

Iwami Ginzan (Oda)

石見銀山(大田)

Registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007, Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine is an idyllic place that offers a glimpse back in time to when the town was a thriving silver mine.



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Omori Street 大森の町並み

Residents still live on and care for the main street of Iwami Ginzan. Unused traditional residences have been converted into cafés and shops. A stroll along this peaceful street allows you to soak up the history and culture of the area.

ACCESS to IWAMI GINZAN



Train & Local Bus

JR Hamada → JR Odashi → Omori Bus Stop
(1hr 20min Local or 40min Ltd. Exp. + 20min Local Bus)



Bus

Hiroshima → Iwami Ginzan (2hr 40min)



1 Kigami Shrine 城上神社 [Kigami Jinja]

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Travel back in time as you stroll through a UNESCO World Heritage site

2 Ryugenji Mine Shaft 龍源寺間歩 [Ryugenji Mabu]

For a small entrance fee, you can walk through one of the shafts, which has been widened for modern visitors. Peer into branch tunnels and the picture scroll at the end of the tunnel to see what miners experienced.

If you have time, walk along the wooded path on the left side of the stream up to the mine (2.3 km). Explore humble ruins, rest by clear waters and experience a sense of peace and timelessness.

¥400 (Foreign guests ¥200, passport or residence card required)
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Closed New Year holidays

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Accommodation



3 Takyo Abeke 他郷阿部家

This 227-year-old restored building used to be the home of an Iwami Ginzan bureaucrat and is now a guesthouse for a limited number of guests each night. Meals incorporate freshly harvested local ingredients and rice is cooked on a wood-fired range. Bath and toilet facilities are separate from guest rooms. Meals are eaten with the staff and other guests, which will give you a chance to interact with various people. Staying here for a night will immerse you in Iwami Ginzan's history while allowing you to enjoy a luxurious *wabisabi* experience.

159-1 Omori-cho, Oda-shi 0854-89-0022



Omori Town Map

Rental Bikes レンタサイクル [Renta Saikuru]

- Electric bicycle: ¥700 (2hr)
※¥200 ea addl 30min.
- Normal bicycle: ¥500 (3hr)
※¥100 ea addl 30min.

Renta Saikuru Kawamura
レンタサイクル河村

8:30am-5pm

Renta Saikuru Yashichi
レンタサイクル弥七

9am-5pm



4 Kumagai Residence

重要文化財熊谷家住宅 [Kumagaike Jutaku]

This restored building was once the wealthiest merchant house in the town. It was involved in the management of the silver mine in the 17th century. Later, it served as a guesthouse for merchants and visiting officials. There are rotating displays of a variety of historical objects, which offer an interesting look at daily life in a merchant house. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, you can sample traditional, seasonal Japanese snacks, which are cooked on the wood-fired range.

¥500 (Foreign guests ¥300, passport or residence card required)
9:30am-5pm (Last entry 4:30pm)
Closed last Tues. of the month, New Year holidays

HELPFUL INFORMATION



Iwami Ginzan Volunteer Tour Guides 石見銀山英語ボランティアガイドの会

Iwami Ginzan English-speaking tour guides can be reserved free of charge. These guides will offer helpful insight into the universal value of Iwami Ginzan and why it is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

FREE Reserve at least 14 days in advance via email,
iwamiginzan.eg@gmail.com

Iwami Ginzan Audio Guide 石見銀山オーディオガイド

Oda Tourist Association offers an audio guidance library with 55 titles. Enjoy lively stories and interesting historical details at your own pace.

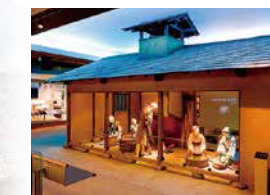
¥500 + ¥1,000 for deposit 8:30am-4:30pm, Closed Jan.1
Languages: Japanese, English, Korean, Mandarin



5 Gungendo 群言堂

This lifestyle design shop seeks to highlight the simplicity and beauty of traditional craftsmanship. Housed in a restored building, its displays and inner gardens change with the seasons, making it an interesting place to wander. You can enjoy a slow cup of coffee, sweets or a light lunch at the inviting café.

Shop: 10am-6pm
Café: 11am-6pm (Last order 5pm)
Closed Wed., New Year holidays



6 Iwami Ginzan World Heritage Center

石見銀山世界遺産センター [Iwami Ginzan Sekai Isan Senta]

This center displays historical details, excavated items, replicas and video footage about Omori when it was an active silver mine. From the 16th century to the 20th century, Iwami Ginzan produced a significant portion of the world's silver. Please visit this center first to learn about the silver mine before taking the shuttle bus to explore Omori Town (¥200-¥240).

¥300 (Foreign guests ¥200, passport or residence card required)
8:30am-5:30pm, Closed last Tues. of the month, New Year holidays



7 Café Juru カフェ住留

Housed in a restored home, this café offers simple lunches with rich, homemade sauces.

10am-sunset,
Inquire about Mondays, New Year holidays



8 Bäckerei Konditorei Hidaka

ベッカライ・コンディトライ・ヒダカ

This bakery offers German-style breads and pastries. Enjoy your purchases in the intimate seating area.

10am-5pm,
Closed Wednesday, Thursday

Accommodation



9 Yuzuriha ゆずりは

Another lodging option in town, this hotel is a newly built structure that showcases the beauty of traditional Japanese carpentry. The building was constructed to universal design standards.

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Meals available upon request

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Omori Tourist Information Center (located in Ginzan Park)
8:30am-5:15pm, Closed New Year holidays