

See the lively Japan Heritage Iwami Kagura up-close

Arifuku Onsen Yu-no-Machi Kagura-den

Located in the retro onsen district, the Yu-no-Machi Kagura-den is a place where you can enjoy Iwami Kagura right before your eyes as the stage and seating areas are close. Iwami Kagura is a traditional performance art passed down from long ago in the Iwami area in the western part of Shimane Prefecture. With the theme of Japanese myths, it features people clad in magnificent costumes with gold and silver thread who wear highly expressive masks and dance majestically to drum and flute musical accompaniment.

Arifuku Onsen Yu-no-Machi Kagura-den

[Paid performances, reservations required]

Sales: Saturdays (every other week) 20:30-21:30



Reservations and inquiries:

Gotsu City Tourist Information Center

TEL 0855-52-0534

[Hours] 9:00-17:00

[Closed] Tuesdays, New Year's holiday period from December 29 to January 3

*Please apply through your accommodation if you will stay overnight in Arifuku Onsen.

For those who want to learn more
about Iwami Kagura, please contact:

<https://www.all-iwami.com/en/kagura/>



Seafood, mountain food, and hospitality with good fortune

Seafood unloaded at Hamada Port and mountain food gathered in the nearby mountains. Seasonal delicacies you can only savor in this area. Constant ingenuity is used so that people can enjoy seeing and tasting the seasonal blessings received from nature. You can enjoy the cuisine by staying at a traditional *ryokan* inn.



Arifuku Yoshidaya

Accommodations established over 270 years ago with its own source of free-flowing hot-spring water

708 Arifuku Onsen-cho, Gotsu City,
Shimane Prefecture
TEL 0855-56-2222
<https://arifukuyoshidaya.com/>



Sangai Ryokan

Experience the Edo period at an inn that was once a lord's villa

692 Arifuku Onsen-cho, Gotsu City,
Shimane Prefecture
TEL 0855-56-2211
<http://sangai.jp/>



Ryokan Nushiya

Featuring nine different elegant rooms, including detached Japanese-style rooms, in a traditional house moved to the premises measuring 9,930 square meters

955 Arifuku Onsen-cho, Gotsu City,
Shimane Prefecture
TEL 0855-56-2121
<http://www.nushiya.jp/>



Introduction of sightseeing near Arifuku Onsen



Shimane Aquarium Aquas

The largest aquarium in the Chugoku and Shikoku regions famous for its beluga whale performances



Hashi Swimming Beach

One of the largest swimming beaches in the Iwami area



Tabato Shrine

An old shrine that once had the name Ninomiya in the former Iwami province. There is a legend here associated with the Yatagarasu raven



Local Industry Promotion Center Jibasan

An exhibition space and store gathering local products such as Iwami ware and Sekishu Washi paper together under one roof



Road Station San Piko Gotsu

An agriculture, forestry, and fishery products wholesale store with fresh local ingredients

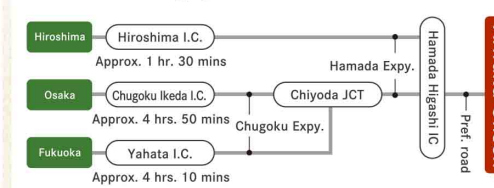


Tenryo Gotsu Honmachi, Iraka Kaido Street

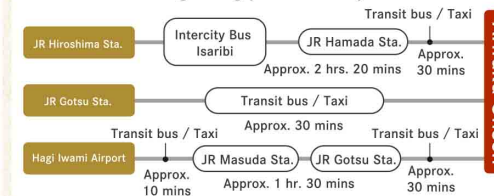
A street with red tiles that still remains from the time when the area prospered when Kitamaebune ships stopped at the port



When travelling by car



When travelling using public transportation



Inquiries

Gotsu City Tourist Information Center (Gotsu City Tourist Association)

1518-1 Gotsu-cho, Gotsu City, Shimane Prefecture
TEL 0855-52-0534 FAX 0855-52-0644

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<https://gotsu-kanko.jp/>



Rental bicycles

Going uphill is easy because they are pedal-assist electric bicycles! Please try them whether you are traveling for sightseeing or business purposes.

