



Exploring Gokayama Washi Paper



Traditional crafts
五箇山和紙
 Gokayama Washi Paper
 Nanto City

1000 Years: Everlasting Japanese Washi Paper

The traditional Japanese paper made in Toyama Prefecture's Gokayama, Yatsuo, Hirudan regions is collectively referred to as Etchū-washi. Among the latter, the washi made of 100% kozo (paper mulberry) in Gokayama is particularly durable and was used as Kaga Domain exclusive writing paper. In addition to being used for repairing old documents, washi is used in collaboration with designers to create neat accessories, which are widely discussed at trade fairs overseas.



Experience paper-making!



Another place where you can experience paper-making

6 Gokayama Washi Paper Workshop
 835 Ainokura, Nanto City
 TEL +81-763-66-2016
 Opening Hours: 9 am ~ 4 pm



Public Transit Information

World Heritage Bus
 Every day between Takaoka
 ⇄ Johana ⇄ Gokayama ⇄ Shirakawa-go
 (no reservation needed)

Kaetsuno Bus Fare Center
 (Inside the Waiting Room of Curun Takaoka, 1F)
 TEL +81-766-21-0950
 Opening Hours:
 Monday ~ Friday 7:30 am ~ 6:30 pm
 Weekend & Holidays 9 am ~ 6 pm



Recommended Route (Half-Day)

- Gokayama IC
- ↓ 5 minutes by car
- 1 Roadside Station: Kamitaira Sasara-kan
- ↓ 6 minutes by car
- 2 Suganuma Gasshō-zukuri Village
- ↓ 6 minutes by car
- 3 Murakami Household
- ↓ 8 minutes by car
- 4 Ainokura Gasshō-zukuri Village
- Enjoy your lunch here!
- 15 minutes by car
- 5 Roadside Station Taira
- Experience paper-making at Washi no Sato (washi village)
- 20 minutes by car
- Gokayama IC

2 Roadside Station Taira: Washi no Sato



You can experience making washi and then creating postcards and Japanese fans with the washi that you made.
 Cost: starting from 700 yen.
 215 Higashinakae, Nanto City.
 TEL +81-763-66-2223
 Opening Hours: 9 am ~ 5 pm



1 Roadside Station: Kamitaira Sasara-kan
 Enjoy nigiri-zushi and grilled chars with mountain vegetables dishes unique to Gokayama, which also offers a variety of local sake and specialty products.
 72-1 Nishiakaomachi, Nanto City



2 UNESCO World Heritage: Suganuma Gasshō-zukuri Village
 9 Gasshō-style houses standing in quiet nature; a wonder to behold in the depths of winter.
 Suganuma, Nanto City



3 Important Cultural Property: Murakami Household
 Murakami Household is representative of Gokayama's Gasshō-zukuri in a way that best conveys the state of the habitation as it was back in the day. Thousands of historical records can be seen here.
 742 Kaminashi, Nanto City



4 UNESCO World Heritage: Ainokura Gasshō-zukuri Village
 Twenty Gasshō-style houses are extant, surrounded by nostalgic fields, stone walls and snowy forests. The past is still very much alive.
 Ainokura, Nanto City