

Shigaraki Model Courses

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Lasting
Memories**



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JAPAN

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Shigaraki - Japan Location Map

The historic pottery town of Shigaraki offers timeless ceramics, tranquil tea traditions, stunning landscapes, and world-class golf.

Conveniently accessible from Osaka, Nagoya, and Kyoto—just 90 minutes from Kyoto—Shigaraki invites you to explore, experience, and create lasting memories.



ACCESS

RAIL

- 1 hour from JR Kusatsu Station.
- Change trains at the JR Kusatsu Station on the Jr Biwako Line.
- Take the Shigaraki Kogen Railway to Shigaraki Station.

BUS

- Take the Teisan Bus from Ishiyama Station via Tagami Garage to Shigaraki Station.

CAR

- 10 mins from the Shin Meishin Shigaraki I.C.
- 30 mins from the Meihan Highway Mibuno I.C

SHIGARAKI - THE DESTINATION

Shigaraki, a historic kiln area in Japan, boasts a 750-year tradition of producing Shigaraki ware and serves as a destination where tradition meets creativity. Artisans craft a diverse variety of pottery, and visitors can explore vibrant galleries, engage in pottery activities, and enjoy culinary delights in charming cafés. Shigaraki's Asamiya tea plantations, among the very first in Japan dating back to 805 AD, produce "Asamiyacha," considered one of Japan's top five teas.

Once the capital city of Japan, Shigaraki is also famous for its iconic tanuki (raccoon dog) figurines. Alongside pottery galleries, kilns, and workshops, visitors can enjoy the spectacular Miho Museum designed by I.M. Pei (Architect of the Louvre), Shigaraki's Toge no Mori Ceramic Cultural Park, and premier golf courses. There are opportunities to play golf and practice mindfulness through pottery making, blending relaxation with cultural immersion.

Access is easy, with Shigaraki just a stone's throw from Kyoto, offering convenient train access for a swift retreat into its rich artistic heritage.



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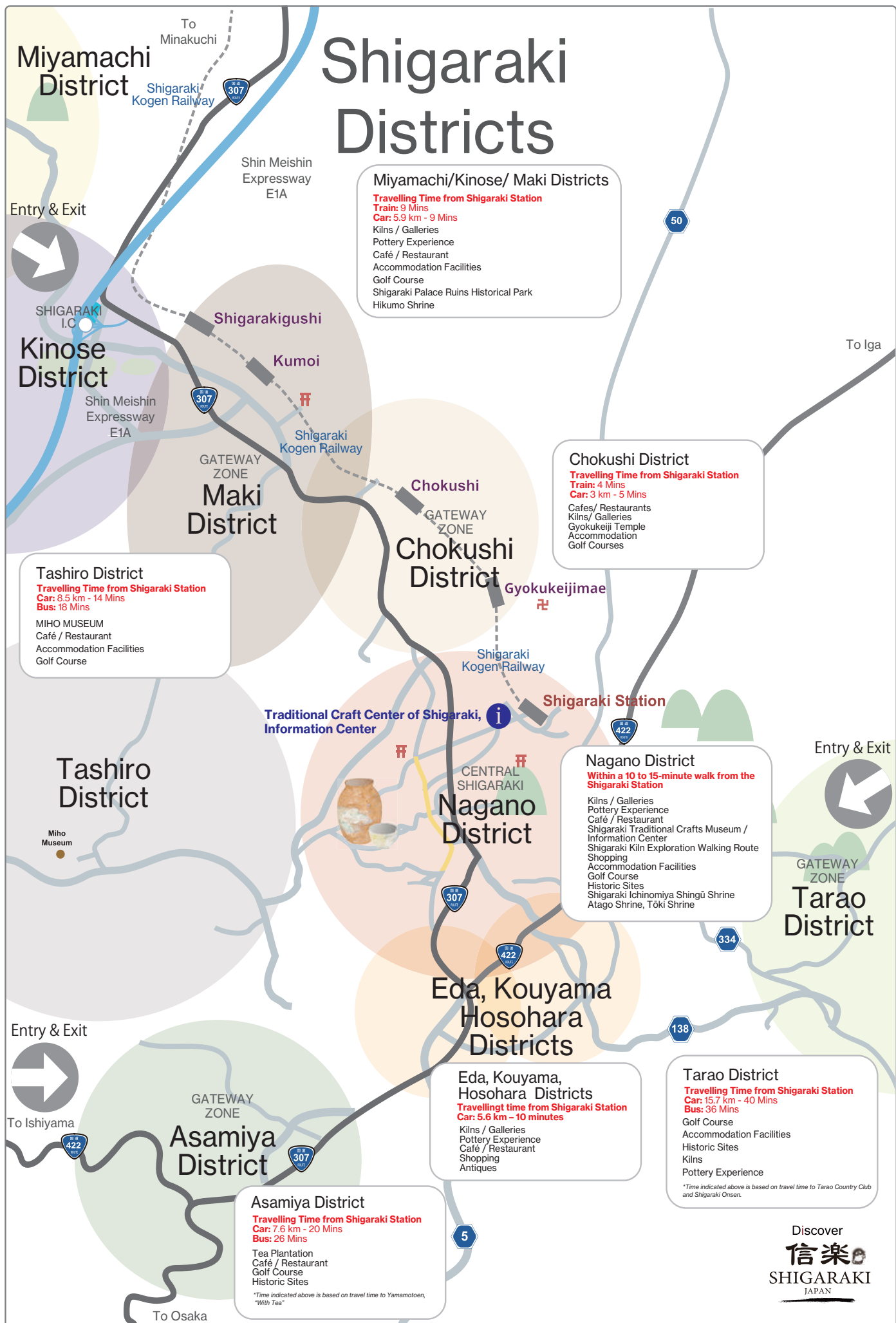
Instagram

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@shigarakitourismassociation



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@shigarakikanko





Pottery Enthusiast

Visit: Shigaraki's Nagano District (Central Pottery Production Area)

Access: Scenic Train

Model: Day Trip

Theme: Pottery Enthusiast, shopping or lesson at a workshop or with a master

D1

Day Trip 日帰り



AM

1.5 hours

TRAIN



8:05

Depart from Kyoto - Use Japan Rail and the scenic Shigaraki Kogen Railway.

9:38

Arrive in Shigaraki.

5 mins
Walk

Visit the "Shigaraki Traditional Craft Centre"

Learn about Shigaraki Pottery and gain insights before going deeper on a exploration of the workshops and galleries.

5 - 10 mins
Walk

Visit galleries in the Nagano area of Shigaraki.

Each Shigaraki ware artist has a unique style. Explore the galleries and find pieces that capture your interest.

5 - 10 mins
Walk

Lunch at a local restaurant/ cafe

Choose from a range of delightful lunch options in Shigaraki's charming Nagano district, where local flavors and hospitality shine.

PM

5 - 10 mins
Walk

Allow
5 to 15 mins
for moving
between
locations

Visit the "Shigaraki Ichinomiya Shingu Shrine"

Pray to the deities and pick up a lucky tanuki amulet.

Shigaraki Nagano District: Kiln Exploration Walking Route

Please refer to the list of kilns and galleries on page 13, Shigaraki Kiln Exploration Route Businesses.

