



# Visit Agricultural Heritage / Heritage Irrigation Structures Heritage Tourism



- Recommended route to visit Agricultural Heritage / Heritage Irrigation Structures
- List of all Agricultural Heritage / Heritage Irrigation Structures in Japan



# This Is What Heritage

2 days/1 night  
Kumamoto Course

## Aso region, Kikuchi City, Kumamoto "Trip to heal your mind and

### ● "Managing Aso grasslands for sustainable agriculture" Globally Important Agricu

DAY 1



#### ● Kikuchi Gorge

Fresh water flowing through the dense natural regenerative broadleaved forest shows us magnificent sights such as shallows, pools and waterfalls of various sizes.

#### ● Footpath of "Kikuchi Furusato Suigen Exchange Hall"

Kikuchi's irrigation heritage, lined with beautiful waterway and stone houses, is a hidden photo spot that even professional photographers in Kumamoto don't know.



Kikuchi Irrigation System



#### ● Kikuchi Onsen

This hidden hot spring relieves daily fatigue and skin problems, and you won't want to tell anyone else about it.

#### ● Sake tasting at brewery

Why don't you try freshly-brewed "clear sake" made with Kikuchi-grown rice? These breweries are aiming to be the best in all of Japan.

#### ● Accommodation (farm stay)

Stay at a nice farmhouse to end the day. Enjoy delicious Kikuchi cuisine made with ingredients grown by the farmer.

2 days/1 night  
Niigata Course

## Chuetsu region, Niigata "Trip to discover a sustainable

### ● "Paddy-carp culture system using blessing of snow" Japanese Nationally Import

DAY 1



#### ● Nishikigoi (colored carp) Village

Enjoy watching Nishikigoi (colored carp) raised in pure waters of this snowy country using traditional techniques. Why don't you take pictures of swimming carps of various colors?

#### ● Tsunotsuki

"Tsunotsuki" bullfighting is an exciting traditional event that has been Passed down for generations.



#### ● Yamakoshi Restoration Exchange Center - Orataru

They exhibit charms of living in Yamakoshi, a Japanese Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage System. Views of the rice terraces and ponds are spectacular.



#### ● Accommodation (farm stay)

You will have a memorable time in a farmhouse.

2 days/1 night  
Nagano Course

## Azumino City, Nagano "Short trip to explore water and

### ● "Jikkasegi Irrigation System" World Heritage Irrigation Structure

DAY 1



#### ● Alps Azumino National Government Park - Horigane & Hotaka Region

You can experience Azumino, land of water, firsthand in this expansive park filled with nature. In addition, you can make crafts and do other activities with your family.

#### ● Roadside Station ~ Bicycle rentals

It has a vast selection of fresh vegetables and fruits directly sent from farm, and other Nagano specialties. You can also rent bicycles to go sightseeing around the area.



#### ● Local Gourmet

For lunch, eat Shinshu soba noodles, a specialty in the region rich in clean water resources.



#### ● Jikkasegi - Jitensha Hiroba (bicycle square)

Take pictures while cycling with the square and monument behind you! Stroll along Jikkasegi Irrigation System.



# Tourism Looks Like

## body in the great outdoors”

### ltural Heritage System / “Kikuchi Irrigation System” World Heritage Irrigation Structure

#### DAY2



##### ● Daikanbo

Wake up early and enjoy this amazing panoramic view.

##### ● Roadside Station

Enjoy trekking with a professional guide.



##### ● Local Gourmet

Protein-rich Japanese Brown beef rice bowl with lots of lean meat.



##### ● Kusasenrigahama

This spot is filled with so spectacular views that you will continuously pressing your camera shutter and forget about time.



##### ● Komezuka

Komezuka as seen from the Aso Panorama Line.

## lifestyle and understand the wisdom of our predecessors”

### ant Agricultural Heritage System

#### DAY2



##### ● Precious experience in farm stay

Try farming, see a carp farm, see a fighting bull, and experience life in the region firsthand.  
Enjoy local specialty at a farm restaurant with your host family.



##### ● Yamakoshi Direct Sales Store

They offer fresh seasonal ingredients such as wild vegetables in spring, local “Kagura Nanban” chili peppers, summer vegetables, and mushrooms in autumn. Great for everyday use and for souvenirs.



