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Tourism Pamphlet

Minokamo City

Gifu, Japan



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Minokamo is divided into eight regions, with mountains in the north, and a plain in the south.

What is Minokamo like?

Minokamo City is located in the center of Gifu Prefecture, and is a city full of history and nature just one hour north of Nagoya.

In Minokamo, you can see original historical buildings in Ota-juku, the 51st Post Town on the Nakasendo Trail, a trail that linked Kyoto and Edo (now Tokyo) in the Edo Period (1600-1868). Walk around the post town and enjoy original Edo architecture, including the Waki-honjin Former Inn for Dignitaries, a registered Important Cultural Property. There is also the largest Long-Nosed Goblin Statue in Japan at an impressive 12 meters tall at Kobi-no-Tengusan, the gorgeous Koyama Kannon Temple that floats on an island in the Hida River, and many other spots that showcase the unique sights of Minokamo City.

At River Port Park Minokamo, Kenko-no-mori Health Forest, and Gifu-Seiryu Satoyama Park, you can enjoy river, mountain, and forest activities, with options for families and also more active types. There's something different to see in every season, and options for old and young.

Please come and refresh yourself in Minokamo City!



Minokamo City Emblem

City created on April 1st, 1954

Population: 57,326 (as of February 2020)

Area: 74.81km²

GUIDE MAP

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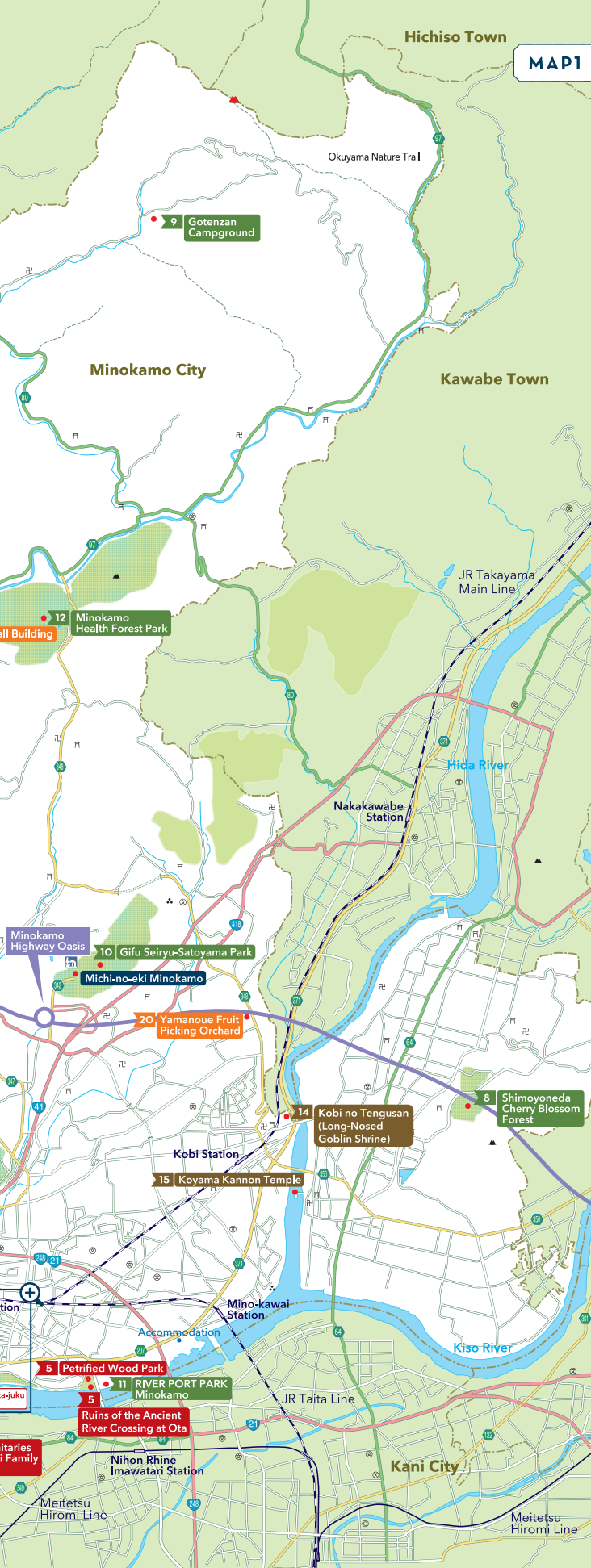
Minok'mon Antenna Shop



A great stop for souvenirs and gifts, with products unique to Minokamo and surrounds.

