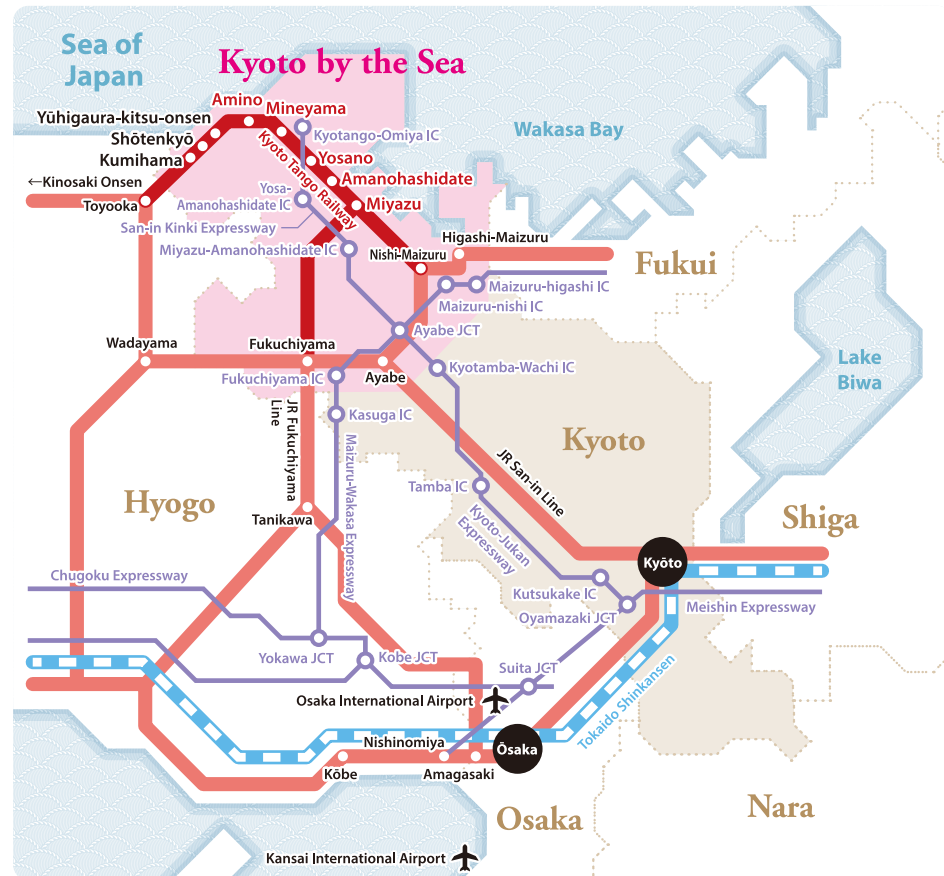
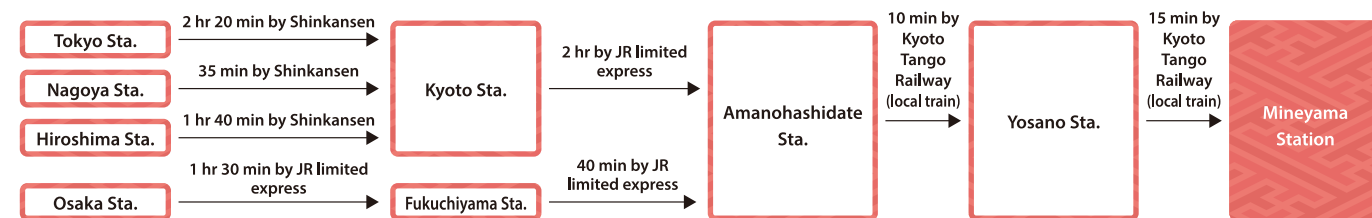


Access to TANGO CHIRIMEN Textile Road in Kyoto by the Sea

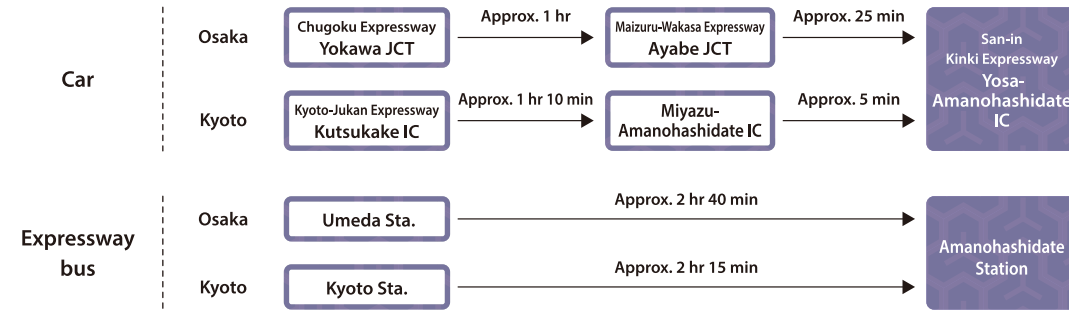


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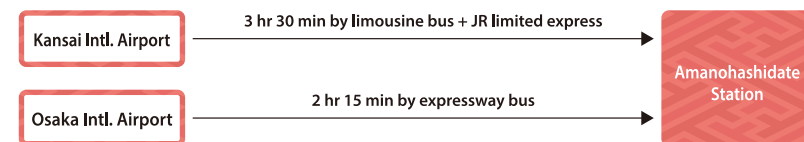


*Takes about 1 hr 50 min-2 hr 10 min to Miyazu Sta. from Kyoto or Osaka Stations via Fukuchiyama Sta., transferring from JR lines to Kyoto Tango Railway.

