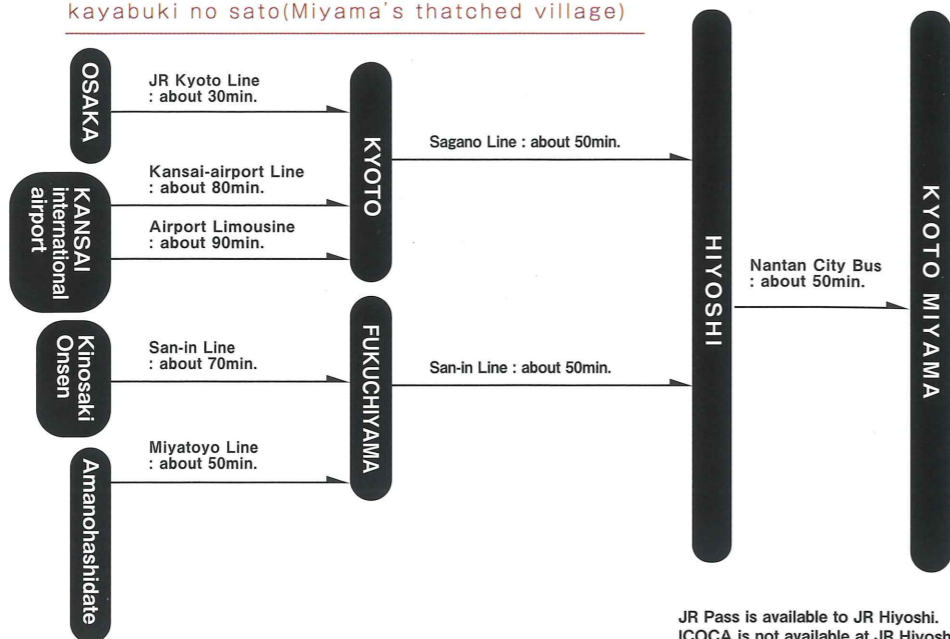


# ROUTE GUIDE

## Kyoto Miyama

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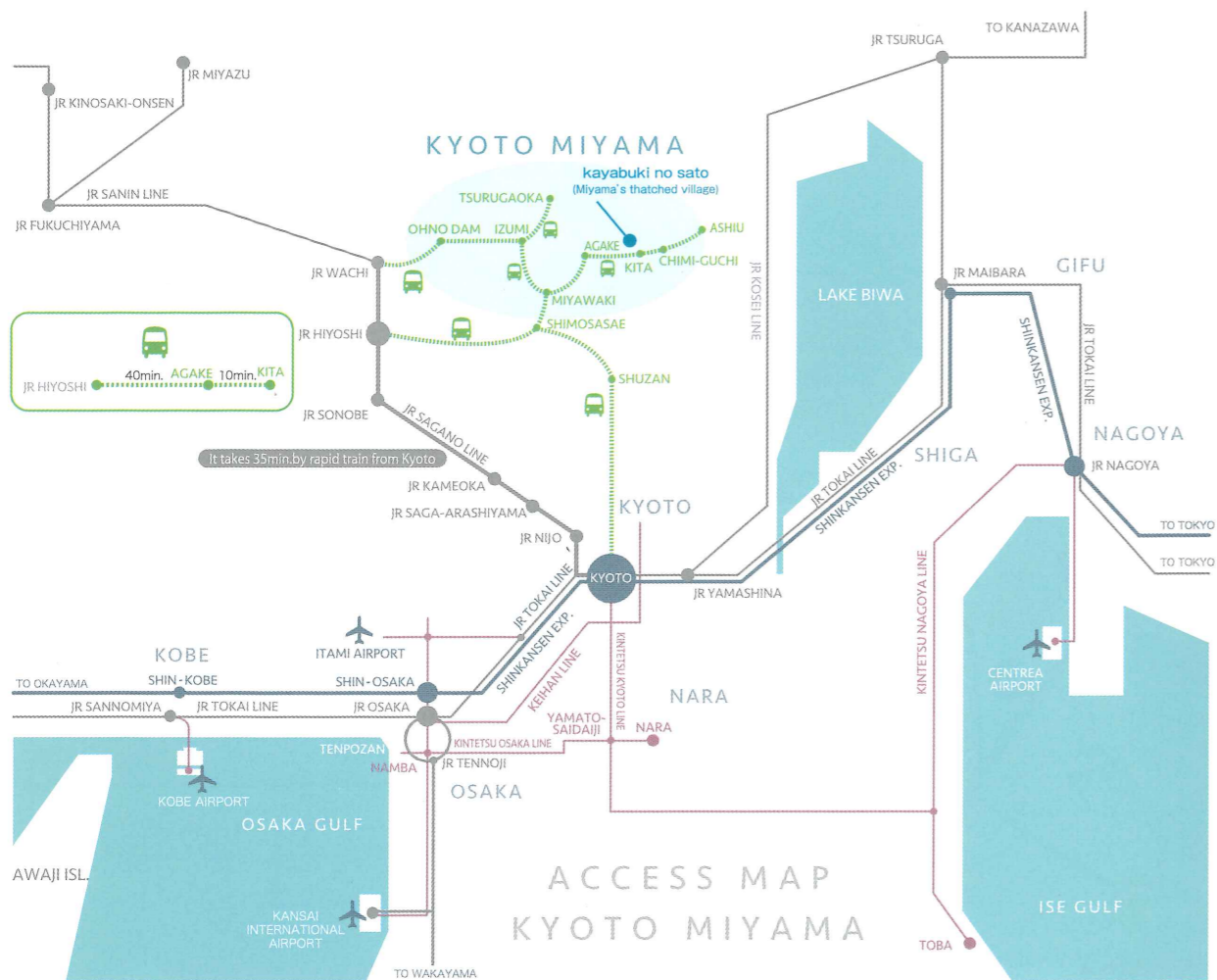
In the case of public transport  
kayabuki no sato(Miyama's thatched village)



