



From Tokyo

Train	Tokyo	1h 30min	Nagoya	2h 30min	Takayama
Highway Bus	Shinjuku	5h 30min			Takayama

From Osaka or Kyoto

Train	Shin-Osaka	16min	Kyoto	35min	Nagoya	2h 30min	Takayama
Highway Bus	Tennouji	20min	Osaka Namba	1h 10min	Kyoto Fukakusa	4h	Takayama

From Kanazawa or Shirakawago

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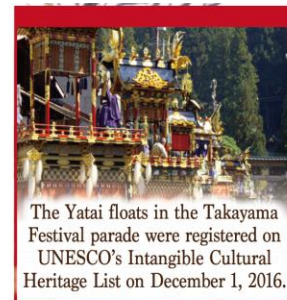
From Matsumoto

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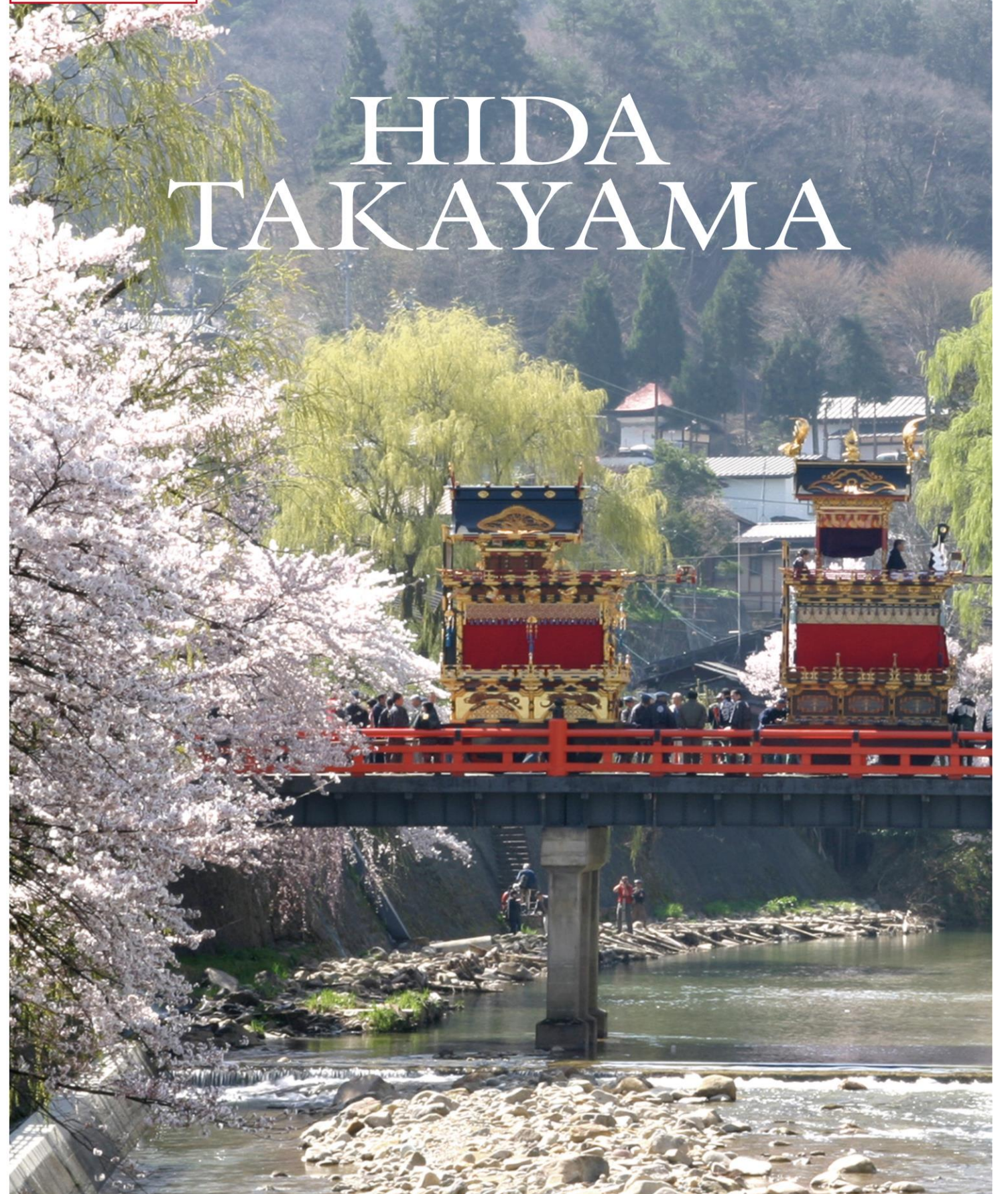
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Hida Takayama Tourist Information Office In front of JR Takayama Station  
TEL 0577-32-5328  
April-October : 8:30am-7:00pm  
November-March : 8:30am-5:00pm