SUGGESTED KILNS TO VISIT

Visit "Rakusaigama" *Legendary Kiln.*

Visit "Eizangama" *Mr Eizan Okuda, ceramic artist and designated holder of Kōka City Intangible Cultural Property - Shigaraki Ware Techniques.*

Visit "Meizangama - Ogama" *Iconic Noborigama.*

Visit "Uzangama" *Innovative and modern creations.*

Pottery Experience

Enjoy a "pottery making experience" at a local workshop.

2 hours
Pottery
Experience

5 - 10 mins
Walk

1.5 hours

TRAIN



17:06

Depart Shigaraki Railway Station.

18:27

Arrive in Kyoto.



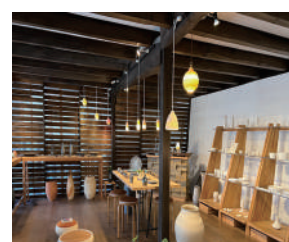
Shigaraki Kogen Railway Scenic Train Journey



Shigaraki Ichinomiya Shingu Shrine



Pottery prepared for firing Uzangama



Kiln exploration zone - creative galleries



Lunch in a local restaurant or cafe



Enjoy a pottery experience at a workshop



Eizan Okuda, Ceramic artist and designated holder of Kōka City Intangible Cultural Property - Shigaraki Ware Techniques



Shopping

Pottery Lovers



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For pottery experiences or studio visits, advance reservations are recommended.

Art & Culture

Visit: Shigaraki's Tashiro and Nagano Districts.

Transportation: Train

Model: Day Trip

Theme: Pottery enthusiasts, explore Shigaraki ware and embrace the essence of "Wabi Sabi" and Culture

D2

Day Trip 日帰り



AM

24 mins

TRAIN



8:05

Depart from Kyoto - Use Japan Rail and the scenic Shigaraki Kogen Railway.

9:38

Arrive in Shigaraki.

TAXI



20 Mins

Catch a taxi to Miho Museum.

Visit the "Miho Museum"

Experience one of Japan's most breathtaking museums, where extraordinary architecture by I.M. Pei blends seamlessly into the natural landscape. The museum houses a world-class collection of ancient artifacts and artworks from Asia and beyond.



Stunning architecture and diverse displays at the renowned Miho Museum

2 hour
Museum
Visit

Lunch at "Peach Valley"

Enjoy local organically grown produce, turned into stunning meals and served on Shigarakiware inside the delightful PEACH VALLEY cafe at MIHO MUSEUM.



Ogama Noborigama is a iconic landmark in Shigaraki - Lessons, Cafe, Gallery, Boutique Accommodation

PM

TAXI



20 Mins

Catch a taxi to Shigaraki's Nagano area.

Shigaraki Nagano District: Kiln Exploration Walking Route

Please refer to the list of kilns and galleries on page 13, Shigaraki Kiln Exploration Route Businesses.

Allow
5 to 15 mins
for moving
between
locations

SUGGESTED KILNS TO VISIT

Visit "Meizangama - Ogama"

An iconic local gallery/ cafe and scenic spot.

Allow
30 - 40 mins for
each
Kiln visit

Pottery Experience

Enjoy an authentic pottery experience at Raku-nyū Tōbō Kochū-an, led by the renowned third-generation artist Raku-nyū Honiwa, who is also a master of the tea ceremony.



Raku-nyū Tōbō Kochū-an

1 hour
Pottery
Experience

5-10 mins
WALK

Visit the galleries of Shigaraki's Nagano area

Visit Kilns/Galleries located near Shigaraki Railway Station.

5-10 mins
WALK

17:06

Depart Shigaraki Railway Station.

1.5 hours

TRAIN



18:27

Arrive in Kyoto.

Model Itinerary Route



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Satoyama Biking

Visit: Shigaraki's Nagano District.

Transportation: Train and Rental Cycle

Model: Day Trip

Theme: Explore the wonders of Shigaraki through cycling

B1

Day Trip 日帰り



AM

24 mins

TRAIN



8:05

Depart from Kyoto - Use Japan Rail and the scenic Shigaraki Kogen Railway.

9:38

Arrive in Shigaraki.

5-10 mins
Cycling

Rent a cycle at Shigaraki Station.

Allow
5 to 15 mins
for moving
between
locations

Shigaraki Nagano District: Kiln Exploration
Walking Route

Please refer to the list of kilns /galleries on page 13,

Shigaraki Kiln Exploration Route Businesses.

Allow
30 -40 mins for
each
Kiln visit

Lunch at a local restaurant/ cafe

Choose from a range of delightful lunch options in Shigaraki's charming Nagano district, where local flavors and hospitality shine.



Discover the stunning scenery of Shigaraki on a rental cycle from Shigaraki Station

PM

15 mins
Cycling

Visit Gyokukeiji, one of Shigaraki's most beautiful and culturally significant temples
Cross the scenic suspension bridge over the Daido river.

5-10 mins
Cycling

Visit "Kamamoto Utsuwa"

A captivating Shigaraki gallery set in a beautifully restored thatched-roof building, where handcrafted ceramics and serene architecture come together to create an unforgettable experience."

15 mins
Cycling

Visit local galleries in the Nagano District
Many captivating Kilns/ Galleries to browse though.

1 hour
Pottery
Experience

Pottery Experience

Discover the magic of Shigaraki pottery at TOKUSAI TOUBO.
Unique designs, expert guidance, and fun for every skill level.

5-10 mins
Cycling

Return the rental cycle to Shigaraki Station before 17:00.

1.5 hours

TRAIN



17:06

Depart Shigaraki Railway Station.

18:27

Arrive in Kyoto.



Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local cafe - Mutsumian celebrates the best of local produce



Enjoy a lesson in a local workshop

Model Itinerary Route



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Kawaii Tanuki

Visit: Shigaraki's Nagano and Eda Districts

Transportation: Train

Model: Day Trip

Theme: Tanuki enthusiasts, delve deep into "tanuki love" explore the quirky and "Kawaii" tanuki figurines of Shigaraki, celebrating Japanese culture

C1

Day Trip 日帰り



AM

24 mins
TRAIN

8:07 Depart from Kyoto.
8:30 Arrive at Kusatsu.
Rent a car near the station.

35 mins
CAR

Drive to Shigaraki via the Shin-Meishin Expressway (E1).
*Collect your rental car from a rental car agency near the station.
Allow at least 20 mins for rental car collection.*

Travel via the Expressway to Shigaraki. E1A

Allow
5 to 15 mins
for moving
between
locations

5-10 mins
Drive

Visit "Rian"
This kiln/gallery perfected the charming form of the tanuki (raccoon dog) figurine that we see today and helped popularize Shigaraki tanuki throughout Japan.

Visit local galleries in the Nagano District
Many captivating galleries to browse though.

5-10 mins
Drive

Lunch at "Tanukiya Bunpuku"
Enjoy delicious udon served in tanuki bowls inside the biggest sleeping tanuki you can imagine. The entire restaurant is a huge tanuki!

PM

5-10 mins
Drive

Shigaraki Nagano District: Kiln Exploration Walking Route
Please refer to the list of kilns and galleries on page 13, Shigaraki Kiln Exploration Route Businesses.

SUGGESTED KILNS TO VISIT
Visit "Okuda Marutaka Seito" Tanuki specialist.

2 hour
Pottery
Experience

Pottery Experience
Make your own tanuki figurine in a pottery workshop at SHIGARAKI TOGEI MURA one of Shigaraki's heritage kilns.