JR Pass is available to JR Hiyoshi.  
ICOCA is not available at JR Hiyoshi station.

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## KYOTO MIYAMA TOURISM ASSOCIATION



### by expressway bus <Reservation Only>

- Miyama Nature Bus  
Keihan Railway Kuzuha Station⇄  
Kosoku Nagaokakyo (Hankyu Railway Nishiyama-Tennozan Sta.)⇄  
Kayabuki no Sato (Miyama's thatched village)⇄Miyama Nature Culture Village

- Direct from Kyoto Station to Miyama  
JR Kyoto Station⇄Kyoto Tamba Kogen Quasi-National Park Visitor Center⇄  
Kayabuki no Sato(Miyama's thatched village)

Contacts · information

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mail:info@kyoto-miyama.jp

23 Shimo agake Miyama, Nantan, Kyoto, 601-0722, Japan  
[Opening hours] 9:00~17:00 [Close] Wednesday

### by car

- Estimated time approx.40 mins from Kyoto Jukan Expressway Sonobe IC

Kyoto's mountain retreat  
KYOTO MIYAMA





Spring starts at the end of March. People feel a fresh breath of life. When April rolls around, cherry blossoms will be in full bloom all over Miyama. Compared to the trees within Kyoto City, the ones in Miyama will take up to a week longer for their flowers to reach their peak. In May, the mountains will be covered with beautiful, lush greenery.

By mid-June it's hot and starting to get humid, the temperature can be up to the early thirties. The Yura River is one of Japan's cleanest rivers, and there are rafting and shower climbing tours held throughout the warm months. The river is home to a wide variety of fish, and in the summer months you can enjoy Ayu trout.

High 10.9°C	High 17.5°C	High 22.3°C
MAR	APR	MAY
Low 5.1°C	Low 11.0°C	Low 15.7°C

High 25.5°C	High 29.5°C	High 30.7°C
JUN	JUL	AUG
Low 20.0°C	Low 23.8°C	Low 24.9°C

## Spring Summer

### About MIYAMA

The region of Miyama lies just 50 kilometers north of Kyoto City; surrounded on all sides by mountains, it is a pristine wilderness where the traditional country lifestyle of Satoyama still flourishes. The village offers a window onto the real Japan of the past.

