



Tanekura Village, Gifu **A village where satoyama culture is still alive**



***Tanekura** Village is still little known; it strives to develop exchanges between locals and visitors to ensure its survival. Visiting them contributes to the protection of nature and the preservation of the Japanese countryside while enjoying its unique panorama and traditional culture..*

Day 1 : Tokyo / Tanekura

Early morning departure to Tanekura by Shinkansen and express train (about 4h40)

Arrival at Tanekura around 12:00.

***Tanekura** is a mountain village in Hida known for its rice terraces and itakura (a type of traditional Japanese warehouse, used to store goods). Here, only sixteen people from the farming industry live and maintain the customs inherited from past generations. There is only one accommodation available to travelers which is an old folk house in perfect harmony with the rustic landscape.*

Settling in with a host family and lunch on the spot.



Activities available:

- ✧ Picking of wild herbs and medicinal herbs: this activity also provides a panoramic view of the entire village.
- ✧ Guided tour of the village (in English): in-depth discovery of the village and its history. A local guide will introduce you to the village with its itakura (granaries), rice fields, buckwheat and sesame fields, old folk houses, and traditional tools still used today.
- ✧ Agricultural work experience: the inhabitants of this village live mainly from agriculture. Interesting experience of agricultural work in the fields of the village.

In the late afternoon, relax in an herbal bath (bath available in the main building).

For dinner, traditional family meal including local soba noodles..



Night at Tanekura in a Japanese room.



Day 2 : Tanekura / Takayama / Tokyo

Vegetarian breakfast.
Check-out at 10 am.

If you wish, you can devote your day:

- Or to participate in activities in Tanekura in the morning for an additional fee.
It is also possible to have lunch at the hostel and then leave.

Available Activities:

- ✧ Agricultural work in rice fields (depending on the season),
- ✧ Walk in the forest,
- ✧ Soba noodle (buckwheat flour noodle) making class,
- ✧ Fishing in a mountain stream.

■ Or continue your trip with visits to **Takayama** or to **Hida Furukawa**.

Transfer to Takayama by local train (about 28min)

The capital of the ancient province of Hida, the small town of Takayama in the heart of the Japanese Alps has many beautifully preserved historical buildings, earning it the nickname "Little Kyoto". Thanks to the work of its carpenters, which is renowned throughout Japan, the wooden houses, with their uniform alignment and height, offer a charming panorama. Its beef, one of the best in Japan along with that of Kōbe, as well as its excellent quality sake are also highly appreciated.

Lunch at a local restaurant in Takayama.



Takayama



Suggested visits :

- **Takayama Jinya**
Visit the historic Governor's Residence, the Takayama Jinya. Originally the residence of Lord Kanamori of Takayama Castle, the building came under the direct control of the Tokugawa shoguns when the Kanamori lineage died out. It served as the office of the governors of Hida prefecture and districts. It is the only building of this type preserved in the whole Japan.
- **Sanmachi District**
This district is the heart of Takayama old town. After crossing the red bridge over the Miya River, it is pleasant to stroll in this historical district with an old-fashioned charm where there are many traditional wooden houses, some of which have been transformed into museums.
- **Kusakabe Folklore Museum**
Reconstructed with Japanese cypress wood in 1879 after a fire, the house of the rich merchant Kusakabe is a magnificent example of Edo period architecture (1603-1867).
- **Yoshijima House**
This beautiful traditional house, together with the neighboring Kusakabe House, was the first house to be declared a cultural heritage site in Japan. The Yoshijima House made a fortune with its sake brewery and pawn shop business.

Transfer by train to Tokyo via Nagoya (about 4 hours).

This trip can also be started from **Takayama** by taking the train on Friday night and enjoying a morning in Takayama the next morning before going to **Tanekura**.
The visit of Takayama can also be replaced by **Hida-Furukawa**.

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