



Special Autumn Route

"A four-day voyage to explore the history of Japan's pirates"

Departing October 17, 2025 (3 nights 4 days)

The Seto Inland Sea has long served as a vital corridor of maritime commerce, despite its many navigational hazards. In the past, seafarers ensured smooth passage through these waters by relying on guidance from three groups of pirates, who possessed the skills and local knowledge to use the currents to their advantage. The term "pirates" refers to three major maritime clans: the Shiwaku Navy, who controlled the waters around the Shiwaku Islands off the coast of present-day Kagawa Prefecture; the Murakami Pirates, who dominated the Geiyo Islands around what is now the Shimanami Kaido; and the Kono Navy, who held sway in the seas near Matsuyama in Ehime Prefecture. Of these groups, the Murakami Pirates were a confederation of three Murakami families based on the islands of Noshima, Kurushima, and Innoshima, and later came to be known as the masters of the Seto Inland Sea. They constructed numerous castles and fortresses across the Geiyo Islands, which span the heart of the Inland Sea and are surrounded by some of its strongest currents.

Our guide to these waters will be Junko Yamada, an expert on the pirates of the Inland Sea. We will explore how the Murakami Pirates shaped Japanese history, visiting the remains of their island castles and other related sites. We will go ashore to see the Otomouma Horse Festival at Kamo Shrine in the community of Kikuma, Imabari, once part of the territory of the Kono Navy. This tradition that traces back some 600 years is influenced by the customs of Kyoto's Aoi Festival. The young horseback riders galloping down the shrine's approach are a thrilling spectacle.



Yamada Junko, historical consultant

Born in Hiroshima Prefecture in 1953. Yamada is author of several books on the history of pirates in Japan and the Setouchi region, and currently serves as historical consultant for the ongoing NHK Taiga drama Berabou.





Day 1	October.17 (Fri)	Depart from	n Bella Vista Marina (3:00 p.m.) ~ Anchor offshore at Tomonoura, Hiroshima
Day 2	October.18 (Sat)	Depart from Tomonoura ~ ONoshima ~ Anchor offshore at Omishima, Ehime	
		Afternoon	[Off-ship activity] Walk on Noshima
		Night	[Onboard activity] Discussion with Junko Yamada (first session)
Day 3	October.19 (Sun)	Depart from	n Omishima ~ ◎Kikuma ~ Anchor offshore at Omishima, Ehime
		Morning	[Off-ship activity] Watch a horse racing ritual
		Night	[Onboard activity] Discussion with Junko Yamada (second session)
Day 4	October.20 (Mon)	Depart from	m Omishima ~ Arrive at Bella Vista Marina (11:00 a.m.)

^{*}Places marked with © symbol in schedule are locations visited during off-ship activities.

^{*}Contents are subject to change without prior notice depending on the weather and sea conditions.

Rates	Cabin Type	1 person per cabin	2 persons per cabin	3 persons per cabin
	Terrace Suite	1,850,000	1,000,000	
	Terrace Suite with Open-Air Bath	2,150,000	1,150,000	
	Terrace Suite Prestige		1,450,000	1,450,000
	Grand Suite	2,750,000	1,450,000	
	The guntû Suite	3,350,000	1,750,000	

[Number of meals] 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

The above rates are per person and are in Japanese Yen. (Tax included)

Precautions and Information Please be sure to read through this before your departure.

O Age Limitation

· Guntû requires passengers to be at least 15 years of age at the time of departure. Passengers under the age of 18 must board together with a guardian.

O About Tour Fee

- The tour fee includes the fare of the entire scheduled course stated in the pricelist, meals on board, beverage fee including alcohol (except for some rare bottles of wine and expensive menu items), off-ship activities, consumption tax and service charge.
- Travel expenses from / to Bella Vista Marina, cleaning charges, telephone charges, personal expenses such as spa treatment and noncomplimentary beverage menus, and accompanying consumption tax and service charges are not included in the travel fee. In addition, medical expenses for injuries and illnesses, and excess baggage charges (exceeding the specified weight, capacity and number) are not included.
- · Tour fees listed on the price list are the per-person price for reservations with one, two or three adults per suite. Suites can accommodate one or two guests, except for the Terrace Suite Prestige, which can accommodate up to three persons.

O About the Routes

- · Please note that routes and travel times may change depending on the weather, sea conditions, porting time, and management of ports.
- · Please note that events such as fireworks and festivals may be canceled or postponed due to unexpected events such as weather conditions.

