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#### ◆ Tour Overview

Located 3 kilometers north of Ginkakuji Temple, in a quiet residential area, Hachioji Shrine is a sacred site connected to the legendary swordsman, Miyamoto Musashi. This tour offers an immersive experience into the world of Musashi, allowing participants to practice the Japanese sword, walk in his footsteps, and take part in a formal shrine visit, all while learning about Musashi's philosophy and the rich traditions of Japanese culture. Whether you're a martial arts enthusiast or simply someone seeking to connect with Japan's rich history and traditions, this journey will provide an unforgettable experience.

#### ◆ Miyamoto Musashi and Hachioji Shrine

Miyamoto Musashi (1584–1645) is one of Japan's most famous swordsmen, renowned for his unique two-sword style. Throughout his life, he engaged in numerous duels, developing a deep philosophy of martial arts. One of the most famous moments in his life took place near Hachioji Shrine, where he faced off against the Yoshioka clan at the Ichijōji-sagarimatsu Pine. Just before the duel, Musashi visited the shrine, but feeling weak in relying on divine intervention, he chose not to pray.



Instead, he later wrote in his renowned book *The Book of Five Rings*, “I revere the gods and Buddha, but I do not rely on them,” a sentiment that reflects his belief in self-reliance over spiritual dependence. This phrase is also engraved on the stone monument near Musashi's statue at Hachiman Shrine, emphasizing his philosophy of independence and inner strength.

#### ◆ Tour Details

The tour begins with a sword lesson at a martial arts hall near the shrine. Even beginners can enjoy learning the basics of sword manners under the guidance of an experienced instructor. Afterward, you will walk through Ichijōji-sagarimatsu Pine, following the same path that Musashi once took, and head toward Hachioji Shrine.

At the shrine, you will participate in a formal shrine visit, which includes a prayer by the head priest and a performance of kagura, a sacred Shinto dance by shrine maidens. This ceremonial experience offers a unique opportunity to connect with Japan's spiritual traditions, as you witness the purification and sacred rites that have been passed down for centuries.

The tour involves approximately 15 minutes of walking, including a steep incline, so it is recommended for those with good physical condition. Participants will also have the chance to wear a traditional kimono during the sword training, which adds to the immersive experience of stepping back into Japan's warrior past.





### ◆ Tour Highlights

- **Sword Training:** Experience the basics of swordsmanship in a traditional martial arts hall. You'll learn key movements and techniques that were practiced by samurai, as well as the mental discipline that goes hand-in-hand with martial arts.
- **Historical Pilgrimage:** Walk in the footsteps of Miyamoto Musashi, passing by the Ichijōji-sagarimatsu Pine and visiting the shrine where he once visited. This part of the tour allows you to connect with history in a deeply personal way, understanding Musashi's life and philosophy.
- **Formal Shrine Visit:** Take part in an authentic shrine visit, which includes a prayer by the head priest and a performance of kagura dance. This experience offers a rare glimpse into Shinto practices and the spiritual traditions of Japan.

### ◆ Important Information

- **Tour Fee:** JPY 45,000 per person
- **Duration:** Approximately 2 hours
- **Eligibility:** Those in good physical condition (the tour involves walking up a steep incline)
- **Walking Distance:** About 15 minutes (with a steep incline)

This tour is ideal for anyone interested in Japanese history, the philosophy of the samurai, or those looking for a deeper cultural experience. It offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of Miyamoto Musashi and explore the cultural and spiritual legacy that still resonates in Japan today.

### ◆ Schedule

**10:00** – Meet your sword instructor at the meeting point.

**10:00-11:00** – Wear a kimono and practice sword fighting.  
*(Experience Photo)*

**11:00-11:15** – Walk to Hachidai Shrine, passing by Ichijōji-sagarimatsu Pine.

**11:15-11:45** – Experience the formal shrine visit (prayer by the head priest and kagura dance).

**11:45-12:00** – Remove your kimono.

**12:00** – Tour concludes at the shrine.

### ◆ Booking Information

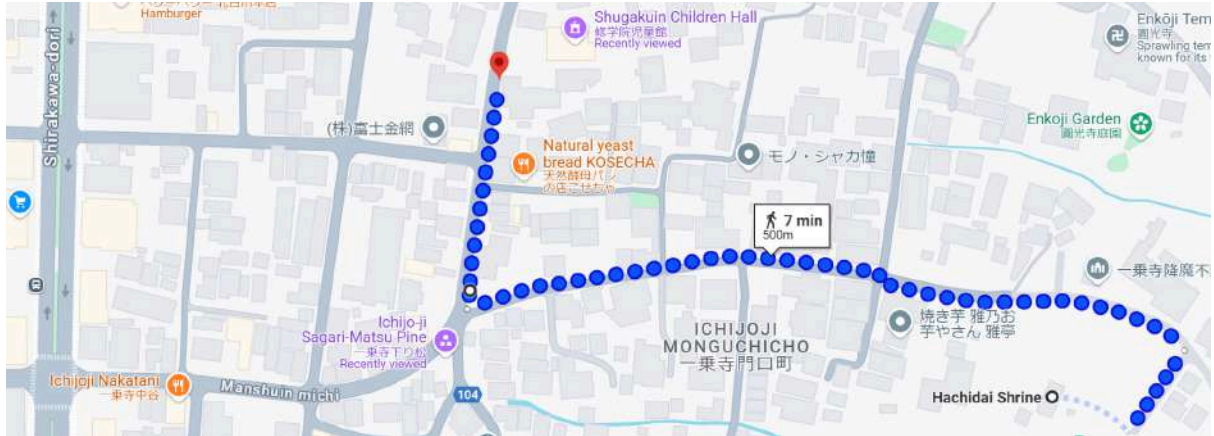
- **Meeting Point:**  
Shugakuin Jidokan  
26 Ichijoji Toromotocho, Sakyo Ward, Kyoto, 606-8142

