1. Gokayama Area

This excursion introduces the natural and cultural highlights of the Shogawa River basin, including the World Heritage site of Gokayama. The clear, abundant water flowing from the mountains has supported local life for centuries. It also enabled the transport of high-quality timber downstream, contributing to the development of woodcraft traditions such as Inami carving. Eventually, these waters flow into Toyama Bay, shaping a unique culture and landscape across the region. On this tour, you will experience the rich connection between nature and culture created by this water system.

Date:	**Friday, November 13**
Departure & Return Point:	**Toyama Station (North Exit) Bus Terminal**
Fee:	**JPY 21,000 per person**
Note:	**The transportation by bus, lunch, and facility fees are included. Up to 40 participants (First-come, first-served basis)** **~~If the number of participants does not reach the minimum requirement of 35, the tour will be canceled. In such cases, all fees will be fully refunded.~~** **A tour guide will accompany the group throughout the excursion.**

▼ Important Notes:

- ✓ All photos for illustrative purposes only.
- ✓ If you have any dietary restrictions or food allergies, please indicate them in the system when you register. If your dietary needs cannot be met with the provided menu, you may need to place a separate order at your own expense.
- ✓ Please note that cancellations cannot be accepted after ~~October 12~~.
  The cancellation deadline has been extended to October 29, 2026 (JST).
- ✓ Please note that all the dates and time are based on Japan Standard Time.

▼ PLAN

8:45 Departure Point: **Toyama Station (North Exit) Bus Terminal**

10:10–11:30 (80 min)

Gokayama, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Gokayama is a UNESCO World Heritage village in the mountains of Nanto City, Toyama, known for its traditional gassho-style houses. It is a “living village” where people still reside today. The area was once covered with mulberry fields for sericulture, but after the war, water was drawn from across the Shogawa River to develop rice paddies. Thanks to its riverside location, the area has abundant water resources that continue to support both daily life and agriculture.
You will enjoy a performance of “Kokiriko,” one of Japan’s oldest folk songs, preserved in Gokayama. Please take in the dance performed to the rhythm of traditional instruments known as *sasara* and *kokiriko*.

Ainokura Gassho-zukuri Village

Suganuma Gassho-zukuri Village

Traditional Kokiriko dance

12:10– (60 min)

Lunch

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Sample Lunch Image

1. Gokayama Area

–13:50

40 min

Inami Wood Carving Composite Hall

The Inami Woodcarving General Hall, designed by architect Peter Salter, is a facility where the building itself feels like a work of art. Inside, you can see over 200 pieces, including ranma transoms—decorative wooden panels placed above doors or between rooms—and lion-head carvings.Inami developed its woodcarving tradition thanks to the abundant water of the Shogawa River, which allowed a steady supply of high-quality timber to be transported from upstream, supporting the creation of detailed and large-scale works.

Inami Sculpture

Photo Spot

Exhibition room

14:20–14:45

25 min

Shogawa Gorge Cruise

The Shogawa River, blessed with rich forests and abundant water, once flourished as a route for transporting timber. Today, it is known as a beautiful river where ayu sweetfish and cherry salmon thrive. On a short 25-minute cruise, you can enjoy the scenery of each season up close. In autumn, you can enjoy the beautiful fall colors from the boat.

Shogawa Gorge Cruise

15:35

Drop-off Point: Toyama Station (North Exit) Bus Terminal

Thank you for joining us on this enriching excursion! ☺

▼ Transportation Icons Explanation:

bus

Car

Ropeway / Cable Car

JR (Japan Railways)

Airplane

Ferry / Ship

Train

On Foot / Walking

Other