

# Kumano River Boat Tour

-The only World Heritage River Pilgrimage Route-



Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine



Kumano Hongu Taisha Grand Shrine



Kumano Nachi Taisha Grand Shrine



Kamikura-jinja Shrine

## Welcome to the Kumano River Boat Tour!

For over 1000 years pilgrims had been making the journey to Kumano. Kumano River was a virtual section of the <Kumano Kodo> pilgrimage route between Kumano Hongu Taisha Grand Shrine and Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine.

Visitors are able to board traditional wooden flat-bottom boats as pilgrims had been doing for centuries.

This is a unique way to get a river view perspective of Kumano's special landscape.

### Schedule

- ① Regular (every day)  
**10:00-11:30**  
**14:30-16:00**  
 \*Please check in 30 min before
- ② Charter  
**Your requested time**

### Prices

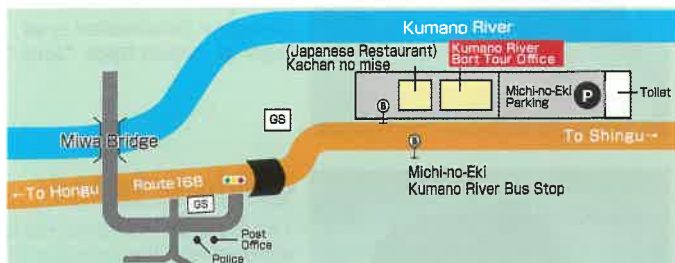
- ① Individual  
 Adult: **4,300yen**  
 Child(4-12): **2,000yen**  
 Infant(0-3); sorry no boarding
- ② Group (more than 10 people): **3,900yen**  
 each person
- ③ Charter  
 Group(1 boat for 10 people): **49,000yen**

### Please Note

- ① Please make a reservation.
- ② Minimal start from 3 people.  
 (Dec - Feb, minimal start from 6 people.)
- ③ In case of light rain, we conduct our tour but please bring your rain jacket.
- ④ In case of heavy rain, strong wind, or water release from the dam, we cannot conduct our tour.
- ⑤ In case of water shortage, we cannot conduct our tour.

### Access

By car: from Hongu 30min. from Shingu 30min.



By bus: From Hongu or From Shingu to Michi-no-Eki Kumano River

	From Hongu				From Shingu
	Hongu Taisha-mae	Yunomine Onsen	Waterase Onsen	Kawayu Onsen	Shingu sta.
Morning	8:30	8:40	8:46	8:48	8:40
Afternoon	13:20				12:15

### About us

#### Kumanogawa River Boat Tour Center

Tanago54-8, Kumanogawa-town, Shingu-city, 647-1212, Wakayama-pref. Japan  
 URL: <http://kawabune.info>

### Reservation

◆ Tanabe City Kumano Tourism Bureau  
[www.kumano-travel.com](http://www.kumano-travel.com)





## 1 Nunobiki Waterfall

The highest of the waterfalls on this route. It's named Nunobiki (cloth stretched out for drying) because after a heavy rain it looks like a white cloth is hanging over the rock face.



## 2 New Waterfall

A new waterfall emerged after a typhoon in 2011. Especially after strong rain, you can see heavy downfall.



## 3 Aoi Waterfall

This waterfall is named after the emblem of Tokugawa family, 'Aoi'. The image of water flowing rapidly down the sheer rock face into the Kumano River is truly splendid.



## 4 Senjigaeri

A perilous point of the journey. This route was so hard to pass, that the messenger of ex-emperor sometimes returned and even the experienced nuns had difficult time to pass this point.



## 5 Nabiki Rock

The rock looks as if this is flattering in the wind. This is a typical geological character called "Joint" in the Kumano mountain region.



## 6 Hone Island

Legend has it that an evil demon who lived here was struck down by the gods of this region. Here his severed spine remains.



## 7 Tsurigane Rock

This stone looks like a bell. They say that when the overhanging rock falls, this world will come to an end.



## 8 Hisetsu Waterfall

Like snow falling heavily and dancing in the wind, this view is the highlight of the Kumano River. It was named by a local lord. There is now a small park and a camp ground.



## 9 Hiru Island

The gods of this area often had a lunch here and played board games. If you stand on the island, you can see crisscrossing lines that make up what seems to be a game board.



## 10 Chihoga-Mine Peak

This peak is called Chihoga-Mine. At its foot is Hayatama Shrine and Kamikura Shrine is halfway up the mountain. The top (253m) commands a wonderful view of the mouth of Kumano River and the ocean beyond.



## 11 Tatami Rock

The rock formation looks like tatami mats piled up and leaning to the right. This geological construction is as same as Nabiki Rock "Joint."



## 12 Mifune Island

It is told that the local deities had first appeared here. The culmination of the autumn festival at Hayatama Shrine is a boat race. The boats from different neighborhoods of Shingu City row upstream to this island and circle it three times as a reenactment of the deities appearance.