Where: Ota-cho 2565-1 (Inside City Hotel, 1F)
 Opening Hours: 9:00am - 6:00pm
 Tel: 0574-27-1122
 Closed Monday





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Michi-no-eki Minokamo



Together with Gifu Seiryu-Satoyama Park, there is Aozora Farmers' Market, and Onsaikan Shop, where you can buy fresh local produce and products of all kinds from around Gifu. There is also the Tunagu Café where you can enjoy various seasonal-fruit-based dishes.

Where: Yamanoue-cho 2292-1

Opening Hours: 9:00am - 6:00pm (Mar. - Nov.);
10:00am - 5:00pm (Dec. - Feb.)

Closed Wednesday (March - November only)

Tel: 0574-23-0066



Minokamo Tourist Information Center



You can discover Minokamo's sightseeing, accommodation, and restaurant options in various languages.

Where: Mino-Ota Station, below the south entrance stairs

Opening Hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Tel: 0574-28-7717

Closed Wednesday, and over New Year's

Nakasendo Ota-juku Post Town

Ota-juku was the 51st of 69 post towns between Tokyo and Kyoto on the Nakasendo Trail. The river crossing at Ota-juku was known for being one of the three biggest challenges on the trail. As Ota-juku was the intersection between the Nakasendo, the Gujo-kaido and Hida-kaido trails, it flourished economically. You can walk around and enjoy the old architecture and see the original *masu-gata* turns.

Front Gate of the Main Inn for Dignitaries (Honjin)

MAP | 2

In 1861, this gate was built in celebration of the marriage of Emperor Ninko's daughter, Princess Kazunomiya, to the 14th Shogun, Iemochi Tokugawa. Approximately 6 feet across and built in the Yakuimon style, this gate features a large gabled roof that covers a 3 foot wide fence on both sides. It is a significant piece of architecture, which adds to the majestic appearance of this former inn.



Address: Otahonmachi 3-4-12
Tel: 0574-25-2111 (Minokamo City Hall Industrial Promotion Division)



Masu-gata Turns

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The entrances to the post towns were built with "*masu-gata*" 90-degree turns, and sometimes a stonewall curve to protect the town from enemy invasion and prevent outsiders from seeing the fortifications inside the town. Along the trail, there are also strategically-placed slight bends to inhibit travelers from seeing too far ahead.



Yusenji Temple

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This Buddhist temple belongs to the Rinzaï sect. It contains monuments engraved with internationally renowned haiku written by Basho Matsuo, the most famous poet of the Edo Period, as well as waka poems composed by the famous author Shoyo Tsubouchi and Hakushu Kitahara, who is regarded as one of the most popular and important poets in modern Japanese literature.

Address:
Otahonmachi
2-3-14
Tel: 0574-25-2364



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Secondary Inn for Dignitaries (Waki-honjin) - Hayashi Family Residence

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The Hayashi Family Residence was the second best inn in Ota-juku. It was authorized by the government for the reception and accommodation of high ranking travelers during the Edo Period. The building dates back to 1769. The original architecture and Edo Period ambience of this old inn has been well preserved, and it has even been designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan.



You can see inside one of the houses!

Address: Otahonmachi 3-3-34
Tel: 0574-28-1110 (Minokamo Cultural Forest)
Open 9:00am - 4:00pm(free)
Closed Monday (Tuesday if Monday is a public holiday), and over New Year's

Ruins of the Ancient River Crossing at Ota and Petrified Wood Park

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The partial flagstone floor of an ancient river crossing can be observed along the Nakasendo Highway in Ota-juku. In 1994, a tract of fossilized trees was discovered at the bottom of the Kiso River, and the area was developed into a park.



