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Gifu

Timeless Japan, Naturally an Adventure

Filled with Highlights of Gifu Prefecture





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Nature and culture nurtured by the clear waters of Gifu



Mt. Hakusan

Mt. Hakusan is one of the Three Sacred Mountains of Japan alongside Mt. Fuji and Mt. Tate. Since ancient times, it has been the object of mountain worship, and in the Middle Ages, it became known throughout the country as it flourished as a sacred place for mountain asceticism.

Shirakawa-go

The Gassho-zukuri Village of Shirakawa-go was registered as a World Heritage site in 1995. The history and wisdom of these thatched-roof houses has been continually passed down to future generations by the people who live in them.

Gujo Hachiman

Gujo Hachiman, famous for the summer "Gujo Odori dance" and is also registered as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage site, is considered a water castle town with a clear river flowing through it and waterways running in all directions. It is also famous for its food samples, and many visitors come to experience making them.

Rail Mountain Bike – Gattan Go!!

Rail Mountain Bike "Gattan Go!" is a new sensory attraction that combines mountain biking and abandoned railway tracks. Visitors can run through the track while feeling the vibration and sound of the rail joints, just like a train, throughout their bodies.

Shinhotaka Ropeway

The only double-decker gondola in Japan takes you up to an altitude of 2,150 meters in one go. The impressive mountain range can be seen in front of you in each of the four seasons. In particular, the mountains are a must-see in autumn, when they feature three colors — the white of fresh snow, the red of autumn leaves, and a splash of green.

Hida Takayama

Hida Takayama, known as the "Old Capital of Hida," manages to still retain the atmosphere of the prosperous "Imperial lands," once directly ruled by the Edo Shogunate from 1603-1868. "Sannachi Street," where the old streets remain, is always crowded with tourists. There are various ways to enjoy the culture, tradition, and gourmet food.

Northern Alps

The mountain range stretches across Toyama, Gifu, and also Nagano Prefectures. Many of the mountains are steep, and the highest peak of them all is Mt. Okhotakadake, known as the third highest mountain in Japan.

Sekigahara Battlefield

Japan was divided into countless factions vying for power during the period of violence and turmoil known as the "Warring States Period." In 1600, the most famous battle in Japanese history took place at Sekigahara. Even today, historical sites, including the remains of the camps of Tokugawa Ieyasu and Ishida Mitsunari, are scattered throughout the area, and visitors can enjoy touring the historical sites from the Gifu Sekigahara Battlefield Memorial Museum.

Nameless Pond (also called "Monet's Pond")

This pond, located on the grounds of Nemichi Shrine in Tadori, Seki City, is called "Monet's Pond" because it resembles "Water Lilies" painted by French artist Claude Monet.

Seki Blades

Bladesmiths have been making swords, kitchen knives, scissors, and nail clippers in Seki City for nearly 700 years. These high-quality products have garnered fame abroad as well.

Mt. Ibuki

Mt. Ibuki is a sacred mountain that appears in the Kojiki, the oldest existing history book in Japan, and it is also known as a mountain where medicinal herbs grow.

Yoro Falls

This famous waterfall is known for the "Legend of Koshi," in which the water from the waterfall turns into sake. A woodcutter drew the gushing water into a gourd and gave it to his father to drink, which made him young again. The waterfall, with a drop of 30 meters and a width of approximately four meters, has been selected as one of the 100 best waterfalls in Japan, and the water that falls from the rocks is clear and cool, providing a cool sensation even in summer.

Ogaki, the "City of Water"

Ogaki is an aquatic city with abundant underground water and many rivers flowing through it. It is associated with the famous haiku poet Matsuo Basho, who was active in the 1600s. Basho traveled from Edo (present-day Tokyo) to the Tohoku and Hokuriku regions and wrote about each place in his travelogue "The Narrow Road to the Deep North" in both prose and haiku. Ogaki is also known as "Musubi no Chi," the place where Basho ended his journey. You can revisit the end of Basho's journey through the haiku monuments and memorial hall found in the city.

