

Fun activities you can enjoy in the Clan Boundary Town

Fee Duration Reservation / Application

*Prices are current as of March 31, 2025. They are subject to change.

Former Yoshihara Residence 旧吉原家住宅



This is the residence of the Yoshihara family, who served the former Yanagawa Clan of Kobochō as a separate headman for generations during the Edo period (about 200 years ago) and later also served as the headman of the domain. The craftsmanship of Ōkawa, a town known for its woodworking, can be seen in the details such as the pillars and transoms.

Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00 (admission until 16:30)
Closed: Every Monday (or the following day if the Monday falls on a public holiday and New Year's holidays)

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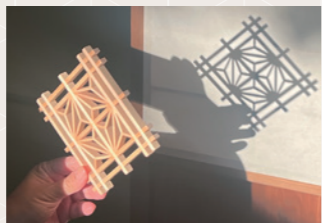
Ōkawa Kumiko Latticework Experience

Same-day participation possible. Advance reservation preferred.

大川組子体験

Create your own coaster using an Ōkawa kumiko kit. It's a great way to experience the incredible skill of traditional artisans.

1,700 30 minutes
okwyoshiharake@gmail.com



Matcha Experience

Same-day participation possible. Advance reservation preferred.

抹茶体験

Make matcha with our staff and enjoy it alongside traditional Japanese sweets!

500 15 minutes or more
okwyoshiharake@gmail.com



SHOUBUNSU Vinegar Brewery & Takahashi Residence 庄分酢・高橋家住宅



This shop sells vinegar made using traditional methods passed down through generations, with a history of nearly 300 years. You can enjoy a course meal featuring vinegar (reservation required). In addition to vinegar brewery tours, various experiences are available, so please make a reservation in advance.

Shop
Open 9:00-17:00
Closed: Obon and New Year's holidays

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Vinegar Brewery Tour

Reservation required. 酢蔵見学

You can observe the traditional vinegar production process while listening to an explanation from the staff.

1,500 https://shoubun.jp/english/ >> Contact Us



Takahashi Residence Tour

Reservation required. 高橋家住宅見学

The Takahashi residence, built in the mid-18th century (about 250 years ago), is designated as a tangible cultural property of Ōkawa City. You can tour the main house and experience its historical charm.

5,000 https://shoubun.jp/english/ >> Contact Us



Fermented Drink Making Experience with Fruit Vinegar

Reservation required.

フルーツビネガーを使った発酵ドリンク作り体験

Make a natural fermented drink using only fresh fruits and spices.

3,500 1 hour https://shoubun.jp/english/ >> Contact Us



Miyazaki Joinery (Traditional Carpentry) 宮崎建具

MAP 5



This long-established joinery store was established in 1927. Miyazaki Hiroki, the third-generation owner of this store, has been skillfully working not only on traditional fittings but also on the interiors of cafés and luxury sightseeing trains.

Small Box Making Experience

Reservations required 2 weeks in advance. 小箱作り体験

Through making a small box incorporating the craftsmanship of joiners, you can experience the skills of artisans firsthand. The box includes kumiko latticework, allowing you to enjoy creating kumiko as well. This is a hands-on experience using real tools such as saws and chisels, just like the ones used by craftsmen.

For 1 person: ¥24,700 For 2 people: ¥18,700 3 hours
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Morita Lacquerware Store 森田うるし店

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Morita Kazaemon started his urushi lacquerware store shortly after the company was founded in 1829. The current seventh generation of lacquer artisans manufacture and sell various products, such as *kintsugi* (using gold to repair broken ceramics), restoration, and custom-made orders.

The following three experiences use genuine lacquer, so there may be a risk of allergic reactions.
The shipping of your works will be done at a later date, and additional shipping fees will apply.

Makie (Lacquered Picture) Experience

Reservations required 2 weeks in advance. 蒔絵体験

You can experience the technique of painting pictures with lacquer on a small ceramic plate that has been coated with lacquer, using tools that artisans actually use. After painting with lacquer, gold powder is sprinkled to finish the artwork, providing an authentic experience.

For 1 person: ¥22,000 Maximum capacity: 3 people Approximately 2 hours 30 minutes
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Chopstick Making Experience 箸作り体験

You can mix your preferred lacquer color right in front of you and experience applying lacquer to chopsticks.

For 1 person: ¥11,000 Maximum capacity: 3 people Approximately 1 hour
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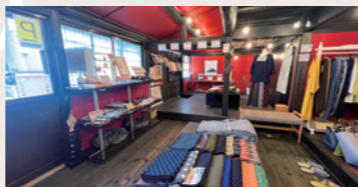
Chopstick Making + Makie Set Experience

Reservations required 2 weeks in advance. 箸づくり+蒔絵のセット体験 You can experience both activities together.