##### ● Nakayama Tunnel

Japan's longest hand-dug tunnel is 877 meters in length. It is a valuable Civil Engineering Heritage Site that shows the history of the great energy and struggles of our predecessors.

## history”

#### DAY2



##### ● Toyoshina Local Museum

Azumino is surrounded by rich foothills. You can experience both the past and present in a place retaining local history and culture.



##### ● Local Gourmet

Ringo Napoli: Enjoy Neapolitan pasta using delicious Azumino-grown apples.

##### ● Daio Wasabi Farm

This theme park for Nagano's specialty of wasabi is where you can enjoy pickling wasabi and making soba noodles.



##### ● Long-established Japanese Sweets Shop

It is filled with souvenirs such as chestnut sweets.



##### ● Dosojin Tour

Many of the stone monuments of Dosojin guardian deities in this region show men and women holding hands, which is rare in Japan. These roadside deities indicating the prosperity of descendants tell Azumino's history.

# See

Beautiful, unspoiled Japanese landscapes



Nishi-Awa area, Tokushima Prefecture (Ochiai Village)



Mikatagoko region, Fukui Prefecture (Landscape)



Jyosai-gokuchi Irrigation System



Tsujunyousui Irrigation System (Tsujun Bridge)  
[Courtesy of Yamato Town Board of Education]

# Do

Special and unique experiences



Upper and middle reaches of Nagara River, Gifu Prefecture (Ayu sweetfish)



Genbegawa Irrigation Canal



Mogami River basin region, Yamagata Prefecture  
(Safflower disc for dyeing)



Tanzansosui Irrigation System (Tourist vineyard)

## ● Japanese Nationally Important

- 1 Mogami River basin region in Yamagata Prefecture
- 2 Musashino region in Saitama Prefecture
- 3 Kyoutou region in Yamanashi Prefecture
- 4 Chuetsu region in Niigata Prefecture
- 5 Mikatagoko region in Fukui Prefecture
- 6 Himi region in Toyama Prefecture
- 7 Toba and Shima regions in Mie Prefecture
- 8 Owase City and Kihoku Town in Mie Prefecture
- 9 Lake Biwa region in Shiga Prefecture
- 10 Hyogo Mikata region in Hyogo Prefecture
- 11 Tamba-Sasayama region in Hyogo Prefecture
- 12 Minami-Awaji region in Hyogo Prefecture
- 13 Shimotsu region, Kainan City, Wakayama Prefecture
- 14 Koya and Hanazono and Shimizu regions in Wakayama Prefecture
- 15 Arida region in Wakayama Prefecture
- 16 Okuizumo region in Shimane Prefecture
- 17 Nanyo region in Ehime Prefecture
- 18 Nichinan City in Miyazaki Prefecture
- 19 Tano and Kiyotake regions in Miyazaki Prefecture

## ● World Heritage Irrigation Structures

- 1 Inaogawa Irrigation Canal (in and around Towada City, Aomori Prefecture)
- 2 Doen Irrigation System (in and around Hirosaki City, Aomori Prefecture)
- 3 Teruizeki Irrigation Canal (in and around Ichinoseki City, Iwate Prefecture)
- 4 Uchikawa Irrigation System (Osaki City, Miyagi Prefecture)
- 5 Kitadate Irrigation System (Shonai-machi, Yamagata Prefecture)
- 6 Asakasosui Irrigation System (in and around Koriyama City, Fukushima Prefecture)
- 7 Jukkoku-bori Irrigation System (Kita-Ibaraki City, Ibaraki Prefecture)
- 8 Nasu Irrigation System (Nasu-Shiobara City, Tochigi Prefecture)
- 9 Ogawazeki Irrigation Canal (Kanra-machi, Gunma Prefecture)
- 10 Naganoseki Irrigation Canal (Takasaki City, Gunma Prefecture)
- 11 Tenguwa Irrigation System (in and around Maebashi City, Gunma Prefecture)

# nt Agricultural Heritage Systems



Kunisaki Peninsula Usa area, Oita Prefecture (Tashibu no Sho)



Tachibaiyousui Irrigation Canal (Tachibai Weir)  
[Courtesy of Tachibai Water Land Improvement District]



Owase City and Kihoku Town, Mie Prefecture (Owase Hinoki cypress)