[Google Maps Link](#)

*The martial arts hall is located next to the children's center. Parking is available.*

- Drop-Off Point:  
Hachidai Shrine  
1 Ichijoji Matsubaracho, Sakyo Ward, Kyoto, 606-8156

[Google Maps Link](#)



- How to Book:  
To reserve a spot, please contact us via email at:  
info@samurai-kenbu.jp
- Cancellation Policy:  
8 or more days before the tour: No charge  
7–3 days before the tour: 30% charge  
2–1 day(s) before the tour: 50% charge  
On the day of the tour: 100% charge

◆ Contact Information

- Samurai Kenbu Theater (Ginbu.Co.)  
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## ツアー概要

京都の銀閣寺から北へ3キロ。静かな住宅街の中にひっそりとたたずむ八大神社(はちだいじんじや)。この神社は、二刀流の剣豪として名高い宮本武蔵ゆかりの場所です。このツアーでは、武蔵が実際に訪れた場所を巡りながら、刀の修行や正式参拝を体験します。武士の精神を感じ、古代日本の美と文化を体感することができます。武道を嗜むはもちろん、日本の豊かな歴史と伝統に触れたい方にもおすすめのツアーです。

## 宮本武蔵と八大神社

宮本武蔵(1584年 - 1645年)は、江戸時代初期の伝説的な剣豪で、特に二刀流の使い手として知られています。彼の剣技は、数多くの実戦で証明され、その哲学と戦術は今でも広く尊敬されています。武蔵は、京都で吉岡一門との決闘をする際、八大神社近くにある「一乗寺下がり松」でその戦いに臨みました。決闘前、武蔵は八大神社を訪れましたが、その時、神に頼ることに対して自らの弱さを感じ、祈りを捧げることを避けました。後に武蔵は著書『五輪書』に「神仏は尊ぶともたのむべからず」と記し、神仏を尊敬しながらも、過度に頼ってはいけないという信念を表しました。この言葉は、八大神社に設置された武蔵の銅像にも刻まれ、今も多くの人々にその哲学を伝えています。

## ツアーの内容

まず神社近くの武道場で基本的な刀の使い方を学びます。続いて、決闘の地「一乗寺下がり松」を通過して、八大神社へ向かいます。神社に到着したら、袴を履き替えて正装し、正式参拝の儀式を体験します。宮司による祈禱を受け、巫女の神楽舞を鑑賞します。神楽舞は、神道の儀式として行われる舞で、神々を招くために舞われます。参加者は、武士のように着物を着用して、全身でその時代の雰囲気を感じながら、心と体を整えることができます。ツアーは、歩行を含めて約15分の移動となりますが、勾配が急なため、足腰に不安のある方はご参加をお控えいただくことをおすすめします。

## ツアーの見どころ

- 刀の修行: 武道場で刀の修行を通して、基本的な動作を学び、精神と体を一体化させる感覚を体験できます。武士としての心構えや礼儀を学ぶ貴重な機会です。
- 歴史的な巡礼: 武蔵が実際に歩いた道を歩き、彼の生き様に触れながら、剣豪としての姿勢や哲学を学べます。歩くことで、歴史と一体となり、その時代を感じることができます。
- 正式参拝: 神社での祈禱と神楽舞を体験し、日本の伝統的な儀式に触れることができます。

## 参加にあたってのご案内

- 参加費: 45,000円/人
- 所要時間: 約2時間
- 参加条件: 足腰に不安のない方
- 歩行距離: 約15分(急勾配あり)

このツアーは、歴史と武士道に興味のある方、または武道の精神に触れたい方に最適です。宮本武蔵の生き様を学び、古き良き日本の文化を体験することができます。貴重な機会です。

## 詳細情報とご予約

- 集合場所:  
Shugakuin Jidokan(修学院児童館)  
住所: 京都市左京区一乗寺烏籠町26  
※武道場は児童館の隣にあります。駐車場もあります。
- 解散場所:  
八大神社  
住所: 京都市左京区一乗寺松原町1
- 予約方法:  
ご予約はメールにて受付します。  
メールアドレス info@samurai-kenbu.jp
- キャンセルポリシー:  
8日前まで: キャンセル料なし 7~3日前: 30% 2日前~当日: 50% 当日キャンセル: 100%

## お問い合わせ

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