

A Trip Around the World in Ibaraki!? "World Cuisine & Culture Tour"

JICA, a Sri Lankan Temple, and a Wealthy Farmer's Estate

Discover lesser-known multicultural communities within a 30-minute drive.

Satisfy both your appetite and your soul! A special day featuring an ethnic lunch at JICA and a journey through history.

Highlights

1. The cafeteria at JICA Tsukuba is a hidden place open to the public people. Communications with trainees from around the world and start to a cooking tour around the world by tasting authentic, spice-rich Halal dishes and ethnic cuisine.
2. Experience a "deep dive" into diverse cultures—something you won't find in standard guidebooks. The Tsukuba and Josono area is actually a vibrant, international region home to a large population of foreign residents.
3. Experience a striking cultural contrast in a single day by visiting a grand farmhouse featuring a traditional Japanese thatched roof. Surprise at the *SHITOMIDO 藪戸 “. Wooden shutters with crisscross lattice that is often attached on both the exterior and interior sides of the window*—shutters that swing horizontally to open—a style of architectural fixture dating back to the Heian period, 794 AD~ 1185AD. It is a destination that will captivate photography enthusiasts, history buffs, and hoping travelers alike.

Date & Time: Saturday, November 14, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Meeting & Parting Points: JICA Tsukuba (1st Floor) and the Sakano Family Folk Museum

Transportation will be by private car (carpooling is permitted). Please drive safely.

Schedule

~11:00: Meet at JICA Tsukuba (1st Floor)

11:15–11:45: Part 1: Learning About the World JICA

Tsukuba 3-6 Koyanodai, Tsukuba City Tel: 029-838-1111

Tour the exhibition on global food cultures.

11:45–12:45: Global Cuisine Lunch at the JICA Tsukuba restaurant.

Experience authentic Halal food—a staple for the international trainees—and a rotating weekly menu of ethnic dishes from around the world.

Approx. 600–650 yen per meal set. Please refer to the "JICA Tsukuba Nerica Menu."

(Participants may leave after this session.)

13:00–14:15: Part 2: To Sri Lanka] Sri Sambuddhaloka Temple

1000 Tegomaru, Tsukuba City Tel: 029-879-9393)

Encounter a striking white stupa, the Samadhi Great Buddha statue, and vibrant murals that appear unexpectedly. Experience the atmosphere of authentic Theravada Buddhism from Sri Lanka without leaving Japan. Admission: Free.

14:45–15:45: Part 3: To Japanese Tradition: Visiting Sakano Family Residence

Mitsukaido Fudo Museum 2037 Ogo-machi, Josono City

A wealthy farmer's estate designated as a National Important Cultural Property. View the beautiful bamboo grove and thatched roof—famous as a filming location for movies and TV dramas. Rediscover the beauty of Japanese history after your journey around the world.

Admission: Adult 300 yen; Elementary, Junior High, and High School students 100 yen; Ages 65 and older Free.

16:00: Dismissal at the site.

Others

If you wish to participate, email your name and phone number to wycci office below by November 1st
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Please also let us know whether you can provide a car or would like a share ride. Thank you.