

Title

A hands-on trip to the land of "Izumo Fudoki" - Experience pottery making, sake and Onsen

Story

Inside a century old building, there is a workshop where people make tableware using local clay and stones. Attracted by the place where the workshop is located, which is surrounded by the mythological stage of Izumo Fudoki (Culture and Geography of Izumo Province), the workshop owner started the workshop.

In this tour, let's experience tableware making and feel the charm of this place while having a dinner and chat with owner of the workshop.

From the workshop, keep moving on to Okuizumo and stop by a historical shrine related to the mythologies, then to the Ushio Onsen which is also mentioned in Izumo Fudoki as well as the inn we will stay. Inside the Ushiosho Inn, you will be welcomed by a number of works of art made by the owner and his fellow craftsmen. You can enjoy the inn, onsen, tableware and the sake from Izumo, the birthplace of Japanese sake, at dinner, all in this tour!

History of the region and experience



Shimane Prefectural Yakumotatsu Fudoki-no-Oka

Area around the Ohba and Chikuya districts in the southern suburbs of Matsue City are the **center of ancient Izumo**, as well as a concentration of cultural assets (historic sites, shrines and temples) which also represents Shimane Prefecture.

Shimane Prefecture has named this 5 km east-west and 4km north-south area, which is a treasure trove of cultural assets, "Yakumotachi Fudoki-no-Oka", to comprehensively preserve and utilize the dotted historic sites around as a field museum.

Since major burial mounds, including Yamashiro Futagozuka Kofun (the largest burial mound in Shimane Prefecture), Zenpo Kouhou Fun, plus the Izumo Kokucho and Izumo Kokubunji temples were established during the Nara period (710-794), making the hilly area of Fudoki-no-Oka a political, economic and cultural centre.

In addition, there are also shrines and temples associated with the Izumo-no-Kunimiyatsuko family, whose old history and culture have been passed down since ancient times.

Imamiya Workshop

10 years have passed since the workshop was opened in a century old house in Imamiya, the stage of the Izumo myth Kuni-Biki (Land dragging).

Local materials such as Iwami earth, amachiishi stone and wood ashes are used to make tableware with the aim of users' smile. The works are characterized by a simple warmth with plain earthiness and an ethnic style.



Ushio Onsen

A hot spring with memories for 1300 years which was mentioned in the Izumokuni Fudoki (Culture and Geography of Izumo Province), quote, "there is an Onsen at the middle of the river at Yubuchi village of in the stream of Suga".



Asahi-Shuzo Sake Brewery

Founded in 1872 after working as an individually owned business.

Its representative brands include "Juji Asahi", and Yachihoko" which is also the sacred sake of Izumo Taisha Shrine.

Emphasising on natural style, this brewery uses a cellar built in Taisho period(1912-1926) with mud walls with mud walls to brew sake that is close to our daily lives. The brewery is also involved in Kimoto (sake mash produced using a more traditional method) brewing and Matured type aged sake.



