



# Sonobe

From the shrine to the samurai, and Mario

Period

Jan. 01, 2023 to Dec. 30, 2023 (Reservation required)

Place: Sonobe city, Kyoto Prefecture

Language: Japanese

Access : 40 minutes drive from the heart of Kyoto city

Minimum number of participant 2 persons

Available all the year

Time required : 60 to 90 minutes

Price : 20,000- / person

[Not Included in the price]

Transportation, interpreter



[High lights]

- Touring the Castle Town
- A private guided tour of the shrine by the chief priest will give you an insight into the culture of the Tenmangu shrine in Japan. u faith.

It is not widely known that the last castle in Japan's history was located in Kyoto. That castle is this Sonobe Castle. The remains of this castle, which was completed after the Samurai period, can still be seen in the city. In fact, Mt. Komugi, which was part of this castle, is the location associated with Super Mario, one of Japan's most popular video game characters. The creator of Mario, Nintendo legend Mr. Miyamoto, was born near this mountain and attended high school on the site of this castle. When he was a child, this Mt. Komugi was his playground, and in a later interview, he said, "At what angle does Mario scrape and how does he jump and bounce? My own memories of playing in the Mt. Komugi, where I experienced mountain play, are the starting point of my character building." he said. Indeed, Mt. Komugi is the hometown of "Mario."

[Plan] Drive around the area of Mt. Komugi. Visited Ikimi tenmangu Shrine and walked around the grounds with the guidance of the shrine's priest.



The remains of the last castle in Japan are only partially preserved in the city. For example, it is used as a gate for a high school, and the outer moat is used as a school swimming pool. Castle-like structures can also be seen. It can be said that the scenery is a mixture of falsity and reality.



Founded in 901, Ikimi Tenmangu originally stood at the foot of Mt. Komugi, but was moved to the adjacent mountain when the construction of Sonobe cantonment (Later it became a castle) in the 17th century, where it stands today. It is said to be the oldest of the 12,000 Tenmangu shrines in Japan. This priest will give you a private tour of the shrine grounds. Every year from February to March is the best time to visit the plum orchard.

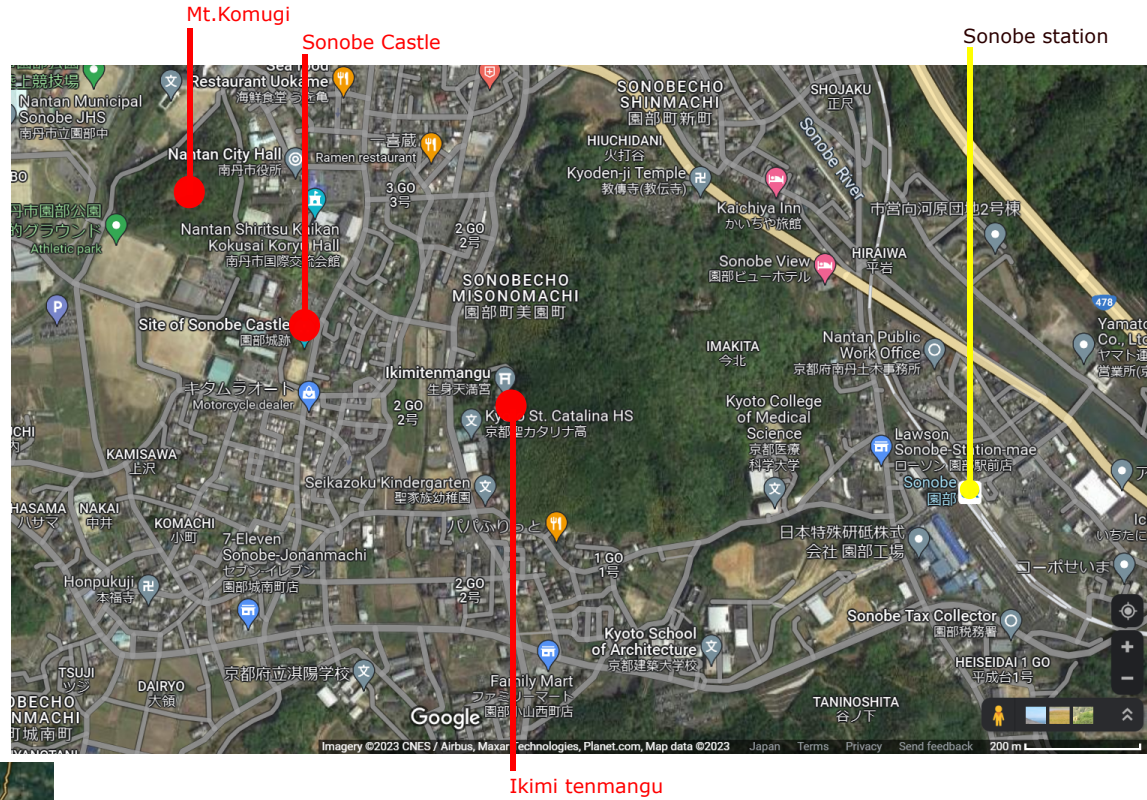
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Access : By car  
40 minutes drive from the heart of Kyoto city

By train  
30 minutes express train ride from Kyoto Station and JR SagaArashiyama Station

By Walk  
15 minutes walk from Sonobe Station



Sake brewery & Kobe beef restaurant

