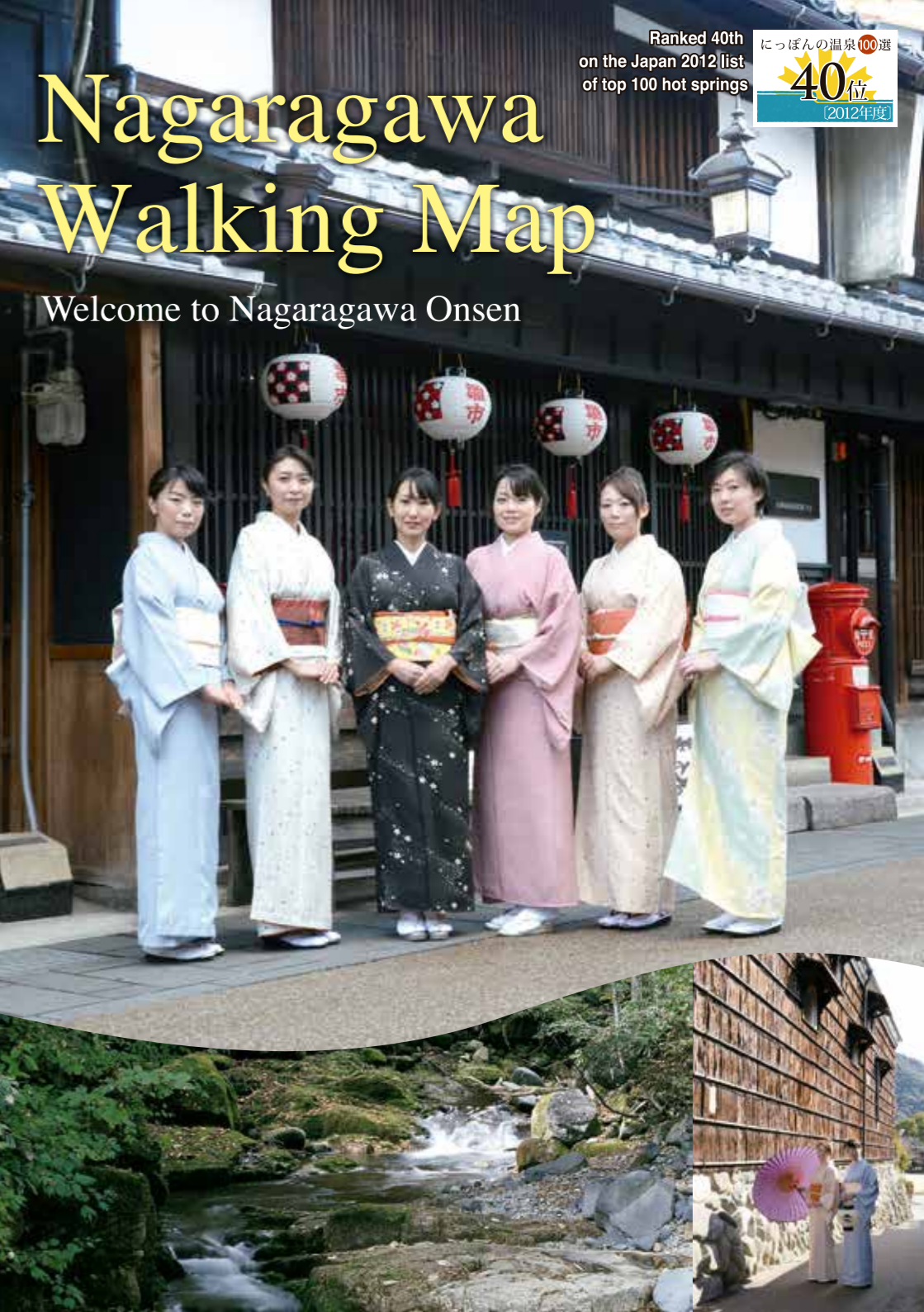


# Nagaragawa Walking Map

Welcome to Nagaragawa Onsen



## Guide to Nagaragawa Onsen Nagaragawa Onsen Accommodation

Each of these seven facilities has a distinctive character. Where would you like to stay?

