KOBAYASHI RYU · JAPAN 2027

Japan, May 2027

Two seminars and a journey through north-eastern Kyushu

In May 2027, the Kobayashi Ryu school invites you to train in Japan: an aikiken seminar in Yagyu, an aikishintaiso seminar at the new Banshō Chōwa Aikidojo in Kumatori, followed by a journey along the pilgrimage trails of north-eastern Kyushu.

Next May, our Kumatori dojo, the Banshō Chōwa Aikidojo, will be up and running. One can already feel an atmosphere of spiritual and martial strength there. Our bonds with the Masakisaka dojo in Yagyu, the temple of the sword, nonetheless remain essential: we will return there to follow in the footsteps of Japan's greatest swordsmen.

At a glance

PROGRAMME	DATES	PRICE	REGISTRATION
Aikiken seminar in Yagyu	15 – 21 May 2027	**€880**	by 15 Feb 2027
Aikishintaiso seminar in Kumatori	15 – 21 May 2027	**€400**	no deadline
Journey through north-eastern Kyushu	22 – 29 May 2027	**€1,500**	by 15 Dec 2026

None of the prices include airfare: the international flight to Japan and, for the journey, the Itami–Oita flight are at each participant's expense.

Aikiken seminar in Yagyu

15 to 21 May 2027

Every morning, after a zazen session, class is led by Cognard Hanshi until noon. In the afternoon, from 2 pm to 4 pm, an assistant supervises the study of the Okuden kihon and their variants. The last class, on the afternoon of Friday 21 May, will take place at the Banshō Chōwa Aikidojo.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

- **Arrival** in Nara by your own means on 14 May.
- **Accommodation** of your choice, preferably near JR Nara station, to be booked yourself until the morning of 21 May.
- **Transport**: cars leave for Yagyu every morning at 7:30 am from the JR station.
- **Lunch** at Kuroda-san's, just below the dojo.

Price €880

Includes the seminar, dojo rental, car transport (including to Kumatori on 21 May) and lunches. Accommodation not included.

15 places maximum · Register before 15 February 2027

Aikishintaiso seminar in Kumatori

15 to 21 May 2027

Classes are held every morning from 8 am to 11 am at the Banshō Chōwa Aikidojo, led by Cognard Anne Shihan. Afternoons are free to explore the many sites within easy reach of Kumatori. Transport and accommodation are to be arranged and booked by yourself.

> **Price** **€400**
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> **No registration deadline.**

Joint closing dinner

Both seminars meet on the evening of Friday 21 May in Kumatori for a shared dinner. Please plan your accommodation in that area.

Journey through north-eastern Kyushu

22 to 29 May 2027

A little-known yet very beautiful region, shaped by its mountains and by the influence of Shugendō and Shinto. We will discover it along its pilgrimage trails: the Kunisaki Peninsula, Hikosan, then Usa.

ITINERARY

- **Departure** on the morning of Saturday 22 May from Osaka Itami airport to Oita (transfer from Kumatori organised by the group), then travel by car.
- **Accommodation** mainly in ryokan, breakfast and dinner included.
- **Return** to Itami on Saturday 29 May around midday, depending on the flight.

PLEASE NOTE

- The Itami–Oita return ticket (currently around ¥25,000) is at your expense: booking information will be sent to you after registration.
- Hiking gear is essential (shoes, small backpack).

> **Price** **€1,500**
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> Excluding the Itami–Oita flight, lunches and drinks.
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> **13 places maximum, open to practitioners only.**
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> **Register before 15 December 2026**: accommodation is very scarce in the region and must be booked quickly.

Registration

By e-mail, as soon as possible: **aaasecretariat@aikido.fr**