

# 井波

# inami

## NANTO City

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MAP

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

Nestled in the foothills of Mt. Yaotome at the southernmost region of the Tonami Plain renowned for its *Sankyoson* scattered settlements, Inami is a town brimming with rich culture and history. It has flourished as a temple town ever since Zuisenji Temple was founded in this region in 1390 (the 1st year of the Meitoku period) by Saint Shakunyo, the 5th head priest of Honganji Temple.

### C-2 Yokamachi Street (Stone-paved street)

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 \*Large Vehicles Allowed



### D-1 Inami Betsuin Zuisenji Temple

Founded by Saint Shakunyo, the 5th head priest of Honganji Temple, Zuisenji Temple boasts the title of the largest Shin Buddhism wooden temple structure in the Hokuriku region. The Sanmon Gate main entrance is particularly splendid and forms the foundation of Inami wood carving.

【Tel】0763-82-0004 【Open】everyday 9:00am~4:30pm  
【Entry Fee】¥500 (general)  
【Group Fee】¥450 (general, 20 people or more)  
none (middle school students and younger)

### A-2 Inami Wood Carving Composite Hall

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

【Tel】0763-82-5158 【Open】9:00am~5:00pm  
【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.  
【Entry Fee】¥500 (general), ¥250 (Children ages 6 through 15)  
【Group Fee】¥400 (general, 25 people or more),  
¥200 (Children ages 6 through 15, 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 pray 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

【Taishi Den-E: Held annually from July 21st to the 29th.  
Taishi Den Tourism Festival: Held annually 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 Shotoku Taishi (Crown Prince Taishi) using hanging art scrolls as well as the opening of a statue of Shotoku 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.

## Contact

### Inami Tourist Information Center

956-1 Yamami, Nanto City  
Toyama Prefecture, 932-0231 Japan  
TEL: 0763-82-2539  
FAX: 0763-82-2839

### Nanto Tourism Association

1058-1 Noda, Nanto City  
Toyama Prefecture, 939-1842 Japan  
TEL: 0763-62-1201  
FAX: 0763-62-1202

HP <https://www.tabi-nanto.jp/en/>

\*Information updated as of June 2024.



### 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 Inami's central 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, *Okuninushinomikoto* is worshiped as the chief god of the shrine. *Amenoikutamanomikoto*, a god of health and longevity, and *Isotakerunomikoto*, a god of industry, are also revered here. Having deified them long ago, humans have been paying respects to these ancient gods for 2000 years.

【Tel】0763-82-0932



### C-1 Inami Hachimangu Shrine

With ruins of the old Inami Castle inner citadel on the grounds and old structures like stone walls still standing, you can imagine the former glory of the fortress. In 1861 (the 1st year of the Bunkyu era), local silk workers established a "silk worm hall" made completely of Japanese zelkova wood on the western side of the main shrine to mourn the souls of silk worms lost in the silk production process. Catch a glimpse of not only the historical background of local industry but also the exquisite craftsmanship of Inami shrine architecture.



### A-2 Inami Kibori no Sato Soyukan

A road station that invites you to explore the wonders of Inami wood carving with all five senses. Try fun activities such as carving your own cup at the Create Kobo workshop or check out the popular 10-swirl soft serve ice cream and giant-portion menu over at the restaurant.

【TEL】0763-82-5757  
【Open】Shop 9:00am~5:00pm  
Restaurant 11:00am~3:00pm (LO 2:30pm)  
Create Kobo workshop 10:00am~5:00pm  
\*The workshop is only open on Sundays.  
【Closed】The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month and for New Year's holidays.



### C-2 Ikenami Shotaro Fureai Hall

Shotaro Ikenami, famous author of historical novels such as the Master Assassin Baian series, felt an affection for Inami as the home of his father 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 Yoitoko Inami.

