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Site of Yamabuki Fortress
Hiking Course Entrance

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We kindly ask for your cooperation.

- There are no garbage bins in the Iwami Ginzan area. Please take your trash with you.
- Please refrain from littering and smoking while walking.

Sightseeing Spots

Discounted Admission Fee for International Visitors.
Please present valid Passport/Residence Card upon entry at ticket office for discount.



Ryugenji Mabu Mine Shaft

This mabu (mining tunnel) was developed in the 17th century. Chisel marks remain visible on the walls of the lengthy section that is open to the public.

- International Guests Entrance Fee: Adults ¥200, Children ¥100
- Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm (*Closes 4pm in winter)
- Closed: New Year period
- Tel 0854-89-0347



Iwami Ginzan World Heritage Center

This facility's comprehensive displays offer an enriching orientation to the history of Iwami Ginzan and its impact on world history. Through comprehensive displays of excavated items, replica models and multimedia, visitors gain a greater appreciation and enhanced understanding of the true value of this World Heritage Site.

- International Guest Entrance Fee: Adults ¥200, Children ¥100
- Hours: 9:00am - 5:30pm (*closes 5pm in winter)
- Closed: Last Tuesday of the month, and New Year holidays
- Tel 0854-89-0183



Gohyaku Rakan (Rakanji Temple)

This site, which features some picturesque stonemasonry, was built over a period of 25 years around the mid-18th century to commemorate people who died in the silver mine and to honor the spirits of ancestors.

- International Guest Entrance Fee: Adults ¥400, Children ¥200
- Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Tel 0854-89-0005
- Open year-round



Former Kawashima Residence

The Kawashima family, who had become head of Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine officials, built this house in the beginning of the 1800s. The well preserved floor plan and room arrangement exhibit the unique characteristics of a samurai residence.

- International Guest Entrance Fee: Adults ¥100, Children: Free
- Hours: 9:00am - 4:30pm
- Closed: New Year holidays
- Tel 0854-89-0932



House of the Kumagai Family

The Kumagai house provided financial services, served as a purveyor to municipal officials and the Magistrate's office and flourished as one of the most powerful merchants in town in the 19th century. The current building was rebuilt after the Great Fire of 1800. In recent years, major efforts were made in order to restore the buildings to its former glory. It features a hidden underground cellar and is a must-see.

- International Guest Entrance Fee: Adults: ¥320, Children: Free
- Hours: 9:30am - 5:00pm
- Closed: Last Tuesday of the month, and New Year holidays
- Tel 0854-89-9003



Iwami Ginzan Museum (Former Magistrate's office)

Here, administrative affairs of the Tokugawa Shogunate-controlled Iwami Ginzan were conducted. Picture scrolls, historic documents, silver ingots and tools used in the silver refinery process as well as many other mining artifacts from the museum's collection are on display here.

- International Guest Entrance Fee: Adult ¥450, Children: ¥200
- Hour: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Closed: New year holidays
- Tel 0854-89-0846

Outstanding Universal Value: Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine as a World Heritage Site

3 main reasons this area was designated World Heritage status

- 1 Economic and cultural exchange of global importance
- 2 Silver production methods based on traditional techniques are well preserved in many areas
- 3 A complete industrial system, from silver production to shipment, is displayed in its entirety



1. Economic and cultural exchange of global importance.

In the 16th century, the haifuki (cupellation) method of East Asian traditional metal refining was introduced to Iwami Ginzan, leading to local silver production techniques being established and large amounts of silver being produced (as much as 1/3rd of global silver production). This silver circulated throughout East Asia via trade routes during the 16th and 17th centuries.

2. Silver production methods based on traditional techniques are well preserved in many areas.

Throughout the Edo Period (1603-1867) traditional techniques were used to produce silver at Iwami Ginzan. In the end of the 19th century, new techniques were developed in Europe, however by this time the silver mines of Iwami Ginzan were depleted. As a result, traditional techniques for mining development were left unchanged and well preserved.

