

"Yabusame and Kasagake" Cultural Experience in Kamakura

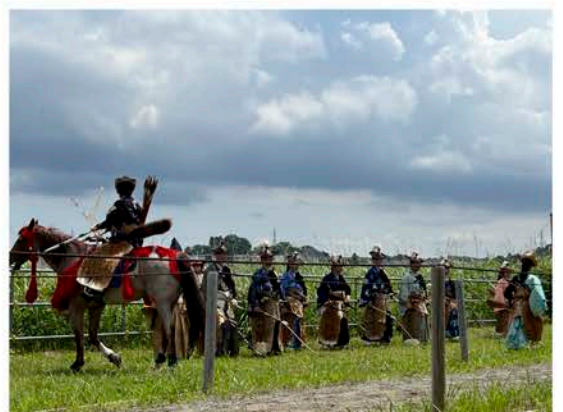


Monday, September 23, 2024 (national holiday), 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Yabusame is a traditional Japanese archery event where archers on horseback shoot arrows at stationary targets while galloping at full speed. This ancient practice, originating in the Kamakura period (1185-1333), is not only a test of the archer's skill and concentration but also a ceremonial event meant to entertain and honor the gods. The archers wear traditional samurai attire, and the event is often accompanied by various rituals and performances.

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The Japan Equestrian Archery Association (公益財団法人 大日本弓馬会) will host a "Yabusame" event as outlined below. This is planned as a monitoring tour for inbound travelers interested in Japanese history and culture.

In addition to Yabusame, there will be booths introducing Kamakura-bori, O-yoroi, and other cultural artifacts. In the afternoon, a Noh performance and workshop will be held at Kamakura Noh Stage in Hase.



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Location: Kamakura Training Grounds
(Kajiwara, Hattomen, Kamakura City, Kanagawa Prefecture)

Schedule (tentative)

09:30: Assemble at Kamakura Training Grounds and view cultural exhibits

10:00: Yabusame (special seats provided)

12:00: Photo session with horses and archers

12:20: Lunch (recreated Kamakura period meal in a tent with archers present)

13:00: Kamakura-bori workshop, mock horse archery experience

14:15: Departure Kamakura Noh Stage(3-5-13 Hase, Kamakura City, Kanagawa Prefecture)

15:00: Noh performance and workshop (including a viewing)

17:00: Disband



Special seating in a tent for Yabusame viewing, Yabusame explanations, sitting-style tea ceremony experience, and matcha tasting will be included.

