

# Visit rural areas involved in **NIPPON GREEN TOURISM**

**Minami-Alps City 2 days(22-23 November (Sat.-Sun.) 2014, 2days/1nig**

Accepted applicants: 10

Meet: 22 November (scheduled) at JR Kofu station

End: 23 November (scheduled) at JR Kofu station

Produced by Ecotourism Japan

Cooperation:Minami-Alps City/Minami-Alps City Local Job Creation Council/ Japan Youth Hostels, Inc

2014/11/22		Sat.			
D a y 1	1	11:00		meet	Gather at the "JR Kofu station" and Leave by car.
	2	11:45		sightseeing	Arrive at the shrine "Mizumiya-jinja" and worship at the shrine (Worship,study and observation about the shrine. Tea offering to the gods)
	3	13:00		destination	Through the ropo bridge looking at the city view and Mt.Fuji view, And looking at hanging "Anpo" persimmons which is a type of dried persimmon.
	4	13:00		lunch	Arrive at the "Hotarumi-kan". If it is fine,we have lunch on the grass.
	5	14:00		experience	Farm work experiences:Drying "Anpo" persimmons.
	6	16:00		check in	Check in: Cottage The Woodvillage lake Ina and recess time.
	7	17:30		night festival experience①	Arrive at the shrine "Homi-jinja". The day is the night of that shrine's festival and we join a lantern processio. Eat rice-ball for dinner.
	8	19:30		night festival experience②	Arrive at the shrine "Takaohomi-jinja". (Explanations about the origin of the shrine,and experience to Shinto Ritual- prayers,Mochimaki,and Kagura dance&songs. ) Mochimaki is an event of scattering rice cakes for people who come to a Shinto ritual.
	9	20:30		departure	
	10	21:00		dinner	Arrive at the cottage.
2014/11/23		Sun.			
D a y 2	1	8:00		breakfast	At a restaurant(Michel).Eat many kinds of fruits and drink the sibylline water.
	2	9:00		departure	
	3	9:10	10:15	experience	Arrive at the shrine "Himuro-jinja". (Explanations about the origin of the shrine,worship,drinking the sibylline water,and looking the big tree sacred to a deity living for1200 years)
	5	10:45		view	Arrive at the observation platform which have a fine view of Mt. Yatsugatake,Three mountains Ho-oh,Mt. Kaikomagatake,Mt. Kitadake,and have a coffee break there.
	6	11:15		departure	
	7	12:00		lunch	At Hotarumi-kan. All-you-can-eat "Hohto" a local specialty of Yamanachi Prefecture.
	8	13:30		study and observation	Visits to historical facilities for flood control and water utilization of the town.
	9	15:30		departure	
	10	16:00		解散 End	Arrive at "JR Kofu station" and take a picture in front of a statue to Samurai-Busho (Japanese Military Commanders in the Age of Civil Wars)"Shingen Takeda"

\* As a general rule, the organizer covers meals, accommodation and transportation included in the program.

\* The participants bear the expenses for travel to meeting/end places of each tour, shopping during the tour, and eating and drinking outside of the program.

\* The organizer will arrange accident and liability insurance for participants and compensate for any injury, illness, or personal accident damage that may occur during the tour. These details will be provided separately.

## Conditions for Participation

- Tourists with non-Japanese nationalities visiting Japan or foreign residents in Japan.
- You must be healthy, able to take care of yourself, and able to communicate with other participants and local people. Participants should be at least 20 years old.
- Any chronic diseases or allergies should be declared in advance.
- You will fill out a questionnaire as a test participant and take part in a discussion.
- \* Questionnaire results or advice will be utilized by Ecotourism Japan and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in planning future green tourism projects. Personal information will be protected.
- \* During the tour, the staff will take photographs that will be used for future promotion. Please inform the staff if you do not wish to be photographed.

## How to Apply

If you would like to participate, please send an e-mail to the address below for inquiries and applications. Applications will be closed once all places are taken. The program organizer's office will send detailed information and instructions about the tour to those who have been accepted.

Please fill out the following information.

- ① Desired tour area;
- ② Full name, gender, age, nationality of all participants;
- ③ Contact information (mobile phone, address) of the representative;
- ④ Scheduled date and time of arrival in Japan, scheduled departure date, and arrival and departure airport in Japan

**For Inquiries  
and Applications**

**NPO Ecotourism Japan**

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# Minami Alps--Blessing of the water tour

Sense the blessings of fruit trees and water in the Shangri-la of Japan and experience a traditional night festival

The foothills of Japan's Southern Alps lie at the foot of Mt. Fuji, Kitadake and Ainodake, which are some of Japan's most famous mountains. One of Japan's three largest alluvial deltas, this area offers views of expansive rural scenery along with the history of flood control and water utilization of the town's ancestors, including 16th-century leader Takeda Shingen. The tour offers a journey to experience the richness of the culture of everyday agriculture-centered life. Sense the blessings of fruit trees such as sumomo plums in the region that boasts the largest production volume in Japan, and participate in a festival that joyfully gives thanks for long-lasting fertility.

