



Cranes of Izumi

Destination: Japan

Focus: Crane photography

Grading: Moderate walks only

Group size: 4 – 7 photographers

Time: 9 - 12 February 2025

Price: 2155 €, Single supplement 135 €



Beautiful cranes of Izumi

Izumi is a wonderful site especially for the wintering Cranes. Cranes are very photogenic here and you will find some other interesting bird species of Southern Japan here too.

Each winter, between 10000 and 12000 cranes of four species gather on the coastal agricultural land of Arasaki village. Commonest is the Hooded Crane, with 9000 birds or more each year, representing more than 80% of the world population of this species. Next comes the elegant White-naped Crane and there are usually somewhere between 1000 and 3000. About half of the world population of this species spends the winter here.

Regular, but far less common crane species here are Common Crane and the Sandhill Crane. Even rarer visitor is Demoiselle Crane from the steppes of Asia. Critically endangered Siberian Crane is very rare visitor here. Other interesting birds here includes Crested Kingfisher and Mandarin Duck.

Highlights

Large numbers of Hooded Cranes and White-naped Cranes

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Day 1 Meeting with our local guide in Kagoshima

This tour starts from to Kagoshima airport. Meeting with local guide at arrival gate at Kagoshima airport (KOJ) 14.00. Recommended flight: ANA-623 Haneda 11:50 / Kagoshima 13:40
Transportation by private car to Izumi. Enjoy photographing the Cranes at their roosting flight during the early evening hours. Dinner and accommodation.

Day 2 Izumi

Enjoy photographing the cranes flying in the fields during the sunrise. Mainly they are Hooded Cranes and White-naped Cranes, but Sandhills Cranes and Common Cranes can be also found. During the day, we can continue photographing cranes, and search for the Crested Kingfishers and Mandarin Ducks around the nearby dams. In the evening enjoy observing the cranes during the roosting flights. Dinner and accommodation.

Day 3 Izumi

After breakfast enjoy the cranes flying in the sunrise back to feeding fields. Continue photographing Cranes and other birds of the region. In the evening we will photograph Cranes flying their roosting site in hopefully sweet light of setting sun. Dinner and accommodation.

Day 4 Izumi - Kagoshima

Leave hotel by 8:00 and head to Kagoshima airport and end of the tour.
Recommended flight: JAL 644 Kagoshima (KOJ) 11:05 / Haneda 12:35

For more pictures: [Finnature's Flickr Gallery](#)

Price includes: Land transportation - we start from Kagoshima airport and end to Kagoshima airport, breakfasts and dinners, accommodation, local guide and entrance fees.

Accommodation: Ryokan (Japanese style hotel) only offer futon style bedding, where people will sleep on a mattress laid out on the floor.

Food: Japanese. Breakfast and dinners, no lunches.

Leader: Local English speaking guide

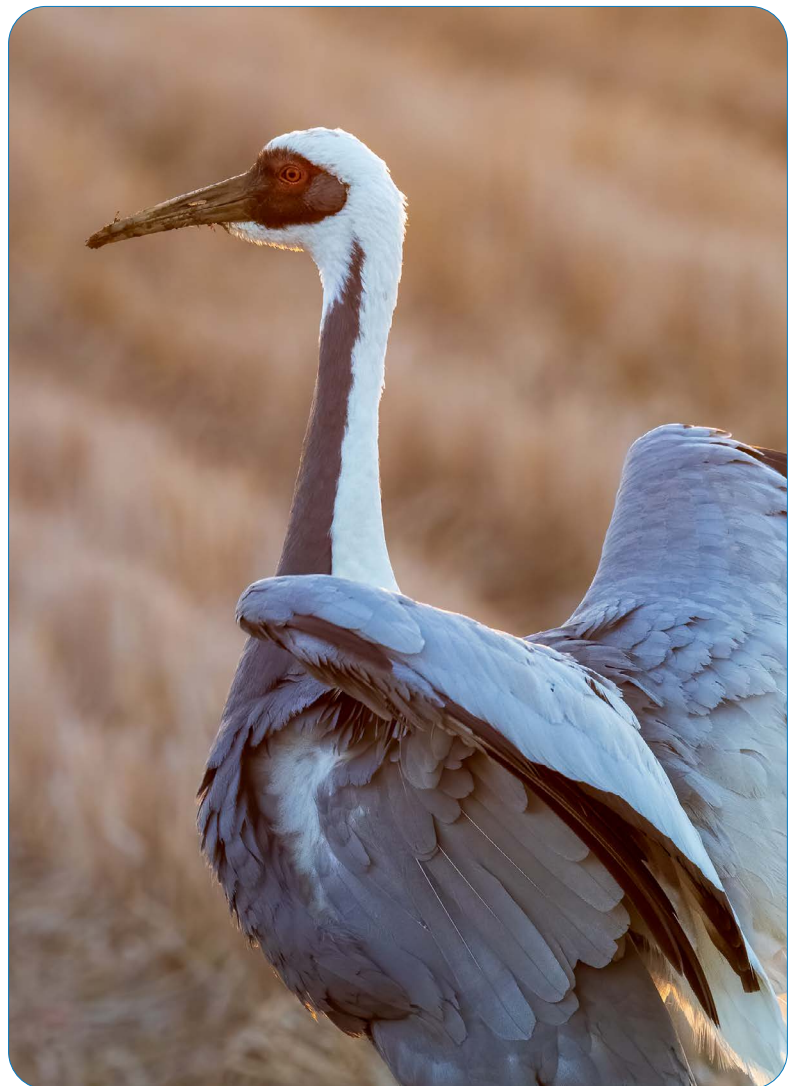
Possible extensions: This tour is an extension to [Amazing Hokkaido 15 - 25 February 2025](#)
[Snow Monkeys of Jigokudani 12 - 15 February](#)

Booking: shop.finnature.com

Please notice: The itinerary might change due to weather conditions. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee any of the species, but our expert guides do their utmost to ensure best possible photography opportunities during the tour.

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