetable farm.
- 16:00 - 17:00 Check-in at Kinosaki Onsen ryokan
- 18:00 - 20:00 Dinner

**Day 3**
- 8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:11 JR Kinosaki Onsen Station→JR Ebara Station (Limited Express Kounotori 12)
- 10:00 - Meet at JR Ebara Station *those without JR Wide Pass must pay fee (Adults: 970 yen)
- 10:00 - 10:20 Travel by tour van
- 10:30 - 14:15 Kannabe Highlands River & Mountains Harvest Tour While trekking past natural waterfalls created by volcanoes, collect wild vegetables, harvest wasabi from a wasabi plantation, and pick seasonal vegetables from an organic vegetable farm. Collect local ingredients together with your guide and, along with rainbow trout from Kannabe’s beautiful rivers, enjoy a delicious lunch in the wilderness!
- 14:20 - 14:40 Travel by tour van
- 14:55 - 17:07 JR Ebara Station→JR Fukuchiyama Station→JR Kyoto Station Limited Express Kounotori 20→Limited Express Hashidate 6

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