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# Tottori Prefecture Experience menu in Hino-gun

The nature of Hino-gun is wonderful.  
Hino-gun has a deep histories.



Let's experience  
in Hino-gun.



It's sure you'll want to visit again and again.

It's sure to be a memorable day.







## Oku-Daisen Nature School



This is the seventh branch of the Furano Nature School, headed by screenwriter So Kuramoto. Using the surrounding nature of Kofu-cho as a classroom, students learn about the history of the earth, the importance of forests, water, and the environment, and raise awareness of issues related to SDGs.

### Everland Oku-Daisen

**Reservation required**  
 April to November 2 hours 30 mins  
 up to 2 weeks in advance  
 3 to 120 people  
 Held even during light rain \*Held indoors during stormy weather  
 Individuals: ¥3,000 for adults; ¥1,500 for children up to high school age (free for infants)  
 Groups: ¥1,500 for adults; ¥800 for children up to high school age (free for infants)  
 Japanese

0859-75-2211 (Oku-Daisen Promotion Office, Kofu Town Hall)  
 837-13 Mizukue, Kofu-cho



## Kitanizawa Mountain Stream Walking Course Hike through the water forest of Oku Daisen



The Kitanizawa Mountain Stream Forest is home to beech, Mongolian oak, and other trees that store a lot of water. Guides will explain about the natural environment of Oku-Daisen, including its plants, flowers, birds, and other living creatures. The hiking course is about 1 km long, so even those with limited physical strength and children are welcome to join. In winter, Kitanizawa also offers snowshoeing and other activities.

**Reservation required**  
 All year 1 hour  
 Available  
 1 to 100 people  
 ¥1,000 per person  
 Japanese and other foreign languages accommodated (with use of translation app.)

0859-75-6007 (Kofu-cho Tourism Association)  
 837-13 Mizukue, Kofu-cho



## Stargazing Night in "Hoshitori Prefecture"



Kagamiganaru Park in "Hoshitori" Prefecture, where the Milky Way is visible and shooting stars are easy to see even during the meteor shower season. If you look up at the night sky, you can almost reach the stars. You will be able to see a sky full of stars and the Kyukamura staff will guide you on the starry sky. This event is limited to guests staying overnight. \*"Hoshi" means "star" in English, so it is combined with "Tottori" as a play on words.

### Kyukamura, Oku-Daisen

**Reservation required**  
 Saturdays from 8 p.m. Approx. 30 mimes.  
 Approx. 50 people Not available  
 Free of charge (Subject to change. Please inquire.)  
 Japanese

0859-75-2310  
 709-1 Kagamiganaru, Mizukue, Kofu-cho



## Fossil Excavation Experience (Yuushiki Tari Group)



The Tari Formation, where fossils of various creatures have been discovered, is rock that was deposited on the seafloor near the coast in the subtropical zone between 14 and 16 million years ago. Discover the distant past sealed in rock! A truly romantic experience.

### Tari Regional Development Center

**Reservation required**  
 April to November 3 hours 30 mins.  
 1 to 10 people Available  
 ¥4,000 per group Japanese

090-7549-5205  
 826 Tari, Nichinan-cho



## Stargazing (Yuushiki Tari Group)



The Yuushiki Tari Group will travel to lodging facilities for stargazing events. This event includes:

- Observing stars through a telescope
- Explanation of the starry sky using a projector
- Making a badge (1)

In addition, workshops are also available for a fee.

### Tari Regional Development Center

**Reservation required**  
 All year 2 hours  
 Up to 20 people Held indoors  
 ¥2,000 per household Japanese

090-7549-5205  
 826 Tari, Nichinan-cho



## Mandarin Duck Bird Watching



At the mandarin duck observation hut, visitors can observe up close the approximately 800 mandarin ducks that fly in from fall to early spring. It is a precious paradise for wild birds, and waterfowl such as mallards, pintails, and teal, as well as the rare crested kingfisher, can be seen here. Bird commentary is available upon reservation.