**1 Gifu Grand Hotel** Phone: +81-(0)58-233-1111  
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**5 Hotel Park** Phone: +81-(0)58-265-5211  
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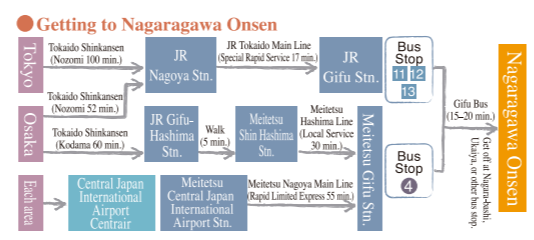
**2 Ushonoie Sugiyama** Phone: +81-(0)58-231-0161  
<http://www.gifu-sugiyama.com>

**6 Dining Ryokan Kinka** Phone: +81-(0)58-262-2292  
<http://www.kinkagifu.com/>

**3 Nagaragawa Kanko Hotel Ishikin** Phone: +81-(0)58-231-8156  
<http://www.ishikin.co.jp>

**7 Juhachiro** Phone: +81-(0)58-265-1551  
<http://www.18rou.com>

**4 Gifu Miyako Hotel** Phone: +81-(0)58-295-3100  
<http://www.miyakohotels.ne.jp/gifu>



Gifu Nagaragawa Onsen and Ryokan Cooperative  
<http://www.nagaragawa.org/>

### Origin of Kawara-machi

Kawara-machi is the district where cormorants are kept and where the cormorant fishing viewing boats dock. The area includes Minato-machi, Tamai-cho, and Motohama-cho. Possessing a port on the Nagara River, the town collected a cluster of merchant storehouses and residences, typically paper wholesalers and timber merchants. Giving Kawara-machi an evocative townscape, splendid old houses from the feudal era to early modern times have survived.



Around Kawara-machi  
Famous sweets  
Local products  
Dining info

### Cormorant fishing on the Nagara River

For 1300 years, men have used cormorants to catch fish from the Nagara River. In this traditional Japanese fishing method, a master controls ten to twelve birds using hand ropes and coordinates the actions of the birds as they catch ayu (sweetfish). Lit by the glow from the boats' blazing basket braziers, the scene looks like one from an ancient scroll. Urging the birds, who suddenly dive all at once, the calls of the masters speak from ages past.

## Guide to Gifu Nagara River Cormorant Fishing Viewing

**Season**  
May 11 to October 15

### Cormorant-fishing Viewing Schedule

**Arrival at the hotel or ryokan** Please check in before 4:30 p.m.

**Boat boarding site** The boarding site differs according to where you are staying. The staff at your hotel or ryokan will guide you to the boarding site.

**Boarding time**  
**Evening meal aboard the boat** Boarding from 5:30 p.m. (meal prepared after boarding) to 6:00 p.m.  
**Evening meal at the hotel/ryokan** Boarding at 7:00 p.m. (Please finish your meal by 6:30 p.m.)

**Start of cormorant fishing** Fireworks are launched to signal the start of cormorant fishing at around 7:45 p.m., and fishing start.

**Downstream fishing run**  
Each cormorant fishing viewing boat accompanies a fishing boat on a downstream run. You can appreciate the skill of the master as he controls his fishing birds with hand ropes.

**Viewing from moored boat**  
Depending on the weather and river conditions, a downstream fishing run may not be possible. If so, the viewing boat is moored to the bank and you can view the six boats carrying out cormorant fishing as they pass in sequence.

**Deboarding time** Between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. (may vary slightly according to season and the number of boats launched that day)

Note: The schedule may vary daily according to the weather and the number of boats. You can get up-to-date information from your hotel, inn, or Gifu City Cormorant Fishing Viewing Boat Office (phone: +81-(0)58-262-0104). Cormorant viewing boats are equipped with toilets, and some have facilities for passengers with special needs. Please state any such needs at time of booking.

### 3 Meisan-kan (local souvenirs)

**Recommended** ● Shop original wind chimes and lanterns  
Near the Cormorant Fishing Viewing Boat Office, the shop has a rich variety of food, local saké, and other goods.  
● Open: Apr. to Oct., 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Nov. to Mar. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
● Closed: Open daily all year

### 4 Nagara Uiro Ukai-jaya Shagu (café, Japanese sweets)

Japanese-style café located in the Cormorant Fishing Viewing Boat Passenger Assembly Building. You can choose from a variety of drinks and enjoy Japanese sweets made by confectioners across Gifu City.  
● Open: May 11 to Oct. 15, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Oct. 16 to May 10, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
● Closed: Open every day May 11 to Oct. 15; Closed Wed. Oct. 16 to May 10; closed during year end to New Year period.

