

Wander through old streets in Japan's best wood carving town

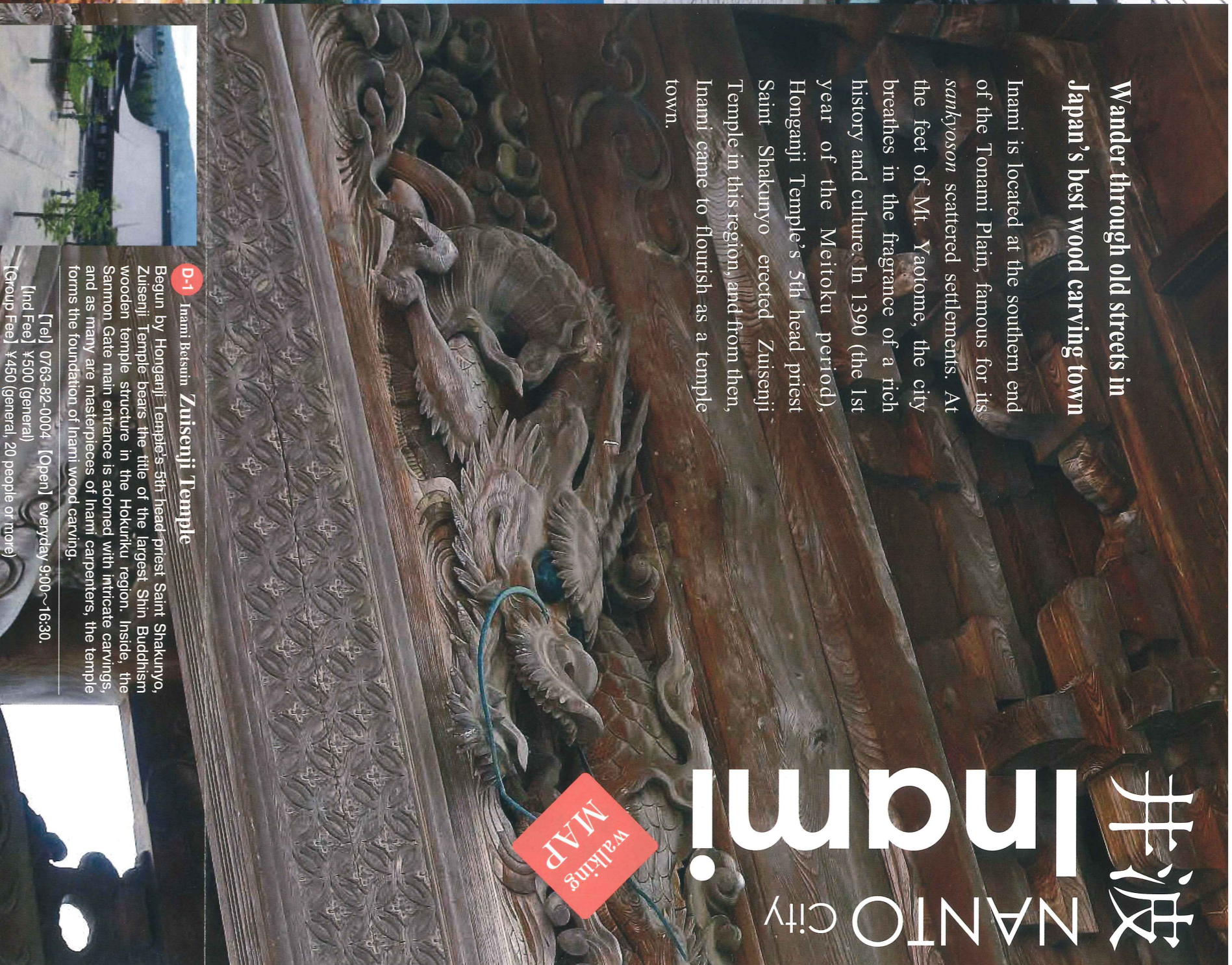
Inami is located at the southern end of the Tonami Plain, famous for its *sankyoson* scattered settlements. At the feet of Mt. Yaotome, the city breathes in the fragrance of a rich history and culture. In 1390 (the 1st year of the Meitoku period), Honganji Temple's 5th head priest Saint Shakunyo erected Zuisenji Temple in this region, and from then, Inami came to flourish as a temple town.