## Autumn Winter

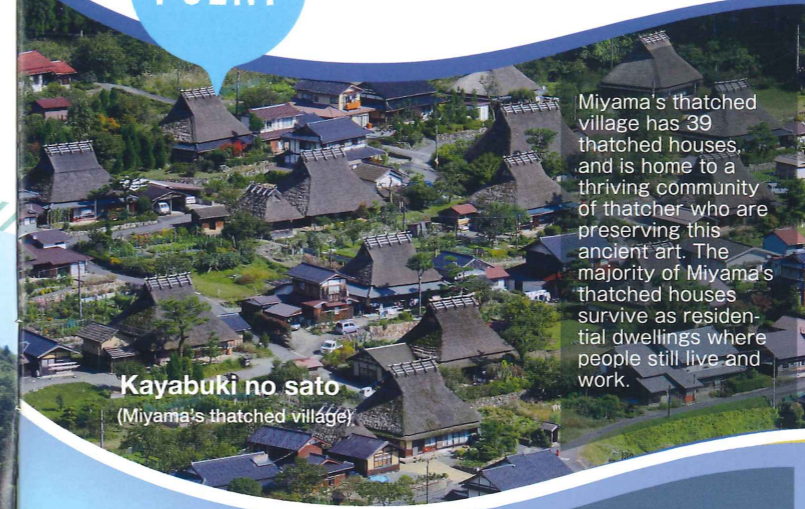
High 26.3°C	High 20.6°C	High 14.9°C
SEP	OCT	NOV
Low 20.7°C	Low 14.5°C	Low 9.0°C

In September, the weather settles down and becomes pleasant. As autumn progresses, moving from late October into November, Miyama is enveloped in brilliant seasonal foliage. The peak season of autumn foliage is usually one-week earlier than central Kyoto.

High 9.0°C	High 6.0°C	High 6.8°C
DEC	JAN	FEB
Low 3.9°C	Low 1.6°C	Low 1.8°C

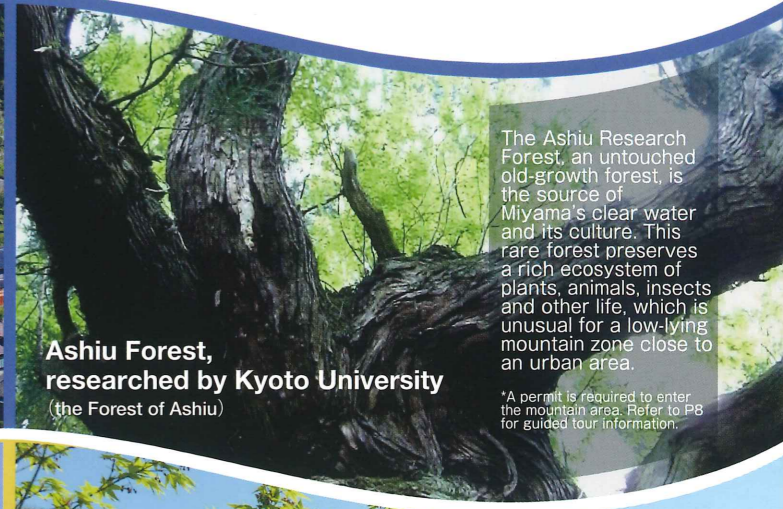
Winter in Miyama is solemn, and the atmosphere feels sacred. The special sight of thatched roofs covered in fluffy snow can only be seen from mid-January through February.

### POINT



**Kayabuki no sato**  
(Miyama's thatched village)

Miyama's thatched village has 39 thatched houses, and is home to a thriving community of thatcher who are preserving this ancient art. The majority of Miyama's thatched houses survive as residential dwellings where people still live and work.



**Ashiu Forest, researched by Kyoto University**  
(the Forest of Ashiu)

The Ashiu Research Forest, an untouched old-growth forest, is the source of Miyama's clear water and its culture. This rare forest preserves a rich ecosystem of plants, animals, insects and other life, which is unusual for a low-lying mountain zone close to an urban area.

\*A permit is required to enter the mountain area. Refer to P8 for guided tour information.



**Kyoto Tamba Kogen Quasi-National Park Visitor Center**

This facility gathers sightseeing information for the Miyama and the surrounding areas. In addition to introducing recommended courses and lunch spots, it also loans out electric bicycles and small electric cars. The English-speaking staff, who are permanently stationed at the center, can make arrangements for sightseeing tours and accommodation.