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The Yatai floats in the Takayama Festival parade were registered on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List on December 1, 2016.







# Sightseeing Spot

## Old Town

Old Town was a flourishing town since Takayama Jinya was established more than 300 years ago. Streets and main roads were established around castles, shrines and temples that contributed to the development of busy towns. Just like this important establishments like Takayama Jinya attracted many people too.

The district is beautifully preserved and designated as a Historically Significant Traditional Building Preservation Area. Even now only suitable architecture with brown and black color is permitted to be built or renovated so that it will not ruin the harmony of the place.

Town people used high grade timbers such as cypress, cedar and other trees for their houses even though these timbers were legally prohibited. They painted the timbers with soot so that the officials would not find and destroy them.

Takayama Jinya was a governmental office for higher-class samurai directly dispatched from Edo so there was a law that all local resident buildings must be lower than the gate roof of the Jinya so not to look down on authority. As a result, the building sides facing main streets are set lower.

Water flow called, "Sanmachi Yousui", running through gutters on both sides of the streets was once used for households.

The upstairs is called "rubbish upstairs" as the height of the first floor was very low and this is one of the main characteristics of Takayama old townhouse architecture. Another characteristic is fine patterned latticed bay windows so that people cannot see inside.

Once you enter the house, you may notice a stairwell to let wind through the building as well as spacious tatami rooms. It is a very comfortable space. This is another good example that rich town people enjoyed luxury of their own despite of all restrictions from the authority just like use of high grade timbers for the houses.

Many old buildings are still in use today as sake warehouses, machiya cafes, restaurants and souvenir shops. When you visit the shops, you will enjoy not just merchandise but also the architecture.

## 10 minute walk from the Takayama Station to Old Town



Many shops and museums are located on the streets so walking is the best way to explore. Approximately two hours just for a walk, more than three hours for visiting buildings and museums is recommended.

## What is there? What can we do?

You may lose track of time you spend by just walking down these beautiful historic streets. Activities include shopping for souvenirs, tasting sake, trying local delicacies such as soba noodles and visiting a number of small museums.



## What is the painting of the horse displayed at shops and houses?

A long time ago, farmers dedicated religious paper plaques (kami ema) for the Matsukura Kannon which is located in southwest Takayama. They wished for the safety of their cows and horses, or for an abundant harvest of silkworm cocoons. Sometimes they brought their cattle to the Kannon for their safety. The ema market is where these paper plaques are sold.

People believe if you put a dedicated ema on the wall of a house entrance, your family will be prosperous and healthy.

The ema market is around the 9th and 10th of August at the Matsukura Kannon Temple, Yamazakura Shrine in Hon-machi 2 chome, Sogen Temple in the Higashiyama Teramachi.



## Morning Markets



Two morning markets — the Jinya-mae Morning Market and the Miyagawa Morning Market—are among the town's most popular attractions. These developed in the Edo period and were known for their rice, mulberry trees and flowers.

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to noon (Apr. - Oct.)  
7:00 a.m. to noon (Nov. - Mar.)

## Takayama Museum of History and Art



The museum building was once the storehouse of an old local family. It displays historical and traditional items and handicrafts of Takayama and is open all year round (with some temporary closings).

