

Japan Heritage – Gifu City, an Ancient Castle Town with the Spirit of Nobunaga’s Hospitality

Convene in the middle of Japan – Nobunaga Convention



Assistance in Sightseeing, Events, and Conventions by Corporations and Organizations

World Event and Convention Complex GIFU Tourism and Convention Support Program



Nagaragawa Convention Center

Nagaragawa Sports Plaza

Gifu Memorial Center

Gifu Seiryu Cultural Plaza



Gifu Castle with a waning gibbous moon



Cormorant Fishing on the Nagara River



Nagara River Fireworks Festival
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Support and Subsidies for Conventions and Events

In cases where 30 people or more (15 visitors from abroad or more) use accommodation facilities (see below) affiliated with the Gifu Convention and Visitors Bureau and hold conferences, training sessions, events, etc., at the “World Event and Convention Complex GIFU (WEC)” facilities, the Department will provide the following support and subsidies from its budget.

Support
1

Facility Usage Fee Subsidy

For conferences, training sessions, and sports tournaments, etc., held at the WEC facilities, WEC offers a facility usage fee subsidy (of actual costs), up to 30,000 yen.

Support
2

Courtesy Bus Subsidy

For conferences, training sessions and sports tournaments, etc., held at the WEC facilities, WEC offers a courtesy bus subsidy (of actual costs) for 1 or 2 prefecture buses (bus companies affiliated to “Gifu Prefecture Bus Association) and up to 50,000 yen per bus, for transportation between the location designated by the organizer and the facilities. Moreover, up to 20,000 yen per bus, up to 2 buses, from other prefectures (for actual costs) is offered.

Support
3

Special Support for Overseas Corporations and Organizations

1. Cormorant Fishing Explanation Provided by the Imperial Cormorant Fishing Master, Board of Ceremonies and Rituals, Imperial Household Agency (in English)

A 20 minute English explanation by the Cormorant Fishing Master is provided upon boarding the cormorant fishing viewing boat during “Gifu Nagara River Cormorant Fishing” season (May 11–October 15). During the off-season, the explanation is offered at the WEC facility or affiliated accommodation facilities (7 facilities).

2. Volunteer Interpreters

Two volunteer interpreters for each 15 foreigners, up to a maximum of 10 interpreters, are available. Translations are primarily in English and are only provided within WEC facilities, Gifu Park, Gifu Castle and shopping within Gifu City.

WEC Event/Convention Facilities

Gifu Memorial Center

<http://www.gifuspo.or.jp/GMC/100/101-1.html>

2675-28 Nagara Fukumitsu Ono, Gifu City,
502-0817
TEL.058-233-8822
FAX.058-231-3484

In addition to sports events, such as soccer, professional baseball, and track & field competitions, industrial exhibitions and sample fairs are held here. This Center serves as the base for international sports, culture and industrial events.



Nagaragawa Convention Center

<http://www.g-ncc.jp>

2695-2 Nagara Fukumitsu, Gifu City, 502-0817
TEL.058-296-1200
FAX.058-296-1210

The Nagaragawa International Convention Center is equipped with 6 simultaneous interpretation devices and can handle international conferences and various conventions.



Nagaragawa Sports Plaza

<http://www.nagara-sportsplaza.jp>

2070-7 Nagara Fukumitsu, Gifu City, 502-0817
TEL.058-295-6300
FAX.058-295-6301

The Nagaragawa Sports Plaza provides accommodations for various groups, the general public and athletes, and is equipped with a “Sports Science Center” which seeks to provide scientific and professional physical fitness assessment and training.



Gifu Seiryu Cultural Plaza

<http://www.group-sanwa.co.jp/gifuseiryu-bunkaplaza/>

3-42 Gakuen-cho, Gifu City, 502-0841
TEL.058-233-8121
FAX.058-238-8129

Gifu Seiryu Cultural Plaza provides facilities most suited for cultural events such as lectures and symposia, workshops, conferences, and other gatherings.





