



**Assemble Point:** Nagoya University, Japan

(Specific gathering point will be announced on Sept. 20, 2018.)

**TIME:** 01:00 p.m.-07:00 p.m. (6 hours)

**Price:** 70 USD Per person

**Note:**

The following attractions & sights are for reference, detailed arrangements are depends on the conditions on the day.

**Total hours:** 6 hours. **Additional hour:** 5000 JPY /all attendees/per hour

**What is included?**

- Experienced tour guide ●Pick-up service
- Driver ●Transportation
- Tips to the driver and guide ●Meal Allowance of Guide and driver
- Parking ●Gas ● Roll fee
- Travel Accident Insurance ●Congestion charge

**What is excluded?**

- Lunch and dinner ●Entrance tickets
- personal expenses or all items not listed in the "Price includes" section

# Nagoya Castle



Nagoya Castle (名古屋城, Nagoyajō) was built in the beginning of the Edo Period as the seat of one of the three branches of the ruling Tokugawa family, the Owari branch. As such, it was one of the largest castles in the country, and the castle town around it ultimately grew to become Japan's fourth largest city.

Most castle buildings were destroyed in the air raids of 1945, including the castle keep and the palace buildings. The current ferro-concrete reconstruction of the castle keep dates from 1959 and - before its closure in May 2018 - contained a modern museum with exhibits about the castle's history. The park surrounding the castle keep features two circles of moats and impressive walls with corner turrets. It becomes an attractive hanami spot during the cherry blossom season which usually peaks in late March or early April.

# Tsuruma Park

Tsuruma Park is famous for countless reasons, but undoubtedly it is first and foremost known for its forest of sakura cherry trees that, in late March, start to bloom all at once. Thus it is painted in pinkish hues that attract flocks of people for the customary “Hanami” flower watching picnics, so treasured in Japanese culture. Such a fame earned the park a place in the country’s 100 Best Sakura Spots.



# Osu Kannon Temple

Osu Kannon (大須観音, Ōsu Kannon) is a popular Buddhist temple in central Nagoya. Originally built during the Kamakura Period (1192-1333) in neighboring Gifu Prefecture, the temple was moved to its current site by Tokugawa Ieyasu in 1612 after the original temple had been repeatedly damaged by severe flooding. The current buildings are 20th century reconstructions.



The main object of worship at the temple is a wooden statue of Kannon, the goddess of mercy, which was carved by Kobo Daishi, an instrumental figure in Japanese Buddhism. Underneath Osu Kannon's main hall is the Shinpukuji Library which contains over 15,000 classic Japanese and Chinese texts. Among these texts are several national treasures and important cultural properties, including the oldest copy of the Kojiki, a chronicle of the early history of Japan including its mythological origins.

A flea market is held on the temple grounds on the 18th and 28th of every month. The modestly sized market includes around 60 stalls selling everything from souvenirs and antiques to clothes and second hand goods. Just beside the temple is the entrance to the Osu Shopping Arcade, a network of aging but charming covered shopping streets with over



400 shops and restaurants. The area is sometimes compared to Tokyo's Akihabara district as there are a lot of stores that specialize in electronics, cosplay, anime, J-pop and idol goods.