Osaki region, Miyagi Prefecture  
(White-fronted geese flying out in the early morning)



Uchikawa Irrigation System

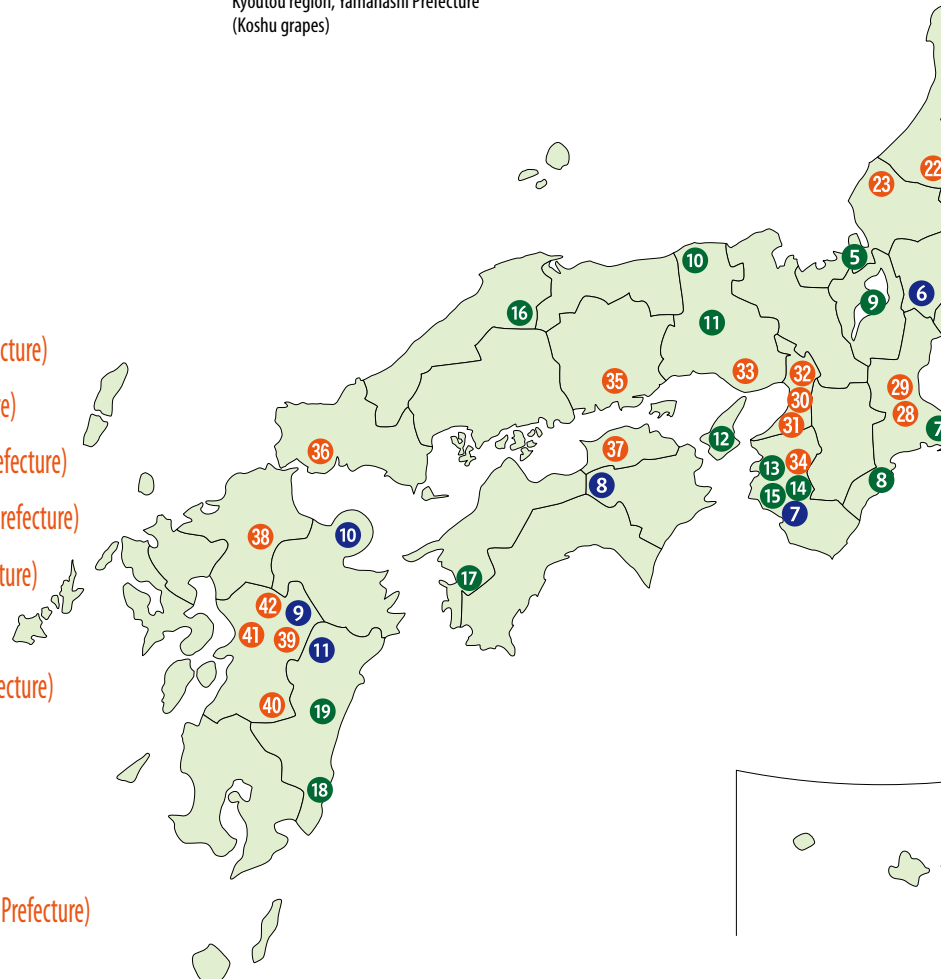


Kyoutou region, Yamanashi Prefecture  
(Koshu grapes)

