### Don't forget to drop in and have a look on your way home!



### Minokamo Tourist Information Point

Located under the southern exit of Mino-Ota Station, this point provides information about tourism facilities, accommodation and restaurant options in the area. There is a language translation device available.

Closed: Wednesdays (or the next day if Wed. is a public holiday), over New Year's Opening Hours: 9:00-16:00



### City Hotel Minokamo 1F

### 🖰 Antenna Shop Minok'mon

A shop inside the City Hotel that is across from the south exit of Mino-Ota Station. There is a variety of local souvenirs and gifts available.

Closed: Mondays, over New Year's Opening Hours: 9:00-18:00



### 🙆 Michi-no-eki Minokamo

There is a roadside pit stop area with restaurants and shops attached to Gifu-Seiryu Satoyama Park. Gifts and souvenirs from all around Gifu Prefecture are available for purchase.

**Open every day** from March through November; closed **Wednesdays** December through February. Opening Hours: 9:00-16:00 weekdays and 9:00-17:00 weekends (from 10:00 every day December through February)

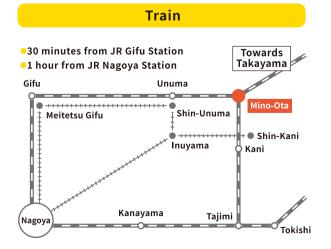


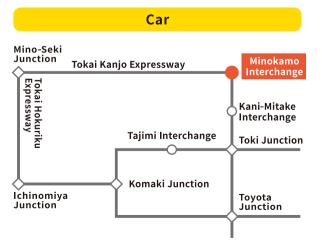
### 🙆 Ota-juku Nakasendo Hall

A key point when walking around the Nakasendo Trail area. You can buy fresh local vegetables and souvenirs.

Closed: Mondays (or the day after if Mon. is a public holiday), over New Year's Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00

### **Transport**





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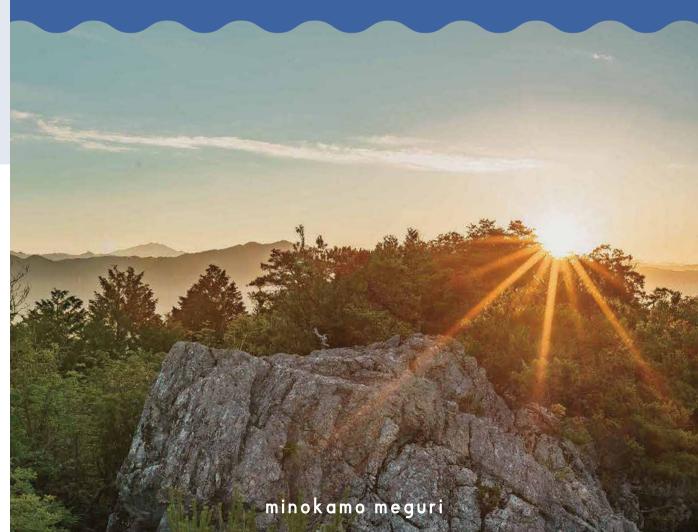


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# Around Minokamo

Minokamo **Tourist Route Map** 





### Minokamo In Brief

Minokamo lies in the southern part of Gifu Prefecture, and is blessed with a rich history and lush nature.Ota-juku, the 51st Post Town on the Nakasendo Trail, is located along the Kiso River, and is a fantastic place to explore on foot as you soak in the historical feel of this area. There are also three expansive natural parks with hands-on experiences based around the rivers and forests, and a world-first machine tools museum to enjoy. In the northern part of Minokamo there is traditional agriculture and housing nestled between mountains; in the central part, fruit farming on the plateau; and the town center lies in the plains in the south-so there is a wide variety of natural landscapes and experiences to discover.

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# **Hida River** Kamono **Kiso River**

### **How** to use "Around Minokamo"

The "Around Minokamo" Tourist Guide Map introduces 10 sightseeing routes starting from Mino-Ota Station or Gifu-Seiryu Satoyama Park, with suggestions for the best transportation method (bicycle, car, or walking).



### Map Legend

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• Take care to obey road rules and navigate safely.

You may have to take a detour route in case of road accidents or extreme weather.



**Tourism Portal Website:** 

### SHARE MINOKAMO

This Tourism Guide Map is linked with the Share Minokamo tourism portal website. You can find more detailed and current information in real time on the website, and check places on the map.

To see more about how to use the above services and their locations, see the Share Minokamo website.