C-2 Yokamachi Street (Yokamachi Dori)
Cutting through the heart of the town, this stone-paved street is lined with wood carving workshops that fill the air with the calming rhythm of wooden mallets. With everything from bus signs to doorplates artfully and expertly chiseled out of wood, here you can feel the unique spirit of the wood carving town Inami.

B-1 Kanjoji Park

With a commanding view of the *sankyoson* scattered settlements invoking memories of an older Japan, Kanjoji Park charms with the passing of the seasons. In particular, the light of the setting sun shimmering in the water of the rice paddies in spring can reenergize even the weariest traveler.

[Tel] 0763-82-2565



D-1 Inami Betsuin Zuisenji Temple

Begun by Honganji Temple's 5th head priest Saint Shakunyo, Zuisenji Temple bears the title of the largest Shin Buddhism wooden temple structure in the Hokuriku region. Inside, the Sanmon Gate main entrance is adorned with intricate carvings, and as many are masterpieces of Inami carpenters, the temple forms the foundation of Inami wood carving.

[Tel] 0763-82-0004 [Open] everyday 9:00~16:30.

[Inl Fee] ¥500 (general)
[Group Fee] ¥450 (general, 20 people or more)
none (middle school students and younger)



D-2 Kurokamian

Gently nestled in the grounds of Jorenji Temple are Okinazuka ("old man mound") and Kurokamian ("black hair hermitage"). Zuisenji Temple's 11th priest, Rouka, a disciple of the great haiku master Matsuo Basho, took 3 small stones from Basho's grave and built a mound on the Jorenji Temple grounds. After that, it is said that he also offered strands of Basho's hair, with the support of several hundred haiku poets in the Eitchu region. Kurokamian was built.



C-2 Ikenami Shotaro Furcai Hall

Shotaro Ikenami, famous author of historical novels such as the Master Assassin Baian series, felt an attraction for Inami as the home of his ancestors and often visited. Inside, you can see letters showcasing the heartfelt interactions between Ikenami and the people of Inami as well as drawings Ikenami penned himself, colored papers, and photographs. Books and some of Ikenami's prized belongings are on display as well. This facility is part of Yotoko Inami.

[Tel] 0763-82-5666

[Open] 10:00~17:00.
[Fee] none
Please bear in mind that our closing days are not set.



C-2 Kyurosuji

It is said that as Saint Shakunyo made his way to Kyoto, his horse struck the ground with its foot and the Kyurosuji water miraculously gushed forth. Said to be the area of origin of both the name Inami as well as of Zuisenji Temple, and additionally displaying a historical elegance from hermitages and gardens constructed in the Tenpo era, Kyurosuji is often sung of in haiku poems together with Kurokamian.



D-2 Inami Art Museum

Along with being a wood carving town, Inami is also a town of great creativity where many artists gather. With carvings, modern crafts, modeling, and more, a great number of modern works by local artists are on display.

[Tel] 0763-82-5523

[Open] 9:00~16:00.
[Closed] Tuesdays. If this day falls on a holiday, the museum will be closed on the following day. Also closed in January and February.
[Fee] none