Address: Mikado-cho 1
Tel: 0574-25-2111 (Minokamo City Hall Industrial Promotion Division)

Old Komatsuya Rest House

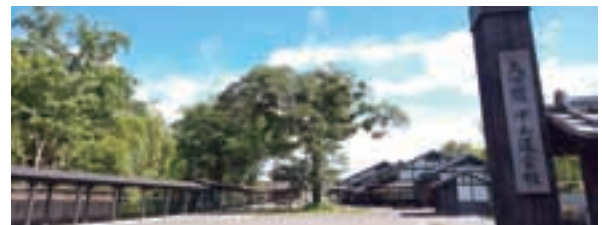
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Built in the late Edo Period, Old Komatsuya was an inn used by travelers passing through Ota-juku. It now serves as a rest stop for tourists and is a Registered Tangible Cultural Property.



Address: Otahonmachi 2-6
Tel: 0574-25-2111 (Minokamo City Hall Industrial Promotion Division)
Open 8:30am - 5:00pm(free)
Closed Tuesday (Wednesday if Tuesday is a public holiday)



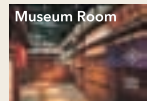
Ota-juku Nakasendo Hall

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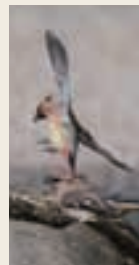


Nakasendo Ota-juku Kaikan Hall

The best place to start your stroll around Nakasendo, with a free museum room where you can see the history and culture of Ota-juku from the Edo Period (1600-1868). There's also the *Yadorigi* Restaurant, serving local cuisine and produce, and a souvenir shop with local goods and handicrafts.



Japanese Waxwing



The Japanese waxwing (*bombycilla japonica*) is a migratory bird that comes to countries like Japan to pass the winter. It comes to the Nakasendo Kaikan Hall in Minokamo City to eat the fruit of the mistletoe that can be seen in the yard outside the hall. However, the migratory patterns are not stable, and some years they don't come at all, making this an unusual migratory bird.

Address: Otahonmachi 3-3-31
Tel: 0574-23-2200
Free Entry & Parking
Opening Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Closed Monday
(Tuesday if Monday is a public holiday), and over New Year's



Enquire online at minokamo-kanko.jp at least 10 days in advance. Guides may use a handheld translation device.



Natural Attractions

There are many attractions out in the lush tracts of nature in Minokamo, from the Hida River plains to the Yamanoue plateau. The roads are well-maintained so you can get around safely in 30 minutes or less.

Shimoyoneda Cherry Blossom Forest at Higashiyama Park



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This 23-hectare park is a noted flower viewing site with a total of 5,700 flowering trees and 35 different types of plants. Weeping rosebud cherry, mountain cherry, Japanese Camellia, and Hydrangea are a few examples of flowering trees that can be seen at the park.

Address: Shimoyoneda-cho
Norimitsu 491-1
Tel: 0574-25-2111 (Minokamo
City Hall Agriculture and Forestry
Division)

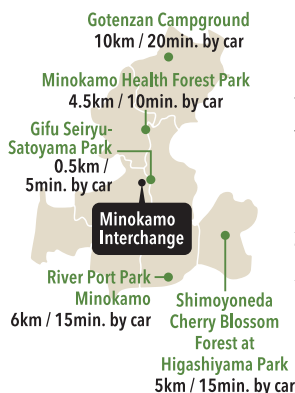
Gotenzan Campground



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Enjoy camping, mountain climbing, and nature trail hiking at the Mt. Goten Campground, located at the foot of Mt. Goten near Okuyama Nature Walking Trail. The campground has 6 shelters (up to 5 people each) and 6 tent sites. There's even a pizza oven and BBQ!

Address: Miwa-cho Kamitsuzuya
TEL: 090-3259-3020 (Miwa Regional Recreation
Association)
Open: Day - from late April
Overnight stay - from early June to early
September



Gifu Seiryu-Satoyama Park



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This park is based off the satoyama concept, where Japanese villages in the foothills of the mountains depended on the mountain environment for their livelihoods. There are tasteful old-style buildings, fields of flowers and tea plants that show the natural beauty of the four seasons, a large slide, an adventure park, and activities such as rice cracker roasting. A whole day of fun for the family.

Address: Yamanoue-cho 2292-1

TEL: 0574-23-0066

Open from 9:00am - 6:00pm Mar. through Nov.
; 10:00am - 5:00pm Dec. through Feb.

-Open every day from Mar. through Nov.,
closed Wed. Dec through Feb.