Enjoy a tea break at "Noborigama Cafe"
Enjoy tea time inside the firing chambers of a heritage listed climbing kiln at SHIGARAKI TOGEI MURA NOBORIGAMA CAFE (Climbing Kiln), and get some photos of the cutest Tanuki cookie decorations on your cake.

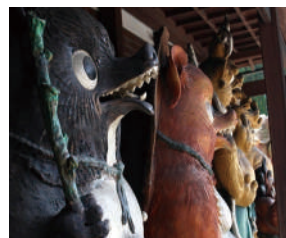
35 mins
CAR

17:00 Drive to Kusatsu via the Shin-Meishin Expressway (E1). Plan to leave Shigaraki with plenty of time to spare.

24 mins
TRAIN

18:30 Return rental car near Kusatsu Station.
18:42 Depart Kusatsu for Kyoto.

19:06 Arrive at Kyoto.



Rian, the origin of Shigaraki's current Tanuki.



Shigaraki Ichinomiyama Shingu Shrine



Tanukiya Bunpuku



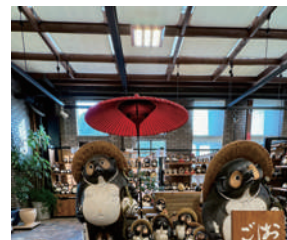
Pottery experiences



Cafe Time



Okuda Marutaka Seito - Tanuki specialist



Shopping

By Train



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Model Itinerary Route



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Golf and Mindfulness

Visit: Shigaraki's Kumoi, Chokushi, Nagano and Asamiya areas

Transportation: Train and Rental Car

Model: Day Trip

Theme: Pottery enthusiasts, explore the kilns any tea plantations of the area

G1

Stay 一泊2日



AM

24 mins

TRAIN



8:07

8:30

Depart from Kyoto.

Arrive at Kusatsu.

Rent a car near the station.

15 mins
Drive

Visit "Tokoubo Shinohara"

Visit TOKOUBO SHINOHARA, and meet Mr.

Nozomu Shinohara, a local artisan known for his

inspiring woodfired pottery teaware and tableware.

Drive to Shigaraki via the Shin-Meishin Expressway (EA1).

Collect your rental car from a rental car agency near the station.

Allow at least 20 mins for rental car collection.

35 mins

CAR



17:00

35 mins

CAR



Drive to Kusatsu via the Shin-Meishin Expressway (EA1). Plan to leave Shigaraki with plenty of time to spare.

Return rental car near Kusatsu Station

Depart Kusatsu for Kyoto.

18:30

18:42

24 mins

TRAIN



19:06

Arrive at Kyoto.

Travel via the Shin Meishin Expressway. EA1

Arrive at Shigaraki's "Rose Golf Club" and enjoy a round of golf

Located close to the center of Shigaraki, Rose Golf Club features art installations and its own craft beer brewery.

Enjoy lunch at "Rose Golf Club"

Following Lunch continue your game.

PM

Stay at "Rose Village Cottages"

Modern Self Contained Accomodation, with views over the golf course and the mountains surrounding Shigaraki.

Enjoy a Chef prepared BBQ Dinner on the deck at your cottage

Outdoor dining and entertainment decks in front of each cottage, with views over Shigaraki.



Rose Golf Course, renowned for its spectacular scenery.



Tsuguharu Kanzaki, ceramic artist of Miharu Kiln and designated holder of Kôka City Intangible Cultural Property - Shigaraki Ware Techniques

Day 2
AM

5-10 mins
Drive

Enjoy Breakfast at your accomodation.

Visit the "Shigaraki Ichinomiya Shingu Shrine"

Pray to the deities and pick up a lucky tanuki amulet.

5-10 mins
Drive

Shigaraki Nagano District: Kiln Exploration Walking Route

Please refer to the list of kilns and galleries on page 13, Shigaraki Kiln Exploration Route Businesses.

Allow
30-40 mins for
each
Kiln visit

SUGGESTED KILNS TO VISIT

Visit "Toubo Jun" Figurines and exquisite jewelry.

Visit "Miharugama" Keeping traditions alive.

5-10 mins
Drive

Enjoy lunch at "Gallery and Cafe Touen"

Enjoy the timeless feel of a local Japanese Cafe.

PM

5-10 mins
Drive

Pottery Experience

Visit KENZO OGAWA POTTERY STUDIO, meet the renowned ceramic artist, learn about traditional Shigaraki techniques, and create your own handcrafted pottery.

1 hour
Pottery
Experience

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Train



Day 1



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Experience all of Shigaraki

Visit: Shigaraki's Kumoi, Asamiya, Nagano, Maki areas

Transportation: Chartered Coach - Scenic Train excursion

Model: Day Trip

Theme: Discover "Shigaraki" - one of Japan's pioneering pottery heritage areas

DG1

Day GROUP 日帰り



AM



45 mins BUS

8:15 Depart from Kyoto.
Travel via the Shin Meishin Expressway, EA1
9:00 Arrive at "Shigarakigushi Station"

Highly Recommended Fun Option

9:29 Ride the Shigaraki Kogen Railway Train
Board the Shigaraki Kogen Railway Train bound for "Shigaraki Station" at "Shigarakigushi Station".



10 mins

TRAIN

9:38 Arrive at Shigaraki Station
"Shigaraki Station" is the final stop of the scenic Shigaraki Kogen Railway, the train carriages are themed and everyone is welcomed at the station by many tanuki figurines. Take a photo with the huge tanuki.

20 mins
Bus

Visit Yamamotoen Tea Plantation in Asamiya

Visit the esteemed YAMAMOTOEN TEA PLANTATION in Asamiya, where you can explore the lush tea fields and learn about the intricate process of tea production unique to Asamiya.

20 mins
Bus

Enjoy lunch at "Oogoya" cafe
Enjoy a lunch made from local ingredients at OOGOYA, one of Shigaraki's long established kilns.

PM

5 mins
Bus

Pottery Experience
Visit SHIGARAKI TOGEI MURA and see a historic Noborigama and participate in a pottery experience.

5 mins
Bus

Visit "The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park"
Visit THE SHIGARAKI CULTURAL CERAMIC PARK and enjoy exploring the exhibitions and displays by local artists.

20 mins
Bus

Visit the stunning "Miho Museum"
Visit MIHO MUSEUM and experience the stunning artefacts.



1.5 hours BUS

17:00 Depart Shigaraki via the Shin-Meishin Expressway (EA1), bound for Kyoto.
18:30 Arrive in Kyoto.



Yamamotoen's popular Matcha Tiramisu



Giant Tanuki at Shigaraki Station - Greets all arrivals into the area and is dressed in seasonal attire.



Pottery experience at Shigaraki Togei Mura

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Ceramic Park



Miho Museum

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5 Reasons to Visit Shigaraki

1 Shigaraki Ware — A Town Where Japanese Tradition and Creativity Intersect

When people think of Shigaraki, they think of Shigaraki ware. Counted among Japan's Six Ancient Kilns, this ceramic tradition stretches back over 750 years. The town is still home to many working kilns and retains its nostalgic, old-world charm. Whether you're exploring kilns and galleries or trying your hand at making your own original piece, Shigaraki offers hands-on experiences you won't find anywhere else.

