

Culture & Tradition

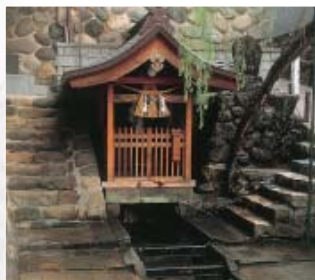
Gujo's "off the beaten path" location has helped to many traditional ways of living that can only be seen here. From celebrating Hakusan medieval culture to playing host to one of the three most important traditional dance festivals in Japan, every visitor will find something here to make their visit to Japan unforgettable.

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Gujo Hachiman Castle

This fine feudal castle overlooks the valley and town of Gujo Hachiman. The original castle, which has since been rebuilt, was built around 1559 by feudal lord Endo Morikazu.

Where : Hachiman Cho, Shiroyama
URL : www.gujohachiman.com/kanko



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So Gi Sui Water Spring

So Gi Sui water shrine is ranked as one of the top 100 purest water springs in Japan and is recognized by the Japanese Ministry of the Environment for both its ecological and historical significance.

Where : Hachiman Cho, Honmachi St.
URL : www.gujohachiman.com/kanko



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Kurusuzakura Noh Play

A Japanese version of "Shakespeare in the Park" is presented every 7th August. The stage of this outdoor venue is lit with bonfires creating a dramatic and exciting setting for this traditional Noh play called "Kurusu zakura"

Where : Yamato Cho, Maki
When : August 7th, annually



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Takao Local Kabuki

Part cultural event, part social event, and part amateur theatre event, bring your dinner and watch locals bring well-loved highlights of famous Kabuki plays to life in this annual event with a 200 year history.

Where : Hachiman Cho, Ichishima
When : first Saturday evening in October



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Kokindenjunosato Field Museum

A celebration of Waka poetry, to which the well known form Haiku belongs. Visitors are offered an interactive and interpretive experience essential to the creation of Waka poetry.

Where : Yamata Cho, Maki
URL : www.gujo-tv.ne.jp/kokin



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Hakusan Culture Museum

This museum hosts displays of Hakusan crafts and Buddhist art from the Nagasaki Hakusan Shrine. Visitors can also enjoy a movie presentation of the history and scenic beauty of the Hakusan mountain range.

Where : Shirotori Cho, Nagasaki



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800 Year Old Fire

Visit the Chiba family in the Meiho area to see a fire that has been kept in the family's irori fireplace since 1221.

Where : Meiho, Kera



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Gujo Hachiman Hakurankan Museum

This museum chronicles the history of the town and it's well known dance festival -Gujo Odori. Several traditional and culturally significant displays also highlight local arts and crafts.

Where : Hachiman Cho, Tonomachi St.
URL : www.gujohachiman.com/kanko



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Nagasaki Hakusan Shrine

The 8th century was when the Hakusan faith was at its most influential in Japan. The Nagasaki Hakusan Shrine is the most significant of only 2,700 shrines that remain today throughout the country.

Where : Shirotori Cho, Nagasaki



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Minami Furusato Museum

This museum exhibits a small portion of the lifelong work of Enku, a 17th century Buddhist missionary who carved over 120,000 statues of Buddha in his quest to bring Buddhism to Japan.

Where : Minami Cho, Takasago
URL : www.enku-rc.jp



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Jion Ji Temple

Jion Ji temple is home to a magnificent Zen garden that can be enjoyed year 'round. Autumn is particularly beautiful with stunning displays of autumn colours in a garden that revitalizes both body and soul.

Where : Hachiman Cho, Otohime Cho
URL : www.13ocn.ne.jp/%Ejionji/english.html



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Hakusan Chukyo Shrine

This small, peaceful 8th century shrine is located in an isolated village, in a spiritual forest setting at the foot of Mt. Hakusan. Behind the shrine is a massive and ancient 1,800 year old cedar tree.

Where : Shirotori Cho, Itoshiro



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Meiho Folk Museum

This folk museum, housed in a former elementary school, boasts a collection of over 47,000 articles from daily life donated by people living in the Meiho area, an area well-known for farming and forestry.

Where : Meiho, Kera