



Experience Overview

Explore the hidden underground world of Oya Stone, a rare green tuff from Tochigi, famously used by Frank Lloyd Wright for the original Imperial Hotel Tokyo. Quarried 60 meters below ground, this stone now features in iconic structures like Japan’s National Stadium.

This exclusive tour grants access to a private underground quarry (Ishi no Sato Kibou) or the vast Oya History Museum. You’ll then visit Chevalier’s natural underground wine cellar, where French wines are aged in Oya’s cool, stable conditions. Led by Burgundy Wine Knight Ota Kyoko, enjoy a guided tasting of these “French-born, Oya-matured” wines. The experience concludes with gourmet dining at Wagyu Steak Sakura, surrounded by intricate Oya Stone .

Reservations can also be arranged at Restaurant Chevalier, Chevalier’s flagship Tokyo location (pricing upon request).

Schedule

Meet at Verterrasse Oya, then tour a private quarry (Ishi no Sato Kibou or Oya History Museum). (1.5h)

Visit Chevalier’s underground wine cellar for a guided tour and tasting with Ota Kyoko. (1h)

Enjoy a gourmet wine-pairing dinner in a private Oya Stone chamber at Wagyu Steak Sakura. (2h)

Options: 1.Oya Stone Carving Experience with a master artisan (+1h) / 2.Visit Both Quarry Sites – Ishi no Sato Kibou and Oya History Museum (+1h)

Dining Venue: Wagyu Steak Sakura (<https://steak-sakura.net>)

Price (tax incl.): 60,000JPY/ person

▼Included in the price:

Local Japanese-speaking guide / Exclusive underground quarry tour / Gourmet dining experience

▼Options:

- Private vehicle & interpreter from Utsunomiya Station: +55,000JPY
- 1. Oya Stone Carving Experience with a master artisan: +11,000JPY/person
- 2. Additional Quarry Visit: +8,800JPY/ person
- 3. Wine-Pairing Gourmet Course
 - 40,000JPY course: +10,000JPY/ person
 - 50,000JPY course: +20,000JPY/ person
- 4. Naturally Aged Whiskey available at additional cost during the meal

▼Remarks:

Wear comfortable clothing suitable for walking.

Learn more about Chevalier’s underground wine aging process; <https://www.chevalier.co.jp/concept.html>

Tour Information

Duration: 5 hours

Options:

- Oya Stone Carving & Craft Experience (+60 min)
- Additional Quarry Visit (+60 min)

Start Time: Flexible, based on guest preference

Meeting Location: Bell Terrache Oya

1263-2 Oya-machi, Utsunomiya, Tochigi TEL:028-652-3100, <https://www.bellterrache-oya.jp/>

Access:

- 1 min walk from Otani Kannon-mae bus stop (Take the Tateiwa-bound bus from JR Utsunomiya Station)
- From Tokyo: 50 min. by train, 2h by car

Parking: Available / Pick-up/ drop-off: Not available

Availability & Requirements

Number of Participants: 2-4 people (Excluding guide)

*For groups larger than 4, please inquire in advance.

Availability: All-year-round (Excludes New Year holidays & Golden Week; August is a peak season—please check availability in advance.)

Language Support: Not available on-site (please arrange an interpreter separately). English support may be arranged by us for an additional fee.

Meal Options:

- Allergies: Possible with prior notice
- Vegetarian: Available
- Vegan & Halal: Not available

Participant Requirements: No age or physical restrictions

Contact & Reservation Information

Contact: Ohya Stone Industry Co., Ltd.

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Reservation Method: Accepted via email

Deadline: 3 weeks prior (if interpreter services or vehicle arrangements are required, 4 weeks prior)

Payment & Cancellation Policy

Payment method: Invoice or credit card (pre-payment)

Commission Fees: No agency commission fees apply

Cancellation Policy: 20% charge from 7 days prior, 50% from 3 days prior and 100% from the day before