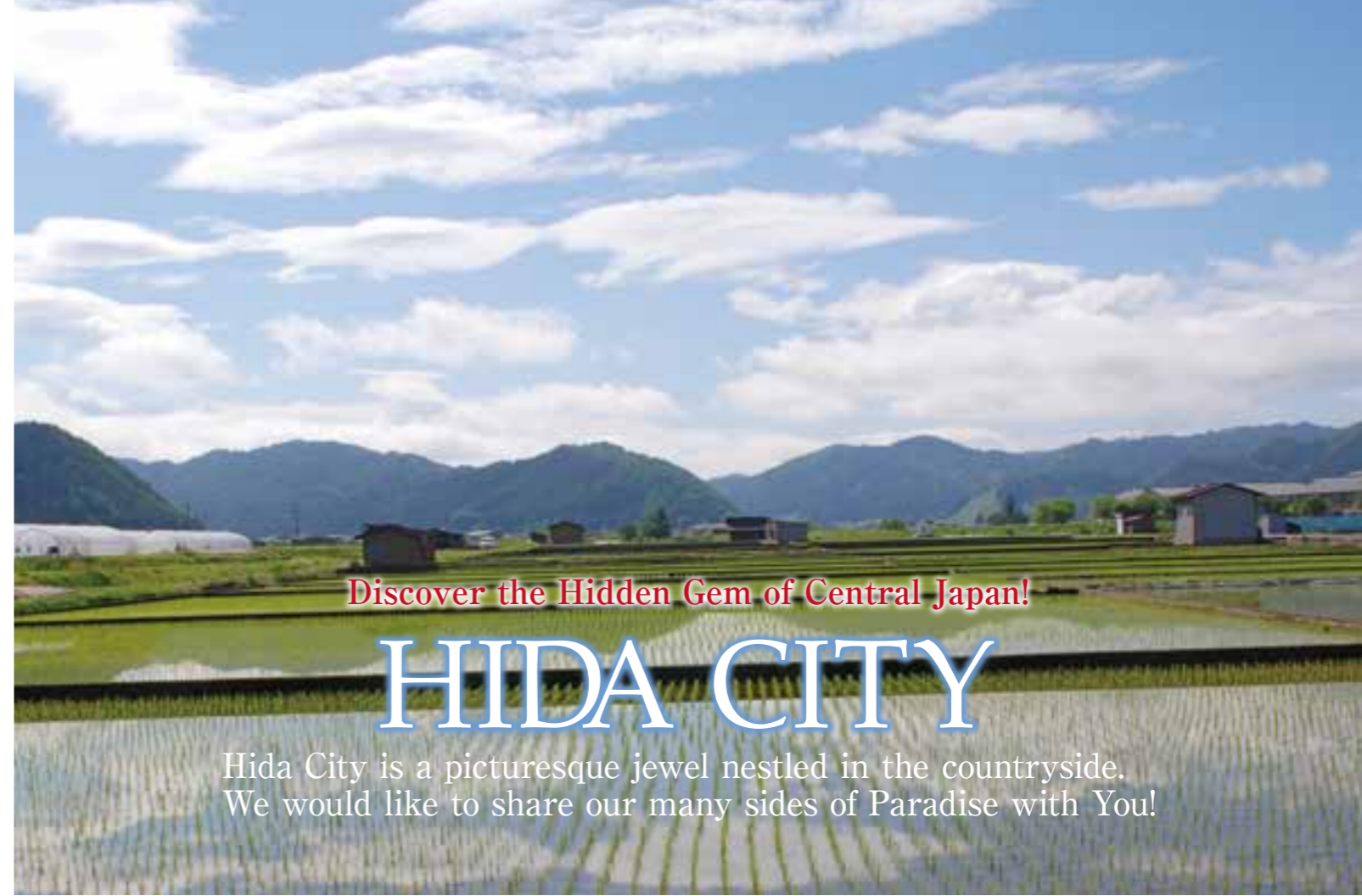
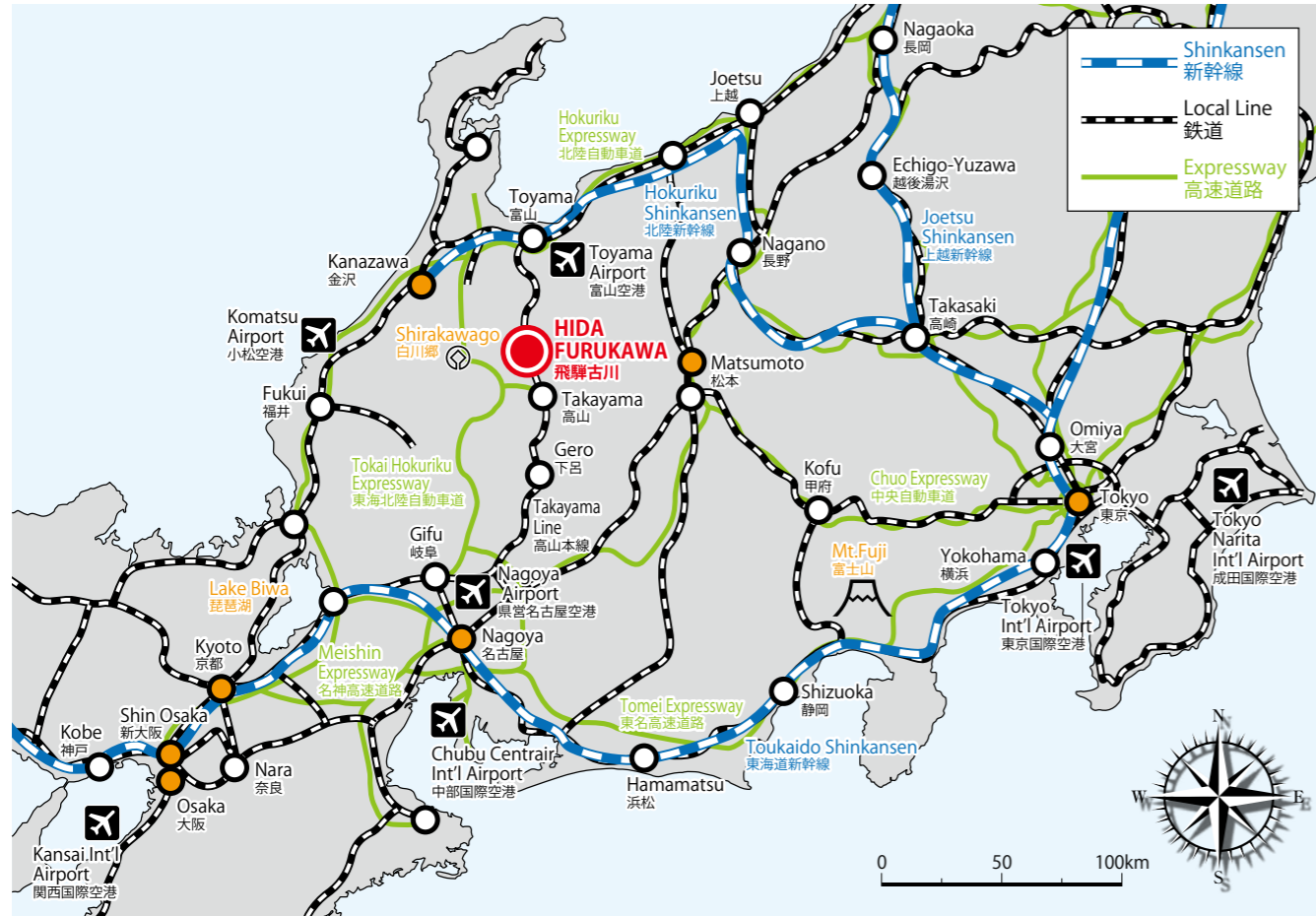