2 Art — A Town Where Art Feels Close

Shigaraki is not only known for its ceramics but also as a town of art. From the museum designed by world-renowned architect I.M. Pei, inspired by the idea of a "paradise," to creative studios where young artists gather and work, Shigaraki offers many opportunities to encounter and experience art in everyday life.

3 Historic Sites — A Town That Invites You to Reflect on Ancient Times

While Kyoto and Nara are well known as ancient capitals, few people know that Shigaraki was once the capital of Japan. In 745, Emperor Shōmu designated Shigaraki no Miya (Shigaraki Palace) as the imperial capital. Though short-lived, the site remains today. Alongside its ceramic heritage, Shigaraki invites visitors to explore this lesser-known chapter of Japanese history and dream of ancient times.

4 Timeless Japanese Landscapes — A Town Where the Beauty of Satoyama Lives On

Surrounded by mountains and rich in nature, Shigaraki is one of the few places where you can still encounter the beauty of Japan's traditional countryside, known as satoyama. With each season—spring, summer, autumn, and winter—Shigaraki reveals a different face. Its scenery feels both nostalgic and refreshingly new.

5 Omi Cuisine — A Town Full of Rich Local Flavors

"Omi" is the old provincial name for Shiga Prefecture, where Shigaraki is located. Home to one of Japan's top three wagyu brands, Ōmi beef, and blessed with mountain and lake bounty, this region is known as a treasure trove of ingredients. Shigaraki has many restaurants that highlight local produce, delighting all who visit. Enjoy the deep flavors of Omi cuisine served in the earthy, rustic vessels of Shigaraki ware.



Getting Around Shigaraki

Travel times within Shigaraki can vary significantly depending on the day of the week and traffic conditions. The following travel times are approximate. We recommend planning with extra time to spare.



Estimated Travel Times by Car

Expressway (Shigaraki I.C.) → Central Shigaraki (Nagano Area) - Approx. 10–15 minutes



From Central Shigaraki (Nagano Area) to Other Areas

Miyamachi / Kise / Maki Area - Approx. 20 minutes

Chokushi Area - Approx. 5 minutes

Tashiro Area - Approx. 20 minutes

Eda / Kouyama / Hosohara Area - Approx. 5 minutes

Asamiya Area - Approx. 20–30 minutes

Tarao Area - Approx. 20–30 minutes

Within Central Shigaraki (Nagano Area) - Between kilns and galleries - 5–10 minutes on foot



Times to Watch Out for Crowds & Congestion

Traffic congestion is especially heavy on weekends, public holidays, and during events such as the Shigaraki Pottery Festival.



Busy Routes

Route 307, the main road from Shigaraki I.C., often experiences traffic jams during busy periods.



Recommended Tip for Travellers, use the local Park and Ride System

On days when congestion is expected, a convenient alternative is to park your car at Shigaraki Kohgen Railway's "Shigaraki-no-miya" Station and take the train to central Shigaraki (Shigaraki Station).

This "Park and Ride" system helps avoid traffic jams and saves time.



For more details on Park and Ride:

<https://www.e-shigaraki.org/for-tourist/access.html>

Getting Around Shigaraki

Choosing the right mode of transportation is key to fully enjoying the wide-ranging Shigaraki area. Whether you're heading to a specific destination like the MIHO MUSEUM or planning to explore kilns and galleries, here are the recommended ways to get around based on your needs

Chartered Taxi / Rental Car

The most flexible way to travel. Ideal for those who want to explore every corner of Shigaraki — including areas with limited public transport, such as Asamiya — without worrying about timetables.

Local Bus

A budget-friendly option for reaching major sightseeing spots like the Shiga Prefectural Ceramic Cultural Park. Services start from Shigaraki Station.

※ Buses are infrequent, so be sure to check the timetable in advance.

Train (Shigaraki Kogen Railway)

Convenient transport to the area for those planning to walk around Shigaraki Station and also for those wishing to visit nearby kilns and galleries, in the areas alongside the railway line.

※ Trains run approximately once per hour, so checking the schedule is essential.

Train + Taxi

Expand your reach even without a car! This combination is useful for getting to kilns, galleries, or cafés that are a bit farther from the station and not served by bus routes.

For Those Wishing to Visit Workshops

Some private workshops and kilns do not accept visitors in order to focus on their work. If you wish to visit, please check the official website or contact the studio in advance to confirm availability.



Ogawa Kenzo Toubo



Kamamoto Utsuwa

Content Directory by District

※ Businesses are not listed in any particular order



Miyamachi / Kinose/ Maki District - Gateway

Galleries

- Shigaraki Touen Tanuki Mura - *Large tourist orientated facility, with large selection of pottery.*
- Temahima Utsuwa - *Artisan's Atelier and Gallery, excellent gallery for experiencing "wabi sabi".*
- Kumoi Gama Fujimoto Hide - *Traditional Shigarakiware - workshops and gallery space, forest location.*
- Kumoi Gama - *One of Shigaraki's iconic kilns, gallery and shop.*
- Gallery Yuraku - *Local Artists exhibitions and selection of locally produced pottery.*

<https://tanukimura.com/>
<http://temahimautuwa.com/>
<https://www.fujimotoyama.com/>
<https://www.kumoi gama.co.jp/shop/>
<http://www.shigaraki-uraku.com/>

Pottery Activities

- Shigaraki Touen Tanuki Mura - *Potters Wheel, Tanuki Figurine Making, Ceramic Painting. Groups OK.*
- Shigaraki Toge Mura Kokudo Ten - *Potters Wheel, Hand Building, Tanuki figurine making. Groups OK.*
- Kumoi Gama Fujimoto Hide - *Traditional Shigarakiware - workshops and gallery space, forest location.*
- Gallery Ensou - *Potters Wheel, Creative pottery experience.*

<https://tanukimura.com/>
<http://tougimura.jp/>
<https://www.fujimotoyama.com/>
https://www.instagram.com/gallery_ensou/?hl=ja

Cafe/Restaurants

- Pine Cone - *Juicy Omi Beef Hamburgers, diner feeling, indoor outdoor dining.*
- Chatoran - *Popular local restaurant in a beautifully restored thatched roof kominka.*
- Enso - *Popular local cafe famed for its delicious tarts.*
- Uomatsu Shigaraki - *Sukiyaki, Shabu Shabu and Matsutake - All you can eat, Groups OK.*
- Alo - *Popular local cafe celebrating the best of local produce, flavors inspired by Chinese cuisine. FIT Only.*
- Aokuma Cafe - *Spectacular riverside location - cute and instagramable dessert treats.*
- Gindawara - *Popular local restaurant serving delicious meals, focusing on local produce.*
- Yakiniku Manda - *Popular local yakiniku restaurant - enjoy delicious Omi beef. Groups OK.*
- Lamancha - *Popular roadside restaurant with daily special lunches, Paella specialists. FIT Only.*
- Shigaraki Toge Mura Kokudoten - *Lunches featuring the best of local produce and "Shigaraki Palace" rice.*
- Ueki - *Variety of popular Japanese menu items and delicious "Eel".*
- Hutte Chukichi yama - *Local Shigaraki "Matsutake and Beef Sukiyaki" specialist. For the "gourmet" client, harvesting your own fresh "Matsutake mushrooms", during the harvest season adds to the experience.*

