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2025 in FUKUYAMA

Welcome to the

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**Pre Tour 12 ~ 17 MAY**

**Post Tour 25 ~ 30 MAY**

## Pre-Tour 1: A Wild Rose, *Rosa sambucina*, in Miyajima Island, Seto Inland Sea, and the Japanese Gardens of the San-in Region

DAY1 **MONDAY 12 MAY 2025** STARTS FROM HIROSHIMA

Departure Location: Hiroshima City

Nearest airport: Hiroshima Airport

Nearest bullet train station: JR Hiroshima Station

Start Time: Please check into the designated accommodation hotel by dinner time, as we will have dinner prepared for you.

DAY2 **TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025** WORLD HERITAGE SITE: MIYAJIMA

### ✓ ***Rosa sambucina* native to Miyajima island**

*Rosa sambucina* is a wild rose in Japan, notable for its leaf size and shoots length. It thrives in forests along riversides and coastal cliffs, with vigorously extending shoots that entangle and crawl up trees using sharp, hooked prickles.

The flowers are relatively big, forming expansive, corymbose inflorescences that resemble a spectacular white waterfall cascading down the forest surface during full bloom. In Miyajima, you can see giant *Rosa sambucina* climbing up the trees. Their flowering season peaks around mid-May.



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DAY3 **WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025** CRUISE IN SETO INLAND SEA

### ✓ **Cruise in the Seto Inland Sea (Sightseeing Cruiser, Sea Spika)**

The deluxe highspeed sightseeing cruiser SEA SPIKA offers a journey around the islands of the Seto Inland Sea. This half-day route from Hiroshima Port to Setoda Port showcases the scenic beauty of this area. Passengers can enjoy the unique charms and beauty of various islands, along with the opportunity to interact with local islanders, a perspective only possible from a cruise.

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### ✓ **Yoshiumi Rose Park**

Located on Oshima Island along the Setouchi Shimanami Kaido, Yoshiumi Rose Park was established in 1993 and spans an area of 2.8 hectares. The park features a collection of 400 varieties, totaling about 3,500 rose plants. These include Joséphine de Beauharnais's rose collection, and a wide range of species from old roses to modern roses. Within its expansive grounds, the park offers relaxing spaces such as a lawn area for visitors to enjoy.

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DAY4 **THURSDAY 15 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN TOTTORI

### ✓ **Tottori Prefectural Flower park(Tottori Flower Gallery)**

This park offers a panoramic view of Mt. Daisen, with beautifully arranged flowerbeds and diverse floral displays. It includes a 1 km covered corridor, allowing visitors to explore without

an umbrella even in rainy weather. Attractions within the park include the Flower Dome, European Garden, Valley of Flowers, Herb Garden, and Fog Garden. The Rose Garden within the European Garden blooms with 900 roses of 190 varieties from mid to late May.

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DAY5 **FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN SHIMANE, ARRIVE IN FUKUYAMA

✓ **Adachi Museum of Art**

Renowned for its gardens, the Adachi Museum of Art has been named the best garden in Japan annually since 2003 by the "Journal of Japanese Gardening". Spanning 16 hectares, the site includes a karesansui garden, a moss garden, a pond garden, and a white sand and green pine garden. The museum's collection features modern Japanese paintings by masters like Yokoyama Taikan and Uemura Shoen, with approximately 20 works by Taikan displayed at any time.

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✓ **Yuushien Garden**

Located on Daikonshima Island in Shimane Prefecture, known for its tree peony production, the 4-hectare Yushi Garden features a pond and circular garden. The garden encapsulates the topography of the Izumo region, including valleys, rivers, lakes, and the Sea of Japan's waterscape in Okuizumo. It houses 250 varieties of tree peonies and offers year-round viewing of tree peony flowers. The island is also a ginseng-growing area, and visitors can enjoy local cuisine incorporating ginseng in the garden. The park is recognized with a three-star rating by the French tourist guide Blue Guide.

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DAY6 **SATURDAY 17 MAY 2025** FUKUYAMA CASTLE

✓ **Fukuyama Castle**

Fukuyama Castle, built in 1622 by Mizuno Katsunari, the first daimyo of the Fukuyama domain, stands out as the only castle in Japan with an iron-plated north wall. This feature, unique to Fukuyama Castle, was designed to strengthen its northern defenses. The castle, a fine example of early modern castle architecture, originally featured a multi-leveled tower with 5 tiers and 6 floors, and an attached smaller keep. Though it was designated a National Treasure in 1931, the castle was destroyed in a 1945 air raid and later rebuilt in 1966. On its 400th anniversary in 2022, the castle was restored to its original appearance, including the unique iron-plated north wall, top-floor windows, and crenels.