The Three Kiso Rivers (Nagara, Kiso, Ibi)

The Nagara, Kiso, and Ibi Rivers are three rivers that flow through the vast Nobi Plain. These clear streams originate from the rich forests of Gifu Prefecture and have nurtured a variety of cultures and traditions throughout the prefecture.

Cormorant Fishing

Cormorant fishing has been practiced along the clear Nagara River for more than 1,300 years, and in 2015 was designated an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Japan as "the art of cormorant fishing" along the Nagara River.

Mino Washi

Mino washi has a long history of over 1,300 years. Mino washi (Japanese paper) has been appreciated not only for its excellent quality but also for its use of traditional papermaking techniques. It is registered as an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO in 2014.

Mt. Ontake

It is the westernmost mountain in Japan with an elevation of over 3,000 meters, and its name is sung in the folk song "Kiso-bushi" from the Kiso region of Nagano Prefecture, thereby making it a mountain of sacred faith and a representative of Kiso.

Ji-kabuki and Ji-kabuki Theaters

Ji-kabuki refers to various types of kabuki theater performed not by professionals but by local amateurs, and is a tradition that has continued for several hundred years. Many ji-kabuki theaters remain in the eastern part of Gifu Prefecture, and the unique performances and choreography of the art have been preserved and passed down locally.

Mino Yaki Ceramic Ware

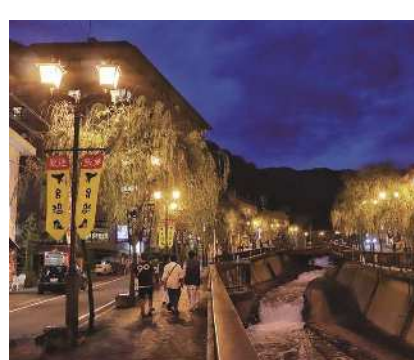
Mino's pottery has a history of over 400 years and was developed in this region, which includes the cities of Tajimi, Toki, and Mizunami. This area currently boasts over a 60% share of ceramic ware production nationally. Visit the many galleries and exhibitions and even create your own pottery piece.

Magome-juku

Magome-juku, the hometown of the great writer Shimazaki Toson, is a mountain inn. The beautiful Mt. Ena, depicted in his long novel "Before the Dawn," can be seen from the inn, and along the stone-paved slope are lined houses with latticework, teahouses, and souvenir shops.


Hot Spring Guide

Introducing three popular hot spring towns in Gifu Prefecture




Gero Hot Spring

Gero Hot Spring is one of the three best hot springs in Japan, and it springs along the clear Hida River. It is known for its smooth texture and the refreshing feeling it gives after bathing. There are also many free footbaths scattered throughout the hot spring town.




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Okuhida Hot Spring Villages

The five hot spring villages of Hirayu, Fukuchi, Shinhirayu, Tochio, and Shinhotaka are spread out at the foot of the Northern Japan Alps, and visitors can enjoy over 140 open-air baths in these hot spring villages that spring under the magnificent nature.




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Nagaragawa Hot Spring

Hot spring inns stand side by side along the clear Nagara River, and historical sightseeing spots such as the towering Gifu Castle atop Mt. Kinka and the traditional town of Kawara-machi are nearby.