**Ohno Dam Park**

The Ohno Dam was completed as the first multipurpose dam in Kyoto Prefecture. A multipurpose plaza and walking trails are set up around the dam to form the Ohno Dam Park. Plenty of cherry blossoms and fall foliage add color to each season.

### EVENT

Check out events where you can experience Miyama even more deeply, such as festivals where you can interact with local residents and traditional activities passed down through the generations.



**Rice planting Festival in Miyama's thatched village**  
(Kayabuki no sato)

A ritual that can be seen in the paddy fields of Miyama's thatched village (Kayabuki no Sato), held on the morning of the second Sunday in May, in order to pray for an abundant harvest. The highlight is seeing maidens planting rice in unison.



**Yasaka Parade Festival**  
(Kagura of Tauta)

A regular festival held at Yasaka shrine in order to pray for abundant crops. The sight of tengu, demons, hyottoko clowns and others, all lined up and performing sacred Shinto songs and dances, is really unique.



**Oct Karasu Dengaku**

A ritual performed at the auxiliary Kawakami Shrine for the main Ohara Shrine. People perform dressed as crows amidst the sound of flutes and taiko drums, and prayers of dedication are offered for an abundant harvest and safety on the mountain.



**Late Jan. / Early Feb. Snow Lantern Festival in Miyama's Thatched Village**

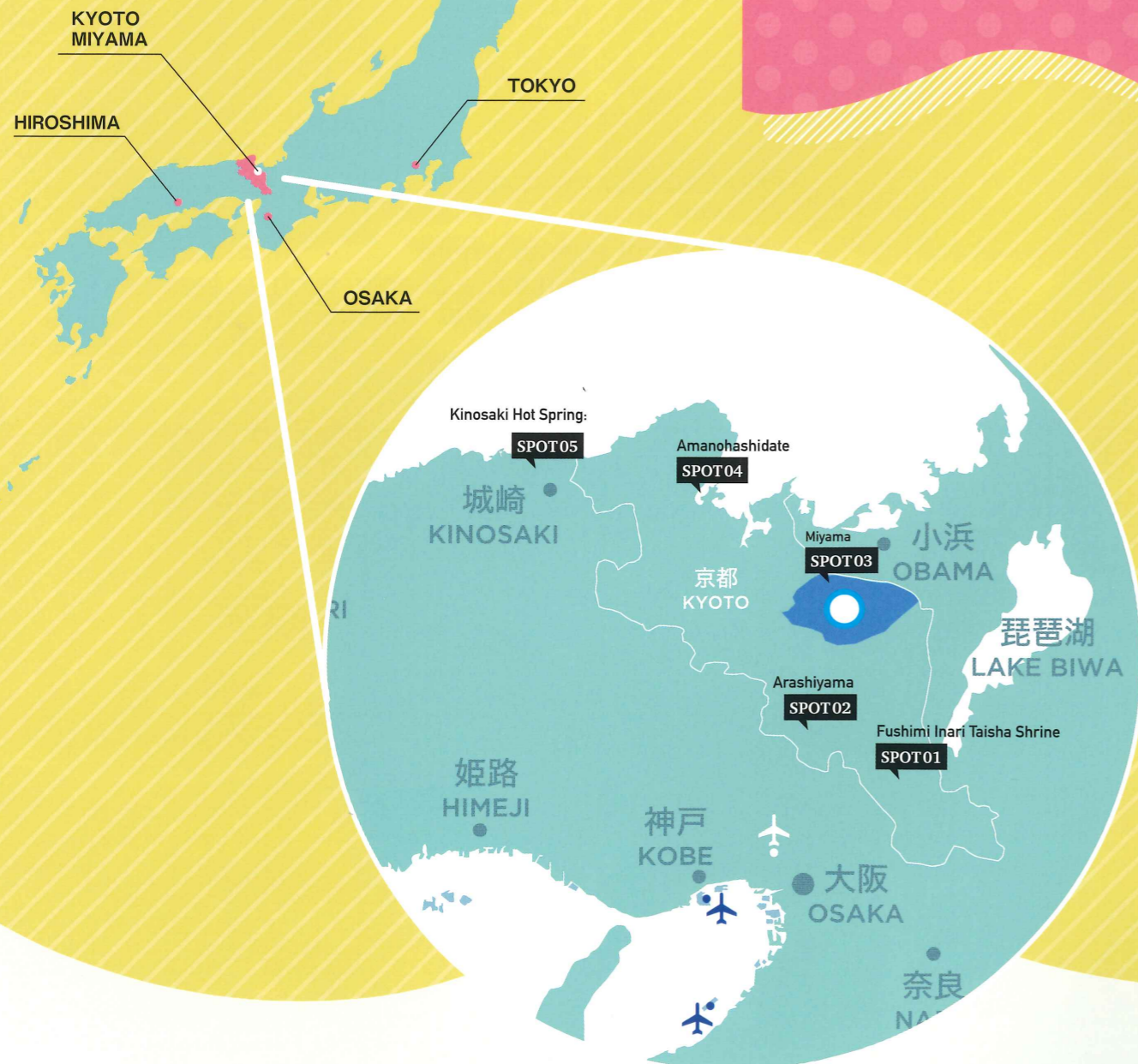
The Snow Lantern Festival is scheduled for a time when there is substantial snowfall. Handmade snow lanterns and flower lanterns light up the thatched roof village, creating a scene out of a fairy tale.



