Odawara Lacquerware

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.

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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 and demonstration

Explore the Okawa Woodwork Studio on an exclusive workshop tour, where the intricate process of crafting Odawara Lacquerware will be explained in detail. You'll also watch a craftsman demonstrate the carving process up close. An Odawara Lacquerware souvenir selected by Mr. Okawa is included.

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