Assistance and Subsidies for Excursions

In cases where 30 people or more (15 visitors from abroad or more) use accommodation facilities affiliated with the WEC Convention Promotion Department, the Department will subsidize the following excursion costs in part from its budget.

Support
1

Cormorant Fishing Viewing Boat Subsidy

A 10,000 yen subsidy is available for one 20-passenger cormorant fishing viewing boat and a 20,000 yen subsidy is available for one 30-passenger or larger cormorant fishing viewing boat (up to a maximum of 5 boats). Please note that the above subsidy is applicable on during cormorant fishing season only (May 11–October 15).

Support
2

Chartered Tour Bus Subsidy

When buses are chartered for sightseeing, WEC offers a charter fee subsidy (on actual costs) for 1 or 2 buses, up to 30,000 yen per bus for the entire excursion. Please note that this subsidy is limited to bus companies affiliated with the “Gifu Prefecture Bus Association.”

Hotels & Inns Affiliated with the Association

“Gifu Nagaragawa Hot Springs Ryokans & Hotels Association” Membership Facilities (7 facilities)

Gifu Grand Hotel



648 Nagara, Gifu City, 502-8567
TEL.058-233-1111
FAX.058-233-1122
http://www.gifugrandhotel.co.jp

- Number of rooms: 77 Western-style rooms, 67 Japanese-style rooms
- Lodging Capacity: 395
- Parking Capacity: 200

Gifu Miyako Hotel

2695-2 Nagara Fukumitsu, Gifu City, 502-0817
TEL.058-295-3100
FAX.058-295-3200
http://www.miyakohotels.ne.jp/gifu

- Number of rooms: 189 Western-style rooms, 2 Japanese-style rooms, 1 Japanese/Western-style room
- Lodging Capacity: 367
- Parking Capacity: 185

Juhachiro



10 Minato-machi, Gifu City, 500-8009
TEL.058-265-1551
FAX.058-263-7518
http://www.18rou.com

- Number of rooms: 3 Western-style rooms, 100 Japanese-style rooms
- Lodging Capacity: 515
- Parking Capacity: 150

Hotel Park



397-2 Minato-machi, Gifu City, 500-8009
TEL.058-265-5211
FAX.058-262-6562
http://www.hotelpark.jp

- Number of rooms: 9 Western-style rooms, 55 Japanese-style rooms, 12 Japanese/Western-style rooms
- Lodging Capacity: 430
- Parking Capacity: 70

Ushonoie Sugiyama



73-1 Nagara, Gifu City, 502-0071
TEL.058-231-0161
FAX.058-233-5250
http://www.gifu-sugiyama.com

- Number of rooms: 1 Western-style room, 44 Japanese-style rooms, 1 Japanese/Western-style room
- Lodging Capacity: 240
- Parking Capacity: 80

Ishikin



112 Nagara, Gifu City, 502-0071
TEL.058-231-8156
FAX.058-294-2807
http://www.ishikin.co.jp

- Number of rooms: 15 Japanese-style rooms
- Lodging Capacity: 90
- Parking Capacity: 50

Kinka



1-15 Omiya-cho, Gifu City, 500-8003
TEL.058-262-2292
FAX.058-264-0054
http://www.kinkagifu.com/ryokan/

- Number of rooms: 8 Japanese-style rooms
- Lodging Capacity: 50
- Parking Capacity: 12



(Hot spring)

- [Onsen Quality] Iron hot spring, temperature less than 25°C.
[Onsen Efficacy] 1. Rheumatism
2. Chronic illness and lichen
3. Gynecological illness

Procedures for Application to the Support Program

The travel agency or event organizer should apply for assistance and subsidies at least **one month prior** to the date of the convention. The required documents should be filled out and submitted to the “WEC Convention Promotion Department Office” (within the Gifu Convention and Visitors Bureau).