B-2 Daimongawa Kasen Park

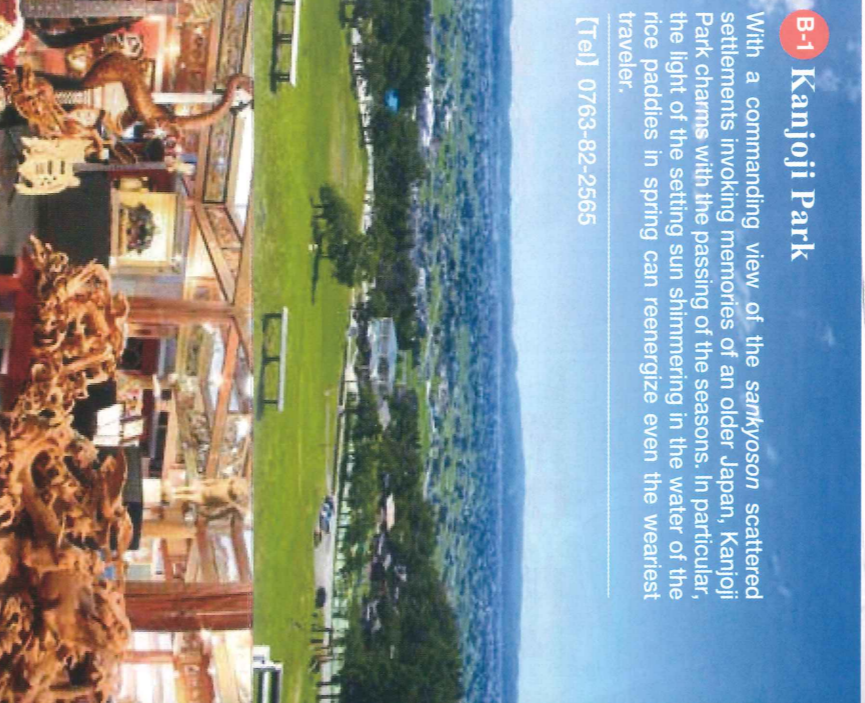
Sculptors from all over the world gather in Inami once every 4 years for the Inami International Wooden Sculpture Camp, and you can appreciate their works here at the peaceful Daimongawa Kasen Park. With Japanese sakura cherry blossom trees lining the Daimon River and a special light-up event during blooming season, you can also appreciate nature's craftsmanship with the beautiful night scene of the delicate sakura.



F-4 Takase Jinja Shrine

As a god of good fortune, marriage, household safety, health, and agriculture, *Okunishinomiya* is worshipped as the chief god of the shrine. *Amnoikutamaomikoto*, a god of health and longevity, and *Isotakeuronomikoto*, a god of industry, are also revered here. Having defied them long ago, humans have been paying respects to these ancient gods for 2000 years.

[Tel] 0763-82-0932



A-2 Inami Wood Carving Composite Hall

The hall's interior houses around 200 wooden works, including *ranna* transom pieces, lion masks, as well as more contemporary and modern works.

[Tel] 0763-82-5158 [Open] 9:00~17:00.

[Closed] The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. If this day falls on a holiday, the hall will be closed on the following day.

[Inl Fee] ¥500 (general, 25 people or more), ¥200 (middle school / Group Fee) / ¥400 (general, 25 people or more), ¥200 (middle school / primary school students, 25 people or more)

Yoiyasa Festival

[Held every year. Pre-festival on May 2nd] and main festival on May 3rd.

Beginning in 1833 (the 4th year of the Tenpo era) to play for good business and household safety, the festival includes 6 portable shrines (3 carried by adults and 3 for children), lions from 3 areas of the town, and festival floats from 4 areas of the town. Parading for 10 km, they imbue Inami with a special vibrancy—the lion masks skillfully crafted with Inami wood carving techniques are a must-see!



Taishi Den-E and Taishi Den Tourism Festival

[Held every year from July 21st to 29th. The Taishi Den Tourism Festival is held at the end of July.]



The Taishi Den-E is said to have begun at Inami Betsuin Zuisenji Temple around 1710. Today, the event includes a recounting of the life of the Japanese historical figure Shotoroku Taishi (Crown Prince Taishi) using hanging art scrolls as well as the opening of a statue of Shotoroku Taishi at the age of 2. At the Taishi Den Tourism Festival, you can see traditional dances in the town streets as well as chiseled ice carvings.

Inquiries

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LEGEND

- Sightseeing Spot
- Accommodation
- Restaurant
- Cafe
- Souvenir Shop
- Gas Station
- Post Office
- Tourist Information Center
- Hospital
- Fire Station
- Parking Lot
- Police Office
- Restroom
- Taxi
- Convenience Store
- Shopping Center
- Hot Spring
- Bus Stop

DINING

A-2 Kitsutsuki Club
Specializes in local flavors like Nanto taro root. Located inside Inami Kibori no Sato.
[Tel] 0763-82-5757
[Open] 07:00-18:00 with last order at 17:30.
[Closed] at the beginning and end of the year.

C-2 Gallery Zuiian
Displays works of local artists while offering siphon-brewed coffee.
[Tel] 0763-82-6060
[Open] 10:00-17:30.
[Closed] Wednesdays.

C-3 Fukunisisuya Shokudo
Try the *doko* fish or eel *kabayaki* dishes, such as *unagi* broiled eel, *unadon* eel rice bowl, or broiled *doko* fish.
[Tel] 0763-82-0005
[Open] 10:00-19:00.
[Closed] Sundays.