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (exhibition room)  
\*The garden is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
(There is a change by the season.)  
Admission: Free

## Yoshijima Heritage House



The beauty of the wood is shown in the wooden pillars and panel doors, as well as in the staircase centered on the main pillar of the house and composed of beams (horizontal pillars) and posts (pillars perpendicular to the beams), with sunlight from the top window entering the house, and in the wooden pillars and panel doors.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Mar. - Nov.) 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Dec. - Feb.) Closed: Tue. (Dec. - Feb., when Tue. falls on a national holiday, it is open and is closed the following day.)  
Admission: ¥500

## Higashiyama Temple Area-Higashiyama Walking Course



In the eastern foothills, the Higashiyama Teramachi district contains many temples and shrines that offer a glimpse of the days when the Kanamori clan ruled over a castle town here. The temples and shrines are linked by scenic hiking trails.

## Takayama Jinya



Takayama Jinya served as the government's administrative office for the Hida area during the Edo period. It is the only remaining government office from that period in Japan. The building is open to the public.

Hours: 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Mar. - Oct.) to 4:30 p.m. (Nov. - Feb.), to 6:00 p.m. (Aug.) Closed: Dec. 29, 31 and Jan. 1  
Admission: ¥420

## Kusakabe Heritage House



This building brings together many of the various characteristic features of merchant houses of the Edo period. It houses a variety of exhibits.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Mar. - Nov.), to 4:00 p.m. (Dec. - Feb.) Closed: Tue. (Dec. - Feb.), on Wed. when Tue. falls on holiday.  
Admission: ¥500

## Festival Floats Exhibition Hall & Sakurayama Nikko Kan



The Takayama Matsuri Yatai Kaikan (Festival Floats Exhibition Hall) displays four of the 11 parade floats used in the autumn festival.

Sakurayama Nikko Kan exhibits an exact 1/10-scale replica of Nikko's famous Toshogu Shrine.

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Mar. - Nov.), 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Dec. - Feb.)  
Admission: ¥820

## Hida no Sato



Here you will find restorations of more than 30 typical old houses, relocated here from various places around the Hida area. Each house displays farming tools and everyday utensils. Hands-on lessons in skills such as straw-work and stitching are available, and various seasonal events can be enjoyed.

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Admission: ¥700



# Okuhida Onsen-go hot spring villages



●Hirayu ootaki

## Hirayu Onsen

This is the oldest onsen village in the region. There is a folktale that a famous medieval warlord, Takeda Shingen, was led by a white old monkey and discovered it 450 years ago. During Edo period, many feudal lords stayed here to rest on the way to Edo.

Contact : 0578-89-3030  
Hirayu Onsen Tourism Association  
Access: About 50 minute drive from JR Takayama Station

## Shin Hirayu Onsen

This is the center of the Okuhida Onsen-go hot spring villages. The local tradition of Torigei is designated as important intangible cultural heritage by Gifu Prefecture. The village offers both a traditional onsen village stay and modern spa facilities.

Contact: 0578-89-2352  
Shin Hirayu Onsen Tourism Association  
Access: About 60 minute drive from JR Takayama Station



## Fukuji Onsen

A onsen village nestled deep in the mountains with a very nostalgic atmosphere. There are many accommodations with Japanese hearths, and guests can use "Nokutomari tegata" pass which allows them to visit different onsen among those facilities.

Contact : 0578-89-2458 Okuhida Onsen-go hot spring villages Information Center  
Access: About 55 minute drive from JR Takayama Station



## Shin Hotaka no Yu

Okuhida Onsen-go hot spring villages near Takayama City are located in the middle of Japan, containing five hot spring areas and more than 140 open air baths. With a great panorama view of the North Alps, these hot springs warm up your body and soul.

## Shin Hotaka Onsen

There are many open air hot springs in which abundant springs gush from the river bed. This village has access points to Mt. Yarigatake, Mt. Hotakadake and a ropeway also they are very busy in summer. In the Michelin Green Guide Japon, the 360 degree views from the Nishi-Hotakaguchi station observatory earned two stars.

Contact: 0578-89-2458  
Shin Hotaka Information Center  
Access: About 70 minute drive from JR Takayama Station

## Tochio Onsen

Tochio Onsen is a small onsen village on the Kamatagawa River. From a communal open air bath on the riverside, you will enjoy a great view of the river and surrounding nature. This onsen village is very popular among fishing-lovers.

