2. Takaoka Area

A hands-on experience of traditional culture shaped by the sea. Toyama once flourished as a port of call for the Kitamaebune trading ships. Through maritime trade, a wide range of cultures and techniques were introduced, supporting the region's development. This tour takes you to Takaoka and Shinminato, towns with deep ties to the sea. At Kaiwomaru Park, you will explore the sailing vessel Kaiwomaru, once used as a training ship for merchant marine students, and enjoy the sweeping views of Toyama Bay, a member of the "Most Beautiful Bays in the World" club. In Takaoka, you will also discover its long-standing metal casting tradition and take part in a hands-on experience of this time-honored craft.

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.** **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**

8:25 **Meeting Time**

8:45 **Departure Time**

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

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10:00–12:00

120 min

Experience Takaoka's traditional crafts

Known as a city of craftsmanship, it is especially famous for its cast metal products. Facing the Toyama Bay, it once expanded its markets nationwide through the Kitamaebune trading ships and also engaged in overseas trade during its peak. Sea transport played an essential role in bringing in raw materials and shipping out finished products. You can also enjoy a hands-on casting experience, where you can discover its long history and refined techniques. Experience Takaoka's traditional craftsmanship by making your own cast-metal sake cup.

*An apron will be provided during the workshop; however, as a precaution, we kindly ask that you wear clothing that you do not mind getting dirty. For safety reasons, please do not wear sandals.

*The cast-metal workshop is generally intended for participants aged 10 and over.



Cast Metal Plate (Workshop)



Metal Casting Experience

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12:15–13:15

60 min

Lunch

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Sample Lunch Image

2. Takaoka Area

14:00–15:20

50 min

Shinminato Sightseeing Cruise & Explore Kaiwomaru Park

Kaiwomaru Park is a waterfront park facing Toyama Bay, where visitors can experience the culture and scenery of the sea, port, and ships, centered around the sailing vessel Kaiwomaru. Through exhibits of the ship, preserved in its original working condition, visitors can learn about its history and the close connection between people and the sea. After the sightseeing cruise, enjoy free time to explore Kaiwomaru Park.



Departure from Kaiwomaru Park



Azuma Bridge



Scenery of Uchikawa



Sea of Japan View from Kaiwomaru Park



Sailing Ship Kaiwo Maru



Japan Sea Center

16:00 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**