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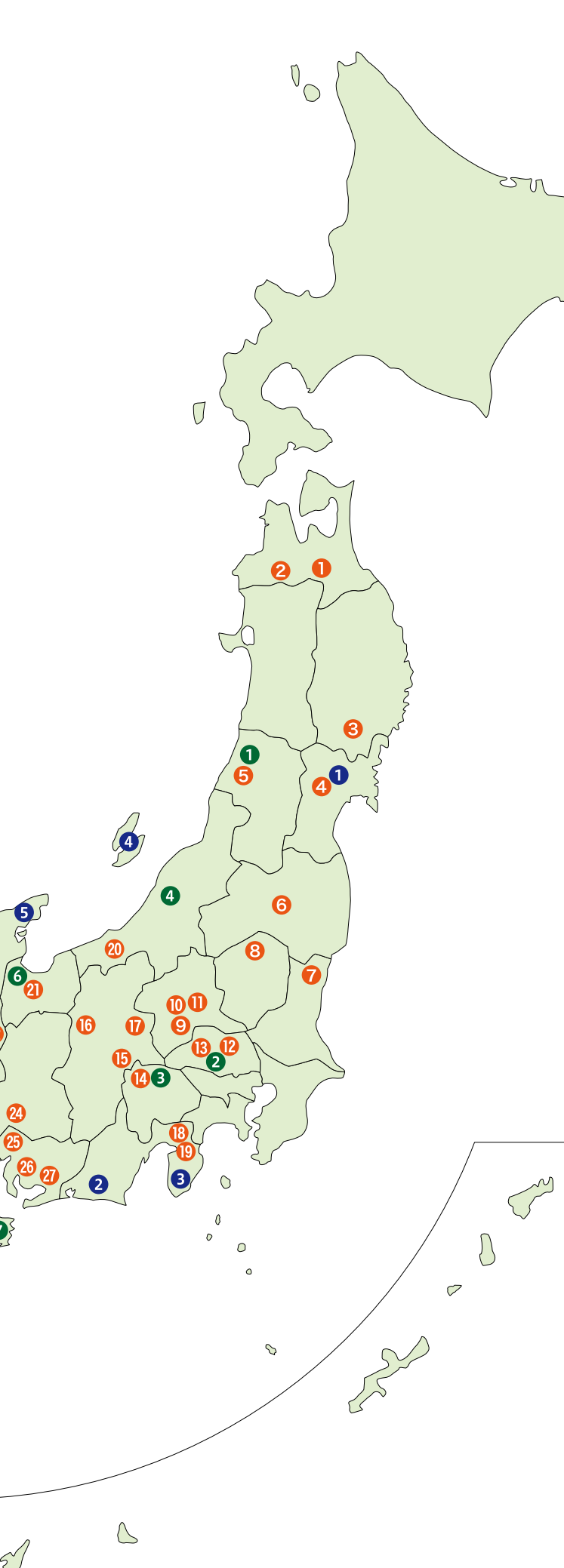
- 12 Minuma-Dai Irrigation System (in and around Gyoda City, Saitama Prefecture)
- 13 Bizenkyo Irrigation System (in and around Honjo City, Saitama Prefecture)
- 14 Murayama Rokkamura-segi Irrigation Canal (Hokuto City, Yamanashi Prefecture)
- 15 Takinoyusegi and Ohkawarasegi Irrigation System (Chino City, Nagano Prefecture)
- 16 Jikkasegi Irrigation System (in and around Azumino City, Nagano Prefecture)
- 17 Gorobe Irrigation Canal (Saku City, Nagano Prefecture)
- 18 Fukarayousui Irrigation Canal (in and around Susono City, Shizuoka Prefecture)
- 19 Genbegawa Irrigation Canal (Mishima City, Shizuoka Prefecture)
- 20 Uwae Irrigation Canal (in and around Joetsu City, Niigata Prefecture)
- 21 Jyosai-gokuchi Irrigation System (Toyama City, Toyama Prefecture)
- 22 Shichikayousui Irrigation System (in and around Hakusan City, Ishikawa Prefecture)



## Globally Important

- 1 Osaki region in Miyagi prefecture\*
- 2 Kakegawa and surrounding region i
- 3 Shizuoka Wasabi Cultivating region
- 4 Sado City in Niigata Prefecture
- 5 Noto Peninsula in Ishikawa Prefecture
- 6 The upper and middle basin of the M
- 7 Minabe-Tanabe region in Wakayama
- 8 Nishi-Awa Area in Tokushima Prefec
- 9 Aso region in Kumamoto Prefecture
- 10 Kunisaki Peninsula Usa area in Oita
- 11 Takachihogo-Shiibayama region in

A \* indicates that it has also been design  
Agricultural Heritage System.