3. A complete industrial system, from silver production to shipment, is displayed in its entirety.

The Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine ruins present a complete system of mine management from silver production to shipment. This provides a rare example of a mine ruins united with the rich, natural surroundings, forming a holistic cultural landscape.

A Shining History · The World's Heritage · Your Precious Discovery

The City of Oda, in keeping with the spirit of UNESCO's ideals of World Peace and Human Rights, is committed to the preservation and sustainable use of the Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine and its Cultural Landscape (registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007)

Rental Cycle

- Bicycle: ¥500/3h
*¥100/ additional 30 min
- Bicycle with power assist: ¥700/2h
*¥200/ additional 30 min
- Service closed during extreme weather
- Please obey traffic rules

1. Close to "Omori Daikansho . ato Bus Stop"

Rental Cycle KAWAMURA
Hour: 8:30 - 17:00
Closed irregularly
Inquiry: 0854-89-0633

2. Next to "Omori Bus Stop"

Rental Cycle YAHICHI
Hour: 8:30 - 17:30
Open year-round *Closed during extreme weather
Inquiry: 080-4264-0087

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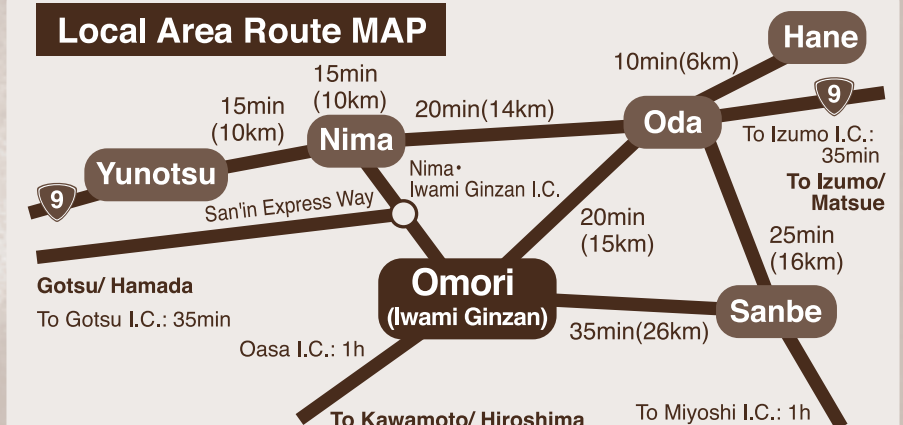
The driver is your guide (as well as your motor!) as you and a friend cruise around town at a leisurely pace on a Velotaxi.

Iwami Ginzan Park, Next to Information Desk MAP B

Hour: 9:00 - 17:00
Open year-round *Closed during extreme weather
Inquiry: 080-1645-0212
*Fee depends on the course



Local Area Route MAP



Iwami Ginzan Guide Service Organization

The guides offer helpful insight into the universal value of Iwami Ginzan and why it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a wealth knowledge of history and culture.

Ryugenji Mabu "1 coin Tour"

- 10:30- /13:00- (Winter: 10:30- only)
- Fee: Adults ¥500, Children: Free
entrance fee for Ryugenji Mabu not included
- Max Group size: 15 guests
- Location: In front of Iwami Ginzan Guide Org. Office
- TEL 0854-89-0120

Omori Townscape "1 coin Tour"

- 10:30-
- Fee: Adults ¥500, Children: Free
- Max Group size: 15guests
- Location: At the Magistrate's Office Square
- TEL 0854-89-0120



Park & Ride

In order to provide safety, security and convenience to all visitors, a park and ride system is in effect. Due to narrow roads and limited parking in the general area we kindly request visitors park their cars in the ample parking available at the World Heritage Center and proceed to the Omori town site on the frequent shuttle buses provided, or alternatively, a leisurely stroll along the forest path.



Oda Tourism Association

Hour 8:30am - 5:00pm Close: Sunday, New Year holidays
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