-Satoyama-no-yu baths are open every day from 10:00am-10:00pm



Minokamo Health Forest Park

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In this expansive 128-hectare park, there are mountain hiking routes, an observatory at the top of 777 stairs, free attractions such as a roller slide. There's even mini golf, so lots to do in nature with the family. Hydrangeas bloom spectacularly in June. Also consider a BYO-ingredient BBQ in summer, with a charcoal grill that brings out the best from your ingredients prepared for you (Reservation essential), or a thrilling "treetop adventure" course strung up on wires in the canopy!

Address: Yamanoue-cho 7559

Tel: 0574-29-1108

Free Entry (Treetop Adventure, mini golf, and BBQ are paid attractions)
Closed Wednesday (Treetop Adv. open weekends
and public holidays only)

Open: 9:00am - 5:00pm (until 4:00pm Oct.- Mar.)



River Port Park Minokamo



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A park where you can connect with Minokamo City's nature and culture in a whole new way. River Port Park offers river rafting experiences including SUP. There are rentable hammocks, beautiful forest, and a café and restaurant with a year-round seasonal BBQ menu including Brazilian and Australian BBQ in summer, and hotpot options in winter.

Address: Mikado-cho 2-6-6

Parking: around 180

TEL: 0574-49-6155(Reservations) 0574-49-6717(Office)

Visitor's Area Business Hours: 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Closed Tuesday

History and Culture

Minokamo City has a strong local culture that lies in its roots as a crossroads for river transportation and land thoroughfare in the Edo period. Minokamo flourished due to its location on the Hida and Kiso rivers, and the Nakasendo, Hida, and Gujo trails. What living history can you find here?



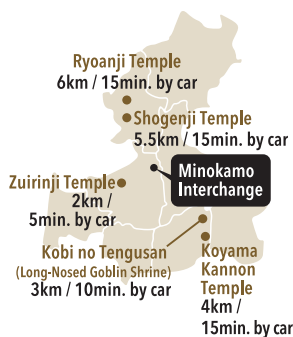
Shogenji Temple



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Established in 1330, this historic temple is well-known for strict Zen discipline. A number of famed sports personalities, economic leaders, and famous political figures have undergone Zen training at this temple.

Address: Ibuka-cho 872-2
Tel: 0574-29-1369



Kobi no Tengan (Long-Nosed Goblin Shrine)



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A multitude of Tengu statues are enshrined as messengers of the gods at Aranagikyo Shrine. Among these, the enormous 12-meter tall statue of Tengu is known as the largest statue of Tengu in Japan.

Address: Moriyama-cho 3-5-57
Tel: 0574-26-1331





Koyama Kannon Temple



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This statue of the goddess Kannon, which is enshrined at the Koyama Kannon Temple on an island on the Hida River is believed to possess protective powers. It was erected for the protection of Yoshinaka Kiso's late mother, Wakana Gozen.

Address: Shimoyoneda-cho
Koyama 223-1
Tel: 0574-26-9133(Koyama Temple)

Ryoanji Temple

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Ryoan-ji Temple is famous for the rare architectural style of its belfry gate. The old bronze bell from the 14th century, also called the "Goose Bell" (height 113 centimeters; bell diameter 60.5 centimeters), hangs from the top of the gate. This bell has been designated as a Cultural Asset of Gifu Prefecture as it represents the industrial art techniques of the late 14th century.

Address: Ibuka-cho 1776
Tel: 0574-29-1379



Zuirinji Temple



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Zuirin-ji Temple has also been called "Persimmon Temple," an honorary title given by Yoshitane Ashikaga, 10th Shogun of the Muromachi Shogunate, upon the occasion of the presentation of their local specialty product, "Hachiya Dried Persimmons." This temple houses a number of cultural assets including a 481 centimeter tall wooden Maitreya Buddha statue (the Great Buddha of Hachiya.)

Address: Hachiya-cho Kamihachiya 9-1
Tel: 0574-26-1847



Minokamo: Agriculture and Industry

Minokamo is still a key crossroads for road transport. It has been made rich by the diverse communication that passed through it, and this culture and history is still strong. Which stories will you come across here?

Former Ibuka Town Hall Building

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Originally built in March 1936 and now a Registered Tangible Cultural Property, the former Ibuka Town Hall building was faithfully restored to its former glory in 2017 with original craftsmanship techniques.