### 13 Bourdonne (café and restaurant)

This doubly welcoming shop has two faces. You can enjoy original Western-style dining, or enjoy something more café style. The modish interior is a comfortable place to relax and linger.  
● Open: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
● Closed: Open daily all year

### 15 Sosaku Shin Chukaryori Shoryu (Chinese cuisine)

**Recommended** ● Fried chicken ● Prawn mayonnaise  
Authentic Taiwanese cooking. Whether you order single items or a set meal, enjoy plentiful servings.  
● Open: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Sat., Sun., public holidays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.  
● Open daily all year

### 16 Viet Cong Ramen (noodle shop)

**Recommended** ● Beto miso ramen 1,050 yen  
Food so tasty that even the Viet Cong leader who beat the Americans would be taken by surprise!  
● Open: 6:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.  
● Closed: Tues.

### 17 Nagaratobo (creates and sells ceramics)

**Recommended** ● Yunomi ● Kohiwan  
Nagara Ceramic Art creates, fires, and sells ceramics in Shino, Oribe, kofuki, sometsuke, uwae and other styles.  
● Open: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
● Closed: Not fixed

### 18 Kitei Minoichi (Japanese cuisine)

**Recommended** ● Kamameshi ● Kaiseki ryori  
Relax and enjoy "kettle rice" or delicious traditional tray meals while looking out over the Nagara River and Mt. Kinka.  
● Open: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; dinner 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
● Closed: Thursdays (but open if public holiday)

### 19 Senryu (Steak and other meat in Japanese style rooms)

**Recommended** ● Steak ● Grills  
Savor steak while gazing over the Nagara River and Mt. Kinka. All rooms are private.  
● Open: 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
● Closed: during year end to New Year period.  
Note: Business hours and closing days may change according to situation at the store and other facilities.

**1 Cormorant Fishing Viewing Boat Boarding Dock (Office)**  
**2 Cormorant Fishing Viewing Boat Assembly Building**

The architecture matches the historic townscape of Kawara-machi. Both passengers and people casually strolling through the town are welcome to enter the building.  
 ● Open: 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (during ukai season, to 9:00 p.m.)  
 ● Closed: open daily Apr. to Oct. 15; off season, closed Sat. and Sun.



**5 Sumii Tomijiro Shoten**  
 (creates and sells shibu uchiwa)

Local shibu flat fans are made from Mino washi (wa paper) on bamboo, and glazed with persimmon juice. If you dip a mizu uchiwa in water, it cools the air while fanning.  
 ● Open: May 11 to Oct. 15, 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Oct. 16 to May 10, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 ● Closed: Open daily May 11 to Oct. 15; off season, closed Sun.  
 Recommended  
 ● Gold koban coin-shape fan with ukai motif: 1,400 yen each



**6 Tamaiya Honpo** (Japanese sweets)

Established in 1908, this shop has always put heart and soul into confecting traditional Japanese sweets. Its famous cakes shaped like sweetfish, nobori-ayu and yaki-ayu, have come to represent Gifu.  
 ● Open: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ● Closed: Wed.  
 Recommended  
 ● Nobori-ayu  
 ● Yaki-ayu



**7 Juhachiro Dozo Restaurant Toki no Kura**  
 (Japanese cuisine)

This restaurant is directly managed by Juhachiro, a venerable Japanese inn. To mark its 150th anniversary, Juhachiro had a 120-year-old-storehouse dismantled, moved and, using traditional methods, rebuilt here.  
 ● Open: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (last order 1:00 p.m.), 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (last order 7:30 p.m.)  
 ● Closed: Wed.  
 Recommended  
 ● Cost: Lunch weekday from 3,150 yen (mini kaiseki), Sat., Sun., public hol. from 4,200 yen (kaiseki)  
 ● Dinner from 5,250 yen (kaiseki, incl. spa bath entry)