Contact: 0578-89-2929  
Tochio onsen Information Center  
Access: About 60 minute drive from JR Takayama Station



# Event Calendar

Join us! This icon shows the events that you can participate in.

Takayama City Area		Okuhida Area
1	<b>A Sake Brewery Tour</b> 	Fukui Onsen Aodaru Light Display Okuhida Woodland Trauma Kanekoori Light Display
2		<b>Shin Hotaka Onsen Nakao Kamakura Festival</b> Hirayu Waterfall Ice Festival
3		
4	Cherry blossom season starts <b>B Garyu-sakura Cherry Blossom Festival</b> <b>C Garakuta Fair</b> (Jumble market) <b>D Trip to The Edo Period with KimonoExperience</b> <b>E Sanno Festival</b> (Spring Takayama Festival)	<b>Tochio-Onsen Cherry Blossom Festival</b>
5		<b>Banryu Festival</b> Opening Festival of the Climbing Season at the Mt. Norikura-dake Yubana Festival and Ema Festival Opening Festival of Goshikigahara Forest at the Foot of Mt. Norikura
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7	<b>F Nakabashi Bridge Light Display</b>	<b>Fukui Onsen Summer Festival</b> Tochio-Onsen Yamabiko Firework Festival
8	<b>G Ema Market</b> (Yama zakura Shrine, Matsukura Kannon, and Sogenji Temple) <b>H HidaTakayama Tezutsu</b> (hand-held) Fireworks Festival	<b>Hirayu Onsen Enman Festival</b>
9	<b>D Hida Takayama "Kimono Walk"</b> <b>Hida Takayama Machinami Concert</b> <b>Hida Food Festival</b>	
10	<b>I Hachiman Festival</b> (Autumn Takayama Festival) <b>J Hida Folk Village</b> (Hida no Sato) Light Display	<b>Shin Hotaka Autumn leaf walk</b> (Group tour to enjoy night sky)
11	<b>Hida Earth Wisdom Center Winter Light Display</b>	
12	<b>Nakabashi Bridge Light Display</b>	

## A Sake Brewery Tour Join us!

Middle of January to the late February  
Location Six breweries in the city area  
Six local sake breweries have open days to tourists once every week. Sake tastings are available.  
Contact ☎0577-36-1011 Hida Takayama Tourism & Convention Bureau  
Hours 10:00~12:00 13:00~16:00

## C Garakuta Fair (Jumble market) Join us!

First Sundays through April to October  
Location Sanmachi Street in the city area  
A car free mall is formed with about twenty antique shops. You may find quite a bargain in old goods.  
Contact ☎0577-36-1011 Hida Takayama Tourism & Convention Bureau

## E Sanno Festival (Spring Takayama Festival)

Middle April  
Location Center of Takayama City  
This is one of the most beautiful Japanese festivals with twelve gorgeous festival floats. The highlight is mechanical doll presentations on the three floats (Sanba-so, Ryujin-tai, Shakyo-tai floats). You cannot miss the float parade at night.  
Contact ☎0577-32-3333 Tourism Division of Takayama City

## G Ema Market (Yama zakura Shrine, Matsukura Kannon, and Sogenji Temple)

Early August to middle of August  
Location Yama zakura Shrine, Matsukura Kannon, and Sogenji Temple  
People purchase paper-made ema. In a traditional custom, they use the old currency unit which is multiplied ten thousand times. The ema is put at the entrance of a house wishing for the family's happiness and good health.  
Contact ☎0577-33-9224 Yama zakura Shrine ☎0577-32-2519 Sogenji Temple

## I Hachiman Festival (Autumn Takayama Festival)

9-10 October  
Location Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine  
This is an extremely elegant and beautiful festival which is among the three most beautiful festivals of Japan. The highlights of the festival are gorgeous floats described as "moving Youmeimon" and mechanical dolls skillfully operated on the floats.  
\*In case of a rainy day or it is likely to rain, the floats stay inside of the warehouses.  
Contact ☎0577-32-3333 Tourism Division of Takayama City

