



Packing List

NAKASENDO & KISO VALLEY TOUR

- 2 pairs pants/shorts
At least one pair to be long. No jeans.
We suggest all clothing is comfortable and of a quick dry fabric.
- 3 short sleeved shirts or tops
- 2 long sleeved shirts or tops
- Underwear
- Polar fleece jacket
- Waterproof, worn-in lace up hiking boots/shoes
With good ankle support and treaded soles.
- Thick woollen socks
3 or more pairs.
- Thin woollen liner socks/toe socks
(optional but recommended).
A thin liner sock under a thick sock can assist in the prevention of blisters.
- Windproof and waterproof jacket
Not merely water resistant; we walk in high rainfall areas and it is likely that we will walk through rain.
- Waterproof pants
(optional but recommended)
- Hat/Cap and sunscreen
- Gloves (optional)
A thin or liner pair and/or a waterproof pair.
- Beanie and scarf or a neck gaiter
- Leggings and a T-shirt to relax in at night time
Slippers, a yukata (a light cotton wrap-around Japanese dressing gown) and a jacket for extra warmth to wear in the inn (the yukata can also be used to sleep in), are provided at all the Japanese inns we stay at. For reasons of modesty and comfort, leggings or shorts and a T-shirt to wear under the yukata are recommended.
- Day pack
Approximately 25 litre capacity to carry lunch, water for the day and wet weather gear. We recommend a good quality pack with waist strap to support the weight of the pack.
- Waterproof pack cover
- Water bottle and/or water bladder (camel pack) with 1.5 – 2 litre capacity
- Dry bags
For keeping passport, clothing and other items dry in the event of rain.
- Walking poles (and gloves if desired)
- Personal medication and toiletries
Please note that disposable toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, hairdryers (and usually disposable brushes or combs) are provided at the Japanese inns and hotels along the tour.
- Masks and Rapid Antigen (CoVid) Tests (optional)
- Personal first aid kit
Example: Compeed, walkers wool, band aids, antiseptic cream.
- Hand sanitiser
Small bottle to fit into daypack.
- Chargers and adaptors
- Japanese currency
To pay for meals not included, drinks and other personal purchases along the way. The traditional Japanese inns that we stay at will usually only take cash as payment for any additional drinks or snacks. We suggest JPY20,000. In Japan, ATMs that accept credit cards commonly used in Australia can usually be found at post offices or 7/11 stores. There will be limited access to ATMs along the route.
- Passport
In Japan it is necessary to carry your passport with you at all times.
- Copies of your travel documents
Passport, travel insurance and emergency contact numbers.
- Coffee or tea bags (optional)
All inns provide green tea and some provide coffee. If you desperately need coffee or other tea in the morning please bring along coffee or tea bags and long-life milk – which are all available in convenience stores in Japan.
- Protein bars/nuts (optional)
For energy snacks along the walk.
- Porridge or Cereal Sachets/Milk (optional)
Breakfast at the inns is traditional style with rice, vegetable and usually grilled fish. Whilst there is access to hot water for drinks, milk for cereal is not readily available. You will need to bring along small long life milk packs if you require milk with porridge/cereal.
- Inflatable pillow (optional)
- Small to medium suitcase/bag for shuttling
The rooms we stay in are usually small and can be located upstairs, and accessible by narrow staircases. Large suitcases are therefore not appropriate and are also inconvenient for travel on public transport before and after the tour. We recommend bringing two small/medium suitcases or bags to Japan, one for shuttling during the tour and one for sending ahead to our hotel on the final night.