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For Inquiries

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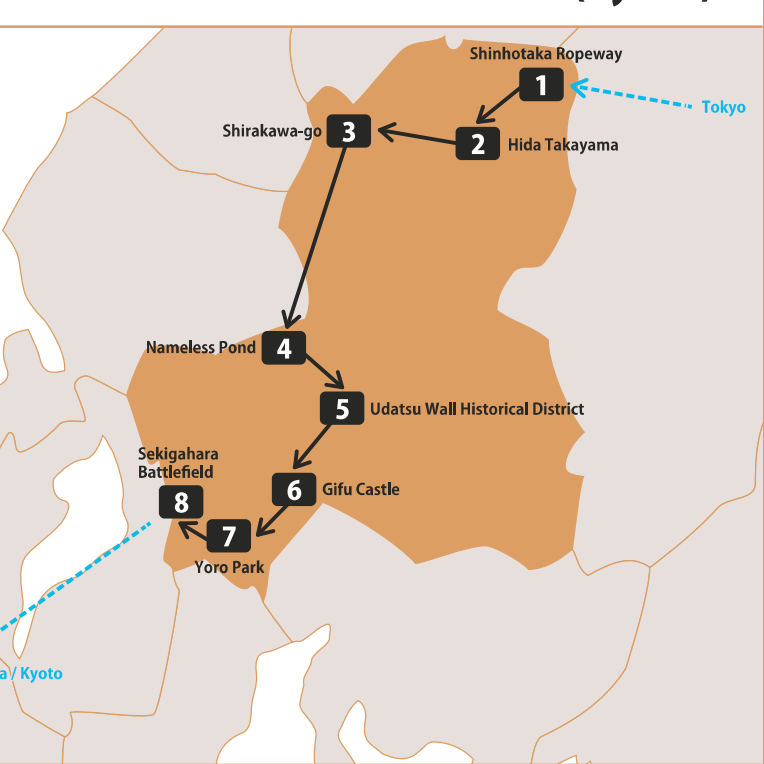
Overseas Visitors Promotion Section, Tourism Promotion Division, Tourism and International Affairs Department, Gifu Prefecture
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You can visit sightseeing spots in Gifu Prefecture by car! Model sightseeing routes in Gifu Prefecture by area

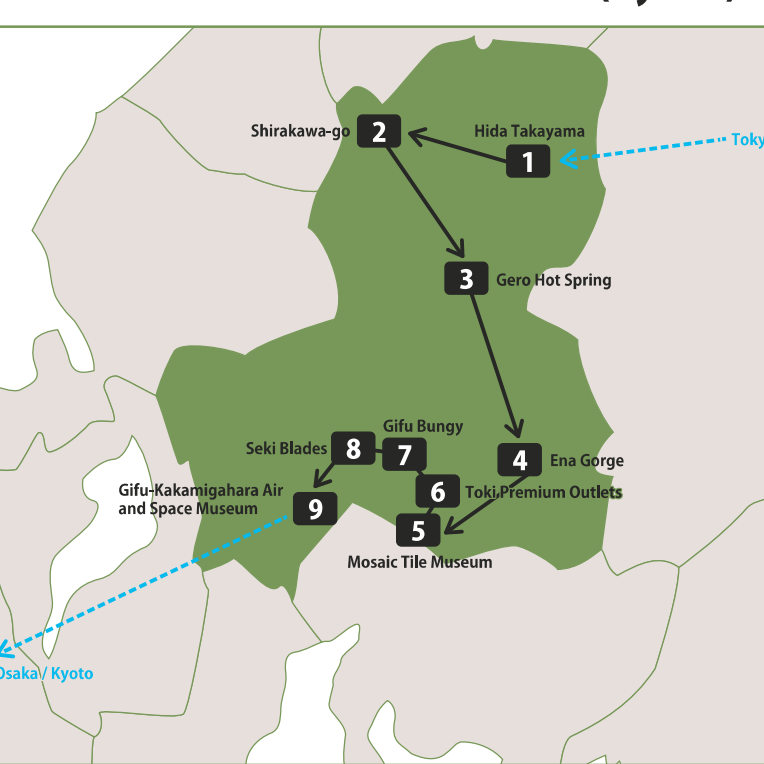
Southwest Gifu's Golden Route (by Car)