## Location & Access



Hida City is located in the northern part of Gifu Prefecture in central Japan. **Hida Furukawa** is the central neighborhood of Hida City and the name of our local train station.



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# HIDA CITY

Hida City is a picturesque jewel nestled in the countryside. We would like to share our many sides of Paradise with You!



<b>Tokyo</b>	Hokuriku Shinkansen 128min	<b>Toyama</b>	JR Takayama Line 75min	<b>Hida Furukawa</b>	225min (3h45m)
		22min*			
<b>Tokyo</b>	Tokaido Shinkansen 100min	<b>Nagoya</b>	JR Takayama Line 162min	<b>Hida Furukawa</b>	270min (4h30m)
		8min*			
<b>Shin Osaka</b>	Tokaido Shinkansen 51min	<b>Nagoya</b>	JR Takayama Line 162min	<b>Hida Furukawa</b>	220min (3h40m)
		7min*			

(\* This is waiting time between trains)

Hida Furukawa is not far from Takayama or Shirakawa-go. Include the Gem of Japan- Hida Furukawa when traveling to Takayama and Shirakawa-go.

<b>Takayama</b>	JR Takayama Line 16min	<b>Hida Furukawa</b>	16min
<b>Takayama</b>	Local Bus (Nohi Bus) Approx. 40 min	<b>Hida Furukawa</b>	40min
<b>Takayama</b>	Bus 67min	<b>Shirakawa-go</b>	67min

Nohi Bus TAKAYAMA ~ SHIRAKAWA-GO / KANAZAWA Line



Visit **Hida** 飛騨の旅 Visit Hida (The Official Tourism Website of Hida City) <http://www.hida-kankou.jp/kanko/foreign/en/>  
**Hida City Hall Tourism Division** [syokokanko@city.hida.gifu.jp](mailto:syokokanko@city.hida.gifu.jp)

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# Come to Hida Furukawa and Have a Truly Memorable Time With Us.