# Location

Miyama lies between the Japan Sea of Fukui prefecture and Kyoto City, the ancient capital. Getting to Miyama from Kyoto should take around 90 minutes. Buses operate roughly hourly along the main route that connects JR Hiyoshi Station with the town center, Agake and Kayabuki no Sato (Miyama's thatched village). The JR Pass can be used on all trains to JR Hiyoshi Station. While the area is located near the major city of Kyoto, nostalgic scenes of Japan's rural districts still remain vibrant in Miyama, where life is interwoven with abundant nature.

\*For detailed access information, refer to the back cover.



A Course that Covers an Abundance of Must-see Spots

## DAY 1

SPOT01



**Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine**

This grand shrine boasts a history of over 1300 years. The brilliant vermilion color of the thousand torii gates—which seem to go on forever—interweaves with the deep green of the mountains to form a mystical contrast.

SPOT02



**Arashiyama**

Arashiyama's narrow path through a bamboo forest is a must-see for tourists in Kyoto. As you walk through the forest, the bamboo trees blot out the sky, and it feels as though you have wandered into another world.

SPOT03

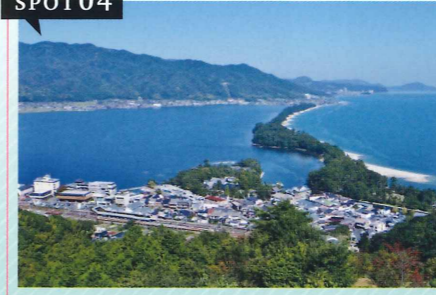


**Miyama**

The sight of thatched roofs, lined up on the other side of buckwheat fields, is exactly what you would have seen in Japan's good old days. Step away from the noise of the city and enjoy the slow passage of time.

## DAY 2

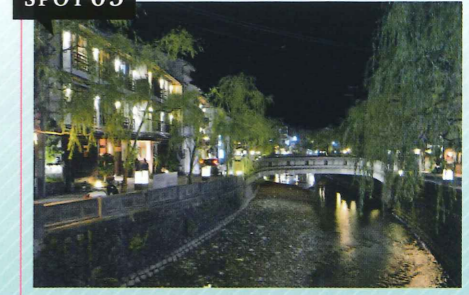
SPOT04



**Amanohashidate**

A gorgeous spot known as one of Japan's Three Scenic Views. Seen from the observatory, the bird's-eye view of Amanohashidate looks exactly like a dragon ascending to heaven.

SPOT05



**Kinosaki Hot Spring:**

Japan has a reputation for its hot springs. Seven open-air baths are scattered throughout the elegant Kinosaki Onsen district. Try changing out of your regular clothes into a yukata, and go around to visit each one.

## Three Reasons to Stay in Miyama



### Experience Nostalgic Japanese Scenery

Scenery reflects the lifestyles of the people who live in an area. The wonderful scenery in Miyama, where people's lives are interwoven with nature, remains intact.



### Taste Local Ingredients

Blessed by pure water and an abundance of flora and fauna, Miyama is a culinary treasure trove. Dishes made using Kyoto poultry and wild game, fresh vegetables and other locally grown ingredients are superb.



