



Townscape is designated as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings.

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.

- 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.

- Hours: March to November 8:30am to 6:00pm 100 Exhibition Room: 9:00 am to 5:30pm (*Last Admission at 5:00pm) December to February 8:30am to 5:30pm Exhibition Room: 9:00 am to 5:00pm (*Last Admission at 4:30pm)
- 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.

- Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Tel 0854-89-0005
- Closed occasionally



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.

- Hours: 9:30am - 4:30pm
- Closed: Tuesdays, New Year holidays
- Tel 0854-89-0932
- Some temporary closures



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.

- Hours: 9:30am - 5:00pm
- Closed: Tuesdays, 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: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, New year holidays
- Tel 0854-89-0846

*Facility admission fee applies

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"

Japanese Language Only.

- 10:30- /13:00- (Winter: 10:30- only)
- Location: In front of Iwami Ginzan Guide Org. Office
- Max Group size: 15 guests
- TEL 0854-89-0120

★Book in advance for English guide.



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.

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



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)

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.

Rental Cycle

Close to "Omori Daikansho ato Bus Stop"

Rental Cycle KAWAMURA

Hour: 8:30 - 17:00

From December to February: Open until 4:30 pm

Closed irregularly

Inquiry: 0854-89-0633

- 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



Regional transportation electric cart

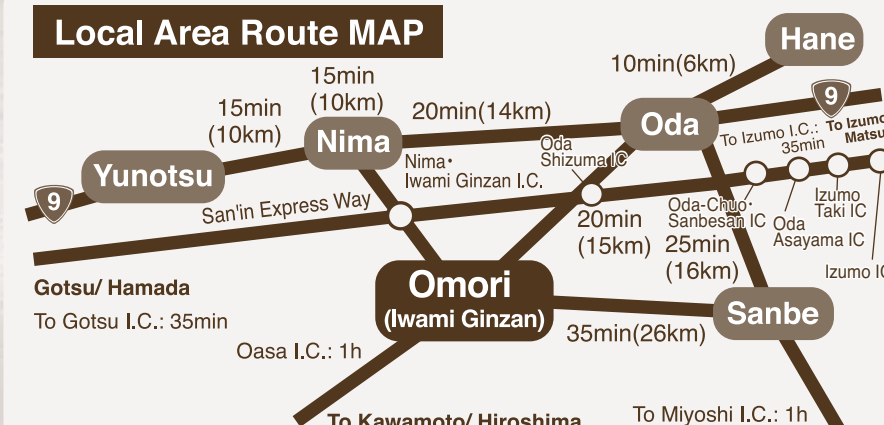
6 seats

Fee: ¥500 (One way to Ryugenji Mabu)

- Reservations not accepted
- You can get on and off at the bus stop in the area
- Fares depend on boarding area
- Regular holiday are on Wednesday
- If the cart is full at the departure point, boarding at the intermediate stops may not be possible.
- In case of stormy weather, it may be closed.



Local Area Route MAP



Oda Tourism Association

Hour 8:30am - 5:00pm Closed: New Year holidays

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