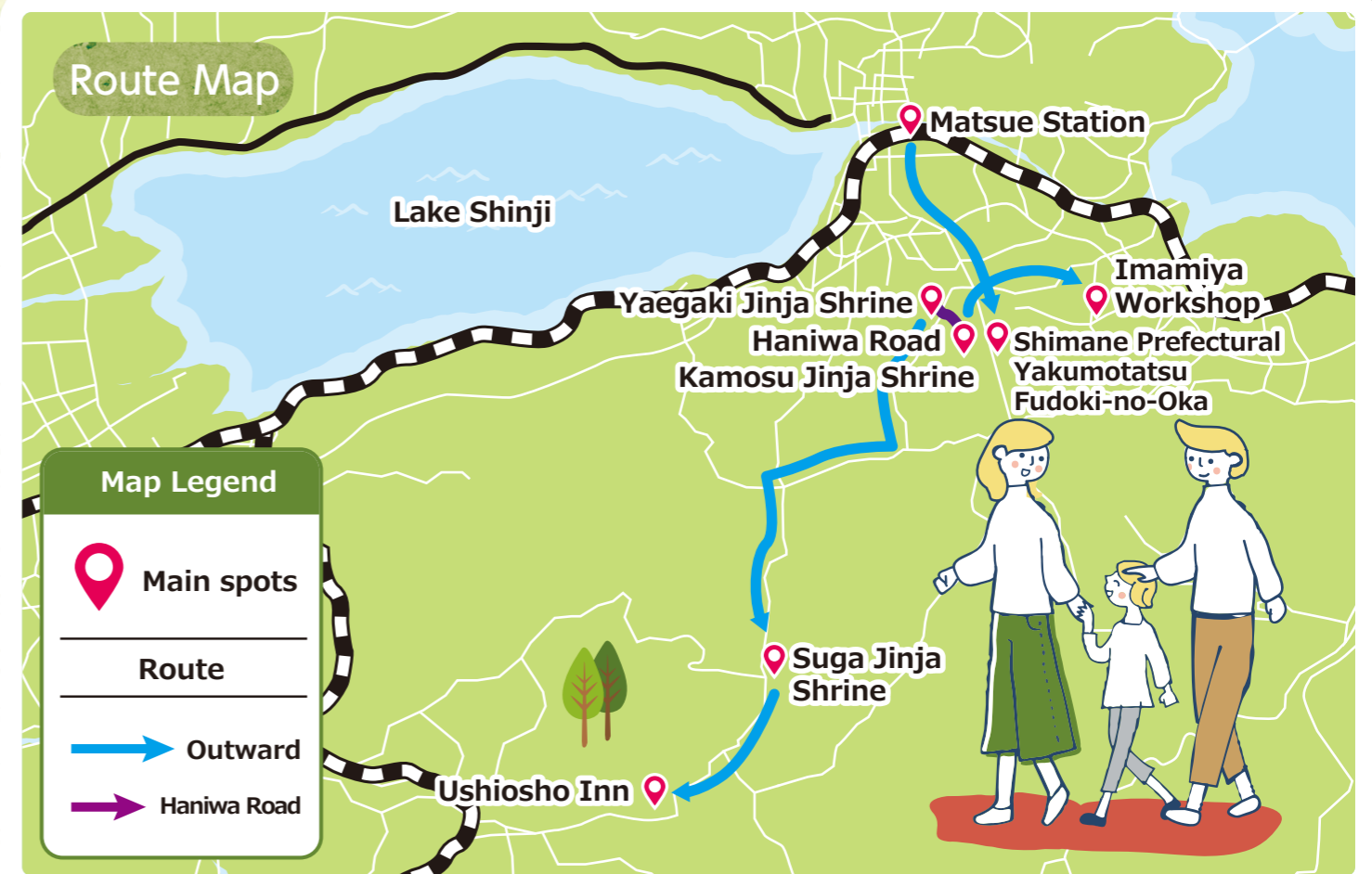
Itinerary



Start time	End time	Contents of tour
9:30		JR Matsue Station Matsue International Tourist Information Office
10:00 - 11:00		Yakumotatsu Fudoki-no-Oka(Museum)
11:10 - 14:10		Imamiya Workshop Pottery experience with electric wheel Pizza lunch at an old house cafe
14:10 - 16:35		Kamosu Jinja Shrine - Haniwa Road (on foot) Yaegaki Jinja Shrine / Suga Jinja Shrine (Unnan City)
16:35 - 19:30		Ushio Onsen Ushiosho Inn Introduction of Asahi-Shuzo Sake Brewery's sake and cups from the kiln Enjoy the secret hot spring described in Fudoki Dining and sleeping

— Taxi ※Haniwa Road (on foot)

Route Map



Map Legend

- Main spots
- Route
- Outward
- Haniwa Road



Amazing experiences



Pottery experience with electric wheel



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Forming by hand / Electric wheel / Plate painting

① Introduction

Features of Imamiya Workshop's works

② Description

Contents of pottery experience

③ Pottery making

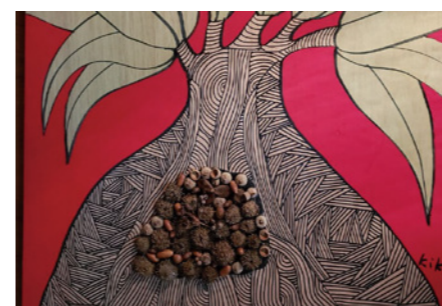
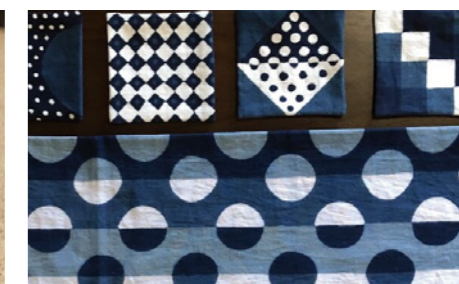
④ Choose the glaze colour

From a choice of several glaze.

Time required: 1 hour

- The rest of the process will be finished by craftsmen.
- It might take 1-2 months to complete the firing process.

Arts & Crafts works (exhibited at Ushioso Inn)



Package Description

Facilities	Imamiya Workshop		Address	320 imamiya, Higashiizumo, Matsue, Shimane			TEL	0852-52-2928	Website	http://kimachikun.blog113.fc2.com/
	Wi-Fi	Avaiable	Multilingual support	Available	Reservation	Required	Max reservable number	Up to 4	Cancellation fee	6~4days before→50% 3days before~on the day→100%
	Restroom	Western style	Language	English	Reservation deadline	14 days in advance (MUST)	How to reserve	Mail/online	Payment method	Credit card (payment on the travel day: NA)
	Asahi-Shuzo Sake Brewery		Address	662 Imaichi, Matsue, Shimane			TEL	0853-21-0039	Website	http://jujasahi.co.jp/
Travel price	¥32,500~		What is not included in the price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Shipping fee for potteries you made and purchased as souvenirs •Transport after the tour begins 			Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Min number of participants: 2 •Max number of participants: 4 •Please provide valid ID if you are planing to drink alcohol. •English-speaking guide(s) will accompany you. 		
Contact us	Osewasan Centre		Address	2FImai Shoten, 63 Tonomachi, Matsue, Shimane			TEL	0852-61-8015 (9:00~18:00)		