O About Cancellation and Change

- · Cancellation of travel and change of travel content will be accepted within the business hours of Setouchi Cruise, Inc guntû.
- · If you shorten the reserved course after the point when a cancellation fee is incurred, or if you change to a room type for which the tour fee will be reduced, the prescribed cancellation charge will be applied to the difference.
- It is possible to change the passenger name for up to one person per room after the cancellation fee described in the Tour Conditions will be incurred only when you request and we agree to the change. In that case, we will charge a commission fee of 10,000 JPY. In addition, if there are other arrangements such as optional tours, we will charge the actual expenses incurred due to the change of passenger.

○ The minimum number of participants

• The minimum number of participants is 14 persons. When the minimum number of participants as stipulated by the Company in the brochure has not been reached. In such cases, the Company shall notify the clients of tour cancellation on no later than the 30th day prior to the day preceding the tour departure date.

O Passengers in need of special consideration

- · If you require any special consideration, such as due to a health issue or use of a device such as a wheelchair, please inform us when you make a reservation.
- · There are no wheelchair-accessible cabins. There are stairs in corridors and inside cabins.
- · Please note that due to structural factors, the use of electric-powered wheelchairs and electric carts on board is prohibited.

Other

· There is a possibility that a member of the media may board the ship for coverage for television, magazines, or other outlets without notice.

Summary of Tour Conditions (Setouchi Cruise, Inc.)

When making an application,

please be certain to review the entirety of the Tour Conditions before you apply.

1. Agent-Organized Tour Contracts

This is a tour that Setouchi Cruise, Inc. [1364-6, Urasaki-cho, Onomichi, Hiroshima, 720-0551, Travel Agency No registered by the governor of Hiroshima Prefecture. 2-445] (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") plans and carries out and the clients who participate in this tour are required to conclude an agent-organized tour contract (hereinafter referred to as "Tour Contract") with the Company.

2. Application for Tour and Time of Entry into Effect of Contract

When applying, it is required to provide the necessary information together with the application deposit provided in the brochure to the Company or our tour sales agents described in the "tour sales agent offices" section (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies"). For our operational reasons, it may be required to fill the necessary information in our special form or the dedicated window. The application deposit will be used towards payment of the tour price, cancellation fee or penalty. The Tour Contract comes into effect when the Companies agree to the conclusion of the contract and receives the application deposit.

ı	Application deposit (per person)	50% or more to the tour price
П	Application deposit (per person)	30% or more to the tour price

The Companies may accept reservation applications for Tour Contracts by telephone, mail, facsimile and other means of communication. In such cases, the contract does not come into effect at the time of the reservation. Clients are required to confirm the contents of the application and pay the application deposit within 3 days counting from the day after the day when the Companies notify the client of acceptance of the reservation. If the client does not pay the application deposit within this period, the Companies treat such application as void.

3. Conditions for Application

It is required that passengers to be at least 15 years of age at the time of departure. In addition, clients under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a guardian. Clients who require special attention due to general ill-health, equipment uses such as wheelchairs, pregnancy or physical handicaps, food or animal allergies, accompanied by assistance dogs, and clients who accompany the client stated here must advice the Company of this when applying for the tour. (In case that a client became these conditions after applying for the tour, please inform the Company as soon as possible.) The Company will respond to such requests to the extent feasible and reasonable. The Company may request the clients to be accompanied by an escort or a companion, to submit a medical certificate by doctors, or to change a part of the itinerary to ensure safe and smooth operation of the tour. When the Company cannot make arrangements requested by the clients, the Company may refuse the application of the tour contract, or cancel the Tour Contract. The cost of special arrangements that the Company take for the clients in accordance with the clients' requests shall be in principle borne by the clients.

4. Payment of Tour Price

The tour price shall be paid no later than on the 30th day counting back from the day before the departure date of the tour.

5. Cancellation Fees

If a client cancels the tour for personal reasons after the conclusion of the Tour Contract, the client shall pay the cancellation fees described below, and if a client fails to pay the tour price by the due date, the Company will consider that the client has cancelled the Tour Contract as of the day following the due date, and the client shall pay a penalty equal to the amount of the cancellation fees.

6. Tour Conductors

A tour conductor shall not accompany the tour. Guntû's crews provide the service on board.

7. Reference Date of Tour Conditions and Prices

The reference date of the tour conditions and tour prices are based on July 1, 2025.

Time of cancellation	Cancellation charge	
21 days prior to the starting date of the tour	No charge	
20 days to 8 days prior to the starting date of the tour	20% of tour price	
7 days to 2 days prior to the starting date of the tour	30% of tour price	
1 day prior to the starting date of the tour	40% of tour price	
prior to the starting date of the tour	50% of tour price	
After day of departure, or In case of failure to show without notice	100% of tour price	

Travel planning & conducting

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