## B Garyu-sakura Cherry Blossom Festival Join us!

Middle April to early May  
Location Garyu Park  
1,100 year old ancient tree, Garyu-sakura, is designated as a national natural treasure. There are some food stalls and information booths during its blooming season.  
Contact ☎0577-53-2211 Garyu Park

## D Hida Takayama "Kimono Walk"

Middle April to late May/ Middle September to late October  
Location Hida Takayama Tourism & Convention Bureau  
Historical costumes are available for hire. These kimonos were formal wears in the Edo Period and now are used for Takayama Festivals. You can wear the kimonos and go local sightseeing. \*Male kimono and hakama Female kimono  
◆Fee: 1,500 yen for 2 hours including souvenir photo  
Contact ☎0577-36-1011 Hida Takayama Tourism & Convention Bureau

## F Nakabashi Bridge Light Display

Early July to middle of August/ early December to late February  
Location Nakabashi Bridge area on Miya-gawa River  
Takayama's symbolic "red Nakabashi Bridge" is lit up from 7:30pm to 10pm. It is a stunning sight.  
Contact ☎0577-36-1011 Hida Takayama Tourism & Convention Bureau

## H Hida Takayama Tezutsu (hand-held) Fireworks Festival

9 August  
Location Downstream of Yayoi-bashi Bridge on the Miyagawa  
A temporary platform is built on the river bed of the Miyagawa River. Fireworks are set off in bamboo cylinders hand-held by "shooters", who get showered with sparks from the fireworks, creating extremely exciting scenes. It is held on the 9th of August wishing to drive away ill fortune.  
Contact ☎0577-32-0380 Hida Takayama Summer Festival Promotion Association  
starts 19:30~

## J Hida Folk Village (Hida no Sato) Light Display

Late October to early November  
Location Hida Folk Village (Hida no Sato)  
Enjoy a fantastic scene with stunning autumn leaves.  
Contact ☎0577-34-4711 Hida Folk Village

# Local Speciality Food

## Hida Beef



Hida beef is from Japanese Black Cattle which have been fattened up for more than 14 months within the Gifu Prefecture. The quality grade of Hida beef is five, four or three. You can enjoy Hida Beef in almost any kind of restaurants in Takayama, however, we highly recommend you to try it at a specialized restaurant.

## Hida Soba



Hida's cold highland surroundings produce good quality of buckwheat. Handmade soba noodle prepared from grinding buckwheat with a stone hand mill has an excellent flavour. Soba is one of the most well-known Japanese foods but still has a reasonable price.

## Hooba Miso



Hooba miso is a grilled vegetable dish such as spring onions and shitake mushrooms with miso on hooba leaves. A great side dish with rice or a snack with sake. This food was chosen as one of the 100 finest country local foods by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. It is a standard dish of a Ryokan breakfast.

## Sticky Rice Flour Ball Dipped in Syrup



A popular Takayama snack. This is a sticky rice flour ball dipped in soy sauce. 60-90 yen per a stick.

## Hida Ramen Noodle



Ramen noodle is another popular Japanese food using Chinese style noodles. A thin curly noodle in soy sauce is the simplest but best combination. There are many fans all over Japan who love this Takayama original ramen noodle.

## Sake



Sake brewing started about 400 years ago in Takayama thanks to the high quality rice and water. The existing seven sake brewers compete with each other to produce their unique sake including international award winning brands.

# Local Specialty Products

## Sarubobo Doll



A traditional Hida doll made of red material, called "Sarubobo" (Saru means monkey in Japanese). It is a local charm for easy child birth or safety from devils.

## Furniture



This region is well-known in Japan for the production of highly well designed furniture. The beauty and warmth felt from the wood will surely create a calm and comfortable space inside your house.

## Wooden Carving (Ichii Itto-bori)



Unpainted wooden carved art crafts made from Hida's premium Ichii timber were developed by Matsuda Sukenaga who made unique netsuke decorations in the end of the Edo period.

## Lacquer Ware (Hida Syunkei)



Hida Syunkei is a famous craftwork as one of the three best Syunkei lacquer wares in Japan. The 400 year old technique is used with golden color lacquer painting on an elegant wooden base.