### Mandarin duck observation hut

**Reservation required**  
 November to March, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. No time restriction  
 Up to 20 people Held indoors  
 ¥300 per person (15 people or more) ¥150 per person  
 Japanese

0859-72-2101 (Industrial Promotion Division, Hino-cho Town Hall)  
 310 Neu, Hino-cho



## Study and Experience at Sugesawa Dam



Sugesawa Dam is one of the largest multipurpose dams in Tottori Prefecture, designed for flood control, irrigation and industrial water supply, as well as power generation. During the dam tour, visitors can visit the dam's information room for an explanation of the dam's roles and functions, as well as see up close the large gate for flood control and the management passageway inside the levee, which is normally inaccessible to the public.

### Sugesawa Dam

**Reservation required**  
 All year 30 mins. to 1 hour 50 people\*25 people x 2 tours  
 Available However, the tour may be cancelled when taking flooding or other disaster prevention measures (or when there is a risk).  
 Free of charge Japanese

0859-87-0311  
 112-10 Kawanishiyama, Sugesawa, Nichinan-cho



## Tour of the Ruins of Shimodan- Nakayama Iron Mountain



Tatara iron manufacturing has been handed down for more than 1,000 years in the Oku-Hino and Oku-Izumo regions. At its peak, this area alone produced 70% of the nation's iron. In the San'in region, iron sand was collected mainly by flowing iron-containing sand into river in order to obtain high-quality iron sand, the raw material for iron. This tour will take visitors on a walking tour of Shimodan-Nakayama, the largest tatara iron manufacturing site in Nichinan-cho.

**Reservation required**  
 April to November 1 hour  
 No limit Not available  
 ¥500 per person Japanese

0859-82-1715 (Yamazato-Load Nichinan Inc.)  
 Kasagi, Nichinan-cho



## Ebi Castle Ruins and Ebi Castle Town Walk

In the "Ebi Castle Ruins and Ebi Castle Town Walk," visitors will tour the historical streets of Ebi, climbing up the slopes to soak in the 500-year history of the town. Guides from the Ebi Castle Exploration Society will provide an in-depth guide of the area, visitors can enjoy a magnificent view of Mt. Daisen from the ruins of the castle. This tour offers a fascinating blend of history and stunning scenery.

**Reservation required**  
 All year All year  
 1 to 10 people Held even during light rain  
 ¥1,000 per person for 1 hour (¥1,700 for 2 hours)  
 Japanese and other foreign languages accommodated (with use of translation app.)

0859-75-6007 (Kofu-cho Tourism Association)  
 2083-2 Ebi, Kofu-cho



## Tour of Tatara-no-Gakkou Ohmiya Gakusha (Tatara School)



There are explanations of the principles of the tatara, the history of mankind's use of iron, and the myth of the Yamata-no-Orochi (eight-forked serpent), as well as a charcoal-making and folk art exhibition area. Authentic Inga steel produced at the Yoshidatara Ironworks in Inga is also on display.

### Ohmiya Regional Development Center

**Reservation required**  
 Weekdays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please contact us in advance for availability on holidays  
 1 hour to 1 hour 30 mins Approx. 50 people  
 Held indoors Free of charge Japanese

0859-87-0911  
 1516 Inga, Nichinan-cho





## Tour of Old Private House "Katsumiya" (Miyamoto Residence)



This 120-year-old private house, designated as a Tangible Cultural Property of Japan, is a rare example of sugoya (traditional Japanese-style house) construction, which cannot be seen in modern architecture. There are various features inside the building which can be viewed while listening to a commentary given by the owner of the house.

### Kominka Katsumiya

Reservation required

All year (please inquire) 1 to 2 hours  
 5 to 20 people Held indoors  
 ¥2,000 per person Japanese and English

080-2909-0609  
 729 Sugawara, Nichinan-cho



## Satoyama Observation Experience

After studying about the satoyama (mountain near the village) located behind the main house, participants will get to walk through the satoyama, spotting wildlife and observing trees, flowers, mushrooms, and other plants. You may actually see some wild animals, possibly encountering a giant flying squirrel, a collared scops owl, or a giant salamander. Also, nearby is Hijiridaki Falls, visitors can also experience river climbing in summer, trail trekking in spring and fall, and kanjiki walks in winter.