### Come into Contact with Locals

The real thrill of traveling lies in meeting people. All of the people at inns and restaurants will always greet visitors warmly. There are also events where you can engage with the locals. \*For more about the events and how to apply, refer to P8.



# A Two-Day Course for Fully Experiencing Life in Miyama

## DAY 1

If you're going to participate in outdoor activities, cultural experiences and nighttime events, you should stay for two days. Having your own car for the trip is recommended. You can use the parking lots at the Kyoto Tamba Kogen Quasi-National Park Visitor Center and the thatched village (Kayabuki no Sato) for free.

SPOT06 11:00

### Kyoto Tamba Kogen Quasi-National Park Visitor Center

The visitor center opened in Spring 2018 inside the roadside rest area, "Miyama Fureai Square." Various materials and information for sightseeing in the quasi-national park area are collected here.

●23 Shimo agake Miyama, Nantan,Kyoto  
☎0771-75-9020  
◎9:00~17:00 (Close:Wed.)



SPOT07 11:30

### Miyama Folk Museum

This museum holds exhibits about the hidden side of thatched roofs and about life in Miyama. The scenery of the thatched village (Kayabuki no Sato) can also be seen from the veranda.

●4 Nakamaki Kita Miyama,Nantan, Kyoto  
☎0771-77-0587  
◎9:00 ~ 17:00 (Apr. ~ Nov.), 10:00 ~ 16:00 (Dec. ~ March)  
Close:Mon.(during Dec.-March) · New Year fee ¥300 (junior high school student and under : Free)



## Experience

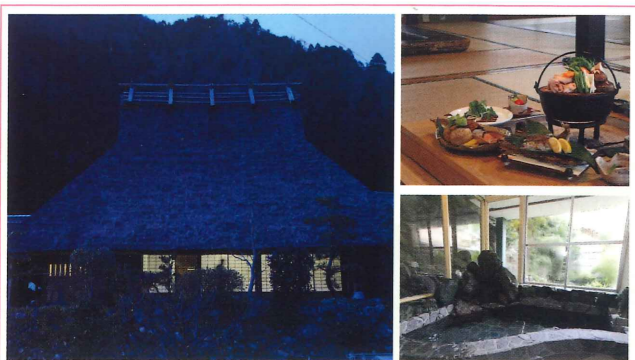


SPOT12 14:00

### Agriculture and Cuisine Experience

Try foraging for seasonal fruits and vegetables, then making traditional dishes that are unique to Miyama.

● For more about the events and how to apply, refer to P9-10



## Other recommended spots for lunch



SPOT09

### Maruya

●36 Nakauwamae Miyama,Nantan,Kyoto  
☎0771-77-0011  
◎11:30~18:00 Close:Irregular



SPOT10

### Restaurant Kitamura

●19-1 Yoseki Kita Miyama,Nantan,Kyoto  
☎0771-77-0146  
◎10:00~17:00 Close:Wed.



SPOT11

### Miyama Nature Culture Village Kajika inn

●56 Shimomukai Naka Miyama,Nantan,Kyoto  
☎0771-77-0014  
◎11:30~15:00 (14:00LO) Close:Irregular

SPOT13 16:30

### Stay at the Thatched Roof Inn

You can hear a pin drop at night in Miyama, and have a peaceful slumber. You can enjoy various events depending on the season, such as firefly watching, stargazing and light displays at the thatched village (Kayabuki no Sato).

## Stay



## DAY 2

SPOT14 8:00

### Morning Strolls

As you stroll around outside in the morning, enjoy the refreshing air in Miyama's lush natural scenery. In autumn, you can also savor the sight of morning mist hanging over the thatched roofs.



## Lunch



SPOT16 12:30

### Takeyoshi

Specializing in handmade soba and sushi, this Japanese restaurant serves seasonal items like udon, rice bowls and sweetfish dishes. Three minutes away from the roadside rest station on foot.

●Agakefuronomoto Miyama,Nantan,Kyoto  
☎0771-75-0203  
◎11:00 ~ 20:00 Close:Irregular

SPOT10 10:00

### Outdoor Adventures

Work up a pleasant sweat by engaging in various activities such as walking, hiking and cycling!

