

Traditional Crafts & Scenic Wonders of Gifu Road Trip

A 5-day Adventure through Japan's Heritage and Natural Wonders

"Discover the Heartbeat of Japan: Where History Meets Nature."



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Day 1

Course 2: Road Trip in Gifu



On the first day, you'll arrive in Gifu City by bullet train from Tokyo to Nagoya, and local train from Nagoya to Gifu. After arriving at Gifu Station, you can pick up your rental car and start exploring the many attractions of Gifu. It's the perfect way to experience both the city and its surrounding beauty.

① Gifu Castle || 岐阜城



Gifu Castle, perched on Mount Kinka, offers stunning views, a museum, and ties to Oda Nobunaga. It's especially beautiful in winter with snow, and during cherry blossom and autumn seasons, the surrounding landscape adds to its charm.

② Kawaramachi || 川原町



Kawaramachi is a historic district in Gifu City, located along the Nagara River. Known for its traditional Edo-period architecture, charming streets, and picturesque views, it offers a glimpse into the past. Famous for its handmade Gifu lanterns, fans and umbrellas, it's a perfect spot to stroll and experience local culture.

Day 2

Course 2: Road Trip in Gifu



On the second day, you'll visit Seki and Mino by rental car. In Seki, explore the famous knife-making traditions and the Cutlery Museum. Then, head to Mino to experience the craft of Mino Washi, UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage and enjoy the region's beautiful scenery and historical charm.

① Seki || 関



Seki known for its rich history and cultural significance, especially in the production of high-quality knives and blades. Often referred to as the "City of Blades," Seki has been a center for sword and knife making for over 700 years, dating back to the Kamakura period.

② Mino || 美濃



Mino is renowned for its traditional craft of Mino Washi, a durable, beautiful handmade paper produced. You can experience the paper-making process at local workshops, learning ancient techniques. The region also offers scenic landscapes, historical sites, and a deep connection to Japanese craftsmanship and culture, making it a unique destination.

Day 3

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On the third day, you'll drive to Gujo Hachiman. Explore the town's well-preserved traditional streets, canals, and the iconic Gujo Hachiman Castle, which offers beautiful views of the surrounding area. In winter, the town's snow-covered streets provide a peaceful atmosphere, perfect for a scenic walk and enjoying the serene winter landscape.

① Gujo Hachiman || 郡上八幡



Gujo Hachiman is known for its preserved traditional streets, beautiful canals, and rich cultural heritage. The iconic Gujo Hachiman Castle, perched atop a hill, offers stunning views of the town and surrounding landscape. The town also celebrates the famous Gujo Odori dance festival, a lively cultural event held every summer.

② Snow Activity || 雪遊び



During winter, Gujo area becomes a winter wonderland, with snow covering the town's traditional streets and landscape. Visitors can enjoy winter activities like scenic walks, photography, and exploring snow-covered landmarks. The serene, snowy atmosphere makes it a perfect destination for a peaceful winter escape.

Day 4

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On the fourth day, you'll visit Nakatsugawa, Magome, and Ena Iwamura by rental car. Explore the historic town of Magome with its traditional cobblestone streets, then head to Nakatsugawa to experience its scenic beauty. Finally, visit Ena Iwamura to see the famous Iwamura Castle Ruins and enjoy the local charm.

① Nakatsugawa & Magome || 中津川と馬籠



Nakatsugawa is a city along the historic Nakasendo Trail, known for its scenic mountains and preserved post town, Nakatsugawa-juku. Nearby, **Magome** is a charming town with cobblestone streets, traditional inns, and scenic hiking trails.

② Ena Iwamura || 恵那岩村



Ena Iwamura is a historic Iwamura Castle Ruins in Ena, known for its scenic mountain location and stunning views. The town of Iwamura offers traditional charm, historical sites and local specialties, making it a peaceful destination for history lovers.

Day 5

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On the fifth day, visit the Mino Ceramics Museum to explore the history and beauty of Mino pottery. Afterward, return your rental car in Tajimi, the heart of Mino ceramics, and then head to Nagoya for the next leg of your journey.

① Tajimi || 多治見



Tajimi is situated on the southern border of Gifu and Aichi prefectures, the town is best known of being the center of production for **Mino-yaki** ceramics for the past 10 centuries. The whole place is devoted to shaping and firing distinctive plates, bowls, containers and serving ware. In addition to museums about ceramics, Tajimi has a lovely temple, **Kokeizan Eihoji**, fine place for spiritual contemplation.

② Mino Ceramics || 美濃焼



Mino ceramics is the traditional pottery produced in the Tono region, eastern area of Gifu. Mino ware is one of Japan's oldest and most famous pottery styles, with a history that spans over 1,300 years.

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