<https://pinecone-shigaraki.com/index.html>
https://www.instagram.com/_chatoran/
<https://www.kashogama.com/ensou/>
<http://www.uomatsu.co.jp/menu.html>
https://www.instagram.com/alo_shigaraki/
<https://tanukimura.com/aokuma/>
<https://gindawara.co.jp/pages/brownrice>
<https://www.yakinikumanda.com/>
<https://shigaraki-lamancha.com/>
<http://tougimura.jp>
No website

<https://www.cyu-kichi.com/>

Historic Site

- Former Shigaraki Palace Archaeological Site - *The grounds of the former Shigaraki Palace, capital of Japan.*

<https://shigaraki-fun.com/shigarakigushi>

Shrine

- Higumo Jinija - *One of few Shrines in all of Japan where the train runs though the grounds. Culturally important.*

<https://ur0.jp/aAShH>

Accommodation

- Irorina - *Quaint lodge style accomodation located in a beautiful forested location. Forest immersion stay.*
- Mix Nature - Camp Field - *Camping and outdoor.*
- Guest House Shigaraki Villa - *Modern guest house.*

<https://irorina1017.amebaownd.com/>
<https://mixnature.hp.peraichi.com/>
<http://www.uomatsu.co.jp/shigarakivilla.html>

Golf Courses

- Orange Shiga Country Club

<https://orange-shiga.co.jp/>



Chokushi District - Gateway

Galleries

- Kamamoto Utsuwa - *Traditional thatched roof gallery, extensive stock and Pottery Artisan owner.*
- Utsuwa no Shigoto - *Trendy gallery space in repurposed car mechanics workshop, open Sunday only.*
- Oogoya - *A large scale store featuring a wide variety of works.*
- Kabushiki Gasha Tōri (Wholesaler) - *Ceramic wholesaler and importer.*
- Nota & Design - *Art, Pottery and Flowers - Exhibitions.*
- Kaneman Touki - *Large pottery items, wash basins, bathtubs and more.*
- Tao Living Design - *Pottery for interiors showroom.*
- Marutaka Touki - *Large pottery showroom.*
- Bunpuku Tonchinkan - *Pottery shop and Gallery.*

<http://www.kamamoto-utsuwa.co.jp/>
https://www.instagram.com/utsuwa_no_shigoto/
<http://www.oogoya.co.jp>
No website
<https://nota-and.com/>
<https://www.shigarakiyaki.jp/>
<https://www.instagram.com/tao0748/>
<https://marutaka-touki.com/>
<https://www.bunpuku-tonchinkan.com/>

Pottery Activities

- Sawazen - *Hand Building, Ceramic Painting, Tanuki Figurine Making. Groups OK.*
- Bunpuku Taonchinkan - *Pottery Wheel, Hand Building, Ceramic Painting lessons.*
- Oogoya - *Pottery Wheel, Hand Building, Ceramic Painting Lessons, Pet Friendly.*
- Maruta Touki - *Pottery Wheel, Hand Building.*
- Marutaka Touki - *Potters Wheel, Hand building, Ceramic painting, Tanuki figurine making, Groups OK.*

No website
<https://www.bunpuku-tonchinkan.com/tougei.html>
<http://www.oogoya.co.jp/>
<https://www.marutatouki.com>
<https://marutaka-touki.com/>

Cafe/Restaurants/ Bakeries

- Coffee World - *Coffee, bread, light meals, and set meals.*
- Coyomi - *Boutique bakery famed for its "Cream Pan", "Curry Pan", Anpan".*
- Tao Cafe - *Cafe space for relaxation inside Tao Living Space Showroom.*
- Bunpuku Udon - *Delicious udon in convenient location.*
- Oogoya - *Spacious cafe and bakery featuring delicious handmade meals using local produce.*

No website
<https://www.instagram.com/bakerycoyomi/>
<https://www.instagram.com/tao0748/>
<https://www.bunpuku-tonchinkan.com/>
<http://www.oogoya.co.jp/>

- Jyuwari SobaYa Shinonome - *Stunning Traditional Architecture, Luxurious Japanese Soba Restaurant.*
- Rose Golf Course Restaurant - *Wide variety of meals and Brewery. BBQ Meals, Cafe.*
- Gingetsusha - *Delightful cafe inside the Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Organic and Local Ingredients.*
- Craft & Gallery Kirin - *A cozy gallery showcasing handmade crafts and local artworks.*

<http://www.oogoya.co.jp/>
<https://www.rose-golfclub.com/restaurant.html>
<https://gindawara.co.jp/pages/gingetsusha>
https://www.instagram.com/mayumi_mekata/

Museum and Exhibition Area

- Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park - *Toge no Mori - Prefectural Ceramic Museum, Exhibition Hall, Shop.*

<https://www.sccp.jp/e/>

Golf Course

- Shigaraki Rose Golf Course
- The Country Club

<https://www.rose-golfclub.com/restaurant.html>
<https://rttg-golf.jp/thecc>



Tashiro District - Gateway

Museum

- Miho Museum - *Stunning location with architecture by I.M.Pei, culturally significant exhibitions.*

<https://www.miho.jp/>

Cafe/Restaurants

- Handmade Soba Gen'an Nobu - *Soba Restaurant near the entrance to the Miho Museum.*
- Miho Museum - Peach Valley Restaurant - *Featuring nutritious organically grown local produce.*
- Miho Museum - Pine View - *Perfect place for refreshment when visiting Miho Museum.*

<https://tabelog.com/shiga/A2502/A250201/25010279/>
<https://www.miho.jp/en/restaurant/>
<https://www.miho.jp/en/cafe/>

Golf Courses

- Maple Hills Golf Club
- Shigaraki Country Tashiro Course
- Shigaraki Country Sugiyama Course

<https://maple-hills.com/>
<https://www.shigarakicc.jp/tashiro/>
<https://www.shigarakicc.jp/sugiyama/>

Accommodation

- Shigaraki Kogen Hotel - *Located in the grounds of the Shigaraki Country Sugiyama Course.*

