



## **2 days weekend in Gunma Ikaho Onsen Resort: Example Itinerary**

### **Day 1: Tokyo / Ikaho**

Depart Tokyo for Ikaho Onsen via train and bus.

Activities and lunch at your convenience. Dinner and night at the ryokan.  
Free use of the ryokan's famous onsen for the duration of your stay.

*With its hot spring, **Ikaho Onsen** is one of the most famous spa towns in Gunma Prefecture. It was founded by warlord Takeda Shingen during the Sengoku period to treat the wounds of his soldiers. The Ryokan where you will stay is the oldest in Ikaho and was founded in 1502.*

### Visit Suggestions:

- **Ikaho Shrine**

The shrine was founded in 825, and worships the deity of the hot springs and medicine. The view of the city is magnificent thanks to its location at the top of the 365 steps.

- **Kajika-Bashi Bridge**

The Kajika-bashi Bridge is a 15-minute walk from Ikaho Shrine. The bridge is surrounded by trees and is particularly beautiful in autumn and winter.

- **Walk up the 365 steps, visit some of the quaint shops and stalls during the evening.**

The 365 stone steps symbolize prosperity for the spa town of Ikaho on every day of the year. They were built more than 400 years ago and were renovated in 1980.



The 365 steps of Ikaho Onsen with hot spring flowing down the middle (Shibukawa)



## **Day 2: Ikaho / Tokyo**

Breakfast at the ryokan. Check out.

Activities and meals at your convenience.

Return by bus and train to Tokyo.

### Visit Suggestions:

- **Haruna Shrine**

1400-year-old shrine that was built on the mountainside. The temple contains a small waterfall and its entrance is nestled between two huge rocks.

- **Lake Haruna**

Lake Haruna is a crater lake located near the summit of Mount Haruna. Visitors can take a cable car to the top of Mount Haruna which offers a beautiful view of the lake and the surrounding mountains.

- **Ice-skating**

In winter, weather permitting, ice skating is available on Haruna Lake. If the weather is not favorable, Ikaho also has a large skating rink with indoor and outdoor slopes a few minutes from the hot springs.

- **Ice fishing**

For fishing enthusiasts, it is possible to do ice fishing on some of the surrounding lakes, including Haruna and Onuma Lakes.

- **Illumination Festival**

On December evenings, Lake Haruna is illuminated and offers visitors a fireworks display.



Statue of Kannon Byakue (Takasaki)



Haruna Shrine (Takasaki)



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