【Tel】0763-82-5666  
【Open】10:00am~5:00pm  
【Entry Fee】none  
【Closed】Irregular Closing days



### C-2 Kyurosui

It is said that as Saint Shakunyo made his way to Kyoto, his horse struck the ground with its foot and the Kyurosui 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, Kyurosui is often sung of in haiku poems together with Kurokamian.



### 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 Etchu region, Kurokamian was built.



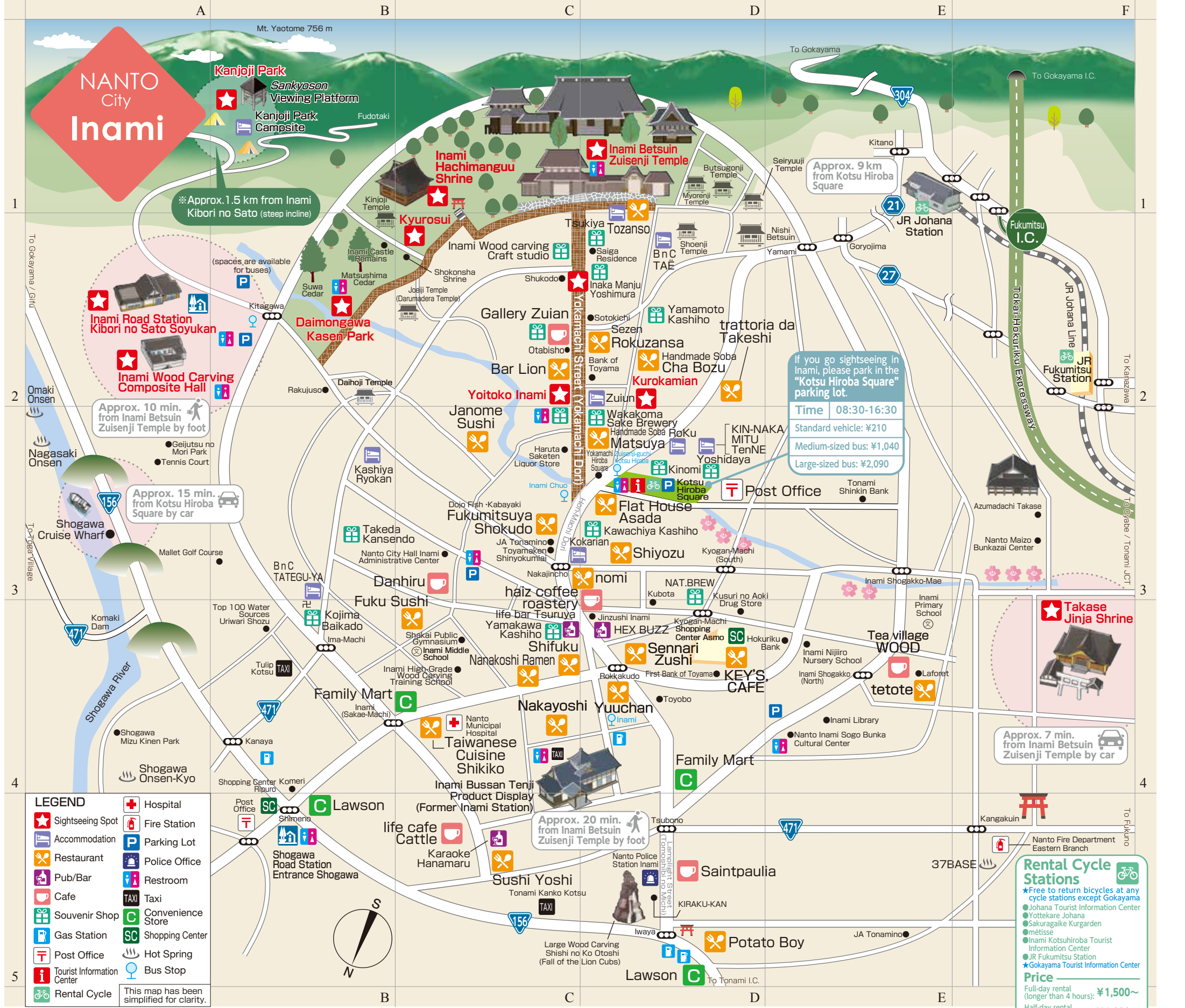
### A-3 Shogawa River Gorge

This gorge centered on the Komaki Dam offers beautiful scenery no matter the season, with cherry blossoms in spring, vibrant greenery in summer, fall foliage in autumn, and a picturesque snowscape in winter. Take a ride on the Shogawa Pleasure Boat and enjoy the gorgeous mountain landscape.