Address: Ibuka-cho 895
TEL 0574-25-2111
(City Hall Town Planning Dept. for enquiries)

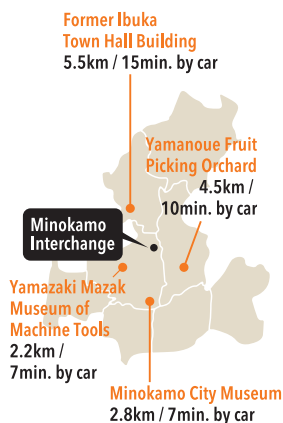
Yamanoue Fruit Picking Orchard



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Established in the early 20th century, this time-honored fruit orchard currently provides you pear-picking opportunities. The fruit-harvesting season runs from mid-August to early October. You will enjoy feeling pleasantly refreshed just being in this large hill top fruit orchard.

Address: Yamanoue-cho 1093-78
Tel: 0574-25-4101
(Yamanoue Fruit Agricultural Cooperative Association - Frupia Yamanoue)
Admission: ¥1,100 adults / ¥880 kids up to 12 y.o. / ¥660 kids under 7 y.o.
Picking season: mid-August to early October





Minokamo City Museum



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A comprehensive museum in a beautiful forest. Inside, there are sculptures, an old Japanese house that farmed silkworms, and an observatory tower from which you can see a panorama of the surrounding mountains. In the permanent exhibitions, there is a rhinoceros mascot. There are exhibitions and workshops for all ages about archeology, history, art, as well as local and natural history. Finish it off with a moment of peace, gazing into the forest from the café.

Address: Hachiya-cho Kamihachiya 3299-1

TEL: 0574-28-1110

Opening Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Closed Monday (Tuesday if Monday is a public holiday), and over New Year's



Yamazaki Mazak Museum of Machine Tools



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This specialist museum of "machine tools", machines that make other machines, is a rare gem even internationally. It boasts interactive activities, real functioning displays of historical machine tools, and augmented reality-enabled (AR) exhibits of iconic industrial products that were made with Yamazaki Mazak machine tools, such as steam locomotives, automobiles, and airplanes. There is a creative hands-on area, an area that lays out the fundamental principles of machine tool production, and even a display that showcases the "smart factory" of the near future, a factory that builds machine tools.

Address: Maehira-cho 3-1-2 TEL: 0574-28-2727

Opening Hours: 10:00am - 4:30pm (last entrance at 4:00pm)

Closed Monday

(Tuesday if Monday is a public holiday), and over New Year's



Dojo Hachiya Dried Persimmons

In 2007, Dojo Hachiya Persimmons were nominated for the "Ark of Taste" established by Slow Food. In 2010, Dojo Hachiya Persimmons received the "True Goods from True Places" certification and in 2017, they were granted the Geographical Indication Rights Protection Act

The Dojo (noble) Hachiya Dried Persimmons have a history of over 1,000 years and were offered to members of the imperial court and successive shogunates. Dojo Hachiya Persimmons have received broad acclaim: the gold medal prize at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, the 2007 Slow Food Ark of Taste nomination, the 'True Goods from True Places' certification in 2010, and Geographical Indication Rights Protection Act registration in 2017. A timeless treasure.

Contact Information: 0574-25-2902 (JA Megumino Hachiya Branch)





Summer Festival

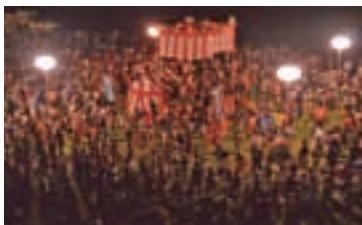


ONSAI MINOKAMO



Fireworks light up the sky, to the rhythm of a taiko drum performance. The continuous launching of the Starmine at the finale is especially exhilarating. What's more, a Bon Odori Dance Festival is held after the launching of the fireworks.

When: Early Aug.
Where: Kisogawa Ryokuchi Rhine Park



Autumn Festival

In a historical hodge-podge re-enactment, a princess' procession is held of around 100 people, led by Princess Kazunomiya, who passed through Minokamo to marry the 14th Shogun, Iemochi Tokugawa, accompanied by 5 other princess brides of the shogunate family, and their warriors and servants. A handicraft-filled festival provides a whole day of activities with a market, and stage events.



