

## IOVC 2022 Excursion Program

Explore Karuizawa and experience the beautiful autumn scenery on a guided bus tour!

Date & Time: October 25 (Tue), 13:30-17:00

### **Destination:**

*\*Schedule subject to change due to weather conditions.*

#### **1. Onioshidashi Volcanic Park**



In 1783, the nearby Mount Asama erupted violently, covering the entire area in a thick layer of lava, ash and molten rock. In time, as these elements cooled, they formed the rough, jagged terrain that characterizes Onioshidashi Park today. In the center of the park, you will also find a shrine to the goddess Kannon, said to bestow mercy on those in her care. The shrine was built in the hope that it will protect the locals from any further eruptions from Mount Asama.

#### **2. Shiraito Waterfall**



Shiraito Waterfall, known as 'Shiraito no Taki' or the 'Waterfall of White Threads', measure only 3 metres in height but 70 metres across and are fed by underground volcanic water rising to the surface. It is beautiful throughout the year but perhaps at its most stunning in October, when the surrounding forest turns red, gold, amber and brown with the stunning autumn leaves of Karuizawa.