Day 1

- Shinhotaka Ropeway**
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- Hida Takayama**
An old merchant town overflowing with traditional Japanese atmosphere – perfectly suited for a stroll.
- Shirakawa-go**
Leap into an old world, straight out of a fairy tale, and experience the picturesque harmony between the village and nature!
- Nameless Pond**
See the pond's nickname "Monet's Pond" for its beautiful water lilies, Japanese carp, and crystal-clear turquoise water.
- Udatsu Wall Historical District**
The old streets here allow one to imagine the world of Edo period Japan (1603-1868).
- Gifu Castle**
Look upon Gifu with a commanding view from this impressive mountain castle.
- Yoro Park**
In Yoro Park, you can enjoy not only cherry blossom and autumn leaves, but also various artistic buildings, "Site of Reversible Design".
- Sekigahara Battlefield**
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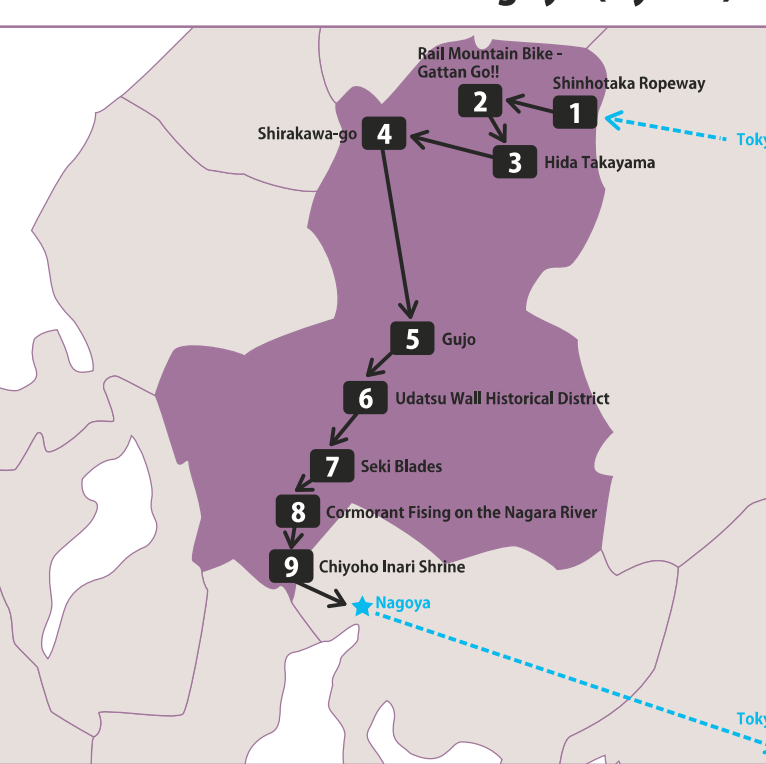
Southeast Gifu's Golden Route (by Car)



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- Gero Hot Spring**
Enjoy a stroll through the center of the hot spring town in traditional garb and soak in the footbaths scattered all around town!
- Ena Gorge**
The uniquely shaped boulders here create a stunning view, especially when taking in the sights from a boat while brilliant maple leaves light up the entire gorge!
- Mosaic Tile Museum**
Beauty that's charmingly unique - Tajimi City in Gifu is Japan's leading mosaic-tile producer.
- Toki Premium Outlets**
The best shopping experience in Gifu at Toki City!
- Gifu Bungy**
Yacutsu, Gifu Prefecture has the highest bungy jump bridge in Japan.
- Seki Blades**
One of the world's few centers for blades, from Japanese swords to high quality cutlery.
- Gifu-Kakamigahara Air and Space Museum**
The only full-fledged aviation and space museum in Japan.

