

Ginshariya Gekotel



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Opened in 1963, this Japanese restaurant is renowned for its exceptionally tasty rice and more than 40 side dishes for you to choose from. An ideal place to enjoy a Japanese home-style meal!



🕒 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
📅 Tuesday
💰 ¥1,000~1,500

The Yamaguchi Residence



& Seigakuin



The Yamaguchi residence is one of the few remaining traditional townhouses built in the early 1600s. The neighbouring Seigakuin has a history as a training temple associated with folk religion and was later used as a private school to teach local children during the Edo period (approx. 1600s-1800s). Why not experience the lifestyle of Sakai people at that time?

🕒 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (last entry 4:30 p.m.)
📅 Tuesday (when Tuesday falls on a National Holiday, they are closed on the next day.) 29 Dec - 3 Jan
💰 The Yamaguchi Residence: ¥200
Seigakuin: ¥100 (combined fee for both: ¥250)



The Yamaguchi Residence



Seigakuin

SAKAI NOMA residence Kuma



A 70-year-old Japanese-style house was renovated and reopened as a café and hotel. Here you can spend a peaceful, relaxing time enjoying the atmosphere of traditional Japanese life.

💰 1 person: (Sun-Thurs) ¥8,000~
(Fri/Sat/the day before a National Holiday) ¥9,000~
2 people: (Sun-Thurs) ¥12,000~
(Fri/Sat/the day before a National Holiday) ¥14,000~

☎ Telephone (090-2119-2712) or Website ※Both available in English

💳 Cash, Credit card

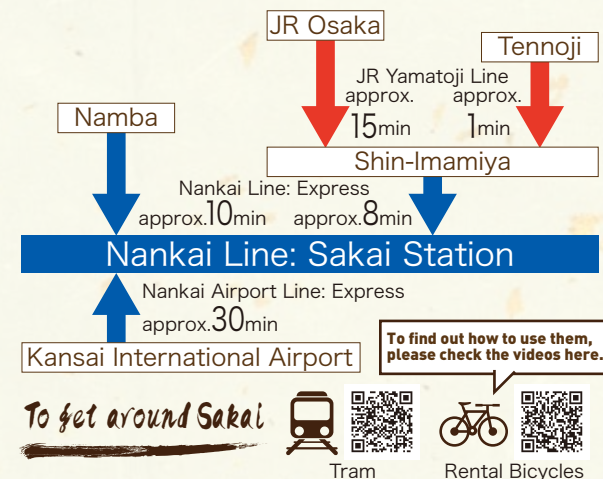
※Free Wi-Fi available
※Maximum of 2 people per room
※Additional ¥1,500 for breakfast



Website



Access by train



About us

Hello! We students of Kansai University have created this pamphlet to introduce you to some of the fascinating traditional crafts of Sakai, such as knives and Japanese sweets. We would be happy if you find our pamphlet helpful during your trip and take it home as a memento of your stay in Japan. We hope that this pamphlet will inspire you to know more about the culture and tradition of Sakai and visit this historical city once again!



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Sakai Activity Guide 2021

Sakai City of Professional Craftsmen

Sakai was once called 'the Venice of Japan', an international hub where people, information, and goods were concentrated. Since then, Sakai has developed its own unique culture and industries. The advanced forging technique used for gun manufacturing led to the production of high-grade knives. Sakai also saw the development of tea ceremony, Japanese sweets, incense sticks, and Chusen - a hand-dyeing method unique to Japan. Highly skilled craftsmen are working hard to preserve and develop the 'Sakai brand' and its top-quality products.



Sakai City Traditional Crafts Museum



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Here you can learn about Sakai's traditional industries and their craftsmanship which has been passed down through the generations for over 300 years. There is also a shop, 'Sakai Ichi', where you can buy Sakai-made products such as knives, Chusen cotton products, and incense sticks. Why not choose your favourite souvenir from over a thousand items available here?



🕒 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

📅 29 Dec - 3 Jan

※Short guide videos are available in English, Chinese, and Korean.

🕒 Open 📅 Closed 🧑 Activity plan 🧑 Capacity 💰 Price
🕒 Duration 📅 Reservation 📞 TEL 📱 Payment

Japanese Sweets (Wagashi)

The history of 'wagashi', Japanese traditional sweets, goes back to the 1500s. As Sen no Rikyu transformed the practice of drinking tea into the art of chanoyu tea ceremony, the wagashi culture came to flourish in Sakai. Many Japanese sweet shops still remain in Sakai to this day.

Mousen sweets shop

A 90-year-old authentic Japanese sweet shop. Why not try and taste 'Kofun-yaki', which has addictive chewy texture, as well as other Japanese sweets handmade beautifully by a wagashi craftsman.



🕒 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
📅 Tuesday, 1 - 4 Jan ※Subject to change
💰 Cash only



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Machiya Cafe Sacay

Here you can join a workshop where you can learn how to make Japanese sweets from craftsmen of Japanese sweets and instructors in Sakai. Why not create your own Japanese sweets and taste them with freshly made Matcha green tea?