<https://www.shigarakicc.jp/tashiro/>



Nagano District - Gallery and Kiln District of Shigaraki

Nagano Area Galleries

- Rengetsu - *A long family tradition of pottery-making dating back to the Edo period.*
- Shigaraki Share Studio - *A creative co-working space with a focus on pottery and art.*
- Kogen no Utsuwa Fujitou - *A wide range of pottery, from artisanal pieces to commercial-grade tableware.*
- Kotani Co. Ltd - *Allures customers with its an extensive array of products.*
- Noborigama Soutoen Kiln - *Hand crafted, unique and intriguing pottery. Products, are fired in the on site.*
- Utsuwa no Shigoto - *Specialists in functional tableware, taking inspiration from plants.*
- Tsuchinoko Gama Minakawa Toubou - *Handmade pottery, tableware, vases, teaware, natural glazes.*
- Yamakane Touki Ltd - *Specialists in garden pottery, bonsai pots.*
- Otani Touki - *Comprehensive selection of traditional Shigarakiware.*
- Gallery Kohara - *Works by Yojiro Kohara and solo exhibitions by local artisans.*
- Gallery Kogen - *Conveniently located gallery inside Shigaraki Kogen Railway Station.*
- Yamatate Seitojo - *A large selection of Shigaraki produced pottery sold in store.*
- Kama-to no Mori - *Manufacturer of Japan's "Plus Garden" brand, extensive giftware store.*
- Cokoro no Tsue L-Born Co.,Ltd - *Ceramic items created as memorials to family members that have passed.*
- Shigaraki Marumoto Pottery Co.,Ltd - *Creating large pieces to small items, as well as tours of pottery kilns.*
- Marui Seito Hechimon Shop - *Offer a wide range of products and their own brand "Hechimon".*
- Tsujikyu Pottery Co.,Ltd - *Extensive selectin of hand selected pottery.*
- Kabushiki Gaisha Maruta Touki - *Diverse selection of pottery. Local artists gallery.*
- Minorugama - *Gallery dedicated to vases and hand crafted pottery.*
- Kaneu Touki - *Wide range of items, from unique and handpicked pieces to the finest quality ceramics.*
- Nakamura Touki - *Tableware and flower vases and garden pottery, tanuki fingerines and tea ceremony experiences.*
- Shigaraki Toge no Mura - *Heritage listed noborigama, gallery, lessons, cafe, suitable for group.*
- Tanuki no Sato Matsumoto Touki - *A wide range of Shigaraki ware. Collection exceeding 30,000 items.*
- Yamasho Touki Kabushiki Gaisha - *A range of interior decor, tableware, small items, and original products.*
- Marutoku Touki Tokusai Toubou - *Wide selection of products good for special tableware.*
- Tani Kan Gallery - *Located near Shigaraki Station. Goof selection of homeware.*
- Bunpuku Co., Ltd. Tanukiya Bunpuku - *Gallery Restaurant and pottery workshop, all inside huge tanuki.*
- Touki Maruichi Shoten - *Large pottery shop and distributor near Shigaraki station.*
- Takahashi Rakusai Gama - *One of Shigaraki's iconic kiln workshops and galleries. Special experience.*
- Meizangama Ogama - *An integral part of the Kiln exploration trail, located on the "Rokuro Slope"*
- Uzan Gama - *Modern Gallery space, tableware and garden ware, translucent pottery lighting stunning.*
- Shimakichi Toubou - *Original pottery, handmade craftsmanship, with a focus on everyday tableware.*
- Shikuya Seitoshou - *Specializes in producing frogs and has done so for two generations.*
- Tsubo Bun - *Stunning gallery, tableware and pottery baths and more.*
- Marumasu Seito Sho - *Emphasis flower vases created using "Tatara forming techniques".*
- Tsubokuro Toubou x Lily of the Valley - *Creations express the unique depth and serenity of Goshu. (a Buddhist deity)*
- Toranosu - *Gallery located in the residential area of Shigaraki. Primarily exhibit and sell "naotora" tableware.*
- Okuda Marutaka Seito - *Specialising in the creation of creative animal figurines, primarily tanuki.*
- Yamakane Seitoshou x Tohbo Jun - *Crafts exquisite ikebana vessels, figurines and acclaimed pottery jewellery.*
- Ogawa Kenzo Toubou - *Keeping Shigaraki's traditions alive. Gallery in a stunning location.*
- Tani Kan Gama and Gallery Houzan - *Upholds the age-old legacy of Shigaraki ceramics, extensive gallery.*
- Masumi Gama - *Specializes in crafting everyday tableware, that is visually delightful and enjoyable to use.*
- Matsusho - Shiro-iro-ie - *Contemporary tableware with warm earthen tones.*
- Churokuen - *Vases, flower vases, tableware, and more.*
- Naka Koubo - *Earthenware pots, heat-resistant utensils, tableware, flower vases, sake vessels, and more.*
- Okuda Eizan Gama - *Gallery, Tea ceremony experiences and lessons.*
- Miharu Gama - *One of Shigaraki's must visit kiln workshops and gallery spaces.*
- Marushi Seito Co.,Ltd - *Ceramics for modern living, large scale operation, shrowroom.*

<https://rengetsu.co.jp/>
<https://sss-shigaraki.com>
<https://fujito-utsuwa.com/>
<http://www.kotani-to-ki.com/>
<http://www.shigarakiyaki.co.jp/>
https://www.instagram.com/utsuwa_no_shigoto/
<http://www.eonet.ne.jp/~tsuchinoko/>
No website
<http://www.otanitoki.jp/>
<https://shigaraki.shiga.jp/kigyoo/gallery-kohara>
No website
No website
<https://www.kama-to.jp/>
<https://www.facebook.com/cocoro.tue/>
<http://www.shigaraki-marumoto.jp/>
<https://www.hechimon.com/>
No website
<https://www.marutatouki.com/>
<https://minorugama.com/>
<http://www.kaneu.jp/>
<https://www.nakamura-touki.jp/>
<https://tougimura.jp/>
<https://butoukan.jp/>
<http://www.yamasho-touki.co.jp/>
<http://www.tokusai.jp>
No website
<https://www.bunpuku-tonchinkan.com/>
<https://www.yakimono.co.jp/>
<https://www.takahashirakusai.com/>
<http://www.meizan.info/ogama>
<https://uzan.jp/>
No website
<https://shikuya.com/>
<https://www.tsubo-bun.com/>
No website
https://www.instagram.com/tsubokuro_toubou/
<https://toranosu.com/>
No website
<http://www.tohbo-jun.jp/>
<https://ogawa-kenzo.com/>
<https://www.tanikangama.com/>
No website
<https://www.kamamoto.co.jp/>
<https://www.instagram.com/churokuen>
<https://nakakoubou.com/>
<http://www.eonet.ne.jp/~eizangama/>
<https://miharugama.com/>
<https://www.shigaraki-marushi.com/gallery>

- Yasuo Toubou - *Yasuo Gallery is operated by 5th generation owners.*
- Tsubohachigama Daiki no Utsuwa - *Artisans workshop and gallery, garden items, fountains, teapots etc.*

Pottery Activities

- Maru ri Gama - *Potters Wheel, Hand Building.*
- Ogama - *Hand building, tatara forming, ceramic painting, hand print impressions, childrens classes.*
- Miharu Gama - *Pottery Wheel, Hand Building.*
- Shigaraki Togeï Mura - *Potters Wheel, Hand Building, Tanuki figurine making. Groups OK.*
- Challenge - *Pottery Wheel, Hand Building.*
- Marutoku Touki - *Tokusai Toubou - Pottery Wheel, Hand Building.*
- Shigaraki Kenzo Tougei Club - *Pottery Wheel, Hand Building. Groups up to 20 people OK.*
- Minoru Gama - *Pottery Wheel, Hand Building.*
- Noborigama Soutoen - *Potters Wheel, Hand Building, Tanuki Making, Ceramic Painting.*
- Okuda Eizan Gama - *Potters Wheel (Also Tea Ceremony)*
- Kochu-an/Rakunyu Ceramic Studio - *Potters Wheel, Hand Building. Tea Ceremony.*

Other Activities

- Shigaraki Washi Making (Paper) - *Learn how to make Japanese washi.*
- Soft Korugi Salon Hioli - *“Korugi” refers to the Korean facial and jawline massage technique*

Shop

- Hiirō no Shōtengai - *a creative marketplace featuring local crafts, vintage goods, and artist collaborations.*
- Furugi-ya sivel - *Browse a curated selection of vintage clothing, remade items, and unique fashion finds.*
- Maruni Tōryō (Ceramic Shop) - *Shop for pottery supplies, glazes, and tools for both hobbyists and professionals.*
- Ōmiya Kōmingeikan - *Discover traditional Japanese antiques, folk crafts, and historic household items.*

