


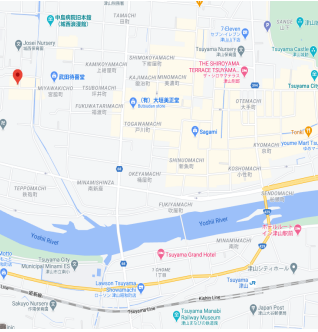


Title			Arts and crafts of Tsuyama: “Sakushu-gasuri” weaving			Region: Tsuyama City, Okayama Prefecture		
Overview	Take a close look at this ancient weaving technique, typical of this town		Available Languages	Available Languages	■Japanese■English□Chinese□Other			
	An ancient castle town, Tsuyama prospered throughout the Edo Period 1601–1868 thanks to its many textile laboratories. A rather special feature is that Tsuyama artisans create motifs by first coloring the threads and then later weave them in order to recreate the planned motif on the fabric. A slow and rather complex way of weaving that makes these products rather unique. In this walking tour, try your hand at this interesting art, also making simple products that you will be able to bring home as souvenir. There will also be plenty of time to take a much broader look at this ancient town: special access to some of the most impressive private temples, an overview on the local cuisine –focusing on beef– as well as a coffee break at a well-preserved Taisho Era building, showing the typical traits of the modernization process that Japan went through in the early 1900s.			Support material available in foreign languages	■Yes／□No			
Unique Selling Points	I. Watch a textile artisan’s work and make your own woven chopstick-sleeve		General information	Guide/Interpreter	■Yes／□No			
	Experience this ancient weaving technique first-hand by learning directly from a local artisan. During the lecture, you will make your own chopstick-sleeve made of Sakushu-gasuri fabric by weaving it ancient-style. You will also make your own button in your personal design, to complete your creation. As an option, take a longer class to make your own small doily for decoration or other use.			Guide information	Local guide			
Unique Selling Points	II. Have a taste of the local cuisine with a refined dining experience		Participation requirements	Participation requirements	Participants must be able to walk for a few hours			
	Lunch will be served at The Shiroyama Terrace, a local ryokan-style venue featured by Michelin Hotel Guide. Overlooking the Tsuyama castle, taste dishes featuring the local beef meat.			Cancellation policy	•Up to 10 days before the tour:10% –Up to 4 days before the tour: 30% –Day before the tour: 100%			
Unique Selling Points	III. Visit the highlights of Tsuyama		Notes	Notes	–Please choose between two different weaving experience plan at the moment of booking. Changing plan is possible until 6 days before the tour. ※Plan B can fit a maximum of 5 people. –Depending on the weather, the itinerary may differ.			
	For a deeper understanding of Tsuyama, visit the highlights of the city, from beautiful temples generally not open to the public, to a coffee break at a Taisho Era building, where the atmosphere of the modernization process that Japan went through in the early 1900s is still present.			In case of bad weather, emergency, delay or no show	•In case of no show, the tour wil automatically be cancelled with full cancellation charge after 15 minutes from the planned starting time •In case the tour must be cancelled because of force majeure events, guests will be contacted by the morning of the day the tour is scheduled			
Itinerary	11:00 Meet at Tsuyama station 11:10 Walking tour 12:00 Lunch at The Shiroyama Terrace 13:20 Sakushu-Gasuri weaving experience and workshop 15:00 Walking tour of Tsuyama highlights 16:20 Train back to Okayama		Insurance included	Insurance included	■Yes／□No			
				Inventory	□Yes／■No			
Reservation Information	■Tour availability	■Starting times	Contact and booking information	Sakushu Kasuri Preservation Society／0868－23－0811				
	Year round except August 8–16 and Dec 27 – Jan 6	Daily, from 11:00am	Support hours	10:00～15:00				
Reservation Information	■Tour duraton	■Min/Max participants	Email address	sakusyukasuri@gmail.com				
	Approx 5 hours, from 11:00am	Up to 10 participants						
<Meeting point and access>	■Access		Pricing information	Price, nett – incl. consumption tax	Contact us for pricing			
	17 minute walk from Tsuyama Station From Okayama, take the 09:47 train to Tsuyama, arriving at 10:53			Options				
<Meeting point and access>	■Meeting Point		The above price includes:	Guide fee, Weaving experinece, lunch, coffee break				
	77 Nishiimamachi, Tsuyama City, Okayama Prefec ■ Detailed information on meeting places: Free parking lot at Sakushu Folk Art Museum opposite Available			The above price does NOT include:	Other personal expenses			