### Kominka Katsumiya

Reservation required

All year (please inquire) 2 hours  
 5 to 30 people Not available  
 ¥2,500 to ¥3,500 per person Japanese and English

080-2909-0609  
 729 Sugawara, Nichinan-cho



## Country Cooking with Seasonal Vegetables

Visitors will try their hands at cooking rice the old-fashioned way, using a kamado, which is rarely seen in ordinary households. Visitors can enjoy country cooking such as rice cooked in a kamado, soups, wild vegetables, and other dishes. Depending on the season, visitors may also be able to harvest the vegetables themselves. The menu changes depending on the time of year.

### Kominka Katsumiya

Reservation required

All year (please inquire) 2 to 3 hours  
 5 to 20 people Held indoors  
 ¥2,500 to ¥3,500 per person Japanese and English

080-2909-0609 729 Sugawara, Nichinan-cho



## Tour of the Former Kinoshita Family House



The residence of the Kinoshita family, which prospered as iron miners in the tataro iron industry, is estimated to be 100 to 200 years old. The premises also include a separate house for honored guests, which is said to have welcomed the lord of the Tottori domain, Monnagaya (a gate and long house for vassals) two storehouses, and three warehouses. Visitors will tour these valuable buildings with a guide.

### Former Kinoshita Family House

Reservation required

April to mid-November 1 hour  
 No limit Available  
 Please inquire Japanese

0859-82-1715 (Yamazato-Load Nichinan Inc.)  
 Abire, Nichinan-cho



## Blueberry Picking (Currently closed)



Visitors can try their hand at harvesting blueberries on vast farmland equivalent to the size of approximately two Tokyo Domes (approx. 90,000m<sup>2</sup>), where more than 40 varieties of blueberries are cultivated. While enjoying freshly picked blueberries on the spot, relax and enjoy the view of the south face of Mt Daisen.

### Oku Daisen Blueberry Farm

No reservation required

Early July to early September  
 While farm is open (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)  
 No limit Open (not possible during heavy rain)  
 Adult: ¥900 Child: ¥600 (Free for infants and preschool children)  
 Eat-all-you-pick while inside the farm. Extra charge to take home berries.  
 Japanese

0859-75-6088  
 739-43 Kasarabara, Mizukue, Kofu-cho



## Private Lodging to Experience Country Life



Tari, Nichinan Town has many of its charms (nature, creatures, people, etc.) are due to the fact that there are not many people around. "Experience Private Lodging Yageya", located in such a mountain village, is a private lodging facility in which the homeowner lives that has been renovated from an old folk house that was built over 100 years ago, blending the past and the present. This lodging allows you to experience country living, packed with traditional Japanese wisdom, using ingredients from nature's seasonal gifts, as well as cooking in a furnace or hearth using firewood or charcoal, and even heating the bath water with firewood.

### Experience Private Lodging Yageya

Reservation required

All year Check-in after 3pm / Check-out by 10am  
 1 to 10 people Held indoors  
 Basic fee: ¥50,000 (up to 4 people) / ¥10,000 per additional person  
 Japanese and English

0859-70-1892 107 Niiya, Nichinan-cho



## Japanese Giant Salamander Survey

The Japanese giant salamander is the world's largest amphibian and is designated a Special Natural Treasure by the Japanese government. In this program, participants will first learn about the ecology of the giant salamander, and then go out to the habitat to take part in an identification survey, which provides important data for conservation, and a survey of aquatic organisms that provide food for the salamanders.

\*Since only a small number of authorized people, such as researchers, are allowed to touch the giant salamanders, trapping is done by an instructor (researcher).

### Experience Private Lodging Yageya

Reservation required

All year Approx. 3 to 5 hours (The best time to see the habitat is at night.)  
 1 to 10 people Available  
 Basic fee: ¥60,000 (up to 4 people) / ¥9,000 per additional person  
 Japanese and English

0859-70-1892 107 Niiya, Nichinan-cho



## Snowshoe Trekking

The area around "Experience Private Lodging Yageya" is covered with snow in midwinter, some of the heaviest in the Chugoku region. Trekking through the winter forests while wearing snowshoes is a world apart from the season of fresh greenery. On the snow, it is easy to find tracks, droppings, and other traces of wildlife, so participants look for such traces (animal tracking), observe wild birds and winter plants, and sometimes even go sledding, all the time enjoying the winter nature to the fullest.