**Electric-Assisted Bicycle Rental Service** 

You can rent an electric-assisted bicycle called a Chari-kamo at Machi Bench Mino-Ota Lab, just a brief walk south of Mino-Ota Station, at the River Port Park, or at Gifu-Seiryu Satoyama Park, the start and end points of the routes. You can zoom up the hills in no time thanks to the electric motor.

Note: To rent a bicycle, you need to register at Machi Bench Mino-Ota Lab or use the online membership registration form to make an advance booking.

https://shareminokamo.com/



Many tourist spots in Minokamo are equipped with a small translator device called a Pocket Talk, so you can talk to the staff more easily.

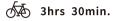




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# Landscapes of Old Japan

Start and end point / Gifu-Seiryu Satoyama Park



Get a nostalgic waft of old Japan in the Ibuka area. Ibuka is nestled in the base of rocky mountains, and blessed with a lineup of gorgeous cherry blossom trees.









### 1 Cherry Blossoms in Ushimaki

~80 beautiful Yoshino Cherry Blossom trees are lined up along

Stay Time 20min.





A mountain with a striking rockface. After heavy rain, a secret waterfall sometimes appears.

Stay Time 10min.







A shrine devoted to the Shinto deity of protection against plague, Gozu Tennō. Listen to the sounds of the woods and the water in calm serenity.

Stay Time 15min.





Water used for irrigation, reaching 550m wide. It has been protected since long ago because it is used by the villages for cooking and cleaning.





# Old Ibuka Town Hall Building

Registered as a National Tangible Cultural Property, this characteristic building displays the architectural accomplishments of the region in the early Showa Period (1936). You can enjoy coffee and snacks.

Stav Time 40min.

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# Shōgenji Temple

A temple renowned for its strict Zen Buddhist ascetic practice. Sports players and celebrities visit to practice Zen meditation.

Stay Time 30min.





Note: Do not enter the buildings without permission, as monks are in residence.

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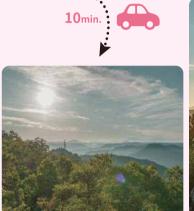
# **2** Mountain & River Cherry Blossoms

Start and end point / Mino-Ota Station (South Exit)





The Shimoyoneda area is lush with nature and displays a new face every season. Feel refreshed by the breeze blowing over the rice paddies.



Mt. Yoneda Hakusan

A 272m high mountain you can climb easily. The view of the rocky outcrops is

Note: Please use the parking space in Shimoyoneda

Round Trip Time 1hr 50min.

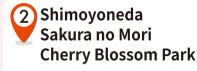
Sakura no Mori Cherry Blossom Park.

spectacular.



The rice paddy landscapes are

gorgeous here!



A park perfect for flower lovers, boasting 5,700 flowering plants of 35 different varieties including Mountain Cherry Blossom and Hydrangea. Have a walk around!

Stay Time 40min.



# 3 Suwa Shrine

Suwa Shrine is symbolized by the 400+ year old cedar tree that grows in the shrine grounds. There is an impressive idol float that is displayed each spring in the Suwa Shrine Spring Festival.

Stay Time 15min.



A glimpse of traditional agricultural lifestyles of this region.Vegetables and

other produce were stored .\*





### 4 Views of Mt. Yoneda Fuji

Officially named Mt. Atago (268m), a great place to get a bird's eye view of the Japanese rice paddy landscape if you look towards the north.

Stay Time 10min.







Why not take a photo of Koyama Kannon Temple against the backdrop of the cherry blossoms that flower along the river? Cherry blossoms flower from early to mid-April.







# Koyama Kannon Temple

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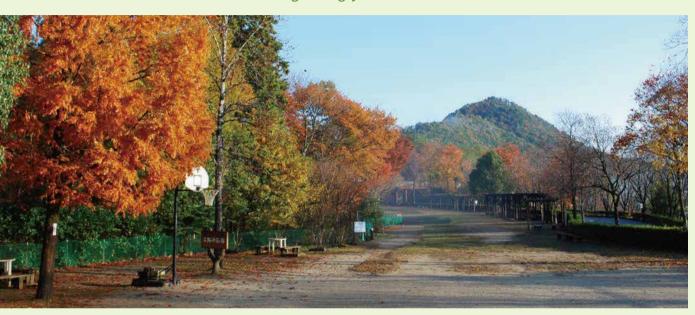


# **3** Forest and Sweets

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Get the most out of Minokamo's nature! How about some sweets after getting your exercise fix?



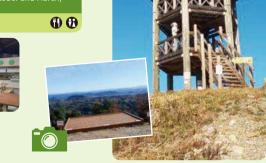
### Minokamo Kenko no Mori (Health Forest)

An expansive natural park the size of 27 Tokyo Domes. There are fun things to do for all ages, such as fields where you can stretch out and relax, sports facilities, and a barbecue area.

