

Learn from a celebrated ceramic artist,
become part of a 400-year legacy at Japan's historical kilns

Tajimi & Mino-ware Pottery Making Tour

Available for 1 - 4 people (max.)
Price: 158,000 - 448,000 yen per person
※Includes interpreter

Tajimi in Gifu Prefecture is the home of Mino-ware, one of Japan's cherished ceramic cultures.

Over 400 years ago the great military commander Oda Nobunaga recommended Mino as a site for making pottery, in the heart of Japan.

Mino-ware became the fascination of commander Toyotomi Hideyoshi and tea master Sen no Rikyū.

Today, it is Japan's leading brand of ceramic.

Kobeigama is a celebrated kiln in Mino. Potters here, one a Living National Treasure, have passed down a pursuit of beauty over generations.

Ryotaro Kato is the eighth-generation potter at Kobeigama. One of Japan's leading ceramic artists, Kato's work is celebrated in Japan and overseas.

This tour is a rare and special opportunity to learn pottery at the hands of such an artist.



Eighth-generation potter
Ryotaro Kato

Program

Day1	
11:00	Meet at Kobeigama kiln (Tajimi City)
	Lecture 1, museum tour » History of Mino-ware, romantic Momoyama-era pottery, pottery-making preparation. Lunch
13:00	Experience 1: Tebineri pottery » Lecture on "tebineri" handmade pottery and tea ceremony, pottery-making (matcha chawan).
15:00	Experience 2: Rokuro, tatara » Rokuro potter's wheel for circular vessels, tatara technique to work with flat slabs of clay.
16:00	Lecture 2 » Kodai, "the foot of the vessel."
Day2	
9:00	Experience 3: Kodai mounting » The stable base of the chawan, reflecting a potter's spirit.
11:00	Experience 4: Trimming, finishing » Shaving clay down to a 400g chawan bowl, a joy of tebineri. Lunch
14:00	Tea ceremony led by Ryotaro Kato.
16:00	End

Finished chawan delivered to participants after program.

◇Price for Tajimi & Mino-ware pottery making tour includes complete pottery-making program and two lunches. Accommodation, dinner, and transportation not included and must be arranged by each participant. Tours start from October 2023. For more information please contact us at Infinity-Mugen <https://www.infinitymugen.com/>.

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