D-2 Handmade Soba
We recommend the Sarashina Ten Box, which includes tempura as well as high-quality sarashina soba.
[Tel] 0763-82-0047
[Open] 11:00-20:00.
Please bear in mind that our closing days are not set.

D-3 Shiyozu
A well-established, traditional *yotai* Japanese restaurant of over 70 years. Using seasonal ingredients for seasonal dishes, set course meals can be prepared to match your budget.
[Tel] 0763-82-0276
[Open] 10:00-21:00
(reservations required).
Please bear in mind that our closing days are not set.

D-2 Tozanso
Specializes in elaborate dinner trays that can be enjoyed in a traditional *tatami* room with *warisama*. We can unfortunately only accept parties of 2 or more for lunch.
[Tel] 0763-82-1013
[Open] 11:30-13:30
(reservations required).
Please bear in mind that our closing days are not set.

SHOPPING

D-3 Kawachiya Kashibo
Ikonaki goshorakugen is a famous Inami sweet carrying a tradition of more than 500 years. With the fragrance, refinement, and long life of *wasabon* sugar, the delicacy is adored by many.
[Tel] 0763-82-0402
[Open] every day 8:00-19:00.

B-3 Takeda Kansendo
Crafted one by one with wholehearted passion, the Inami sweet sold here has a history of about 600 years.
[Tel] 0763-82-0416
[Open] 8:00-18:00.
[Closed] Thursdays.

D-3 Yoshidaya
Offers the Inami specialty *yakimochi baasan*, a rice cake made with Inami taro root.
[Tel] 0763-82-0007
[Open] 8:00-16:00.
Please bear in mind that our closing days are not set.

D-3 Wakakoma Sake Brewery
Established in 1889 (the 22nd year of the Meiji period), this brewery makes sake from local rice and water.
[Tel] 0763-82-7373
[Open] 9:00-19:00.
Please bear in mind that our closing days are not set.

LODGING

D-2 Ryokan
TEL.0763-82-1013

C-3 Kashiya Ryokan
TEL.0763-82-0871

B-3 BnC TATEGU-YA
TEL.0763-77-4544

D-2 BnC TAË
TEL.0763-82-5585

D-5 BnC KIRAKU-KAN
TEL.0763-82-2565

B-1 Kanjofei Park Campsite

TEA & CAFE

C-2 Cafe Lion
Browse antiques while sipping coffee brewed from handpicked beans.
[Tel] 0763-82-3875
[Open] 10:00-17:00.
Please bear in mind that our closing days are not set.

E-4 Tea village WOOD
Surrounded by the warm colors of wood, the cafe exudes nostalgia. We particularly recommend the popular *katsumi* curry and wood parfait.
[Tel] 0763-82-4789
[Open] 10:00-19:00.
[Closed] Wednesdays.

C-2 Kimi no An
Try the *toban*, piping hot with Gokuyama tofu, yuzu citrus miso, and taro root.
[Tel] 0763-82-5808
[Open] 11:00-15:00 and 17:00-21:00.
[Closed] Thursdays.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

E-4 Hokuriku Bank Inami Branch
TEL.0763-82-1212

D-2 Bank of Toyama Inami Branch
TEL.0763-82-1351

D-4 First Bank of Toyama Inami Branch
TEL.0763-82-1525

C-3 Toyamaiken Shin'yokumai Inami Branch
TEL.0763-82-1756

E-3 Tonami Shinin Bank Inami Branch
TEL.0763-82-1023

C-3 JA Tonaminio Bank Inami Hommachi Branch
TEL.0763-82-1023

E-5 JA Tonaminio Bank Inami Central Branch
TEL.0763-82-1551

B-5 Kaetsunou Bus
TEL.0766-22-4888

D-5 Tulip Transportation
TEL.0763-82-0169

D-3 Tonami Kankou Transportation
TEL.0763-82-5577

HELPFUL HINT

A helpful hint as you walk through the town!
With about 120 wood carving workshops, Inami is Japan's most prominent wood carving town. If you find a workshop you are interested in, just ask, enter, and see the magic for yourself!

Approx. 10 min. from Inami Betsuin Zuisenji Temple by car (Approx. 4 km)

Takase Jinja Shrine

Approx. 10 min. from Inami Betsuin Zuisenji Temple by foot

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