Application Travel Agency or Event Organizer

- Preparing the “Implementation Plan for Convention and Sightseeing Tour and Application for Grant of Support and Subsidy.”
- Preparing the “Sightseeing and Convention Plan Outline including details such as the Event Date, Description, etc.” (Travel Implementation Plan)

Application for Assistance and Subsidy (must be submitted at least one month prior to the date of the event)

Receiving Convention Promotion Department Office

- Receiving and reviewing the application.
- If the application is approved, the “Notification of Decision on Grant of Support and Subsidy for Convention and Sightseeing Tour” will be mailed to the applicant.

Response to Application

Billing Travel Agency or Event Organizer

- Preparing the “Report of Actual Result for Convention and Sightseeing Tour and Request for Payment of Support and Subsidy.”
- Attachment of each certificate.

Submit the invoice for assistance and subsidy (within one month after event completion)

Receiving Convention Promotion Department Office

- Receiving and reviewing the billing.
- If the invoice is approved, the subsidy will be remitted to the bank account designated by the applicant within one month after the billing is received.

Central Japan International Airport Centrair



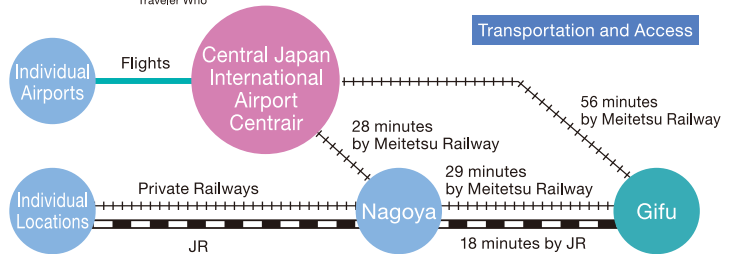
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Gifu City, A Place Where History and Culture Come to Life



The 1,300 year old tradition is still alive

Ukai: Cormorant Fishing on the Nagara River

● **Cormorant Fishing on the Nagara River**
A master of haiku, Matsuo Basho, once read, "splendid, then ends in sorrow, the boat of cormorants." Cormorant fishing is one of the traditional fishing methods of Japan, in which *usho* (a cormorant fishing master) controls 10 to 12 cormorants by skillfully using ropes to have them catch sweetfish. Cormorant fishing in the Nagara River has a history of approximately 1,300 years, which has been passed down the generations as one of Gifu's distinctive summer events. The set of 122 tools for

cormorant fishing on the Nagara River is designated as an Important Tangible Folk Cultural Property of Japan, and cormorant fishing on the Nagara River is designated as an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Japan. The scene of fishing masters in traditional costume, including *Kazaori-Eboshi* (a kind of formal headgear) and straw skirt, skillfully manipulating their cormorants while calling "ho, ho" as they fish invites the spectators into the world of ancient elegance where they can feel the history in the burning torch fire.

■ **Cormorant Fishing Season:** May 11 – October 15

Cormorant fishing will not be held on non-fishing days and when fishing conditions are poor due to high waters, etc.



A feudal war lord's castle

Gifu Castle

● **Gifu Castle**

During the Kennin era (1201-1204), Yukimasa Nikaide of the Kamakura bakufu first constructed a fortress atop Mt. Kinka. After that, the Saito clan, the head retainer for the Toki clan, stayed at the castle in Mino, but Dosan Saito overthrew his superiors and claimed the castle. In 1567, Oda Nobunaga killed Tatsuoki, the grandson of Dosan, claimed the castle, and subdued the entire area. Previously called Inabayama Castle, it was renamed Gifu Castle and was the headquarters for the unification of the entire country for approximately 10 years until the completion of Azuchi Castle. In 1600, at the preliminary encounter of the Battle of Sekigahara, the castle was invaded by the Eastern Army, because Hidenobu, grandson of Nobunaga, had joined the Western Army. The following year, Gifu Castle was abandoned, and the tower and turret, etc., were transferred to Kanou Castle.

■ Location	18 Tenshukaku, Kinkazan, Gifu City		
■ Visiting Hours:	Mar. 16 – May 11	9:30 – 17:30	* New Years only 6:30–16:30
	May 12 – Oct. 16	8:30 – 17:30	* Extended hours for Panoramic Night View
	Oct. 17 – Mar. 15	9:30 – 16:30	

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