For 1 person: ¥28,000 Maximum capacity: 3 people Approximately 3 hours 30 minutes
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Hanzakai Monpeya Beta Beta 藩境もんぺ屋BetaBeta

MAP 15



In this store, You can choose your favorite pattern from the Kurume kasuri cloth and have a stylish monpe (traditional Japanese pants) made semi-tailored. The shop is owned by Miyake Hiroko, a guide involved in various activities in this feudal town. Sundry goods and accessories that showcase Kurume kasuri material, Ōkawa City, and the Chikugo area are also sold.

Opening Hours: Weekends 10:00-17:00

Kurume Kasuri Coaster & Accessory Making Experience

Reservations required 1 week in advance, available on weekends only.

久留米絣でコースター&アクセサリー作り体験

You can enjoy the experience of choosing your favorite pattern from Kurume kasuri fabric scraps and making accessories like coasters or brooches. During the experience, you will also learn about the history and culture of Kurume kasuri, a traditional craft from the Chikugo area in southern Fukuoka Prefecture, with a focus on sustainability.

2,500 1 hour hirokomiyamiya@gmail.com



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MAP &
Experiences

藩境のまちとは **About the Clan Boundary Town**

Feel the skill and artistry of wood artisans in this old townscape full of treasures

The town of Kobo-Enokizu is in the south part of Ōkawa City, famous for its "wooden furniture town."

In a small town just a 20-minute walk away, there are approximately 170 townhouses, shrines, temples, and woodworking factories from 100 to 400 years old, still retaining their old-fashioned atmosphere.

It is said that the town was born from a market held in front of the Kobo Hachiman Shrine in the 16th century and prospered as a key marine transportation center where ship carpenters and artisans lived. Utilizing advanced woodworking techniques, the town began to produce various wooden products, including waterwheels, fittings, cupboards, boxes, kumiko lattices, and carvings. From the 17th century onward, a waterway formed a border between the two towns: Kobo of the Yanagawa clan on the west side and the Enokizu of the Kurume clan on the east side.

Today, the NPO Kobo-Enokizu Clan Boundary Town Preservation Society is playing a central role in the effort to preserve the old townscape. Walking around the town, one can hear the sound of joiners processing wood to restore cultural assets, temples, shrines, and houses that showcase the skills of the artisans. Stores and restaurants using old private houses have also opened over the years.

Model Course

Why not take a leisurely stroll while following one of our model courses?

We also recommend guided tours, which offer unique experiences and access to places not normally open to the public.

*Guided tours must be reserved at least 7 days in advance.



\\ Start! //

The Clan Boundary Town Plaza

The Kobo area (former Yanagawa Domain)

- 1 Jōfukuji Temple
- 2 the stones bordering the domain
- 3 Chiikuma
- 4 Kobo Hachiman Shrine
- 5 Miyazaki Furnishings
- 6 Hōsenji Temple
- 7 Yoshihara Yoshirō Family Residence
- 8 Paris-Montsouris
- 9 Kyushu Furnishings
- 10 Former Ogata Residence
- 11 Kōrakuji Temple

The Kobo area

- 12 Morita Lacquerware Store
- 13 Former Yoshihara Residence

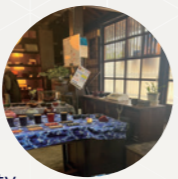


Osakai-Ego

The Enokizu area (former Kurume Domain)

- 14 SHOUBUNSU Vinegar Brewery & Takahashi Residence
- 15 Hanzakai Monpeya Beta Beta
- 16 Betabeta Kuzzoko Avenue
- 17 Clan Boundary Town Preservation Society
- 18 Kinoshita Family Storehouse
- 19 Ganrenji Temple
- 20 Nakamura Residence

\\ Goal! //



Look Up as You Walk

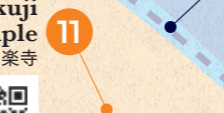
Many of the buildings in this historic townscape have distinctive rooftops. Be sure to check out the Nakamura Residence (20), which had its roof newly rethatched with tiles in 2024! The decorative tiles, including family crests and onigawara (ogre-faced ridge-end tiles), were specially commissioned and custom-made.



Former Kurume Domain



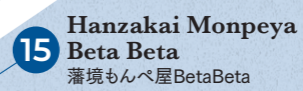
Domain Boundary



Osakai-Ego



SHOUBUNSU Vinegar Brewery & Takahashi Residence



Betabeta Kuzzoko Avenue



the stones bordering the domain



Jōfukuji Temple



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The Clan Boundary Town Plaza