Stay Time 2hrs.







Take a photo on the terrace! An observatory at the top of 777 stairs. An must-see spot for views of the city.

Round Trip Time 1hr.





# Factory Store (Factory Outlet)

A direct outlet store for sweets and souvenirs from manufacturer Wakao Seika. You can buy their popular croissants and other outlet exclusives.

Closed: Wednesdays Opening Hours: 9:00-16:00

Stay Time 20min.

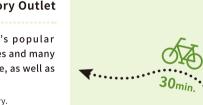
Right around



Sweet maker Monteur's popular factory outlet. Profiteroles and many other sweets are available, as well as outlet exclusives.

Closed: 1st and 2nd of January. Opening Hours: 10:00-17:00.

Stay Time 30min.



Police Box

On the way back, go

down the hill and look

over the rice paddies between the mountains



### 3 Medaka Fish School

On the way, go up the hill along the

river lined with

cherry blossoms.

You can see blue, red, and black Medaka fish swimming. Japanese people have loved this freshwater fish since long



**Hydrangea Pond** 

About 6,000 hydrangeas bloom on the embankment around the pond from mid to late June.



Note: Do not touch or remove the fish from the pond.

# 4 Riverside Post Town

Start and end point / Mino-Ota Station (South Exit)



√ 3hrs 30min.

Get a feel of history while walking outdoors around town. Grasp a sense of the living history in Minokamo on the banks of the ever-majestic Kiso River.







You can book a free volunteer tour guide for the Nakasendo Ota-juku area.

Book at least 10 days in advance from the Minokamo Tourism Association homepage.





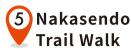




You can learn about the history and culture of Ota-juku, and buy local vegetables and souvenirs. There is a café-restaurant that uses local produce!

Closed: Mondays (or the day after if Mon. is a public holiday), over New Year's Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00





Ota-juku Post Town is the 51st post town on the Nakasendo Way from Kyoto to Tokyo. Take a leisurely stroll around the old town that still preserves the historical feel.

▶ See more on Route 8.

Stay Time 1hr.





### **River Port Park Minokamo**

A Good Design Award winning park. Get your fill of the outdoors, with SUP and other river rafting activities without leaving town.

Note: Opening hours are subject to change based on the season.

Stay Time 1hr.



### **Visitor Center** CAFE&PIZZA DELTA

You can enjoy the majestic Kiso River from the combined café. The terrace is lovely on a sunny



A walking path with kangaroo statues was built to celebrate Minokamo's 30th anniversary as a Sister City of Dubbo, Australia.





Just after passing under the bridge.

### (3) Petrified Wood Park and **Ota Crossing Remains**

The stone platform below the dock that once allowed visitors to cross the Kiso River by boat still remains. A large petrified wood forest was discovered in the riverbed.

Stay Time 20min.



Several natural springs have been found around the



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# **5** Mountain & River Village Life

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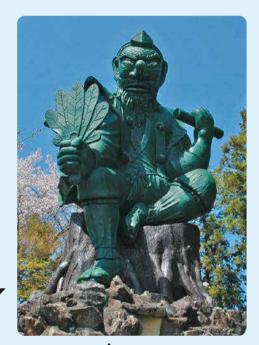




A route that shows how village life interacts with the river and the mountains. A trip around the southern part of Minokamo.



There are several direct farm outlets amongst the persimmon and nashi pear





The tallest statue of a long-nosed goblin in Japan. The long-nosed goblins are revered as messengers of the gods, and there are more than 3,400 goblin masks around the temple grounds.

Open every day from 9:00-16:30.

Stay Time 30min.



The nutty wholegrain Gohei-mochi served from the temple tearoom is crispy and warm-an absolute delight!



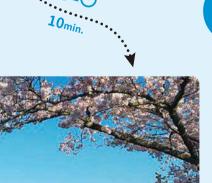
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Stay Time 30min.

Why not take a photo of Koyama Kannon Temple against the backdrop of the cherry blossoms that flower along the river? Cherry blossoms flower from early to mid-April.







This 800-year-old tree is the largest in the city, at about 20m tall and 7.8m wide. It's registered as a Specified Natural Monument by Gifu Prefecture.













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Closed: Tuesdays Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00 Note: Opening hours are subject to change based on the season.

▶ See more on Route 4.

Stay Time 1hr.

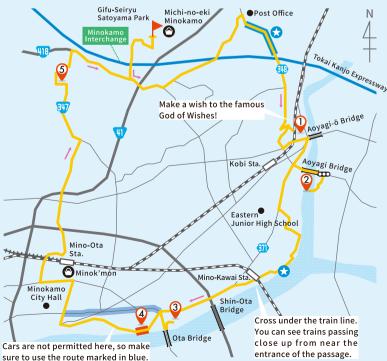




outlet exclusives.