[Fee] 4 hours: 700 yen per bicycle,
1 day: 1,000 yen per bicycle



A mountain village bursting with good fortune

"Arifuku Onsen, a town with good fortune" is a verdant mountain village that has continued from about 1,370 years ago. Its baths with transparent waters are beloved as bihada-no-yu, or hot springs with beautifying effects on the skin. The hot spring district has nostalgic red tiles lined along the stone steps.



Bihada-no-yu, hot springs for beautiful skin where flowing waters have surged for over 10,000 years

These hot springs have a time-honored history, and are said to have been discovered by Hodo Sennin from India in 651. The 13 hot spring sources are all natural. The three public bathhouses all have different appearances, and you can enjoy water straight from the source. Results from measuring the hot spring water show that it was rain that fell to the surface 9,500-11,600 years ago. Many people have felt the healing effects of its moisturizing water quality since a long time ago.

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Three public bathhouses that allow day use

●Gozenyu (public bathhouse)

Located in a retro building on high ground in the hot spring district. Because lords used to bathe here, it has the name "Gozen," which refers to nobles. Fresh water constantly flows from the stone in the center of the deep bathtub.

[Hours] 7:00-21:00 (last entry 20:30)
[Closed] Tuesdays



●Satsukiyu (public bathhouse)

Located in a wooden building with a rustic appearance. You can soak in the water up to your shoulders in the deep bathtub.


[Hours] 10:00-21:00 (last entry 20:30)
Tuesdays 7:00-21:00
[Closed] Thursdays



●Yayoiyu (public bathhouse)

A bath with water that is a little cooler. There is a shallow bathtub and there are no shower facilities.

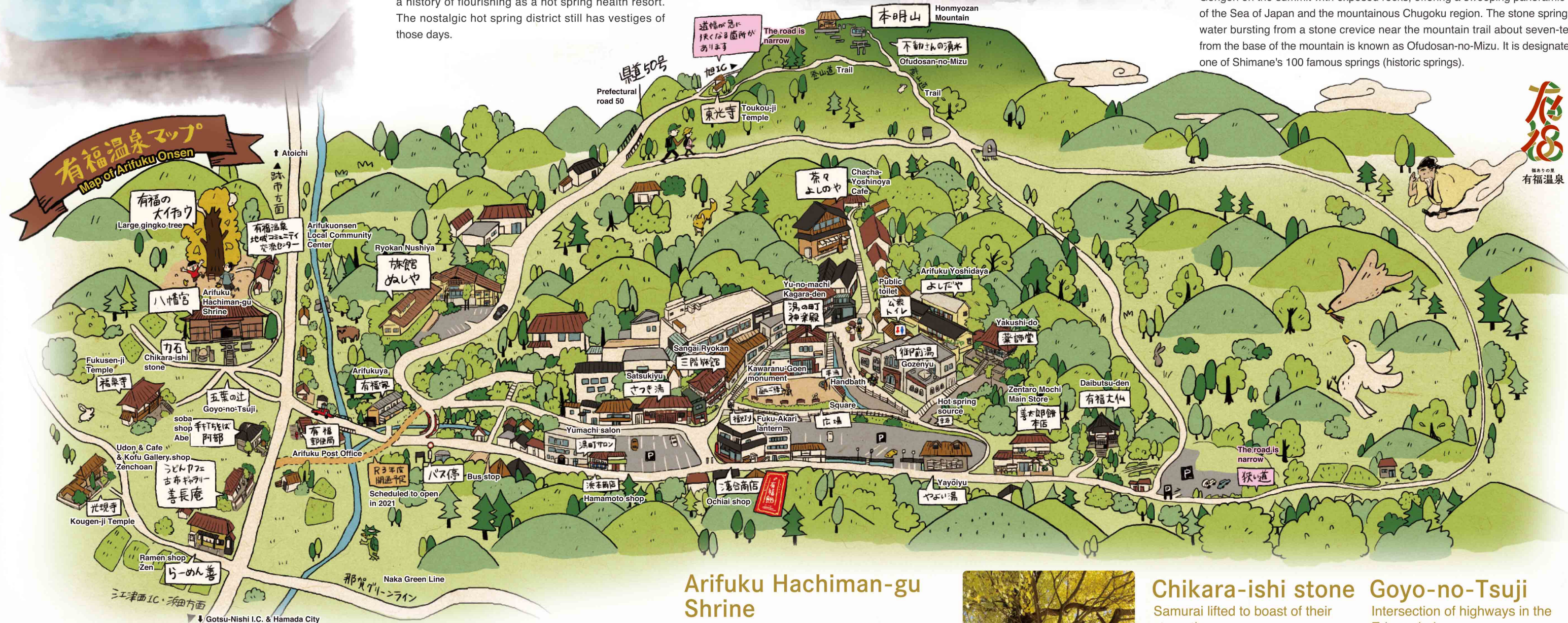
[Hours] 10:00-21:00 (last entry 20:30)
[Closed] Fridays
*Sterilization is conducted when necessary.