Cafe/ Restaurants/ Deli/ Bakery

- Kirakuya - *Authentic Sanuki Udon, vibrant setting, generous portions, extensive menu.*
- Marupotasha - *Located inside Maruta Touki - quaint cafe with popular dessert treats, good for a rest.*
- Sobadokoro Sankyū - *Popular local soba restaurant near Shigaraki station.*
- Issuian - *Popular restaurant, excellent selection of menu's, seasonal focus.*
- Uosen - *Japanese restaurant, seasonality, lunches and dinners and events can be catered. Groups OK.*
- Noborigama Cafe - *Unique cafe inside heritage listed Noborigama kiln.*
- Kashikichi Funakawa - *Popular refreshment stop, delicious Strawberry Daifuku and Daifuku making lessons.*
- Cafe Awa Isa - *Cute Cafe located in the centre of Shigaraki, great place to rejuvenate during pottery hunting.*
- Cafe and Gallery Tōen - *Popular local Japanese Kisatten style cafe, lunches and refreshments. timeless.*
- iro+iro Deli and Kitchen - *Popular deli - delicious bento lunches.*
- Ogama - *Popular local Cafe, good place to refresh when doing a pottery exploration.*
- Yakume Bakery - *Popular Local Bakery, good selection of freshly baked breads, top rating bakery.*
- Ogawatei - *Popular Ryokan - meals only can be arranged for group lunches. Bookings essential.*
- Furaibou - *Ramen restaurant.*
- Gyuishi - *Omi Beef specialist restaurant. Groups OK.*
- Tanukiya Bunpuku - *Udon Restaurant. Groups Ok. Unique restaurant in the shape of a huge sleeping tanuki.*
- Kochuan/Rakunyu Ceramic Studio - *Tea Ceremony - Tea Kaiseki - reservations only. FIT.*
- Kama-to no Mori - *Cafe and lunches inside a operational ceramics factory, with extensive gift and homeware store.*
- Kushikatsu Musashi - *Authentic kushikatsu - popular with locals.*
- Sushi Kappo Kokoro - *Kappo style sushi restaurant.*
- Shokuji Tokoro Eiwa - *Sushi restaurant in the Nagano district.*
- Teppanyaki Tacchan - *Small restaurant, bookings essential.*
- Sakedokoro Masa - *Small and cosy Yakitori restaurant.*
- Shigaraki Saryō Uzukumaru - *Traditional Japanese sweets shop. (Takeout Only)*
- Shigaraki Torisue - *Omi Shamo Nabe specialist restaurant (Delicious local chicken).*

Accommodation

- Rose Village - *Stunning Cottages with expansive deck and pool area, perfect for several nights in Shigaraki.*
- Ogawatei - *Traditional Ryokan in the center of the Kiln exploration zone of Shigaraki. Tanuki bath incredible.*
- Ogama - *Modern self contained accommodation in a renovated kominka, next to iconic noborigama kiln.*
- Kochu-an/ Rakunyu Koubo - *Boutique accommodation, semi open air private baths located in pottery studio.*
- Keyakinoyado En - *Private, luxurious villa on spacious grounds. Michelin Star rated chef, run of house.*
- Pension Shigaraki - *Quaint lodging located near the Shigaraki Station in a Cherry blossom lined street.*
- Ryouri Ryokan Hiraoka Ya - *A family run Ryokan located near the central kiln exploration zone.*

Golf Courses

- Rose Golf Club

<https://yasubeigama.com/gallery/index.htm>
<http://www.daikinotsuwa.com/>

No Website

<https://www.meizan.info/ogama/>
<https://miharugama.com>
<http://tougemura.jp/>
<http://www.eonet.ne.jp/~rokuro/>
<https://tokusai.jp>
<http://www.tougei-kenzo.com/>
<https://minorugama.com/>
<https://www.shigarakiyaki.co.jp/>
<http://www.eonet.ne.jp/~eizangama>
<http://www.kochu-an.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/shigarakuwashi/>
<https://hioli.net/>

<https://hiiro.sivel.jp/>
<https://sivel.jp/>
<http://02-maruni.sun.bindcloud.jp/index.html>
<https://komingeikan.com/>

<http://www.kotanito-ki.com/>
<https://www.instagram.com/marupotasha/>
 ウェブサイトなし
<http://tsuian.com/>
<http://uosen.net/menu/>
<https://tougemura.jp/cafe/>
 No website
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<https://www.instagram.com/iro.toiro/>
<https://www.meizan.info/ogama/stay>
<https://www.instagram.com/yakumebakery/>
<https://www.shigaraki.co.jp/>
 No website
<https://www.gyuishi.com/index.html>
<https://www.bunpuku-tonchinkan.com/>
<http://www.kochu-an.com/>
<https://www.kama-to.jp/>
<https://kushikatsu-musashi.com/>
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<https://tabelog.com/shiga/A2502/A250202/25001706/>
<https://tabelog.com/shiga/A2502/A250202/25001705/>
<http://www.uzukumaru.co.jp/>
<https://koka-torisue.owst.jp/>

<https://rosevillage.jp/>
<https://www.shigaraki.co.jp/>
<https://www.meizan.info/ogama/stay>
<http://www.kochu-an.com/>
<https://keyaki-en.jp/>
<http://www.p-shigaraki.com>
<http://www.biwa.ne.jp/~hiraokay/>

<https://www.rose-golfclub.com/>



Eda/ Kouyama/ Nishi/ Hosohara Districts - Close to Central Shigaraki

Galleries

- Yamajo Touki - "Tou Dou Kan" - *Expansive gallery shop surrounded by Tanuki of all sizes.*
- Toumu - *Gallery hosts solo exhibitions of local artisans approximately once a month.*
- Tetsuzan Gama - *Potters Atelier and gallery. Excellent gallery to experience "Wabi Sabi".*
- Kabushiki Gaisha Rian - *The birthplace of the Shigaraki Tanuki and a must for Tanuki figurine lovers.*
- Marujiu Touki Co. Ltd - *Creating a wide variety of tableware and ceramic homeware.*
- Furutani Seitoshō - *Creates a variety of tableware, emphasis on designs that enhance the visual appeal of food.*

<https://www.yamajyou.com/>
<https://rengetsu.co.jp/>
<https://www.instagram.com/mt.zacky>
 No website
<https://www.010gama.co.jp/>
<https://furutani.handcrafted.jp/>

Cafe/ Restaurants/ Deli/ Bakery

- Sobachaya Ogura - *Jyuwari soba restaurant.*
- Nanapan - *Local bakery.*
- Tacoichi - *Tacoyaki roadside stall inside an repurposed train carriage.*
- Okonomiyaki Sukechan - *Local okonomiyaki restaurant.*
- Niku no Shimokawa - *Butchery restaurant, Yakiniku Restaurant.*
- Pork Restaurant Sora - *Tonkatsu and Buta Shabu.*
- Michikusa Ryori Obana - *Small restaurant serving heartfelt cuisine served on pottery by local Shigaraki artists.*
- Donabe Gohan and Cafe Mutsumian - *Extensive menu and focus on cooking with earthenware.*
- Yamada Bokujyo - *Operational Dairy Farm - Live farm animal exhibits, BBQ Land, Softserve Ice-cream etc.*