●P9-10 for details and registration



## Other recommended spots for lunch



SPOT17

### ZERO-BASE

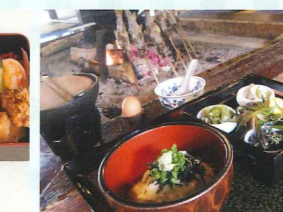
●1-1shimoan nagao Miyama, Nantan,Kyoto  
☎090-5971-3055  
◎8:00 ~ 18:00  
Close:Irregular-the winter season



SPOT18

### Restaurant Ashiu

●17 Teranoshimo agake Miyama,Nantan,Kyoto  
☎0771-75-1022  
◎11:30~19:00 Close:Mon.



SPOT19

### Morishige

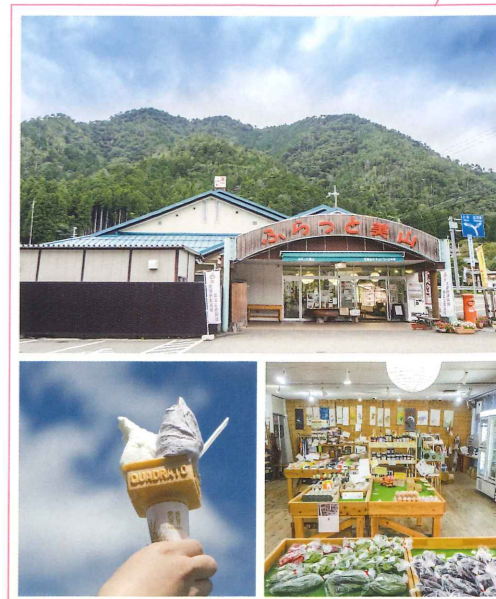
●15 Kubotani-No-Shita-Mo Miyama,Nantan,Kyoto  
☎0771-75-1086  
◎11:00 ~ 15:00 Close:Mon,Tue. (Except national holidays.)

SPOT20 14:00

### Michi no Eki Fureai Hiroba /Furatto Miyama

At the roadside rest station, you can purchase ingredients produced in Miyama, processed foodstuffs from original brands and more. By all means, purchase eggs, milk, vegetables, rice, and other essential items as souvenirs.

●23 Shimo agake Miyama, Nantan,Kyoto  
☎0771-75-0190



## Give delicious ingredients as gifts.



The lineup of vegetables, carefully raised by locals, varies seasonally



Miyama rice in sample sizes



"Miyama milk," produced from dairy cattle raised in Miyama





# Enjoy these experience spots as a group!

From thrilling outdoor adventures to lifestyle culture activities, we'll introduce activities that can only be done because of Miyama's abundant natural scenery.

## Snow shoeing



Late Jan.  
~  
Feb.



Strap on special shoes so that you don't sink, and try walking on the snow. [Day-of reservations OK]

●Miyama town Nature Culture village /Tautasya/Mountain lodge Ashiu contact ☎0771-77-0509

## Cycling



Apr.  
~  
Nov.



Hop on a bicycle and feel the wind of Miyama as you travel around sightseeing spots. [Day-of reservations OK]

●Miyama town Nature Culture village(bicycle)☎0771-77-0014  
●Kyoto miyama tourism association(electric mobility) ☎0771-75-9030 ¥1,000/4 Hrs. ¥1,500/Whole Day

## Walking



Late Mar.  
~  
Early Dec.



Miyama Walking Tour in the Thatched Village  
A local guide will teach you about the history of the western Saba-Kaido Road (Mackerel Road) and the structure of thatched roofs. [Reservations required]

●Kyoto miyama tourism association ☎0771-75-9030  
¥12,000 / Group(Up to 4),Add to ¥3,000 / person

## Hiking



Apr.  
~  
Nov.



