

Experience Contents

1) Local Cooking and Local Cuisine

With Local People , and then interact with local people

Sample Movie : [Link](#)



At the Azumi Elementary School(reusing closed school)

「Iwafuna Made Koshihirkari and Local Ingredients」

Cooking and having with local aunties.

This interaction makes guests feel Sekikawa Village and know the tradition through

Local foods and local people.



2) The last calligrapher-in-chief priest in Japan,

who trained at Eiheiji Temple, conducts a nighttime temple retreat.

Sample Movie : [Link](#)



He is the last abbot in Japan to use calligraphy, and the last known place for calligraphy in Japan. After graduating from university, he trained at a temple in Ehime Prefecture, then made a pilgrimage to the 88 temples of Shikoku, attained enlightenment, overcame rigorous training at the head temple Eiheiji, and became the 29th abbot of the current temple. He is the last abbot in Japan to use a brush to spread Buddhist teachings through calligraphy, writing sutras, Zen sayings, and depictions of Daruma. At the end of the experience, guests will receive a Shodou paper personally written by the abbot himself as a gift. The vegetarian cuisine (Shojinryori) is prepared by the chef of " Local Ryokan Arakawa-so," who has also won a gastronomy award.



3) Secret DAM Tour

Sample Movie : [Link](#)



Usually this DAM is not opened to sightseeing
And prohibited in public.

This tour, we can go into inside with special permission.

Much different from sightseeing DAM,
Very real and can enjoy with the view from officers.



4) Authentic Tea Ceremony in the Japan Important Cultural Property

Sample Movie : [Link](#)



The Watanabe Residence is the former house of one of Niigata's wealthy merchants and farmers, who started out in sake brewing and shipping and made their fortunes in lending money to feudal lords and rice paddy development. The main house was rebuilt at the end of the Edo period in 1817 and is designated as an important national cultural property. In their heyday the Watanabe family presided over approximately 700 hectares of rice paddies, from which approximately 9,000 straw bales of rice was collected.

The roof of the main house is built using thin cedar tiles known as koba, which are laid over each other and kept in place by large rounded stones, in a style that is unique to the Sea of Japan side of Japan. This unique roof on the Watanabe residence uses an amazing 15,000 stones and 230,000 koba tiles, making it one of the largest of its kind in Japan.


And the Watanabetei has contributed the First Japan Educational System as well.

At such a historical and rare residence, guests can experience the Authentic Tea Ceremony
Conducted by Omotesenke Traitioanl Tea Master.



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5) Morning Yoga

Sample Movie : [Link](#) 

During the journey in Japan, visited many destinations and get tired of moving.

As arriving in Sekikawa Village, how about taking a rest here?

Best Refreshment in Japan's last Unexplored Village



6) Local Sacred Event/Every Year Jan, One of weekend / Dates fixed within 6 months

Sample Movie : [Link](#) 


「Sainokami」 Local Sacred Event since Ancient Period.

Time back to ancient Japan, originating from the myth of Izanagi, who appears in the Kojiki and Nihon Shoki, and who prevented defilement from the underworld. It's a Shinto ritual stemming from a guardian deity that protects the village from disease and evil spirits.

Held on the weekend before or after the second week of January's long weekend, this is a deep, local Shinto ritual where New Year's decorations are burned to pray for good health and a bountiful harvest.



7) World Guinness Festival/ Every last weekend of Aug.(Fri.Sat.Sun)

Sample Movie : [Link](#) 

Upstream from Sekikawa Village lies an area called "JABAMI," where a charcoal burner named Chuzo and his family lived.

One day, Chuzo fought and defeated a giant snake, but his wife, Orino, tasted its flesh and eventually transformed into a snake herself.

Orino then tried to dam the village river and create a large lake, but a traveling blind man warned the villagers of the danger, and the villagers worked together to protect their village.

The blind man is enshrined as the village's benefactor, and his spirit is still carried on in the form of a festival today.



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8) Oshima Nouen · Millets / Ancient Grains

Sample Movie : [Link](#)



This is an experiential content led by Tsutomu Oshima, a leading expert in "ancient grains" research.

It includes a lecture, hands-on experience, and tasting.

The main origins of ancient grains are Eurasia and Africa.

It is said that ancient grains developed independently on these two continents. Most of them have been cultivated since before 3000 BC, making them crops that have been consumed for a very long time.

