



**Sento** Public bathhouse / Not used now  
It was open until 1988. You can see the first tile in Japan at the bottom of the bathtub.  
It is called Hongyo Tile from the \*Meiji period.  
\*Meiji Period (1868-1912)

Woman Man  
We can only see the men's bath.



**Furuimon-ya** Japanese antiques shop  
This house sells many antiques and collectibles. Normally closed, so when you want to see inside, please contact Kanayama Tourist Association.



**GALLERY of Paper Cutout**  
Good old days in Kanayama are portrayed in cutout. The *"Pioneer"* billboard is a landmark.  
Artist: Kunio Tsujii  
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<http://hidakanayama.com/kinkotsu.html>

Backstreets Tour

# Kinkotsu Meguri

KANAYAMA Gero-city, Gifu JAPAN



## 鎮守山 Chinjusan

Kanayama town is located on the Hida Kaido post road, from National Highway 41 east at the Juozaka traffic light. 5 minutes to Kannon Temple.

## Chinjusan Kannon Temple and Ryomen Sukuna

The temple sits on a small hill called Chinjusan in the Kinkotsu Meguri area. The statue of Ryomen Sukuna on the promontory looks out over the Kanayama townscape. The name "Chinju" is made up of two words: "shizumaru" which means to become quiet and peaceful, and "mamoru" which means to protect. The legendary hero Ryomen Sukuna of the Hida region prayed here.

## Legend of Ryomen Sukuna in the Hida Area

The Nihon Shoki document claims that, in the time of Emperor Nintoku (around 400 CE), there lived a person named Ryomen Sukuna. He was said to have one body, two heads, and four arms with which he nimbly used bows and arrows and tormented the people of Hida. The imperial court of Yamato came after him and chased him to Takazawayama and Nyuukawa. ... On the other hand, in the folklore of Hida and Mino, Sukuna was a local hero who slew the dragon that was tormenting the people. He built temples and accomplished other good deeds. Sukuna went to Chinjusan and prayed for 37 days for the peace and abundance of the people. However, he was eventually hunted down and killed by the imperial force.



## SEISUIRO Castle architecture

This three-storied house was built in the beginning of the \*Showa period. It has a castle architecture without through-pillar. An eel restaurant was there until the latter half of the 90's.  
If you go down the Kinkotsu on the left side of the house, there is drinkable spring water. \*Showa Period (1926-1989)

Spring Water



The narrow alleys of old Hida post town, unchanged since the Showa period, can be explored by foot.

## Megalithic Astronomy & Ancient Solar Calendar



## Kanayama Megaliths Research Center & the GALLERY



The Kanayama Megaliths are located near the Iwaya Dam. There are three sites in the system which was constructed to function as a solar calendar thousands of years ago. An astronomical study has been conducted on these megaliths for twenty years. It demonstrates the wondrous reality that ancient Japan had an accurate solar calendar. The astronomy of the Kanayama megaliths is now being recognized domestically and abroad.



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To Gujo

**KANAYAMA**  
Gero-city, Gifu

**Kinkotsu Meguri**

**GUIDED TOURS**

1. Kinkotsu Meguri  
60-90 minutes
2. Experience the Light Guided Tour  
Kanayama Megaliths and Kinkotsu Meguri with Lunch  
About 5 hours  
11:30am - 4:00pm

**TIFO**  
Toshiba International Foundation  
KMR  
Kanayama Megaliths Research Center

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# Kinkotsu Meguri

START or GOAL



Kinkotsu area is within 1 km from the station to HIZAN.

"Kinkotsu Meguri" in the Hida area denotes a labyrinth of tangled narrow alleyways. The term likens this complex of paths to the sinews and bones of the human body.

The town of Kanayama was, during the Edo period, at the border of four feudal domains. It was an important place of transportation and commerce, crowded with people. It flourished until the 1970's.

The Kinkotsu still has those old narrow lanes, and abundant spring water can be enjoyed as it gushes from underground springs.

The quiet town that remains from the bustling bygone days gives the impression of a movie set of a retro townscape.

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Crape Myrtle and Komori Jizo-son

ENJYU Pastry Shop

MOCHIKO Mochi Sweets Shop

## Cafe and Restaurants



English menu



- 1 Restaurant HIZAN レストラン飛山  
Closed only around New Year
- 2 Chinese Restaurant らーめん・中華料理
- 3 Cafe Rest LUNA カフェレスト月南  
Closed every Wednesday
- 4 DOUMU  
Closed every Tuesday, OPEN:18:00-
- 5 KOTO SUSHI 寿司司  
Closed every Monday
- 6 Cafe RAINBOW 喫茶レインボー
- 7 Cafe KADO 喫茶カド
- 8 Cafe MINOYA 喫茶みのや  
Closed every Tuesday

## Sweets and Sake brewery



三ツ屋  
**MITSUYA**  
OPEN 8:00~18:00  
TEL.0576-32-2117

This Japanese sweets shop has been in business for more than 80 years. The current master is the third-generation. Baked bun "Roppo-yaki" is popular, which is made with wheat flour and egg dough around a bean paste filling.



**ENJYU**  
OPEN 10:00~16:00  
Closed every Sunday and Monday

A pastry shop where cream puffs are popular. The pastry is thick and the filling of custard and fresh cream is not too sweet. Matcha and chocolate fillings are also available.



餅屋  
**MOCHIKO**  
OPEN 8:00~18:00  
Closed every Tuesday  
TEL.0576-32-2228

Mochi sweets shop from the beginning of the Showa period. Their popular specialties are "Hida-mochi" and "Tanba no Kurouma-dmaifuku" made by the traditional method.



**OKUHIDA**  
OPEN 9:00~17:00  
TEL.0576-32-2033

Their famous sake brands are "Okuhida" and "Hatsumidori". The rice vodka "Okuhida Vodka" is also popular, which has been in production for 60 years.