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## Pre-Tour 2: Tour of the Kuma River, Natural Habitat of *Rosa multiflora* var. *adenochaeta*, Scenic Spots in Kyushu, and Rose Gardens

DAY1 **MONDAY 12 MAY 2025** STARTS FROM FUKUOKA

Departure Location: Fukuoka City

Nearest airport: Fukuoka Airport

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DAY2 **TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN FUKUOKA

### ✓ **Uminonakamichi Seaside Park**

Situated on a narrow peninsula across the bay from central Fukuoka, this national park spans approximately 350 hectares. It offers seasonal flower views and an opportunity to interact with animals like squirrel monkeys, capybaras, and kangaroos in the Animal Forest. The park includes a rose garden in its flower area and museum, showcasing 1,200 roses of about 220 varieties. The park features a Modern Color Rose Area and a Fragrant Rose Area.

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DAY3 **WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025** NATURE TOUR OF KUMAMOTO

### ✓ **Natural Habitat of *Rosa multiflora* var. *adenochaeta* along Kuma river**

A wild rose, an endemic species of Japan, *Rosa multiflora* var. *adenochaeta* blooms in mid-May, turning the banks of the Kuma river pink. Originally threatened by overharvesting, local conservation efforts have helped restore its habitat.

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DAY4 **THURSDAY 15 MAY 2025** NATURE TOUR OF NAGASAKI

### ✓ **Natural Habitat of Miyama-Kirishima (*Rhododendron kiusianum*) on Unzen Nita Pass**

During spring, the mountains are covered in pink Miyama-Kirishima, a small-flowered azalea variety, marking the start of Unzen's colorful flower season. The flowers bloom from late April in the Unzen Jigoku area, reaching their peak in mid to late May in the Unzen Nita Pass.

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DAY5 **FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN NAGASAKI

✓ **Huis Ten Bosch**

This theme park, recreating a Dutch town in Sasebo, Nagasaki, is the largest in Japan. It includes four rose gardens: the Grand Rose Garden, the Flower Plaza, the Rose Canal, and the Palace Rose Garden, covering about 1 hectare with approximately 2,000 varieties and 10,000 plants. The Canal of Roses and the White Rose Garden are particularly noteworthy for their stunning displays.

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DAY6 **SATURDAY 17 MAY 2025** ARRIVE IN FUKUYAMA

After breakfast, we will travel to Fukuyama City, arriving around noon.

## Pre-Tour 3: Tour of Rose Gardens in Osaka and Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai

### DAY1 MONDAY 12 MAY 2025 STARTS FROM OSAKA

Departure Location: Osaka City

Nearest Airport:

Kansai International Airport

Nearest bullet train station:

JR Shin-Osaka Station

Start Time:

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### DAY2 TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025 EXPO TOUR

#### ✓ Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai

The Osaka Expo is a World Expo event set to be held from April 13 to October 13, 2025, on Yumeshima, an artificial island in Osaka Bay. This event will bring together over a hundred countries to address global issues under the theme "Designing Future Society for our Lives," divided into sub-themes: "Saving Lives", "Empowering Lives", and "Connecting Lives". The expo will feature thematic pavilions showcasing innovative applications in Internet of Things, Big Data, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Renewable Energy, and Biotechnology, promoting the concept of "Society 5.0".

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/>

### DAY3 WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025 GARDEN TOUR IN OSAKA

#### ✓ Hamadera Park Rose Garden

Located in Hamadera Park along the Sakai City seafront, Osaka, this unique Japanese-style rose garden greets visitors with a terraced landscape reminiscent of Japan's natural scenery. It features Japanese wild roses in settings that mimic their natural habitats, such as Hamanasu roses (*Rosa rugosa*) on coastal sandy beaches and Ootakanebara (*Rosa acicularis*) roses in high mountainous environments.

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#### ✓ David Austin English Rose Garden

Adjacent to Kansai International Airport in Sennan, Osaka, this garden showcases over 3,000 plants from the David Austin Roses collection, a renowned UK rose breeding company. Visitors can also purchase rose plants at the attached plant center.

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### DAY4 THURSDAY 15 MAY 2025 GARDEN TOUR IN KOBE

#### ✓ Kobe Municipal Arboretum

Situated in the Rokko Mountains near Kobe's city center, this garden utilizes the natural environment to display approximately 1,200 species of woody plants. The hydrangea garden boasts 50,000 plants of 350 varieties, while the azalea and rhododendron garden features about 4,000 plants of 37 species.