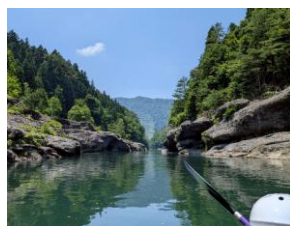
The history of ancient grains in Japan is also long. They appear as the "five grains" in the ancient Japanese text, the "Kojiki," and the origin stories of "rice, millet, wheat, adzuki beans, and soybeans" are recorded.

In the "Nihon Shoki," the five grains from the Kojiki appear as "six grains"—"millet, barnyard millet, rice, wheat, soybeans, and adzuki beans"—and it is said that they have been a basic food source for Japanese people since ancient times.

This content allows you to experience the history and culture of ancient grains, which predates rice.

9) Kayak in Stunning View

Sample Movie : [Link](#)



Venue: Sazareishi. We go into deeper and deeper by kayak.

As moving forward, we can feel we were in a Jurassic Park.

In Fall, Red Leaves! In Summer, All Are GREEN!

Spring with Sakura or Wisteria or Amazing Trees



10) Shichikadani Satoyama Walk with Nature and local life through water history

Sample Movie -> [Link](#)



Satoyama (里山) refers to the traditional Japanese countryside where human communities and nature coexist in a balanced, sustainable ecosystem.

The landscape typically consists of a mosaic of rice paddies, woodlands, grasslands, and irrigation ponds that support local livelihoods while providing crucial habitats for native wildlife.

We experience how people in this village lived since long time ago and feel its history with our body. Nice guide is a super professional and local person.

11) Private Hanami (Cherry blossom Lunch)

Sample Movie : [Link](#)



In this village, many cherry blossom spots / cherry blossom tunnel, street, etc.

We can occupy them by our guests only with lunch box!

Love Private Sakura Hanami and with lunch, highly recommended!

Sakura in Sekikawa Village ->



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1 2) Walk on History of Sekikawa Village

Sample Movie : [Link](#)

It is estimated that people first settled in Sekikawa Village about 10,000 years ago. After the Taika Reforms, the power of the central government extended far into the frontier, and development progressed from the Arakawa River and its tributaries to Dewa Province.

During the manorial period, it was part of the provincial government's territory, the Nakamikado Dainagon family's territory, and the Konoe Kanpaku family's territory, but during the Kamakura period, the Kawamura and Wada clans became the local administrators and ruled the area.

Sekikawa Village later contributed to the prosperity of the Yonezawa Domain (present-day Yonezawa City), and it was here that Japan's education system was established, and Japan's medical system also began.

We invite you to walk through, feel, touch, and experience Sekikawa Village.

1 3) Explore the Origin of Japanese Educational System

Sample Movie : [Link](#)



The 6-3-3 system is a common name for the general Japanese school system, derived from its 6-year elementary school, 3-year junior high school, and 3-year high school curriculum.

This education system was implemented nationwide from April 1947, following the enactment of the School Education Act in March 1947, after World War II. However, 9 months earlier, on July 2, 1946, the only experimental school of the new 6-3-3 system in the country was established in Sekikawa Village.

This was "Sekitani Gakuen," the predecessor of the current Sekikawa Elementary School. The mayor of Sekikawa Village at that time, Manjutaro Watanabe (head of the Watanabe family, whose residence is a designated Important Cultural Property), sympathized with the ideal of Ministry of Education officials to create a new education system.

The Watanabe family provided financial support, and an experimental co-educational school with integrated education consisting of elementary, junior high, and high school was established. The Ministry of Education had planned to establish one experimental school each in rural areas, urban areas, and fishing villages,

but ultimately, only Sektani Gakuen in a rural area was established. Therefore, Sekikawa Village is recognized as the "birthplace of the 6-3-3 system."



1 4) Sleep in Nature Planetarium with luxury time (with Wine, some appetize etc)

1 5) Iwafuna made Koshihikari Rice , Farming and Study with Farmers

**More amazing Contents are on PLAN!
Please Stay tuned !**

Experience Contents (Coming Soon)

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Our contracted bus is super luxury which has salon style seats for small ,middle ,big bus.

Bus Detail : [Link](#)



Bus type : Coster (Mini bus), Small size Bus, Middle size Bus, Large size Bus.

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