🕒 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (closed on select days)
※Subject to change

Let's Make Japanese Sweets!

💰 Course①¥2,750 (with instructor/reservation required)
Course②¥1,320 (without instructor/no reservation required)
※English manual for making Japanese sweets is available.
🕒 30 - 90 min
📞 Telephone (072-275-5575 Japanese only) or Website (English available)
※At least 3-day advance reservation is required.
💰 Cash only



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Chusen

Hand-dyed Cotton Products
- Kitayama Senkojo -



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This is an activity where you can experience Chusen dyeing, Sakai's traditional local industry. Here you can choose from a variety of activities, ranging from simple to deluxe options. Let's make your original cotton product - the only one in the world!

🕒 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
📅 Weekends and National Holidays, New Year Holidays
👤 ①cotton cloth, or T-shirt (must be provided by the visitor)
②tenugui (traditional hand-towel)
③yukata (Japanese traditional garment)
💰 ①¥500~ / ②¥5,000 / ③¥8,000
👥 ①Up to 20 people / ②&③Up to 4 people
🕒 ①30 min / ②&③2 hours / tour included (①,②,③) : 3 hours
📞 Telephone (072-262-5707) or Website
※At least 1-day advance reservation is required for ①.
7-day advance reservation for ②&③
💰 Cash only
※Both reservation and experience are only available in Japanese.



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Make Your Own Chopsticks

- Aguchi Shrine -



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Let's make lasting chopsticks just like the long-standing Aguchi Shrine that was built 1,700 years ago! The experience of making your own chopsticks will become an unforgettable memory in your lifetime!



🕒 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
💰 ¥4,000
🕒 Approx. 1 hour
📞 Telephone only (072-221-0171)
※At least 3-day advance reservation is required.
💰 Cash only
※Both reservation and experience are only available in Japanese.



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Stroll around Sakai in Yukata

- Kawajyu Kimono Shop -

This long-established kimono (Japanese traditional garment) shop was first opened over 140 years ago in Sakai. Here you can choose your favourite yukata from a variety of designs and explore Sakai. You can also experience making purses and coasters.



Yukata (casual cotton kimono)

🕒 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
📅 Thursday, New Year Holidays
👤 ①yukata rental (mainly from around May to early October)
②purse making / ③coaster making
👥 ②&③Up to 4 people
💰 ①half-day ¥3,500 / ②&③¥3,500 each
🕒 ①6 hours to rent excluding the time to get dressed (approx. 20 min)
※Please return by 6 p.m. (even if your rental time starts in the afternoon)
②&③1 - 1.5 hours
📞 Telephone only (072-232-0379)
※At least 3-day advance reservation is required.
💰 Cash only
※Both reservation and experience are only available in Japanese.



Sakai Tourist Information Center

Here the English-speaking staff will help you plan your day in Sakai.

Sakai Station

🕒 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
📅 New Year Holidays
📞 072-232-0331



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Sakai Higashi Station

🕒 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
📅 New Year Holidays
📞 072-238-7174



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※There is also Daisen Park Tourist Information Center.

Sakai Knives

Wada Store (Shoten)



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Here you can discover the world of Sakai knives by learning about the history of Sakai knives as well as experiencing handle fitting and knife sharpening. The knife you make here will become a beloved souvenir of your trip!

🕒 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
📅 Weekends, National Holidays, New Year Holidays
💰 Experience fee ¥8,500 (including the knife you make in the experience) & interpreting fee ¥5,000 per visitor (optional)
🕒 1.5 hours
📞 Website (Click on CONTACT) or E-mail (wada.knife.ex@gmail.com)
※Both available in English
※At least 2-day advance reservation is required.
💰 Cash, Credit card



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※If you wish your name to be carved on the knife, please let us know when you reserve.

Izumiriki Seisakusho



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Let's watch a smithy and practice knife sharpening here! At the knife museum next door, you can touch beautiful swords, and matchlock guns which were made with the techniques developed in Sakai.

🕒 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
📅 Weekends, National Holidays, New Year Holidays
💰 Free (※If you wish to bring in your own knife for sharpening, additional fees may arise depending on the condition of the knife.)
🕒 1.5 - 2 hours
📞 Telephone only (072-238-0888)
※Available in simple English only
💰 Cash, Credit card



※At least 1-week advance reservation is required.
※Choose activity plans from ①watching a smithy (available only on the blacksmith's workday); ②practicing knife sharpening; ③touring the knife museum

Baba Cutlery Works



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You can tour the works and watch the process of how blades crafted by a blacksmith are sharpened and beautified with Sakai's original craftsmanship. After the tour, you can try out how sharp the knives are.

🕒 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. 📅 Weekends, National Holidays, New Year Holidays
💰 ¥3,500 🕒 1.5 - 2 hours
📞 Telephone (072-232-2641) or E-mail (ichiji@baba-hamono.com)
※Both available in English
※At least 3-day advance reservation is required.
💰 Cash only



※If you wish to make a reservation the day of, please call us.