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# **Sweets & Museums**

Start and end point / Gifu-Seiryu Satoyama Park



4hrs 30min.



A route around Minokamo where you can see our proud art of craftsmanship and artisanry, with sweets made with regional produce, and a world-class museum of machine manufacturing tools.



# Temps D'or

A sweets factory with a café that serves their popular Baumkuchen. You can sample colorful cakes in the brightly lit café.

Closed: Wednesdays Opening Hours: Sales from 9:00-18:00 Café from 8:30-17:30 (Last order at 16:30)

Stay Time 40min.



We recommend the financiers laden with Minokamo's special Dojo-Hachiyagaki Persimmons.







# **Museum of Machine Tools**

Exhibiting the history and craft of "mother machines" machines that build other machines — and thus build the modern world. There are hands-on activities, including a D-51 steam whistle that you can operate!

Closed: Mondays (or the next day if Mon. is a public holiday), over New Year's Opening Hours: 10:00-16:30 (Last entry 16:00)

Stay Time 1hr 30min.







Closed: 1st and 2nd of January. Opening Hours: 10:00-17:00.

Stay Time 30min.





### Minokamo Bunka no Mori (Cultural Forest)

You can get in touch with nature here that's not accessible in the big cities. There are rolling forests and fields, a tower observatory and a café.

Closed: Mondays (the next weekday if Mon. is a public holiday), over New Year's Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00

Stay Time 40min.







# **Maehira Park**

A park with large play equipment and a fresh grassy lawn. In Spring there are cherry blossoms, in Autumn, the fall colors, and beauty that takes your breath away.

Stay Time 40min.





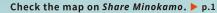












# Temples, Shrines and Cherry Blossoms

Start and end point / Mino-Ota Station (South Exit)



√ 2hrs 30min.

Explore temples and shrines of the river and village. Relax, refresh and re-center. In Spring, you can see lots of flowers.





The tallest statue of a long-nosed goblin in Japan. The long-nosed goblins are revered as messengers of the gods, and there are more than 3,400 goblin masks around the temple grounds.

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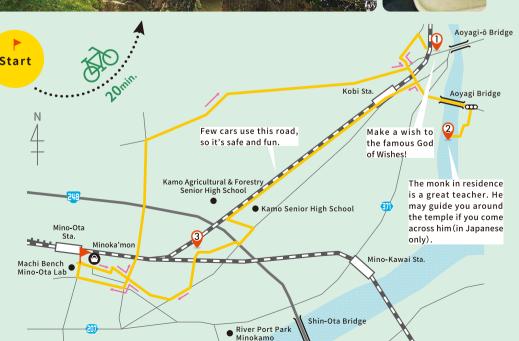
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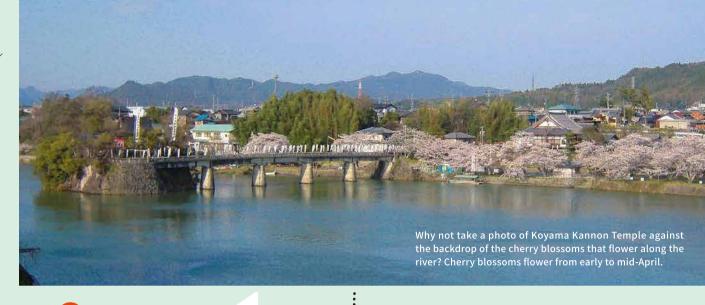


The nutty wholegrain

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Stay Time 30min.









# Kobi Shrine

The lineup of bright red Torii gates in this Inari Shrine is beautiful. On the second Saturday of April there is a festival.

Stay Time 20min.





There is a famous pretty path towards the shrine that is surrounded by cherry blossoms. The train cuts through the cherry blossoms, like in an anime- a must-see in early to mid-April.

# **Nakasendo Post Town Ambiance**

Start and end point / Mino-Ota Station (South Exit)





Enjoy Ota-juku on the Nakasendo Trail, with Edo-period glory remaining well preserved. You can stroll around the town, tracing back the tendrils of history.

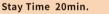






An old Edo-period inn left as-is and used as a rest house. Draw in the ambiance of the old Post Town as you have a rest.

Closed: Tuesdays (or the next weekday if Tues. is a public holiday) **Opening Hours: 8:30-17:00** 











Established in 1893, Miyozakura Brewery brews saké from the pure underground flow of the Kiso River to great acclaim.

