

Welcome to Nihon Minkaen

Traditional Japanese architecture is well known around the world for its beauty and functionality, the essence of which is reflected in the design and construction of Japanese folk houses. To conserve these valuable historic creations from the past, the city of Kawasaki began to relocate them to Minkaen from all over Japan in 1965. At the present time there are 25 historical buildings, including a shrine and a Kabuki stage. Additionally, tools and utensils are kept in designated areas to help recreate the past.

learn with pleasure



Exhibition Hall (Museum House)

The exhibition hall explains how the houses were designed and built.

Outdoor Exhibition

In Nihon Minkaen, historical folk houses are on display on the gentle slopes of Tama hills.

Guided Tours in English (require advance application)

We can guide a group of 5 to 30 persons a day. Free of charge. Please apply for the guided tour until two weeks before.

Application form is put in our homepage.

Folk activities

The Nihon Minkaen presents various folk activities in intervals. The dates are posted on our website.



Monthly Display
(The Girls' Festival)



Recital of Folk Tale

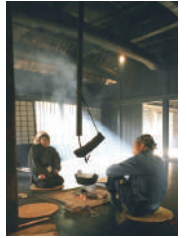


Tea-ceremony Party



Folk Tool Making Demonstration
(Weaving)

A moment of relaxation...



We keep a fire in the sunken hearth at the several houses nearly every opening day.

You are welcome to sit on the raised tatami floors or wooden floors to relax by the fireside.

Activity time :

From Mar. to Oct. 10:00 a.m~3:30 p.m

From Nov. to Feb. 10:00 a.m~3:00 p.m

Take a Walk in Ikuta Park



As well as Minkaen, there are some main facilities available in Ikuta Park, such as Taro Okamoto Museum of Art, Planetarium, Golf links.

Genuine Indigo-dyeing



You can try doing genuine indigo-dyeing at Traditional Indigo Dyeing Workshop (West Gate).

Charge	dyeing a handkerchief	600yen
	dyeing a bandana	800yen
	bringing cloth	15yen/g

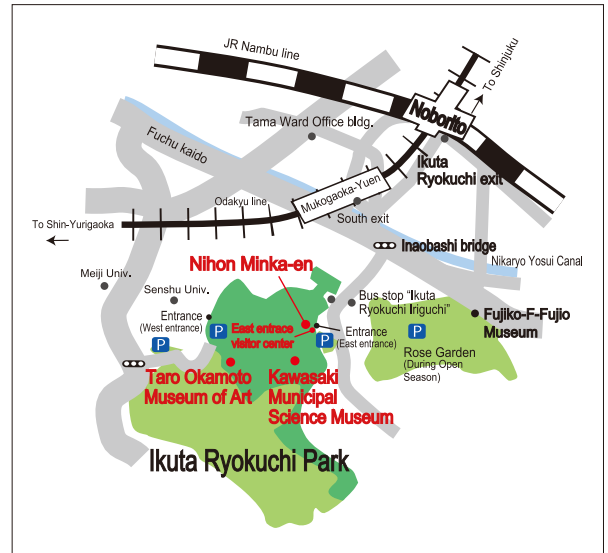
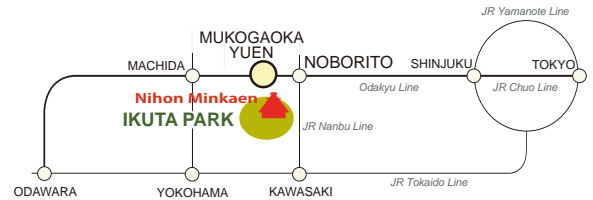
Time required: one hour~

reservations : 044-900-1101

We recommend you to make a reservation when dyeing in a group.

Transportation

- **By Train**
 - ① 13 minutes walk from the south exit of Mukogaoka-yuen station (Odakyu line).
 - ② 25 minutes walk from the "Ikuta Ryokuchi" exit of Noborito station (JR Nanbu line / Odakyu line).
- **By Bus**
 - ① 3 minutes walk from the "Ikuta Ryokuchi Entrance" bus stop (Kawasaki City Bus). The departure is from No.6 bus stop at bus terminal of South exit at Mizonokuchi station (JR Nanbu line / Odakyu line).
 - ② 6 minutes walk from the "Iimuro" bus stop (Kawasaki City Bus). The departure is from No.6 bus stop at bus terminal of East (North) exit at Mizonokuchi station (JR Nanbu line / Odakyu line).
- **By Car**
 - ① Make a left turn at the Tomei Expressway Exit Intersection and about 10 minutes from the "Inukura" Intersection.
 - ② Take Fuchu Kaido Road and 2 minutes from the "Inao-bashi" Intersection.
- **Parking** Please use the east parking lot and the west parking lot in Ikuta Park. ★ When possible, please come by public transportation.
Open: 5:00 a.m. ~ 10:00 p.m.



Open

9:30a.m ~ 5:00p.m (From Nov. to Feb. ~ 4:30p.m) <Last entry> 30 minutes before closing time

Admission Fee

Adults...¥500 Students (Senior High School and College)...¥300 (Please show your student cards.)
65years and over...¥300 (Kawasaki City Residents...Free) (Please show your ID cards.)
Children (Junior High School and under): Free

*Group Rates (20 persons or more)

Adults...¥400 / 65 years and over & Students...¥240 (Please notify our office in advance if you are planning to visit as a group.)
We recommend you use a discount rate system such as Minkaen Annual Passports, Kawasaki City Museums Coupon.

Closed on

Mondays (open when a national holiday falls on a monday)

The next day of a national holiday (open when the next day falls on a Saturday or Sunday)

The year-end and New Year's holidays

How to Reserve English Guide (Prior booking essential)

An application must be filled in completely and faxed to our office.

The application form is put on our website, or if you request by telephone, we will send it to you it by post or fax.

Eating facility

Soba restaurant 'Shirakawago' (☺ the Yamashita house) TEL 044-932-7747

Dumpling cake stall 'Miyoshino' (opposite ☺ the Yamashita house)

Open 11:00a.m~3:00p.m Closed The days when Minkaen is closed

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