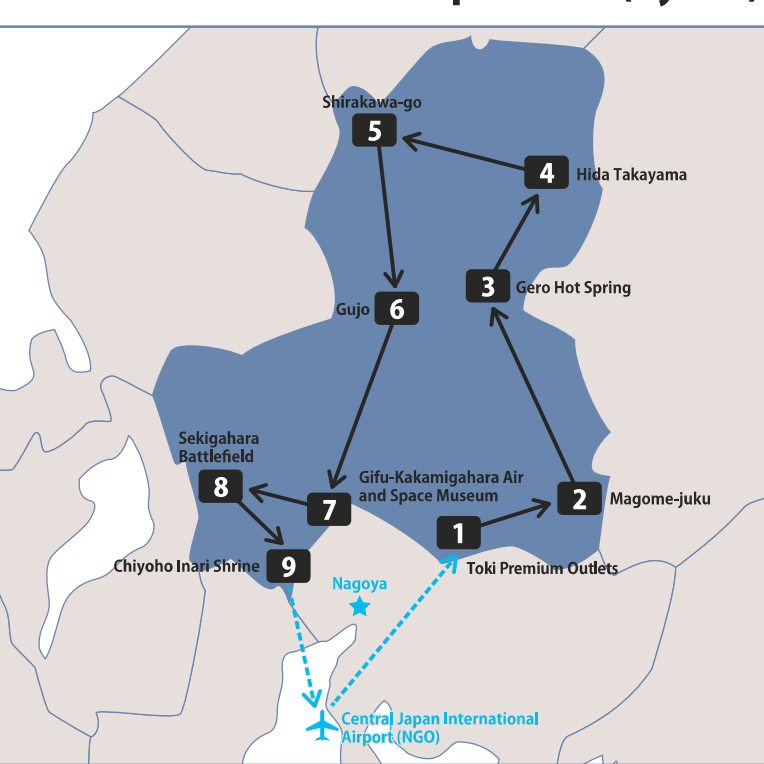
Route Around Gifu via Nagoya (by Car)



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- Gujo**
Skiing, snowboarding, and more! Gujo is the perfect place for a snow-tastic adventure.
- Udatsu Wall Historical District**
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- Seki Blades**
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- Cormorant Fishing on the Nagara River**
An ancient summertime fishing tradition that unfolds just like an ancient Japanese picture scroll.
- Chiyocho Inari Shrine**
Known as "Ochiobosan" Inari Shrine, where 2 million people visit every year. You can enjoy gourmet foods unique to Gifu while walking around!

Route - NGO Arrival & Departure - (by Car)



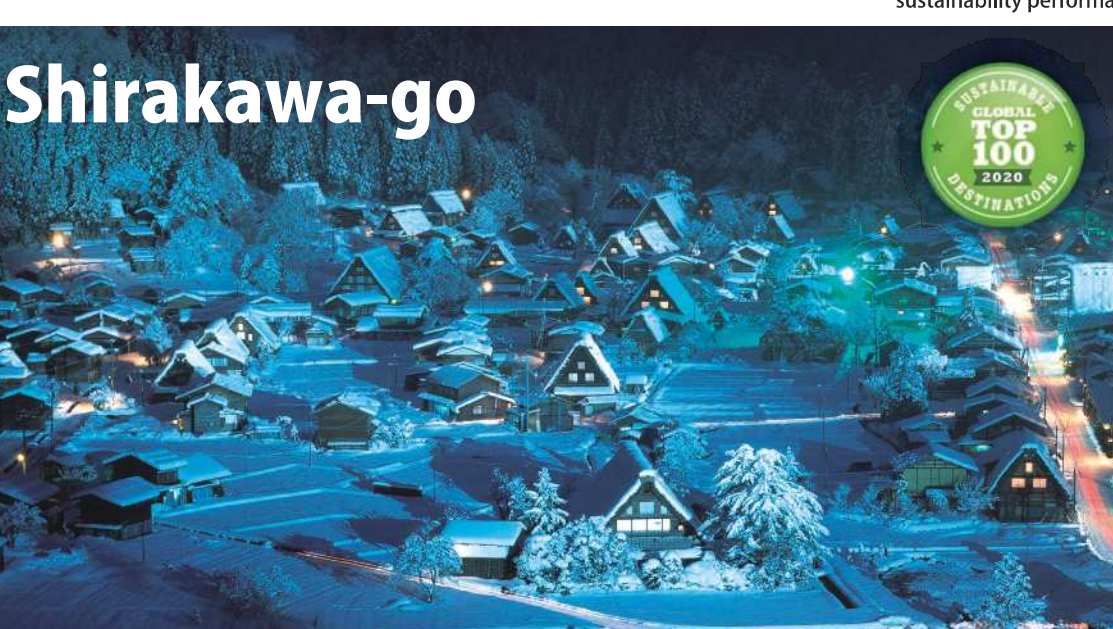
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- Toki Premium Outlets**
The best shopping experience in Gifu at Toki City!
- Magome-juku**
A post town of the old highway system that preserves the atmosphere of the Edo period.
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→ Central Japan International Airport (NGO)


