

The Historic Kichuyo kiln



Learn the secrets of Kamakura's ceramic traditions at this hidden pottery village

Nestled amid the quiet of a mountain valley, the Hoshigaoka kiln was established in 1927 by Rosanjin Kitaoji, a polymath lauded as one of Japan's greatest contemporary artists. After Rosanjin's death, the site was revived as Kichuyo kiln by the grandfather of the current owner, who has maintained its original functions and appearance.

Guests will learn the craft of Japanese pottery, with lessons from Kifumi Kawamura, a pottery master in his own right who maintains Rosanjin's signature noborigama, a so-called 'climbing kiln' of ancient design. This unforgettable visit to Kamakura will finish with a delicious seasonal meal served on the Kawamura family's own dishes.

Exclusive special offer

After the unforgettable experience of crafting pottery at the studio of a legendary artist, guests will be served a delicious seasonal meal prepared by a Michelin-starred chef and served on exquisite Kawamura family ceramics.



Program

A pottery workshop with a master ceramicist

After a lesson in the basics of Japanese pottery, guests will craft their own work under the watchful eye of artist-in-residence Kifumi Kawamura. Your creations will then be fired and delivered to your home at a later date.

■ Duration: Around 90 minutes. Please note that shipping may take up to six months

Option

The perfect paring of ceramics and kaiseki cuisine

It is said that a good meal completes a work of pottery. Following a tradition started by the grandfather of the current owner, guests will also be treated to a delicious and authentic seasonal meal served on the family's own dishes, prepared by a chef from Kamakura's Michelin Plate-listed restaurant Kondo. Please enjoy a relaxing time in Kamakura after the pottery making experience.

■ Duration: Around three hours



Information

Address: Kamakura, Kanagawa
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Date: 2nd Jan - 30 Dec, by appointment only
Parking: Space for one standard car, reservation required.
Web: <https://www.kamakuramind.com/>