[Hot spring water quality] Alkaline simple hot spring (hypotonic alkaline high temperature hot spring)
[Fees] Adults (junior high school students and over) 400 yen
Children (elementary school students) 200 yen
Gozenyu Family Bath 1,200 yen (60 minutes)

Nostalgic vestiges that still remain from history

A row of houses with Sekishu red tiles lining the Fukumitsu-ishi stone pavement and steps, plus Kagura musical accompaniment that adds color to the hot spring district. In the hot spring village of Arifuku, you can experience ancient blessings and traditional Japanese scenery. It is said that the hot springs here were opened 1,370 years ago, and the town has a history of flourishing as a hot spring health resort. The nostalgic hot spring district still has vestiges of those days.



Zentaro Mochi

Arifuku's specialty sweet created from a story from the Edo period

●Zentaro Mochi Main Store

These kusamochi sweets appeared in a story about Zentaro, who lived in Arifuku. They are carefully made one-by-one using meticulously selected ingredients such as mashed red bean paste and Japanese mugwort picked at the beginning of spring. The atmospheric store has a corner where you can drink tea.

[Hours] 8:00-18:00
(no fixed closing days)
TEL 0855-56-2130



Zentaro Mochi



Store Exterior

Arifuku Hachiman-gu Shrine

The large ginkgo tree estimated to be 1,000 years old

There are various legends about this tree, such as that its seeds were sprinkled from heaven and that a white snake lives in it. It is a large tree, measuring 12 m tall and 10 m in circumference.



Hachiman-gu Shrine



Large ginkgo tree

Chikara-ishi stone

Samurai lifted to boast of their strength

Arifuku Beppu Mountain Castle was located in Arifuku Hachiman-gu Shrine in the Middle Ages. This stone is said to have been used regularly for strength training by retainers in preparation of war, and used to boast of one's physical power.



Chikara-ishi stone

Goyo-no-Tsuji

Intersection of highways in the Edo period

This area in front of the torii gate of Hachiman-gu Shrine was an important road connecting Hamada castle town along the Sea of Japan and Miyoshi in Hiroshima Prefecture. Furthermore, the intersection with the name Goyo (five leaves) was where roads leading to neighboring villages intersected.



Goyo-no-Tsuji

Honmyozan Trekking

Enjoy the superb view from the castle ruins of the Warring States period

Honmyozan Castle Ruins (417.2 m, other name: Gongensan) is the site of the moss-covered stone walls and steps from the mountain castle of the Fukuya Clan in the Middle Ages. The distance from the trailhead to the mountaintop is about 2 km, and takes about 2 hours round trip. There is a Shinto shrine deifying Kotohira Gongen on the summit with exposed rocks, offering a sweeping panoramic view of the Sea of Japan and the mountainous Chugoku region. The stone spring with water bursting from a stone crevice near the mountain trail about seven-tenths from the base of the mountain is known as Ofudosan-no-Mizu. It is designated as one of Shimane's 100 famous springs (historic springs).



Photograph of the mountain trail



Ofudosan-no-Mizu



Torii gate in front of the summit



Superb scenery viewed from the summit

Arifuku Daibutsu

The Buddha enshrined in Fukuari Village

This big Buddha statue was made from a large camphor tree around 1938. It is characterized by its unique, kind look.



Daibutsu-den

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