## Furukawa Central District

### Explore the Central Furukawa District

You will enjoy traditional architecture of a passionate cultural town. If you look closely at the eaves you will see intricate Kumo (clouds) carved into some. These are the unique personal signatures of each craftsman.



Seto-gawa canal

**Kumo(Clouds)** can be found throughout the Hida area. These are intricate white cloud designs found on the black eaves of the houses. Each craftsman has their own design, unique to them. How many different ones can you find?



Kumo

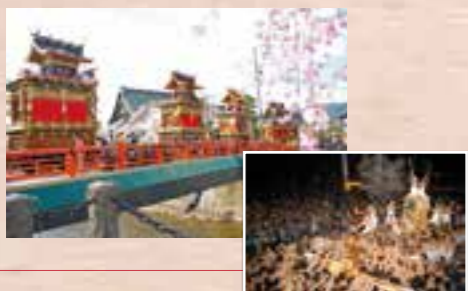
### Stroll down the Seto-gawa canal

This famous icon of Hida Furukawa will transport you to nostalgic Japan. The tranquil sound of the water, the beautiful warehouses and over **1000 KOI** will take you to the true essences of Japan. The koi are only here from early April to November.

### Furukawa Festival

(Furukawa Matsuri) Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy the city's transformation to a time honored parade of ornate Yatai floats, elaborate puppets, costumes and music. At night watch and feel the release of energy of the Okoshi-Daiko parade. Experience human ascent. This festival has been designated as a Cultural Heritage.



### The Fox Wedding Festival

(Kitsune-bi Matsuri) 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of Sept.

Come get into character with the town of Hida as they recreate the folktale of a fox's wedding. This festival is fun for the whole family.



### A Visit to 3 Temples Event

(Santera Mairi) Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>

Santera Mairi is an event to receive good luck in marriage and love. Enjoy this festive event by renting a Kimono and catching the Hida Furukawa welcoming spirit and romance through the glow of the Japanese Traditional candles and the Snow Candle.



## Hida Satoyama Cycling

See why Hida is the Gem of Japan by touring the beautiful countryside by bicycle. Tours are fully guided in English by local experts.

SATOYAMA EXPERIENCE <http://satoyama-experience.com/>



### Rail mountain bike "Gattan Go!!"

Feel the mountain air blowing through your hair. Hida locals have created this unique attraction. You can ride a mountain bike on the former railway tracks.

Rail mountain bike Gattan Go!! <http://rail-mtb.com/en/>

Nohi Bus Gattan Go!! Tour (Half day Tours) [http://nouhibus.com/gattan\\_go\\_en.html](http://nouhibus.com/gattan_go_en.html)

## Museum



### Hida Furukawa Festival Exhibition Hall

(Hida Furukawa Matsuri Kaikan)

Get up close and examine 3 of the 9 ornately decorated Yatai floats. Try your hand at the ancient craft of Karakuri (marionettes). You can experience the highlight of the festival through our 3D movie of the Furukawa Matsuri.

Hours: 9am -5pm (-4:30pm Dec. to Mar.)  
Closed Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Hida Crafts Museum (Hidano Takumi Bunkakan)

Come examine the amazing skill of the Japanese Traditional Joinery. The joins here are functional and masterful works of art, all with no nails. This museum is hands-on place, which the whole family can enjoy. See for yourself how these traditional techniques can protect a house from an earthquake.

Hours: 9am -5pm (-4:30pm Dec. to Feb.)  
Closed on Thursdays and from Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Note: A free audio guide in English is available.

## Locally Produced



**Hida-beef** is the best kept secret of Japan. Enjoy tasting this delicate, elegant flavor premium beef which can only come from the best care, pastures and water Japan has to offer. After tasting it, you will want to keep this secret too!



**Soba** noodles, which is made from buckwheat, requires pristine mountain water and growing conditions. Hida Furukawa is the ideal location for the production of buckwheat. Enjoy with locals the delicious favor of Soba noodles hot or cold.



**Sake** breweries need the best rice, water, and an exact attention to detail. Only in Hida, will you find all 3. Enjoy our 3 historic sake breweries in Hida City. Once you taste these Sakes, you'll understand Hida's unique providence and why Hida is such a Gem.



**Candle** or Warousoku, a traditional Japanese handmade candle, is made in Mishima Candle Shop. They are made from HAZE, Japanese lacquer tree seed wax. They are virtually smokeless and burn brighter than normal candles.