

# Gotsu 江津

Gotsu sits at the mouth of the Go River. Nature's beauty abounds in this idyllic countryside town where traditional handicrafts and agriculture are still the center of life.



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## Shimada Kiln 嶋田窯 [Shimada Gama]

For almost one hundred years, this family of artisans has used the traditional technique, *shinotsukuri*, to shape Iwami Pottery. It is fired in their ascending hillside kiln. Each piece exhibits a unique color gradation from the heat distribution inside the kiln. You can try making your own pottery and have it shipped to your home. It is a 20-min. walk from JR Asari Station, up the road from "Kaze no Engawa".

🕒 9am-5pm  
Shop: Closed occasionally  
Pottery studio: Closed weekends, national holidays  
(Inquire for prices of pottery making experiences and shipping)

## Kaze no Engawa 風のえんがわ

A stone path through bright greenery leads you to a red-tile roofed home with a wide veranda. Restored into a pleasant café, you will not quickly forget the vividly colored vegetables (grown next door), fresh meats and fish and handmade breads served here. Meals are presented on pottery made at the nearby Shimada kiln. There is also a nice variety of organic teas and homemade desserts to help you relax away the afternoon. It is a 15-min. walk from JR Asari Station.

🕒 10:30am-5pm, Closed Monday  
\*Inquire about Sunday and New Year holidays

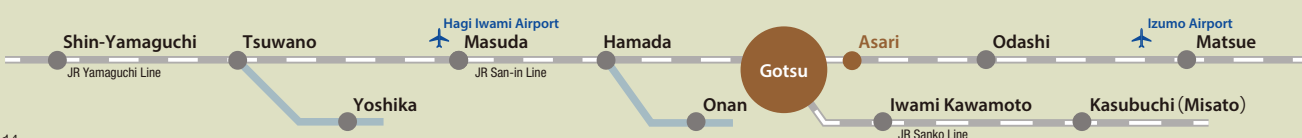
### ACCESS to GOTSU, ARIFUKU HOT SPRING



**Train**  
JR Hamada → JR Gotsu (30min Local, 15min Ltd. Express)  
JR Matsue → JR Gotsu (1hr 30min Ltd. Express)



**Bus**  
Hiroshima → Arifuku Hot Spring (2hr 40min)



# Arifuku Hot Spring

## 有福温泉 [Arifuku Onsen]

Arifuku Hot Spring, the place where happiness dwells, has been well-known for over 1,350 years. It overflows with the charm of the early 1900s. The hot spring waters are abundant and clear and are thought to make your skin beautiful.

### DAY TRIP BATHING

Gozen Yu 御前湯	Yayoi Yu やよい湯	Satsuki Yu さつき湯
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🏠 ¥400 🕒 7am-9:30pm



## Yu no Machi Kagura Venue

湯の町神楽殿 [Yu no Machi Kagura Den]

Enjoy nighttime Iwami Kagura performances in Arifuku Hot Spring. Watching kagura in this intimate setting allows the viewer a moving, unique experience.

🏠 ¥1,000 🕒 8:30pm- 9:50pm, Every Saturday



## Arifuku Café

有福カフェ

This retro café offers freshly baked bread and a lunch menu filled with local ingredients. It is complemented by the café's specialty, charcoal roasted coffee. Even people who do not usually like coffee will enjoy the flavor and aroma of these beans. You can also rent private baths by the hour at the adjoining Ryokan Higuchi or stay for the night.

🕒 9am-9pm (Last order 8:30pm)  
Tuesday: 9am-7pm (Last order 6pm)

# Accommodation



## Ryokan Higuchi

旅館樋口

Loyal customers continue to return to this luxurious inn filled with the aroma of roasting tea. Each room has its own outdoor hot spring bath allowing you to fully relax in privacy. The multi-course meals are exquisite and service is highly attentive. This special experience is not to be missed. Wi-Fi access is only available in the lobby.

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Gotsu Tourist Information Office (in JR Gotsu Sta.)  
9am-5pm, Closed Tuesday and New Year holidays