

Odawara Lacquerware

Workshop visit and design experience

Odawara lacquerware, one of the three major crafts of Kanagawa, originated in the Muromachi period (1336-1573) and gained widespread recognition as practical lacquerware during the Edo period (1603-1868).

Crafted primarily from zelkova, this lacquerware stands out for its distinctive lacquering technique, which highlights the natural beauty of the wood grain and showcases the robustness of the zelkova material.

The tour includes a visit to the workshop of Mr. Hajime Okawa, a third-generation lacquer craftsman who is among the few keeping the tradition alive.

Here, you will have the opportunity to actively engage in the process of lacquer shaving, gaining hands-on experience under the expert guidance of Mr. Hajime Okawa.



Exclusive programs

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Lecture on Odawara lacquerware
Attend an insightful lecture where we'll delve into the distinctive traits and intriguing history of Odawara lacquerware.

Workshop tour

Explore the Okawa Woodwork Studio on an exclusive workshop tour where the intricate process of crafting Odawara Lacquerware will be explained in detail.

Lacquer shaving experience

Dive into the hands-on experience of lacquer shaving, where layers of black and red lacquer are meticulously applied and polished to unveil a unique and original pattern. The final product will be shipped to your residence at a later date.

Information

Exclusive program for the travel trade. Access information and conditions here:



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