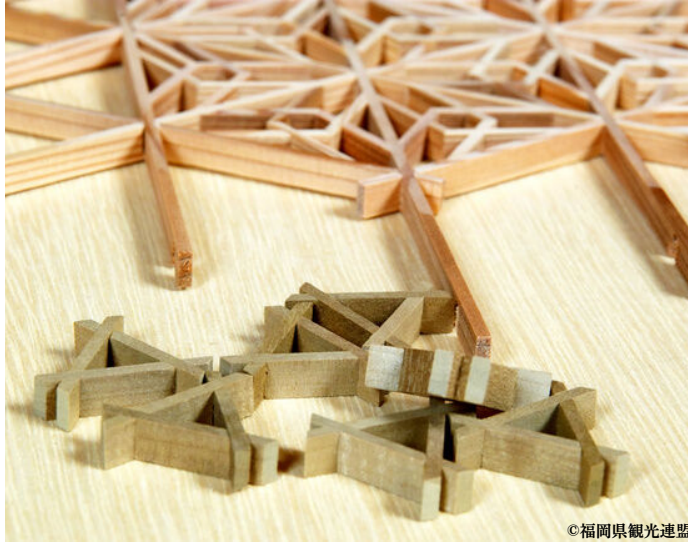


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# Experience the traditional Okawa Kumiko craftwork and the charm of the local cuisine in the woodworking city of Okawa (Dinner included)

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On this tour, you can experience the woodworking and food culture of Okawa, a city that flourished due to its proximity to the Ariake Sea and the Chikugo River (the tour is available in both English and Chinese guidance). Admire the lift bridge, the symbol of the city, while experiencing the landscapes of the Ariake Sea and Chikugo River, and the history of woodworking. Afterwards, we will explore the Kobo and Enokizu areas, the birthplace of Okawa woodworking, where the old townscape still remains. Only on this tour you'll be able to enjoy the profound charm of Kumiko woodworking, and experience it by crafting an authentic Kumiko lampshade, learning from a local artisan. At the end of our tour, you will enjoy a dinner prepared with plenty of blessings from Okawa and the Ariake Sea. The dinner is held at a storehouse on the grounds of the former Yoshiwara Family Residence, a national important cultural property located in the Kobo/Enozu area. Enjoy the flavor of Okawa, where ingredients from the sea, river, and land co-exist, in a fantastic space surrounded by Kumiko folding screens illuminated by lights.

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## Crafting Kumiko (wooden lattice) lampshades

In this tour, you can participate in a workshop to create a special wooden lattice lampshade crafted specifically for this tour. The artisan guiding you is a professional who has also worked on lattice designs for JR Kyushu's "Nanatsuboshi in Kyushu." The lampshade you create will be placed in a dedicated paulownia box for you to take home!



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## Kobo/ Enokizu Townscape Guided Tour

Explore the medieval townscapes of Kobo/ Enokizu with a knowledgeable guide (English and Chinese are available). These areas have preserved their historical charm, and you'll discover the unique wooden architecture and intricate carvings on temples that reflects the town's origins as a port town with a rich history in shipbuilding and woodworking.

## Dinner Featuring the Blessings of Okawa and the Ariake Sea

On the tour on January 13th, enjoy a special dinner in the lattice box, prepared by a local Okawa chef. On the tour on January 14th, experience a pairing dinner prepared by a French chef from Tokyo. Both dinners are set up exclusively for this tour and will be served in the illuminated storehouse. Great opportunity to savor local cuisine, including naturally sourced eel, seafood and agricultural produce from Okawa and Ariake Sea.



## ◇Tour Schedule

**13:30** Gather at "Hanzakai-no-machi visitor parking lot"

**13:40** Visit "Chikugo River Shokai Bridge" and De Lecques Diversion Bank

Learn about the history of Okawa City, which once flourished as a port town, shaped by the Chikugo River and the Ariake Sea, and cross the lift bridge by foot.

**14:30** Experience "Okawa Kumiko," the art of light and wood

Only the participants of this tour will have the possibility of creating a Kumiko lampshade under the guidance of the Kumiko artisan who collaborated with the JR Kyushu to decorate the interiors of the "Seven Stars in Kyushu" deluxe train.

**16:00** Kobo/Enokizu Hanzakai-no-machi Guided Tour

Explore the inside of the National Important Cultural Property "Former Yoshihara Family Residence" and the historic medieval townscapes with the guide.

**18:00** A dinner to enjoy the treats of Okawa and the Ariake Sea

On January 13th, savor a Kumiko-gozen dinner prepared by an Okawa chef. On January 14th, savor a pairing dinner prepared by a French chef from Tokyo. Both dates include beverages.

**20:00** End of the tour

We will provide transportation to your accommodation in Okawa or the Nishitetsu Yanagawa Station.

\*Please note that the order of the tour may be subject to change.

\*The languages of the tours are Japanese and Chinese, or Japanese and English.



### ■ DATE

**January 13th, Sat**  
**January 14th, Sun**

### ■ MEETING POINT

**1:30 PM**

"Hanzakai-no-machi visitor parking lot"  
471-1 Enokizu, Okawa, Fukuoka

\* Transportation available from nearby  
public transit options

**12:40PM @Saga Airport**

**1:10PM @Nishitetsu**

**Yanagawa Station**

### ◇PRICE

**Jan 13th ¥47,000 per person (incl. tax)**

**Jan 14th ¥55,000 per person (incl. tax)**

Includes :

Transportation (pickup from meeting point and drop-off to accommodation), Kumiko lampshade crafting experience, Tour guide fee, Dinner (the content and price vary for 13th Kumiko-gozen and 14th pairing dinner)

### ◇Reservation/ Inquiry

For more information and reservation, please check the website from QR code.



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