### Shogawa Pleasure Boat

【Tel】0763-82-0220  
【Fee】Normal cruise: ¥2,800 (general),  
¥1,400 (children)  
Short Cruise: ¥1,000 (general),  
¥500 (children)  
Discounts available for large groups





### DINING

**C-3 nomi**  
Prepares smoked dishes using woodchips from local workshops. A secluded Italian restaurant tucked away in the streets of Inami.  
[Tel] 0763-77-4163  
[Open] 6:00pm~10:30pm  
[Closed] Mondays and Tuesdays

**C-2 Gallery Zuian**  
Displays works of local artists while offering siphon-brewed coffee.  
[Tel] 0763-82-6060  
[Open] 10:00am~5:00pm  
[Closed] Wednesdays

**C-5 life cafe Cattle**  
Offers a wide arrangement of bags, Western clothes, natural stones, and more. After looking at the selection, take a rest at the cafe, where you can enjoy light fare and sweets from the original menu.  
[Tel] 0763-82-5878  
[Open] 10:00am~9:00pm  
[Closed] Wednesdays

**D-3 Handmade Soba Matsuya**  
We recommend the Sarashina Ten Box, which includes tempura as well as high-quality sarashina soba.  
[Tel] 0763-82-0047  
[Open] 11:00am~8:00pm  
[Closed] Irregular Closing days

**C-3 Fukumitsuya Shokudo**  
Try the *dojo* fish or eel *kabayaki* dishes, such as *unaju* broiled eel, *unadon* eel rice bowl, or broiled *dojo* fish.  
[Tel] 0763-82-0005  
[Open] 10:00am~7:00pm  
[Closed] Sundays

**D-2 Tsukiya**  
Stroll down Yokamachi Street or enjoy a memorable photoshoot at Zuisenji Temple in a Kimono with their Kimono rental service.  
[Tel] 080-2961-1929  
[Open] 10:00am~5:00pm  
[Closed] Wednesdays

**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] 8:00am~6:00pm  
[Closed] Thursdays

**D-3 Yoshidaya**  
Offers refreshing shaved ice with their very own handmade syrup. Takeout available.  
[Tel] 0763-82-0007  
[Open] June to September on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, 10:00am~3:00pm.  
[Closed] Irregular closing days

**D-2 Tozanso**  
Specializes in elaborate dinner trays that can be enjoyed in a traditional *tatami* room with early Showa period Inami *ranma* transoms. Reservations available from two people.  
[Tel] 0763-82-1013  
[Open] 11:30am~1:30pm (Reservations required)  
[Closed] Irregular Closing days

**C-2 Bar Lion**  
Prepares original Italian-style meat dishes with local vegetables. Serves steak for the lunch menu.  
[Tel] 090-4322-0112  
[Open] Lunch 11:30am~2:00pm (L.O. 1:30pm) on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Opens from 5:30pm~ on all days excluding regular closing days. \*The restaurant may occasionally be in exclusive use.  
[Closed] Tuesdays and every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

**D-3 Flat House Asada**  
A casual diner which serves light meals, desserts, coffee and beer. Takeout available.  
[Tel] 0763-77-4569  
[Open] 10:00am~6:30pm (Open until 5:00pm on Sundays)  
[Closed] Thursdays

**D-3 Shiyozu**  
A well-established, traditional *ryotei* 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] 10:00am~9:00pm (reservations required)  
[Closed] Irregular Closing days