Sustainable Tourism

Shirakawa-go




DESTINATION TOP 100 SUSTAINABILITY STORY

Nagara River



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"NEXT GIFU HERITAGE"

A tourism program promoting major tourist destinations that are currently being selected around the world for their advanced efforts in sustainable tourism. Enjoy two of "Gifu's Future Heritage" sites!

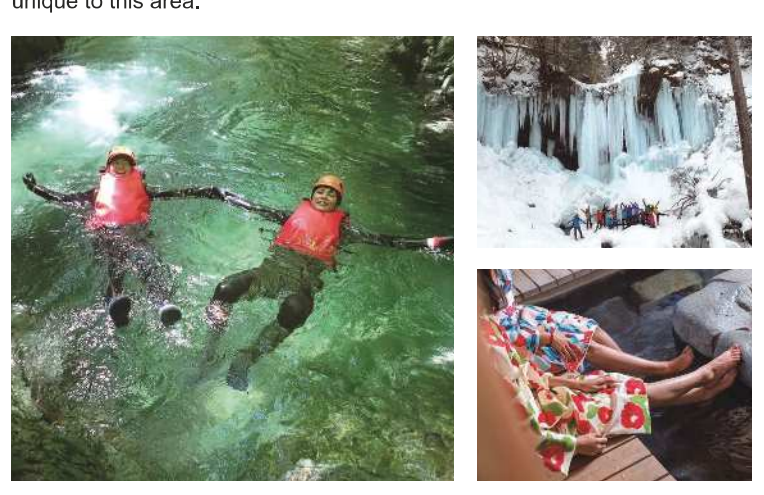
The Land of Natural Wonders

Hida-Osaka Waterfalls and Hot Springs

A journey through the blessings of nature: "Hida-Osaka"

The diverse waterfalls created by the pulsation of the sacred Mt. Ontake fascinate viewers in every season, offering unique scenery and a variety of experiences that can only be engaged in here.

Abundant hot springs, also known as "onsens," such as Gero Onsen and Hida-Osaka Onsen are also a true pleasure unique to this area.




The Land of Timeless History

Visit Ena Iwamura's Mountain Castle Ruin, Old Town, and Rural Scenery

A nostalgic trip: "Ena Iwamura"

Iwamura Castle, one of the three great mountain castles in Japan, is famous for its female lord. The castle town still retains the landscape of an Edo period merchant town and is considered an Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings.

