

Sera Kogen

- ① May 20 Tue
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Sera Kogen: a Fascinating Highland Surrounded by Flowers

Departure;
Afternoon
(onsite lunch)

Fukuyama(12:00) - Sera Kogen (Lunch & Field Trip) - Fukuyama(17:00)



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Just a 70-minute drive from Fukuyama, Sera awaits with its breathtaking highland scenery. Known as "the Town of Fruits and Flowers," Sera Kogen is composed of four diverse and colorful farms. The garden you will visit, the "Sky Rose Garden" is located at 540 meters above sea level, where English roses and perennial flowers bloom all around, seemingly stretching towards the sky. For lunch at the special venue in the rose garden, we offer "Sera Burgers," fresh salads, and locally-made wine.

**Anne's
rose**

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**Encounter with Anne, and Lakeside
Affectionate Handcrafted Rose
Garden Tour**

**Departure;
after Lunch**

**Fukuyama(13:00) - Holocaust Education Center - Garden Tomitani -
Fukuyama(17:00)**



The Holocaust Education Center, your first stop, is a peace memorial established by Mr. Makoto Otsuka, inspired by his connection with Otto Frank, Anne Frank's father. Inside, discover "Anne's Rose Garden," where the "Souvenir d'Anne Frank" blooms. This rose, propagated by the volunteer group "Small Hands," led by children, symbolizes peace worldwide. You will also visit "Garden Tomitani," winner of the annual Local Rose Garden Award in Fukuyama, and meet members of the "Garden Tomitani Friends' Group" who manage it.

**Fukuyama
Gardening
Center**

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**<Recommended>
Join Rose Trials Voting! Explore
Tranquil Rose Gardens & Meet Locals**

**Departure;
after Lunch**

**Fukuyama(13:00) - Fukuyama City Gardening Center - Rose Garden "Kanae" -
Sanyo Expressway Fukuyama Rest Area - Fukuyama(16:30)**



You will experience the endeavors of "the City of Roses, Fukuyama." At the Fukuyama City Gardening Center, which showcases rose gardens nestled on mountain slopes and grassy squares overlooking the Seto Inland Sea, you will engage in the "Fukuyama International Townscape Rose Trials" voting. You will also visit "Rose Garden Kanae" at the elementary school, witnessing how roses are integrated into education and community engagement. Lastly, you will explore the unique rose garden at the Sanyo Expressway Fukuyama Rest Area, where visitors can enjoy rose-themed treats, gourmet food, and souvenirs, experiencing Fukuyama's warm hospitality.

Tomonoura

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Tomonoura, the Japan Heritage port town, and Shinshoji temple in the season of fresh green

**Departure;
after Lunch**

Fukuyama(13 : 30) - walk and stroll around Tomonoura - Shinshoji Temple - Fukuyama(17 : 30)



You will immerse yourself in the nature and history of Fukuyama, experiencing Zen mindfulness along the way. Your journey begins with a visit to Tomonoura, a renowned scenic spot celebrated in Japan's oldest poetry anthology, the 'Manyoshu'. This historic harbor town, known as the "harbor of waiting tides," has preserved its Edo period townscape, featured in various movies and dramas. Next, you'll explore the Shinshoji Temple Zen and Garden Museum, where you can fully embrace the essence of Zen amidst lush greenery and tranquil surroundings.