

Shinshu saws

— 200 years of tradition narrated by the last living artisan —



Unable to do any farming in the frosty winter months, some locals sapiently used the dry cold weather to start an unsurpassed craft of saw blacksmithing. Shinshu saws are made with the best-quality ironsand and each one is expertly crafted by the smith to be well-balanced, sharp and hard-wearing.

A craft forever intertwined with local culture and history

Pay a visit to Morozumi-san's workshop, the last stronghold of a disappearing craft. The craftsman will personally introduce you to the history of shinshu saws and the role this craft plays in perpetuating the local tradition of the Onbashira festival. He will also give a demonstration of his technique, thus displaying the skills he acquired after years of practice. The visit will conclude with a hand-on session where you can try sharpening saw teeth.



Details and conditions

Season	All year
Price	3,500 yen (+tax) / person
[Details]	Free for children under 12 English-speaking guide included
Capacity	Max. 6 persons Min. 2 person
Duration	2h
Access	10 min by car from Chino station
Deadline	7 days prior the date of the activity

Why choose this activity

This is an invaluable chance to meet the last representant of a traditional craft and see him in action. If you admire Japanese craftsmen, Morozumi-san's exceptional skills, together with his pride and commitment toward his work, will certainly strike a chord.

