

MT. TAKAO FIRE WALKING CEREMONY**(2518070A)****TOUR DATE:** Sunday, March 11**TOUR COST:** \$37 Adult \$24 Junior (11 ~ 6) \$18 Child (5 ~ 3) \$9 Infant**MILEAGE:** 100 km**DESCRIPTION:**

You may have seen this event on TV, pictures of Monk's walking across a ground where smoke comes up. It is the main event of HIWATARI, Fire walking ceremony! (<http://bit.ly/THIWATARI>) It is annual ceremony at Mt. Takao Yakuo-in Temple, that was founded in the middle of 8th century and is designated as important cultural asset. The principal image of it is Fudo Myo-O, the fire guardian god in Buddhism, and the ceremony will be held to avoid fire disaster. The temple is also known as a legend of TENGU, one of mountain hermits has a red face, long nose and feathers (You can see statue of it). We will take a cable car/chair lift up to the Mt. Takao with a hiking to see the great temple's constructions and splendid wide range viewing of The Kanto region with Mt. Fuji from Viewing Point under the clear sky. Then the highlight of the day, "Hiwatari" ceremony will begin! In the ceremony, a sacred fire that is brought from the temple will be ignited on many cedars. Monks do a ritual and start to walk across the fire with bare feet! You will be amazed! You can try this event after Monks do. (<http://www.takaosan.or.jp/english/index.html>)

CANCELLATION POLICY:**Cancellations can be made by phone or walk-in during ITT Office hours of operation.**

If guest cancellation is made by March 7 -	100% Refund
If guest cancellation is made on March 8 -	20% deductible is assessed
If guest cancellation is made March 9 ~ 10 -	30% deductible is assessed
All other cancellations or failure to show for tour -	No Refund

MEALS:

It is recommended that you bring food or enough yen to cover the cost of meals and snacks.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Wear layered clothing and comfortable shoes for maximum comfort.

PICK-UP TIME:

Ikego departure time - 0645

TOUR SCHEDULE:

0730	Depart behind MWR Building (behind STARBUCKS)
0930	Arrive Mt. Takao/Take Cable Car lift and walk to Yakuo-In Temple/lunch
1300	Ceremony will begin
1500	Ceremony will be done
1600	Depart Mt. Takao
	Drop-off at Ikego
1830	Arrive behind MWR Building

FOR DETAILS, CONTACT ITT AT 241-5056.