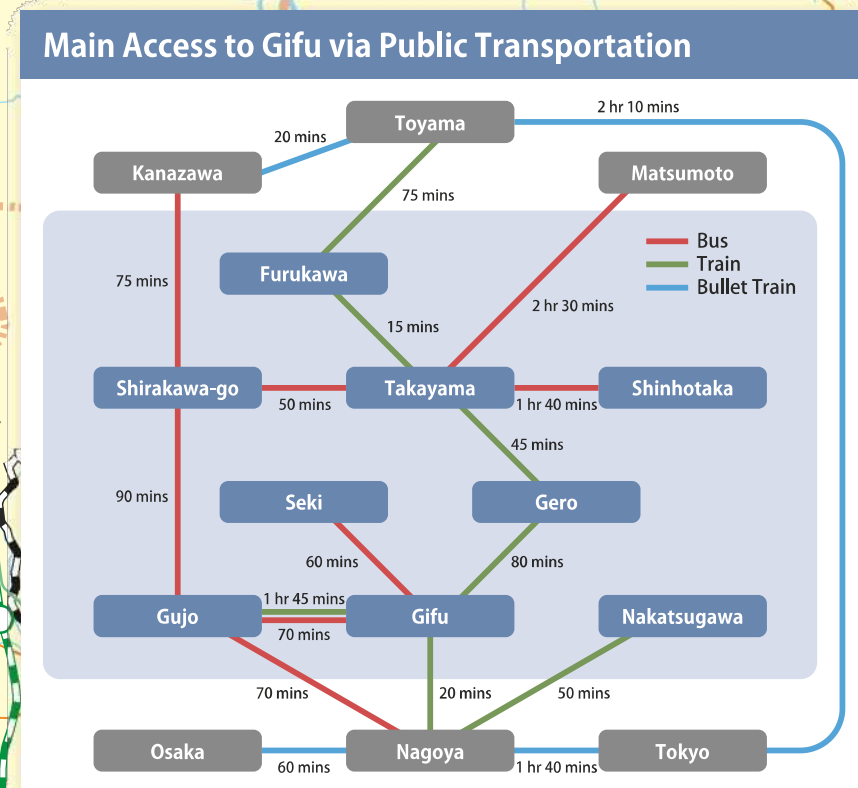
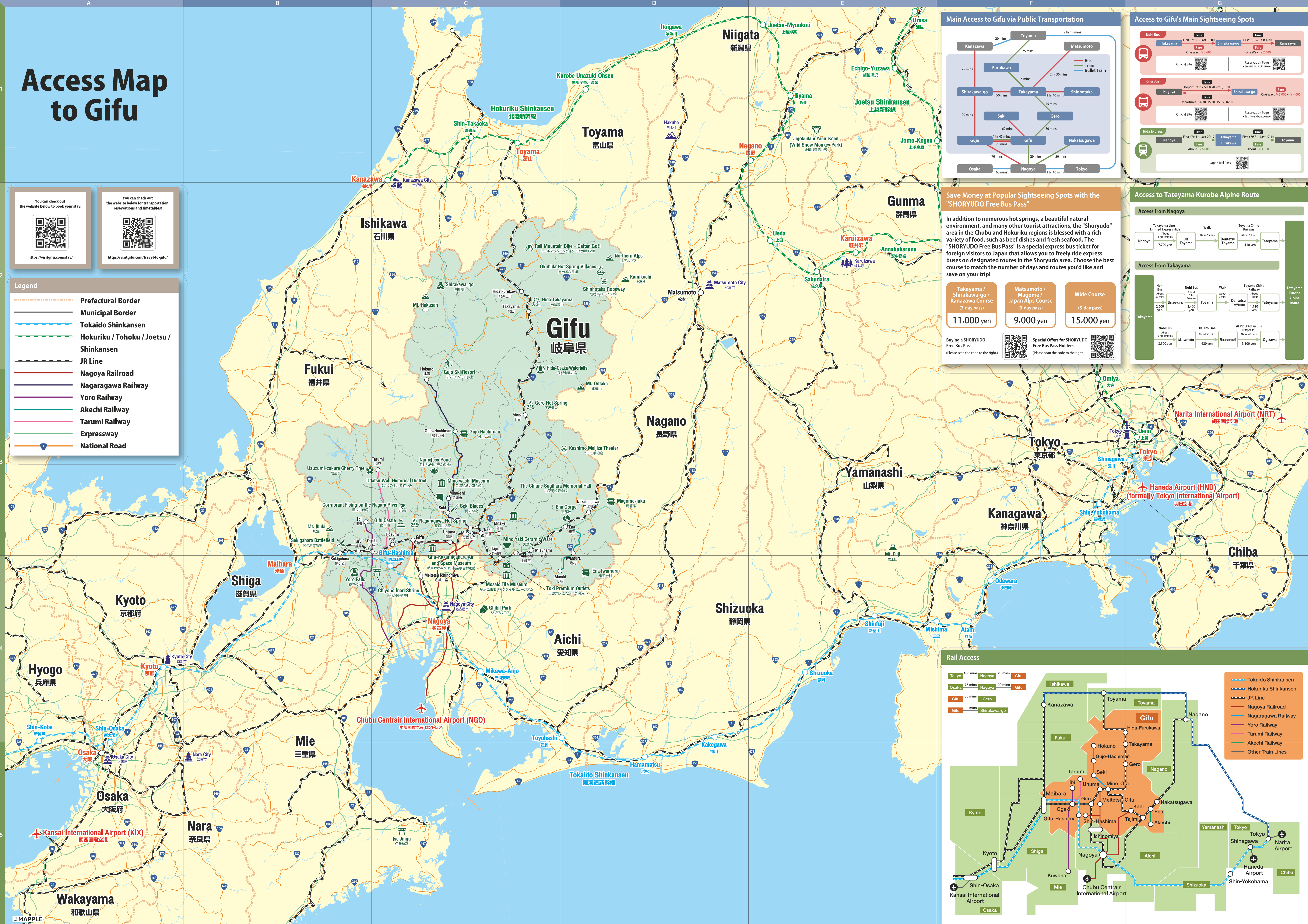
The surrounding farm village has a beautiful landscape that has been selected as the best rural landscape in Japan.