### Experience Private Lodging Yageya

Reservation required

During the snowy season (late December to February) Approx. 3 hours  
 1 to 10 people Not available when raining but possible when snowing  
 Basic fee: ¥30,000 (up to 4 people) / ¥5,000 per additional person \*Snow shoes can be rented  
 Japanese and English

0859-70-1892 107 Niiya, Nichinan-cho



## Raw Coffee Bean Washing Experience



You can experience washing raw coffee beans in Oku-Daisen water. The reason for washing in water is that raw coffee beans are covered with dust and dirt, which gives it an unpleasant taste. Washing and then roasting the beans gives the coffee a much clearer taste. The small roastery is located in a science lab in an abandoned school at the foot of Oku-Daisen and is surrounded by a lush natural environment.

Special Benefits: (1) You can compare several kinds of coffee. (2) The owner will roast the raw coffee beans washed by the participants and send them to your home. (200g x 2 bags for ¥4,800)

### Former Yonezawa Elementary School Science Room

Reservation required

All year 1 hour and 30 minutes 2 to 4 people Held indoors  
 up to 10 days in advance  
 ¥15,000 per person (Minimum of 2 people) An additional ¥2,000 for shipping the beans to your home may be required depending on where you live.  
 Japanese and basic English

0859-72-3251 530 Miyo, Kofu-cho



## Suntory Oku-Daisen Buna-no-Mori Natural Mineral Water Factory Tour



"Suntory Natural Mineral Water (Oku-Daisen)", nurtured by the rich nature surrounding Oku-Daisen, will be explained in an easy-to-understand manner through a tour of the production process and projection mapping to show how the natural mineral water is created. Visitors can also tour the "Yukimuro," a facility that stores snow to be used for natural energy.

### Suntory Oku-Daisen Buna-no-Mori Natural Mineral Water Factory

Reservation required

All year 1 hour  
 2 to 40 people Held indoors  
 Free of charge Japanese

0859-75-6114  
 1177 Kasarabara, Mizukue, Kofu-cho







## Yosegi Zaiku (Marquetry) Experience



Scrap wood from demolished old houses and construction sites matures over a long period of time and withstands wind and snow, giving it a texture that new wood does not have. This marquetry work began as a way to preserve wood that was destined for the scrapheap. About 20 types of wood can be freely combined to create hair bands, brooches, straps, and other items.

### Shiroitani Koubou

Reservation required

- 📅 All year 🕒 1 to 2 hours
- 👤 12 people if held at the studio, or 40 people if held at a different venue. Please consult with us for bigger parties.
- 🏠 Held indoors   💰 ¥3,300 per person
- 🌐 Japanese



📞 0859-83-0180   📍 1002-1 Fukuzuka, Nichinan-cho



## Original Paper Knife/Skillet Forging Experience



Try your hand at blacksmithing by burning, beating, sharpening, and polishing iron yourself. Why not try making your own unique knife or skillet in Oku-Hino, the village of tataro?

### blacksmith workshop Miyamitsu

Reservation required

- 📅 November to March   🌧️ Available   🌐 Japanese
- 🕒 Paper knife: Approx. 30 mins to 1 hour
- 🕒 Skillet: Approx. 2 hours
- 👤 Paper knife: Up to 5 or 6 people
- 👤 Skillet: Up to 1 or 2 people
- 💰 Paper knife: ¥5,500 per person
- 💰 Skillet: ¥25,300 per person



📞 0859-72-1098   📍 390-5 Neu, Hino-cho, Hino-gun



## Temple Experience (Sutra Copying and Zen Meditation)

### Toshoji Temple

Reservation required

- 📅 Please inquire
- 🕒 Approx. 1 hour
- 👤 Up to 20 people
- 🏠 Held indoors
- 💰 Free of charge
- 🌐 1 person who can speak Japanese is required

📞 0859-75-2522  
📍 493-2 Ebi, Kofu-cho

### Jofukuji Temple

Reservation required

- 📅 All year
- 🕒 1 hour to 1 hour 30 mins
- 👤 Up to 30 people
- 🏠 Held indoors
- 💰 ¥500 per person
- 🌐 Japanese and basic English

📞 0859-84-0310  
📍 471-1 Tari, Nichinan-cho

### Senryuji Temple

Reservation required

- 📅 Please inquire (Not available on Saturdays, Sundays, and during the Bon Festival and the Equinoctial Weeks (when Buddhist services are held))
- 🕒 1 hour 30 mins
- 👤 Up to 20 people   🏠 Held indoors
- 💰 ¥500 per person
- 🌐 Japanese and basic English

📞 0859-74-0140  
📍 421 Kurosaka, Hino-cho



## Waterfall Meditation



This taki-gyo (waterfall meditation) experience will allow you to spend time confronting your inner self. Why not purify yourself by purifying the six roots of perception (the eye, the ear, the tongue, the nose, the body, and the mind), receive the blessings of the eight great dragon kings, and perform waterfall meditation to make your wishes come true?