<https://sobachaya-ogura.com/>
https://www.instagram.com/nanapan_shigaraki/?hl=ja
https://www.instagram.com/tacoichi_shigaraki/
<https://okonomiyaki-sukechan.owst.jp>
 No website
<https://sora-shigaraki.com/>
 No website
<https://www.mutsumian.jp/>
<https://www.no-fu-yamadabokujyou.com/>

Farm Experience

- Yamada Bokujyo - *Operational Dairy Farm - Live farm animal exhibits, BBQ Land, Softserve Ice-cream etc.*

<https://www.no-fu-yamadabokujyou.com/>

Shop

- Shigaraki Sansōen - *A garden center offering a variety of plants, bonsai, and gardening supplies for enthusiasts.*
- Yamada Bokujyo - *Operational Dairy Farm - Live farm animal exhibits, BBQ Land, Softserve Ice-cream etc.*

No website
<https://www.no-fu-yamadabokujyou.com/>



Asamiya/ Sugiyama District - Gateway

Tea Specialists

- Yamamotoen - *Large scale tea grower and processor, retail facility, cafe and plantation tours.*
- Chanomiyagura - *Large scale tea grower and processor, retail facility.*
- Katagi Koukaen - *Asamiya's first fully organic tea plantation - tea plantation visits and tea sales.*

<https://www.asamiyacha.com/>
<https://chanomiyagura.com/>
<http://www.katagikoukaen.com/>

Cafe/Restaurants

- Yamamotoen - *With Tea - Popular cafe, tea themed dessert treats, light meals, local specialties.*
- Chanomiyagura - *Freshly baked roll cakes, created from the best ingredients from their own and tea plantations.*
- Shoraifuku - *Sweet Potato Dessert Treats.*
- Restaurant Yamabiko - *Japanese Restaurant - suitable for FIT and Group visitors.*
- Unagi Wakamatsu - *Japanese Eel Restaurant.*
- Shokujidokoro Asamiya - *Japanese Restaurant (Expansive menu and Wild Boar Hotpot, when in season).*
- Horanoen - *Zensai and Warabimochi and other Japanese sweets.*
- Kurodaen - *Handmade Japanese Soba, located in a stunning traditional Japanese style building.*
- Swiss Alpina - *Japanese Cafe meals, Swiss Fondue restaurant - garden setting.*
- Soba Ichinose - *Hand Made Soba restaurant.*
- Pizza Restaurant Girasole - *Local Pizza Restaurant.*

<https://www.asamiyacha.com/>
<https://chanomiyagura.com/>
https://www.instagram.com/shou_raifuku/
<https://www.r-yamabiko.jp/>
<https://www.instagram.com/wakamatsu726>
<https://www.botannabe-asamiya.com/contact>
 No website
<https://kurodaen-shigaraki.com/>
<https://www.instagram.com/garden.cafe.alpina/>
https://www.instagram.com/soba_ichinose/
https://www.instagram.com/girasole_asamiya?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y%3D

Accommodation

- Minpaku Nanbu - *Popular minshuku accommodation in delightful rural setting, between Shigaraki and Asamiya.*
- SHIGARAKI SAUNA - *An earthbag sauna made from recycled Shigaraki clay, infused with fragrant Asamiya tea.*

<https://stayjapan.com/area/shiga/koka/pr/13773>
<https://shigaraki37.jp/>

Golf Courses

- Asamiya Golf Course
- Shiga Country Club

<https://reserve.accordiagolf.com/golfCourse/shiga/asamiya/>
<https://www.shigacc.jp/>



Tarao District - Gateway District

Accommodation

- Hotel Lake Villa - *Popular Hotel and Cottages on the Tarao Golf Course.*
- Tarao no ie - *Renovated Japanese Kominka Stay, excellent immersion experience, great for self drive visitors.*
- Shigaraki no Sato House - *Igloo Style accommodation within the Daily Shigaraki Country Club grounds.*

<http://www.lakevilla.co.jp/>
<http://taraonoie.com/>
<https://www.d-shigaraki.co.jp/guide/lodging/>

Golf Courses

- Tarao Country Club
- Daily Shigaraki Country Club

<https://www.tarao.co.jp/>
<https://www.d-shigaraki.co.jp/>



Shigaraki Festivals

Shigaraki Fire Festival

This festival is held in mid-July in Shigaraki Town, Kôka City, Shiga Prefecture. It is said to have originated during the Edo period. The festival is dedicated to showing gratitude for "fire," which is essential in pottery and daily life, and to praying for safety.

Details and Location

Date: Mid-July

Time: 15:00 – 21:30

Venues: Atago-yama Tōki Shrine, Shigaraki Ichinomiya Shingu Shrine.

Schedule

15:00 – 17:00: Torch offering registration

(No advance booking; same-day registration only)

19:00: Fire Lighting Ceremony (Shigaraki Ichinomiya Shingu Shrine)

19:25: Opening Ceremony
(Shigaraki Town Center Parking Lot; explanation of start/end points.)

19:45: Torch offering & Taiko drumming

21:05: Dedication fireworks (Approx. 30 minutes)

Admission: Free

Organizer: Shigaraki Ceramic Capital Festival Executive Committee

Inquiries: Shigaraki Ceramic Capital Festival Executive Committee
(within the Shigaraki Ceramic Industry Cooperative Association)

Address: 985 Eda, Shigaraki-cho, Kôka-shi, Shiga 529-1811, Japan

Tel: 0748-82-0831

Fax: 0748-82-3473

Hours: 9:00 -17:00 (Weekdays only)

Website: <http://www.593touki.jp>



Pottery Festival and Events

In Shigaraki, throughout the year, artisans and potters showcase their works at various events. Visitors can enjoy the pleasure of searching for unique ceramics amidst a lively, market-like atmosphere.

Shigaraki Sakkaichi (Shigaraki Artists Market)

The Shigaraki Artist Market is a long-standing, popular event held over four days during the Golden Week holidays in early May. Participating ceramic artists set up booths to display and sell their works directly. The event also features artists working in wood, glass, leather, and fashion.

Visitors can enjoy hands-on workshops to experience professional techniques and a food area serving dishes made with local ingredients.

Date: Early May (Golden Week, annual)

Schedule

Time: 9:00 – 17:00 (first day from 11:00, last day until 16:00)

Venue: Shiga Prefectural Ceramic Cultural Park – Taiyo no Hiroba

Website: <https://www.shigaraki-sakkaichi.com/>

Shigaraki Touki Matsuri (Shigaraki Ceramic Festival)

The Shigaraki Touki Matsuri is held at galleries throughout Shigaraki, as well as at tents set up in the parking lot of the Shigaraki Ceramic Wholesale Cooperative and at participating local shops. During the festival, distinctive Shigaraki Touki Matsuri banners are displayed, making it easy to identify participating galleries and stores.

The festival features special discounts, giveaways, and a stamp rally, giving visitors the chance to win luxurious prizes unique to the Touki Matsuri. The latest information is regularly updated on the festival's official website.

Date: Mid-October, lasting about 1–1.5 weeks

Schedule

Time: 9:00 – 17:00

Venue: Galleries and shops throughout Shigaraki, and the Shigaraki Pottery Wholesale Cooperative parking lot

Website: shigaraki-matsuri.org





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