Access by car or expressway bus



Access from airports



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Cover photo of a model in kimono: at Café du Pin, Amanohashidate

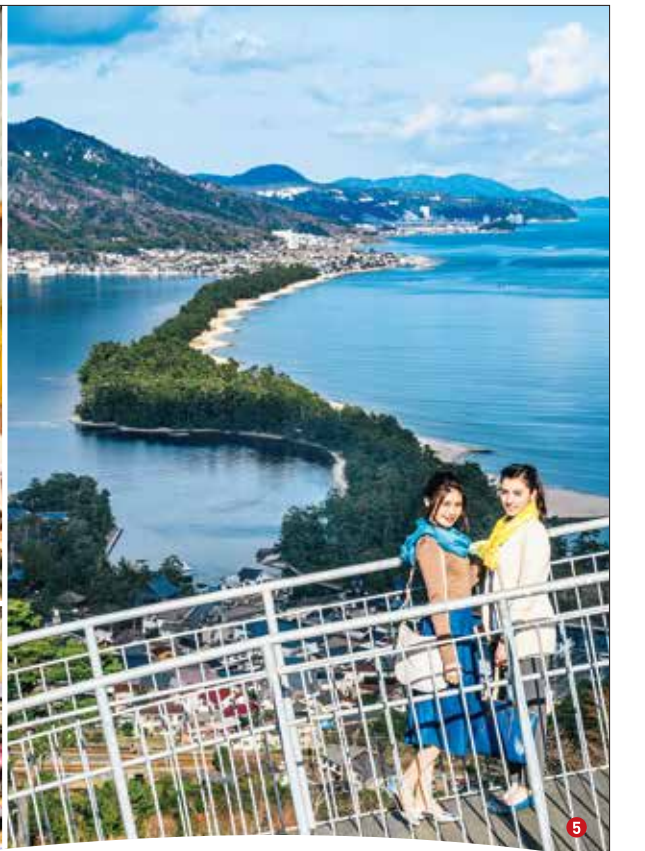
Kyoto by the Sea SILK WEAVING STORIES

Tourism on Tango Chirimen Textile Road



300 Years of Silk Weaving

Tango Chirimen Textile Road



Kimono, Japanese traditional clothing. "Tango Chirimen (Crêpe)" is one of the woven silk fabrics used for kimono. The Tango region, in northern Kyoto Prefecture facing the Sea of Japan, has been a hub of the textile industry for more than 1,300 years. The Tango Chirimen has been woven here for about 300 years. The traditional techniques of weaving are applied to newer manufacturing, further establishing a new history. Here you can see beautiful seascapes, buildings and craftsmanship expressing the history of the Tango Chirimen. Beauty and photogenic experiences await you here.

Enjoying beautiful scenery and silk textiles: a two-day one-night model course

A course that guides you through Tango's magnificent views and the tradition of Tango Chirimen, while providing you with the photogenic Japan Heritage "Tango Chirimen Textile Road".

Day One : [Miyazu City]

Sightseeing and hot-spring bathing in a place that was a production site until the mid-19th century

- Seafood lunch at Seikiro (reservation required)
- Visit the Mikami Residence (Important Cultural Property)
- Enjoy the splendid view of Amanohashidate
- Stay at Amanohashidate Onsen

Day Two : [Yosano Town]

Explore Chirimen Street to experience the history and craftsmanship

- Walk along Chirimen Street
- Visit the Old House of the Bito Family
- Tour of a Weaving Factory (reservation required)
- Make a coaster in a hands-on course hosted by the Yosano Tourism Association
- Visit a factory at the Tango-chirimen History Museum

A guided tour of Chirimen Street is another recommendation.

Tango Chirimen
Fully covered with fine puckers (called "shibo"), the textile gives each kimono soft drapes.

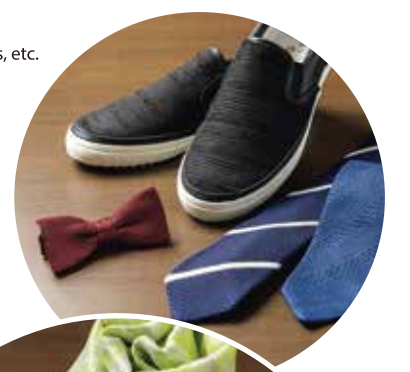


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Fashion items

Stay interested in new apparel items made with the traditional expertise of Tango Chirimen. The smoothness and luster of silk makes you look more fashionable.



Neckties, shoes, etc.



Stoles, shawls

Hands-on courses to enjoy further Tango Chirimen

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- Making a coaster of fully hand-woven silk**
900 yen/~40 min~
Making your own coaster of 100% hand-woven silk. Reservation not required.
- Visiting a wrapping cloth factory and an cozy old house** 3000 yen~ (with souvenir) / 1 hr~
Visiting a Tango Chirimen factory. Enjoying confectionery and a cup of matcha (green tea) in an old house.

Photogenic spot