



Traditional crafts

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Takaoka Lacquerware (*Takaoka Shikki*)

Takaoka City

400 Years of Long-Lasting Affection

Takaoka Lacquerware originated 400 years ago, when artisans who moved to Takaoka began to paint drawers and trays using Japanese lacquer (*urushi*). Three decoration techniques characteristic of Takaoka (*chokoku-nuri*, *yusuke-nuri*, and *aogai-nuri*) were established by the beginning of the Meiji era, epitomized by Takaoka's Mikurumayama floats. In recent years, lacquerware has been involved in the production of everyday use items such as glasses and various accessories through designer collaborations.



Exploring Takaoka's Lacquerware (*Takaoka Shikki*)



Decorating Experience using the Burying-Shell (*raden*) Technique

Recommended Route (Half-Day)

Shin-Takaoka Station
 ↓ 8 minutes by shuttle bus (160 yen)

Takaoka Station
 ↓ Rent a bicycle at the Sightseeing Information Center (200 yen)
 20 minutes by bicycle

1 Burying-Shell (*raden*) Experience at Takaoka Regional Industrial Center
 ↓ 15 minutes by bicycle

2 Takaoka Mikurumayama Museum Dozō-zukuri Street
 ↓ Enjoy a light lunch/snacks.
 ↓ Dozō-zukuri Museum
 5 minutes by bicycle

Takaoka Station
 ↓ 8 minutes by shuttle bus (160 yen)
 Shin-Takaoka Station

1 Takaoka Regional Industrial Center (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation)

All kinds of lacquerware are displayed and sold; you can experience making your own original burying-shell (*raden*) or gold-painting (*makie*) lacquerware. Cost: starting from 2800 yen. 1-1 Kaihatsuhonmachi, Takaoka City TEL +81-766-25-8283 Opening Hours: 9:30 am ~ 5 pm

Another place where you can experience decorating lacquerware

Musashigawa Kobo

1-23 Jijikimachi, Takaoka City
 TEL +81-766-26-0792
 Opening Hours: 9 am ~ 5 pm
 Time: around 90 minutes
 Cost: starting from 3000 yen

Reservation needed in advance



Bicycle Rental Information Shuttle Bus Information

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Takaoka Station Sightseeing Information Centers (4)
 Available from April 1st to November 30th
 Opening Hours: 10 am ~ 4 pm



🚌 Shuttle Bus Information

(Shin-Takaoka Station ~ Takaoka Station South Entrance) Service: 6 shuttle buses/hour from 7 am to 7 pm.



2 Takaoka Mikurumayama Museum

The Mikurumayama floats, embodying Takaoka's refined metalworking and lacquerware techniques, are on exhibition at Takaoka's Mikurumayama Museum all year long.

47-1 Moriyamamachi, Takaoka City



Takaoka Mikurumayama Festival

Takaoka's Mikurumayama Festival, designated as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, is said to have originated in the cartage that Maeda Toshinaga conferred to the townspeople of Takaoka at the time of his castle's construction. The original cartage was a present to Maeda Toshie from Toyotomi Hideyoshi, a preeminent daimyo who unified Japan by bringing an end to the Sengoku period. Yamachosuji Area, Takaoka City; May 1st



3 Dozō-zukuri Museum

Historical records and photos explaining how Takaoka developed as a town and the origins of traditional warehouses constructed in the Dozō-zukuri style.

26 Konmadashimachi, Takaoka City



Dozō-zukuri Street

A historical town area lined with merchant house built in the Dozō-zukuri style, touching upon a variety of architectural styles characteristic of old European, late Meiji and early Shōwa periods.

Kiunemachi ~ Moriyamamachi Areas of Takaoka City