Manno-ike Reservoir [Courtesy of Manno-ike Land Improvement District]



Toba and Shima regions, Mie Prefecture (Ama-Wemen d

- 23 Asuwagawa Irrigation Canal (Fukui City, Fukui Prefecture)
- 24 Sodaiyousui Irrigation System (in and around Seki City, Gifu Prefecture)
- 25 Irukaike Reservoir (Inuyama City, Aichi Prefecture)
- 26 Meiji-yousui Irrigation Canal (in and around Anjo City, Aichi Prefecture)
- 27 Matsubara-Muro Irrigation System (in and around Toyohashi City, Aichi Prefecture)
- 28 Tachibaiyousui Irrigation Canal (in and around Taki-cho, Mie Prefecture)
- 29 Minamiieki-kawaguchi-yusui Irrigation System (Tsu City, Mie Prefecture)
- 30 Sayamaike Reservoir (Osaka-Sayama City, Osaka Prefecture)
- 31 Kumedaie Reservoir (Kishiwada City, Osaka Prefecture)
- 32 Tsukidome Irrigation Canal (in and around Kashiwara City, Osaka Prefecture)
- 33 Tanzansosui Irrigation System (in and around Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture)
- 34 Odai Irrig
- 35 Kurayas Prefectu
- 36 Tokiwak
- 37 Mannou
- 38 Yamada
- 39 Tsujunyo
- 40 Kounom Prefectu
- 41 Shirakav
- 42 Kikuchi

Note : The displayed map does not necessarily comprehensively show the territory of Japan.

# Agricultural Heritage Systems

in Shizuoka Prefecture

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Nagara River in Gifu Prefecture

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Miyazaki Prefecture

gnated as a Japanese Nationally Important



Kakegawa region, Shizuoka Prefecture  
(Chamoji tea character and tea fields)

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gation Canal (in and around Hashimoto City, Wakayama Prefecture)

u and Hyakken Rivers Irrigation and Drainage System (Okayama City, Okayama

re)

o Reservoir (Ube City, Yamaguchi Prefecture)

-ike Reservoir (Manno-cho, Kagawa Prefecture)

zeki Barrage System (Asakura City, Fukuoka Prefecture)

usui Irrigation System (Yamato-cho, Kumamoto Prefecture)

izō-Hyakutaroumizo Irrigation System (in and around Yunomae-machi, Kumamoto

re)

wa Basin Irrigation System (in and around Kumamoto City, Kumamoto Prefecture)

Irrigation System (Kikuchi City, Kumamoto Prefecture)

## Eat

Cuisine using local ingredients



Minabe/Tanabe region, Wakayama Prefecture (Kishu Nanko plums)



Lake Biwa region, Shiga Prefecture (Funazushi; fermented fish)



Teruzeki Irrigation Canal (full-course mochi dinner, Mochi honzen)



Kurayasu and Hyakken Rivers Irrigation and Drainage System  
(Barazushi scattered sushi)[Top 100 Rural Culinary Dishes]

## Learn

Local history and traditions continuing today



Takachihogo-Shiibayama region, Miyazaki Prefecture (Kagura)



Tengujiwa Irrigation System (Soja Akimoto History Festival)  
[Courtesy of Tengujiwa Irrigation System Land Improvement District]



Noto region, Ishikawa Prefecture (Aenokoto agricultural ritual)



Kumedaike Reservoir (Gyoki Mairi Festival)

## ► What are Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems

Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems” (GIAHS) are outstanding landscapes of aesthetic beauty that combine agricultural biodiversity, resilient ecosystems and a valuable cultural heritage , which FAO designate GIAHS . Located in specific sites around the world, they sustainably provide multiple goods and services, food and livelihood security for millions of small-scale farmers.

## ► What are Japanese Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage System

Japanese Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (JNIAHS) are areas or systems in Japan designated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries that are important and traditionally engaged in agriculture, forestry or fisheries based on Japanese designation criteria. Japan has traditional agriculture, forestry and fisheries regions that it should take pride in and pass down to future generations. JNIAHS was created in 2016 because some of them are difficult to evaluate its value using the designation criteria set by the FAO.

## ► What are World Heritage Irrigation Structures

World Heritage Irrigation Structures are historical irrigation structures designated and registered by the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID\*) to clarify the history and development of irrigation, promote understanding, and contribute to the appropriate preservation of irrigation structures.

\* ICID: a non-profit, non-governmental organization concerned with irrigation and drainage that is participated by 78 countries and regions.

Check here for more information on  
visiting Agricultural Heritage / Heritage Irrigation Structures (Heritage Tourism) (in Japanese)  
[https://www.maff.go.jp/j/nousin/kantai/giahs\\_7/index.html](https://www.maff.go.jp/j/nousin/kantai/giahs_7/index.html)



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