

Cultural experience (tours) and sightseeing tours in Shirahama

		Details/prices
Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage Route (Site of Takijiri Oji)	<p>Located in the southern part of Wakayama Prefecture, Kumano is surrounded by mountains and the vastness of nature. Kumano was believed to be a land of the gods. It is said that hundreds of people entered into the sacred places to seek salvation from the gods of Kumano. Kumano Kodo is the path walked by the people of the Kumano faith and is also called Kumano Kaido (Way).It consists of two main routes: the Kii Route, which runs from Kyoto along the western side of the Kii Peninsula, and the Ise Route, which runs along the eastern side of the Peninsula. In the old days, people who walked the Kii Route took either the route from Tanabe through Nakahechi (the Nakahechi Route) or the route from Tanabe along the coast (the Ohechi Route) and headed to the three Kumano Sanzan shrines (Kumano Hongu Taisha, Kumano Hayatama Taisha, and Kumano Nachi Taisha). In 2004, the Kumano Kodo, temples and shrines spread over the three prefectures of Wakayama, Mie, and Nara were inscribed on the World Heritage List as “Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range.</p>	Registration for the tour is available at the hotel reception desk.
Access	<p>By car: Drive from the hotel to the Kumano Kaido (Route 42) and then take Route 311 toward Hongu Town (about 90 minutes from Shirahama).</p> <p>By bus: Take a local bus (Meiko Bus) from JR Kii Tanabe Station bound for Hongu Taisha (about 2 hours).</p> <p>Kumano Kodo Kan (information center): Phone: +81-(0)739-64-1470 / Fax: +81-(0)739-64-1480</p> <p>Nakahechi Tourism Association https://www.nakahechi.jp</p>	Prices vary by season. You can request a storyteller (in Japanese) as an option. For more information, please contact reception.
Adventure World	<p>A theme park consisting of a zoo, an aquarium, and an amusement park. The theme is “interaction between people, animals and nature.” Meet pandas, which are rare even in Japan, and enjoy dolphin, whale, and sea lion shows as well as safari tours in nature.</p>	A courtesy car is available from the hotel.
Access	<p>By car: From the hotel, drive toward JR Shirahama Station, turn left at Momo-no-ki Intersection and head toward Shirahama Airport. About 15</p> <p>Contact: +81-(0)739-43-3333</p> <p>http://aws-s.com/</p>	



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Shirarahama Beach	A long, shallow beach that stretches 640 meters. The quartz sand, containing 90% silica, is literally pure white and powdery. In summer, the beach is dotted with colorful umbrellas. In addition, beach umbrellas made of palm leaves are lined up along the arc-shaped beach, adding to the tropical atmosphere.	For more information, please contact reception.
Access	By car: About a five-minute drive from the hotel toward Shirahama Tourism Department, Shirahama Town: Phone: +81-(0)739-43-5555 https://www.nankishirahama.jp	
Sandanbeki Cliff and Cave	A 50-meter-high cliff rises up on the coast south of Senjojiki Rock Plateau. The name Sandanbeki is said to come from “Midan,” a place where fishermen used to watch for passing ships and schools of fish. This huge rock face stretches 2 km from north to south. When you see the dynamism of the Kuroshio Current crashing against the rock face, you cannot help but feel the power of nature.	For more information, please contact reception.
Access	By car: About a five-minute drive from the hotel toward Sandanbeki Cliff and Cave Contact: +81-(0)739-42-4495 https://sandanbeki.com	
Engetsuto Island	Engetsuto Island is a well-known symbol of Shirahama. It is a small island 130 m long from north to south, 35 m wide and 25 m high, located in the sea south of Rinkaiura. Although its official name is Takashima, it is called Engetsuto (round moon island) because of the round-shaped sea cave that opens in the center of the island. The sunset over Engetsuto Island has been selected as one of the 100 Best Sunsets in Wakayama Prefecture. The evening view with the setting sun is exceptionally beautiful.	For more information, please contact reception.
Access	By car: About a two- to three-minute drive Tourism Department, Shirahama Town: Phone: +81-(0)739-43-5555 https://www.nankishirahama.jp	



Resort Activities 2

FIVE SPRING RESORT THE SHIRAHAMA

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1	<p>Marine Leisure Activities Please register at the hotel reception desk at least one day in advance.</p>	SUP for 2 hours	9,800 yen
		Sea kayak for 2 hours	9,800 yen
		Snorkeling (without guide)	7,500 yen
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	Access	About five minutes from the hotel	
2	<p>Sightseeing taxi Please contact the hotel reception.</p>	2 hours in Shirahama Town	About 10,000 yen
		3 hours in Shirahama Town	About 15,000 yen
		Long-hour sightseeing in the Kinan area	Negotiable
3	<p>Massage Register at the hotel reception. From 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.</p>	40 minutes in the guest room	5,500 yen
		Additional charge per 10 minutes	1,100 yen
4	Walking the Kumano Kodo/Storyteller	Negotiable for time and fee.	