Access Map to Gifu



Legend	
	Prefectural Border
	Municipal Border
	Tokaido Shinkansen
	Hokuriku / Tohoku / Joetsu / Shinkansen
	JR Line
	Nagoya Railroad
	Nagaragawa Railway
	Yoro Railway
	Akechi Railway
	Tarumi Railway
	Expressway
	National Road



Save Money at Popular Sightseeing Spots with the "SHORYUDO Free Bus Pass"

In addition to numerous hot springs, a beautiful natural environment, and many other tourist attractions, the "Shoryudo" area in the Chubu and Hokuriku regions is blessed with a rich variety of food, such as beef dishes and fresh seafood. The "SHORYUDO Free Bus Pass" is a special express bus ticket for foreign visitors to Japan that allows you to freely ride express buses on designated routes in the Shoryudo area. Choose the best course to match the number of days and routes you'd like and save on your trip!

Takayama / Shirakawa-go / Kanazawa Course (3-day pass)	Matsumoto / Magome / Japan Alps Course (3-day pass)	Wide Course (5-day pass)
11,000 yen	9,000 yen	15,000 yen

Buying a SHORYUDO Free Bus Pass (Please scan the code to the right.)

Special Offers for SHORYUDO Free Bus Pass Holders (Please scan the code to the right.)

Access to Gifu's Main Sightseeing Spots

Nohi Bus	Time	Fare	Time	Fare
Takayama	First: 7:50 - Last: 19:00	One Way: ¥ 2,600	Shirakawa-go	First: 8:10 - Last: 16:00
Official Site		Reservation Page - Japan Bus Online	Official Site	Reservation Page - highwaybus.com

Gifu Bus	Time	Fare
Nagoya	Departures: 7:50, 8:20, 8:50, 9:10	One Way: ¥ 3,000 - ¥ 4,000
Official Site		Reservation Page - highwaybus.com

Hida Express	Time	Fare
Nagoya	First: 7:45 - Last: 20:12	About: ¥ 6,000
Official Site		About: ¥ 3,500

- Japan Rail Pass -