A guided nature tour, trekking and hiking through the Ashiu Research Forest. On this tour, travel around the old-growth forest which is the source of Miyama's water, accompanied by a guide. [Reservations required]

●Miyama town Nature Culture village ¥8,100 / person ~ (Included : lunch,drink) ☎0771-77-0014  
●Mountain lodge Ashiu ¥43,200 / Group(Up to 6) (Included : lunch) ☎0771-77-0290  
●NPO corporation Ashiu nature school ¥43,200 / Group(Up to 6) ☎0771-77-0588

## Cuisine



year round

Try using seasonal ingredients to make Miyama's traditional food, and try making mochi. [Reservations required]

●Kyoto miyama tourism association ☎0771-75-9030  
¥3,000 / person ~

## Bamboo Crafting



year round

Attempt to make flower baskets using bamboo. The session comes with a lecture, so beginners can have peace of mind. [Reservations required]

●Kyoto miyama tourism association ☎0771-75-9030  
¥3,000 / person ~

## Hunting Experience



11/15  
~  
3/15



In this valuable one-day program, you can try hunting and butchering deer, plucking birds and other tasks for real. [Reservations required]

●Tautasya Hunting Experience  
¥30,000 / Group(Up to 4) (Included : lunch)  
Dress a chicken Experience ¥6,000 / person ~

## Harvest Experience



year round



Learn about agricultural work through harvesting seasonal fruits and vegetables. \*The content of the agricultural work, and the cost of participation, will vary depending on the season. Please make an initial inquiry.

●Kyoto miyama tourism association ☎0771-75-9030

## Rafting



Mid-Mar.  
~  
Mid-Oct.

A thrilling leisure sports activity, traveling downriver in a boat. [Reservations required]

●Tautasya ¥20,000 / Group(Up to 3),Add to ¥6,500 / person  
☎0771-77-0509



Apr.  
~  
Nov.

A rental service for small electric cars that seat two people. Let one be your Miyama sightseeing companion. [Day-of rentals OK]

●Kyoto miyama tourism association ¥3,240/3 Hrs.~  
☎0771-75-9030

Restaurant & Accomodation  
**Chinsenro**  
0771-77-0003

Restaurant & Accomodation  
**Miyama town Nature Culture village Kajika inn**  
0771-77-0014

Accomodation  
**Miyama Heimat Youth Hostel**  
0771-75-0997

Restaurant & Accomodation  
**Ryokan Kigusuriya**  
0771-76-0015

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2 Kyoto Miyama Siphontei	0771-75-1037	12 Matabe B&B	0771-77-0258
3 Yushin-an Hyakujikko	080-3788-7414	13 Hisaya B&B	0771-77-0550
4 B&B Miyama	0771-75-0535	14 Maruya B&B	0771-77-0011
5 Miyama Futon & Breakfast	0771-75-5125	15 Ryokan Chinsenro	0771-77-0003
6 Miyama KAYA Villa	0771-75-5125	16 Miyama town Nature Culture village Kajika inn	0771-77-0014
Mitoya	0771-75-5125	17 Sightseeing farm Ewa land	0771-77-0330
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7 Oki na ki no ie farmhouse B&B	0771-75-1493	19 Mountain lodge Ashiu	0771-77-0290
8 Ryokan Kigusuriya	0771-76-0015	20 Harimaya B&B	0771-77-0720
9 Tanuki no sato farmhouse	06-6364-8001	21 Dan farmhouse B&B	0771-77-0116
10 Taisanboku Miyama	080-5325-7000		

## Souvenirs

1 Shop Onoya	0771-75-0159
2 Kyoto Bank Miyama Branch	0771-75-0221
3 Yawaragi no-sato Miyama Ebisuya	0771-75-2123
4 JA Kyoto	0771-75-0013
5 Miyama Forestry Cooperative	0771-75-0200
6 Miyama Post Office	0771-75-0050
7 Shop Tanasen	0771-76-0016
8 Shop Hirai	0771-75-0124
9 Miyama clinic	0771-75-1113
10 Furatto Miyama	0771-75-0190
11 Souvenirs shop Kayano sato	0771-77-0660
12 Shop 21	0771-77-0002

## Tourism-related facilities

1 Kyoto Miyabi Kotsu (taxi, limousine service)	0771-75-1177
2 Miyama Office of Nantan City Bus	0771-75-1666
3 Miyama Kayabuki art museum and folklore museum.	0771-75-1777
4 Kyoto Tamba Kogen Quasi-National Park Visitor Center	0771-75-9020
5 Miyama Furusato Co., Ltd.	0771-75-0815
6 Miyama Fisheries Cooperative	0771-75-0210
7 Miyama folklore museum	0771-77-0587
8 The Little Indigo Museum	0771-77-0746
9 NPO corporation Ashiu nature school	0771-77-0588