When: Mid-Oct.
Where: Nakasendo Ota-juku

For inquiries, please contact: Minokamo City Hall Industrial Promotion Division
Tel: 0574-25-2111 Web: <https://www.onsai-minokamo.com/>

Minokamo Half Marathon

This marathon starts at Gifu Seiryu-Satoyama Park. Get out into nature on the 2km, 3km, 10km, or half marathon course and is open to all ages.



When: Early Jan.
Where: Gifu Seiryu-Satoyama Park, Yamanoue-cho 2292-1
Tel: 0574-26-3232(Half Marathon Committee)

Nakasendo Ota-juku Spring Festival

A stage event with an activities corner, and market stalls at the Nakasendo Ota-juku Kaikan Hall. There's also an mochi pounding event for adults.



When: Mid-Apr.
Where: Ota-juku Nakasendo Hall, Otahonmachi 3-3-31
Tel: 0574-23-2200

and Events



Nakasendo Ota-juku Bon Dance

A traditional event held in the humid summer evenings, with dancing, live bands, and taiko drumming.

When: Late Aug.

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Where: Ota-juku Nakasendo Hall, Otahonmachi 3-3-31

Tel: 0574-23-2200



Minokamo Community Festival

Local agricultural and merchant businesses gather to sell their wares, inform the community of their work, and make their goods and services known. Enjoy local craft-making, produce, art, and music.

When: a weekend in early Nov.

Where: Gifu Seiryu-Satoyama Park, Yamanoue-cho 2292-1

Tel: 0574-23-2200

Zuirinji Persimmon & Tea Ceremony

Enjoy famous Hachiya persimmons and tea in a special ceremony run by tea masters. Tea ceremony fans come from far and wide.

When: 2nd Sun. in Jan.

Where: Zuirinji, Hachiya-cho Kamihachiya 9-1

Tel: 0574-26-1847(Zuirinji)

Koyama Kannon Hatsu-uma Festival

The Hatsu-uma festival of the Koyama Kannon Buddha, who has been worshipped for more than 800 years as a buddha to protect silkworm farmers. Widely celebrated to welcome Spring to Minokamo.

When: 1st Sun of Mar.

Where: Koyama Kannon Temple, Shimoyoneda-cho Koyama 223-1

Tel: 0574-26-9133(Koyama Temple)

Kobi Shrine Festival

The child idol is taken from the shrine, and a man wearing a demon mask taps worshippers on the head to banish bad luck (on Sunday). Some say it makes kids smarter.

When: 2nd weekend of Apr.

Where: Kobi Shrine, Nakatomi-cho 2-9-33

Tel: 0574-25-2111(Minokamo City Industrial Promotion Division)

Suwa Shrine Festival

Two floats are pulled around the town and are offered to the shrine. A Chinese lion chases attendees around the area and a lion keeper tries to stop it (on Sunday). It's an unusual festival.

When: 1st weekend of Apr.

Where: Suwa Shrine, Shimoyoneda-cho Yamamoto

Tel: 0574-28-1110(Minokamo City Museum)

Shogenji Anniversary Rites

The anniversary rites of Shogenji temple, famous for its Rinzaï Zen practice. Many come from far away to witness the event that celebrates the founding of the temple.

When: 12th Oct.

Where: Shogenji Temple, Ibuka-cho 872-2

Tel: 0574-29-1369(Shogenji)

Aranagikyo Festival

Many visit to celebrate the god of this small religion, who is worshipped as the god of granting wishes and uses long nosed goblins as divine helpers.

When: 21st October

Where: Kobi no Tengusan, Moriyama-cho 3-5-57

Tel: 0574-26-1331

ACCESS



Public Transport Access:

- From Nagoya** Take the JR Wide View Hida Limited Express to Mino-Ota 50min.
Take the Meitetsu Limited Express to Unuma,
transfer to the JR Takayama line bound for Mino-Ota 50min.
- From Centrair Airport** Take the Meitetsu Limited Express to Unuma,
transfer to the JR Takayama line bound for Mino-Ota 1h. 15min.

Car Access (get off at Minokamo Interchange)

From the Meishin Expressway, turn on to Route 41 at the Komaki Interchange 35min.

 Taxi	Shin-Ota Taxi Corp.	TEL 0574-25-2145
	Gifu-Kotsu Taxi Group	TEL 0574-26-0101

〈Getting around Minokamo〉

 **Ai-Ai Community Bus** Check aiai-bus.com

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