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DAY5 **FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN SHIKOKU

✓ **Ritsurin Garden**

As the largest garden designated as a Special Place of Scenic Beauty by the national government, this circular feudal lord's garden in Takamatsu Matsudaira clan showcases a clever design of ponds and mountains, offering a unique view at every step.

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## Post-Tour 1: Tour of Gardens in the Ancient Capital, Kyoto and Rosa & Berry Tawada English Rose Garden, Gifu World Rose Garden Tour

DAY 1-3 **SUNDAY 25 ~ TUESDAY 27 MAY 2025** HISTORIC KYOTO TOUR

Travel from Fukuyama to Kyoto by bullet train

✓ **Japanese Gardens (Nanzenji, Kinkakuji, Ryoanji etc.)**

These gardens represent the quintessence of traditional Japanese garden design, each offering a unique aesthetic and historical significance in Kyoto.

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✓ **Kyoto Botanical Gardens**

Located in northern Kyoto with views of Mount Hiei and the Higashiyama range, the Kyoto Botanical Garden is a scenic retreat that opened in 1924. It features a Western-style garden, an ornamental greenhouse, rose beds, and sunken flowerbeds. The northern half of the garden showcases native Japanese plants and a natural semi-timber forest, complemented by cherry and plum trees, as well as other traditionally cultivated Japanese plants.

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✓ **Arashiyama, Sagano**

Arashiyama offers breathtaking seasonal views of the Hozu River, Togetsu Bridge, and the surrounding mountains. The area is home to famous temples, traditional streets, and natural beauty, with attractions like the bamboo grove path and Tenryuji Temple.

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DAY 4 **WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN SHIGA

✓ **Rosa & Berry Tawada English Garden**

Nestled on a slope near Mt. Ibuki, Rosa & Berry Tawada English Garden combines roses and herbaceous perennials in its English Garden. The garden includes an English rose garden, an Asian rose garden, a kitchen garden, a conifer garden, and approximately 370 varieties of roses.

Attractions include a train ride through a tunnel of climbing roses, and hands-on workshops for woolen accessories and baking.

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DAY5 **THURSDAY 29** MAY 2025 GARDEN TOUR IN GIFU

✓ **Gifu World Rose Garden (Formerly Flower Festival Commemorative Park)**

Renamed in 2021, this park in Gifu features one of the world's largest collections of roses, with approximately 6,000 varieties and 20,000 plants. It includes the Old Rose Garden with wild and old roses, and the Rose Garden with 13 themed gardens. The park also boasts the longest climbing rose corridor in Japan and has received WFRS award for its outstanding garden.

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DAY6 **FRIDAY 30** MAY 2025 GARDEN TOUR IN AICHI

✓ **Urakuen (National Treasure)**

Located east of Inuyama Castle, Urakuen features the national treasure tea house, Jo-an. The tea ceremony room and garden, relocated to Inuyama Castle in 1972, are renowned for their historical and cultural significance.

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Disbanding Location: Disband at JR Nagoya Station around noon.

Nearest airport: Chubu Centrair International Airport.

Nearest bullet train station: JR Nagoya Station.

## Post Tour 2: Echigo Hillside Park Fragrant Rose Garden and Rose Gardens in North Kanto Region

DAY1 **SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025** TRAVEL TO NIIGATA

Travel from Fukuyama to Niigata by bullet train and airplane.

### ✓ **Northern Culture Museum**

This museum showcases the architecture and heritage of the wealthiest farmer family in Niigata. The collection, amassed by the seventh and eighth family heads, includes approximately 6,000 art objects from Japan, China, and Korea. The architecture itself is a highlight, complemented by a garden designed by a gardener linked to Kyoto's Ginkakuji Temple.

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DAY2 **MONDAY 26 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN NIIGATA

### ✓ **National Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka Fragrant Rose Garden**

Located within the expansive National Echigo Hillside Park in Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture, this rose garden focuses on fragrance-specific rose varieties. It spans 2.4 hectares with about 800 varieties and 2,400 rose plants, categorized into seven fragrance groups. The garden has been a venue for the International Fragrant Rose Trials, showcasing award-winning roses and promoting the development of new fragrant rose varieties.