### Gedatsuji Temple

Reservation required

- 📅 August to September
- 🕒 30 mins. to 1 hour (depending on number of people)
- 👤 2 to 10 people (up to 5 men and 5 women)   🌧️ Not available
- 💰 ¥3,000 per person   🌐 Japanese

📞 0859-82-1715 (Yamazato-Load Nichinan Inc.)  
📍 635 Abire, Nichinan-cho



## Rafting Experience (down the Hino River)



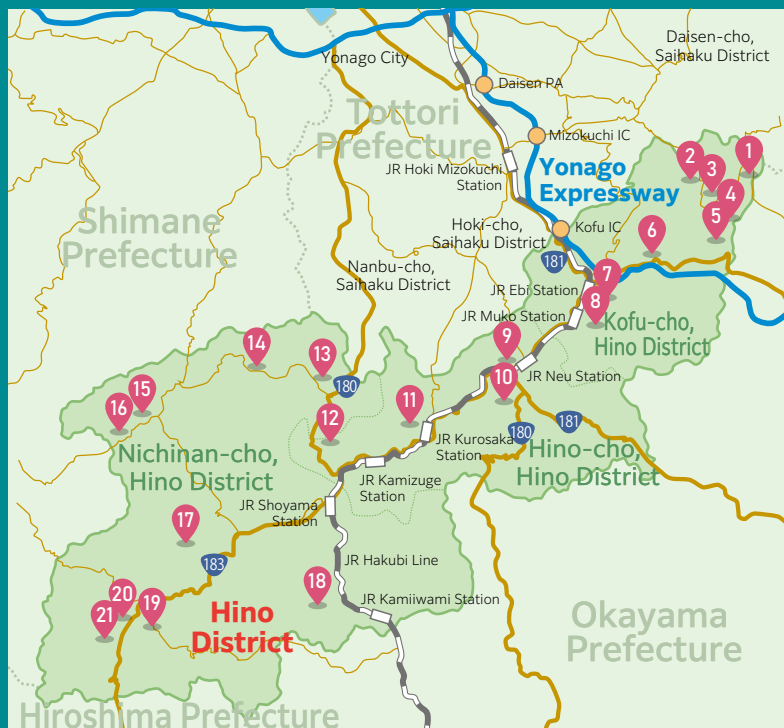
Rafting is a sport in which visitors ride a raft (rubber boat) down the Hino River in a dynamic and exciting way. It is a popular experience that allows you to fully enjoy the great nature around the Hino River while experiencing firsthand the thrill and speed of the river.

- 📅 Weekends and national holidays in May   🕒 Half a day   📅 Reservation required
- 👤 Up to 20 people   🌧️ Held even during light rain
- 💰 Half-day course   Adult: ¥3,000   Child: ¥2,500
- 💰 Parent and child: ¥5,000   🌐 Japanese

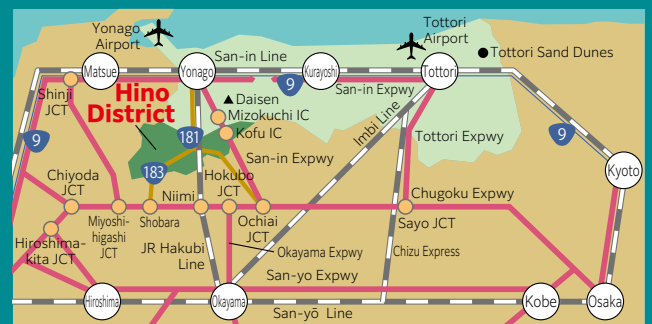
📞 0859-72-2107 (Hino-cho Board of Education)  
📍 432-1 Yasuhara, Hino-cho



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