**C-5 Sushi Yoshi**  
Offers a wide variety of seafood dishes from Sushi to grilled fish and Tempura, using fresh ingredients from Toyama Bay.  
[Tel] 0763-82-5815  
[Open] 12:00pm~10:00pm  
[Closed] Irregular Closing days

**D-3 Kinomi**  
A gallery shop in the woodcarving town of Inami. Browse art pieces by artists in Inami plus local delicacies from Nanto City.  
[Tel] 070-8463-0619  
[Open] 10:00am~5:00pm  
[Closed] Open only on Saturdays and Sundays  
Other reservations

**C-2 Yoitoko Inami**  
Tourism facility featuring local souvenirs, a cafe, and a restaurant. The Ikenami Shotaro Fureai Hall is also part of Yoitoko Inami.  
[Tel] 0763-82-5666  
[Open] 10:00am~5:00pm  
[Closed] On New Years, Closing days may vary between shops.

**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] 9:00am~7:00pm  
[Closed] Irregular Closing days

### SHOPPING

**D-2 Inaka Manju Yoshimura Main Store**  
The main item *inaka manju* is packed tightly with *tsubuan*, lightly sweet with Hokkaido azuki beans and sugar.  
[Tel] 0763-82-6881  
[Open] everyday 9:00am~4:00pm  
There are also satellite stores by Zuisenji Temple and at Kibori no Sato.

**C-3 Inami Betsuin Zuisenji Temple**  
Approx. 9 km from Kotsu Hiroba Square  
If you go sightseeing in Inami, please park in the "Kotsu Hiroba Square" parking lot.  
Time 08:30-16:30  
Standard vehicle: ¥210  
Medium-sized bus: ¥1,040  
Large-sized bus: ¥2,090

**Rental Cycle Stations**  
★Free to return bicycles at any cycle stations except Gokayama  
●Johana Tourist Information Center  
●Yottekare Johana  
●Sakuragake Kurgarden  
●metisse  
●Inami Kotsuhiroba Tourist Information Center  
●JR Fukumitsu Station  
★Gokayama Tourist Information Center  
Price  
Full-day rental (longer than 4 hours): ¥1,500~  
Half-day rental (less than 4 hours): ¥1,000~

### LODGING

●Ryokan

**D-2 Tozanso**  
TEL.0763-82-1013

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

**C-3 Kokarian**  
TEL.0763-58-2200

**D-2 Zuiun**  
TEL.0763-58-2112

●Vacation Rentals

**C-3 Bed and Craft**  
TEL.0763-77-4138

**B-3 TATEGU-YA**

**D-2 TAË**

**D-3 RoKu**

**D-3 KIN-NAKA**

**D-3 MITU**

**D-3 TenNE**

●Campsites

**B-1 Kanjoji Park Campsite**  
TEL.0763-82-2565

### 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 Toyamaken Shinyokumiai Inami Branch TEL.0763-82-1756

E-3 Tonami Shinkin Bank Inami Branch TEL.0763-82-1167

C-3 JA Tonamino Bank Inami Honmachi Branch TEL.0763-82-1023

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

●Bus  
Kaetsunou Bus TEL.0766-22-4888

●Taxi  
Tulip Transportation TEL.0763-82-0169

Tonami Kanko Transportation TEL.0763-82-5577

●Government Office  
C-3 Nanto City Hall Inami Administrative Center TEL.0763-82-1180

F-5 Nanto Fire Department Eastern Branch TEL.0763-82-0119

D-5 Nanto Police Station Inami TEL.0763-82-0110

C-4 Nanto Municipal Hospital TEL.0763-82-1475

●Post Office  
D-3 Inami Post Office TEL.0763-82-0600

### Walking Tip

Inami is home to around 120 woodworking workshops. If you find one you like, feel free to say hello and you might get to watch them work.

There are wooden sculptures of cats hidden throughout Yokamachi Street. How many can you find?