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DAY3-5 **TUESDAY 27 - THURSDAY 29 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN NORTHERN KANTO

### ✓ **Nakanojo Gardens**

In Nakanojo Town, Gunma Prefecture, this garden showcases a variety of seasonal landscapes, including a 'Rose Garden' with 400 rose varieties, a 'Spiral Garden,' and a 'Natural Garden' that emphasizes wild flora. The Nakanojo Farm, with its apple orchard and edible roses, offers a hands-on experience with these plants.

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### ✓ **Kadokura Techno Rose Garden Maebashi Shikishima Park**

This 4.5 hectare rose garden in Maebashi Shikishima Park includes about 600 varieties of modern and old roses and English roses, featuring 7,000 rose plants. The garden's layout reflects a French-style sunken bed design, with roses grouped by their country of origin.

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✓ **Ibaraki Flower Park**

Opened in 1985 in Ibaraki Prefecture, this park centers around roses, the prefectural flower. It features about 900 rose varieties, including a Rose Terrace, Roses by Color, Fragrant Roses, and a Rose Tunnel. The park also includes a conservatory preserving rose varieties since its opening.

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✓ **Bara-no-Ie (Kimura-kikaku, Shop and Garden)**

Takunori Kimura, a leading Japanese rose breeder, showcases state-of-the-art breeding techniques at this shop and garden. His 'Rosa Orientis' brand focuses on disease-resistant roses suited to Asian climates. The roses are designed for four-season flowering and are well-adapted to hot, humid conditions.

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✓ **The City of Sakura Rose Garden**

This garden, initially established by Katsuhiko Maebara based on the rose collections of Seizo Suzuki, a leading Japanese rose breeder, is now located in Sakura Kusabue no Oka, a public facility in Sakura City. It focuses on preserving heritage roses as genetic resources, featuring 2,500 plants of 1,250 species. The 12th International Heritage Rose Conference was held in this garden. The garden has received the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence.



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**DAY6 FRIDAY 30 MAY 2025**

Disbanding Location: Accommodation hotel in Tokyo. Includes breakfast.

Nearest airports: Narita International Airport or Haneda International Airport

Nearest bullet train station: JR Tokyo Station.

## Post-Tour 3: Tour of the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence Winning Rose Gardens and Hakone, Mt. Fuji Area

DAY1 **SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025** TRAVEL TO SHIZUOKA

Travel from Fukuyama to Shizuoka by bullet train.

### ✓ **Acao Forest**

This garden, built on a slope overlooking the sea, features 13 different themed areas highlighting roses and other seasonal flowers. The Soga Sengen Garden leads to various gardens including the Japanese Garden, the Ocean Garden, and the English Garden with 4,000 rose plants of around 600 varieties in total. The French Rose Garden and the Herb Garden are other highlights. The Coeda House, designed by a renowned Japanese architect, offers a café overlooking the Ocean Garden. The garden won the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2015.

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DAY2 **MONDAY 26 MAY 2025** HAKONE ONSEN (HOT SPRINGS)

### ✓ **Hakone Botanical Garden of Wetlands**

Specializing in wetland plants, this botanical garden showcases 200 species from various Japanese regions, along with 1,700 other plant species, including rare foreign mountain grasses. Visitors can explore diverse ecosystems, from lowland to alpine wetlands. *Rosa hirtula* native to Hakone region can also be observed throughout the park.

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DAY3 **TUESDAY 27 MAY 2025** GARDEN TOUR IN YOKOHAMA

### ✓ **Yokohama English Garden**

Home to 2,200 rose varieties, this garden is designed to exhibit Yokohama's climate-suited flora through self-guided tours. It emphasizes fragrant four-season roses and won the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2018.

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DAY4 **WEDNESDAY 28** MAY 2025 GARDEN TOUR IN TOKYO

✓ **Jindai Botanical Garden**

Tokyo's only botanical park, located in Musashino area, features 100,000 plants of about 4,800 species across 30 blocks. The rose garden, with 5,200 rose plants of 400 varieties, includes a symmetrical sunken garden mainly with modern roses, areas with wild and old roses, and beds for the International Rose Competition. The garden received the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2009.

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DAY5 **THURSDAY 29** MAY 2025 GARDEN TOUR IN CHIBA

✓ **Keisei Rose Garden**

Awarded the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2015, this 3-hectare garden houses 10,000 rose plants of 1,600 varieties. It showcases a range of wild, old, and modern roses, including those bred by Keisei Rose Nurseries and varieties from international rose companies. The garden features a shaped sunken bed design with a variety of roses planted around a pond and in the naturalistic garden.

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