Closed: Weekends and public holidays Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00

Stay Time 20min.

You can get a tour of the brewery with advance reservation.





A great place to take a break on a nice day, with boat-shaped benches and shade given by umbrellas inspired by Japanese tradition.









Book at least 10 days in advance from the Minokamo Tourism Association homepage





New Year's

Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00





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Ota-juku Nakasendo Hall

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There is a café-restaurant that uses local produce! Closed: Mondays (or the day after if Mon. is a public holiday) ,over

Stay Time 1hr.

This gate was constructed for





Built in 1769, the building has been preserved to this day. It is registered as a National Important Cultural Property. The neighboring Inkyo-ya building is open to the public.

(Inkyo-ya) Closed: Mondays (the next day if Mon. is a public holiday), over New Year's (Omo-ya) Closed: Mondays, Wednesdays, over New Year's Opening Hours: 9:00-16:00

### Stay Time 30min.

(Open only by reservation, book with Minokamo Cultural Forest at 0574-28-1110)



# **9** Rural Japanese Lifestyle

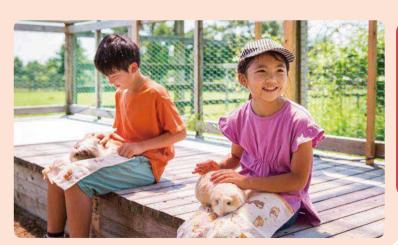
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√ 3hrs 30min.

You can enjoy the temples, rustic local trains, and public baths of the Japanese countryside. A little peek into the everyday lives of locals.





### Gifu Seiryu-Satoyama Park

There are various hands-on experiences and seasonal flowers to see, as well as a rustic old schoolhouse.

Open every day from March through November. Closed Wednesdays from December through February. from 10:00 December through February)



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# Satoyama Fureai Farm

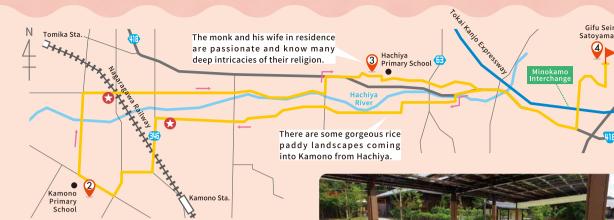
You can feed goats and sheep, and touch guinea pigs. Why not challenge yourself to horse-riding?

Stay Time 40min.



35min. This raised ridge was

made by humans to protect their village from the Hachiya River that often flooded.







After a long trip, rest your tired body in the baths. You can also soak your feet in the free footbaths outside!

Open every day from 10:00-22:00.

Stay Time 1hr.



★ Check out the Nagaragawa Railway If you get the timing right, you can see the vintage one-carriage train shoot through the rice paddies (between Kamono and Tomik



Stay Time 20min.

3 Zuirinji

Temple

In the Muromachi era (early

14th to late 16th centuries),

Dried Dojo-Hachiyagaki

Persimmons were presented

to the Shogun by this temple,

earning it the nickname

"Persimmon Temple".



Note: Make sure to take your garbage with you.



A pond built after a famine has been made into a resting stop. Perfect for sitting while you eat Dango rice balls from the nearby shop.

Open weekends and Wednesdays from 9:30-18:00.

Stay Time 20min.



20min

# **Fruit and Art**

Start and end point/Mino-Ota Station (South Exit)



Enjoy the best fresh fruit while discovering various interesting sculptures and art installations hidden around the city.





# Kobi Kinrin Park

Known for its emblematic pink octopus-shaped slide, the locals call it "Octopus Park". There are sculptures too. You can see cherry blossom from early to mid-April.

Stay Time 20min.







There is a sculpture on the lawn that inspires a fantastical dream of a fallen spaceship.



### 2 Yamanoue **Tourist Fruit Farm**

You can pick fruit yourself. In season, there is even an all-you-can-eat Nashi Pear experience with no time limit! Eat juicy fresh pears to your stomach's content.

Season: Mid-August to early October Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00 (last entrance at 15:00)

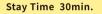
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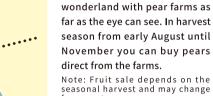
**Fruit Road** 

Yamanoue is an agricultural









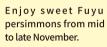


far as the eye can see. In harvest season from early August until November you can buy pears direct from the farms. Note: Fruit sale depends on the

seasonal harvest and may change from year to year.

Stay Time 30min.







3 Yamaki Farm Cafe







A café that was established by a farm with more than 80 years of history in Yamanoue. You can enjoy various items that use farm fresh fruit, and buy the produce directly!

Closed: Mondays (or the next day if Monday falls on a public holiday) Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00

Stay Time 30min.