**8 Le Chinois Kawade** (Chinese cuisine)

Experience superb Chinese food, served in courses as in Western dining, and with the kind of service you get in great hotels.  
 ● Open: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (last order 1:30 p.m.); 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (last order 8:30 p.m.)  
 ● Closed: Open daily all year  
 Recommended  
 ● Cost: Lunch, 2,900 yen; dinner, 5,250 yen



**9 Bunkaya** (fusion food)

With views of the Nagara River, eat our original kaiseki and enjoy a memorable taste of Japan in a restaurant housed in an attractive, remodeled, old private house.  
 ● Open: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (last order); 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (last order)  
 ● Closed: Not fixed  
 Recommended  
 ● This month's kaiseki set meal, 2,940 yen



**10 Kawaramachiya** (Café)

Take it easy in the relaxing, calm surroundings of this café in a traditional town house. Take a break and treat yourself to coffee with delicious sweets or cakes.  
 ● Open: 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (to 7:00 p.m. during ukai season)  
 ● Closed: during year end to New Year period.  
 Recommended  
 ● Kawaramachiya jelly  
 ● Variety of homemade cakes



**11 La Luna Piena** (Italian cuisine)

The restaurant is a calm and peaceful sanctuary where you can gaze at Mt. Kinka and enjoy exquisite Italian cuisine.  
 ● Open: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (last order); 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (last order)  
 ● Closed: Tues.



**Nagaragawa Onsen Sightseeing Map**

**12 Kawara-machi Izumiya**  
 (ayu speciality restaurant)

Bincho charcoal-broiled food, including ayu (wild sweetfish) which is slowly and carefully cooked so that you can savor the whole fish, head to bone. Enjoy the taste of ayu throughout the year.  
 ● Open: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (res. req. for evenings)  
 ● Closed: Wednesdays (But daily Jul. and Aug. Closed all Feb.)  
 Recommended  
 ● Char broiled food and ayu cuisine  
 ● Ayu ramen (noodles)



**14 Nagaragawa Flavor**

Bringing together stores, a gallery, and a hands-on workshop, Nagaragawa Flavor is the new hit spot in Gifu.  
 ● Open: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (326 Sabo opens from 9:00 a.m.)  
 ● Closed: Tues.

**326 Tre Due Sei** (bakery)  
**326 Sabo** (café)  
**IL BOSCO** (interior shop)  
**Gallery Motohama** (gallery)  
**Doki Doki Kobo** (hands-on pottery workshop)  
**Patisserie Nagara Tatin** (patisserie)



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**23 Nagara River Ukai Museum**

You can find out about the Ukai – cormorant fishing – tradition of Gifu Nagara River and its symbolic value to the city. Open daily all year, the museum introduces the culture of the Nagara River and provides sightseeing information.



**20 Gifu City Museum of History**

Learn about the history and culture of Gifu, especially the Age of Nobunpaga, Replicating the cityscape of Gifu Castle Town, a detailed model lets you take a birds-eye view of the old castle town. To get an even better feel for the time, you can dress up in period clothing.



**24 Japan-China Friendship Garden**

The garden was made in 1989 to commemorate the tenth anniversary city friendship ties between Gifu City and Hangzhou City. The pond was constructed in emulation of Hangzhou's famous Saiko Lake, and its waters reflect the changing scenery of the passing seasons.



**21 Nawa Insect Museum**

Built in 1919 by "Father of Insects" and "Godfather of Gifu Butterflies" Yasushi Nawa, the collection comprises 300,000 specimens of 12,000 species.



**25 Gifu Castle and Mt. Kinka Ropeway**

The home castle for Oda Nobunaga when he was actively uniting Japan. Gaze over distant views of Ibuki, Yoro, and Ontake, and the Nobi Plain. It takes 3 min. to ascend using the Mt. Kinka Ropeway, and then about 8 min. to walk from the ropeway upper station to the castle.



**22 Gifu Park General Information Center**

At this building modeled on an ancient samurai residence, you can get information about Gifu Park, sit down and take it easy at no charge, get refreshments, and buy souvenirs associated with Gifu. It is a great base for exploring Gifu on foot. Nearby, you will find toilet facilities and a bicycle rental post. Phone: +81 (0) 58-264-4865



**26 Gifu Great Buddha (Shohoji Temple)**

One of the three great Buddha images of Japan, the Gifu statue is the largest lacquered Buddha in Japan.

Note: All photos are representative, actual appearance may vary.