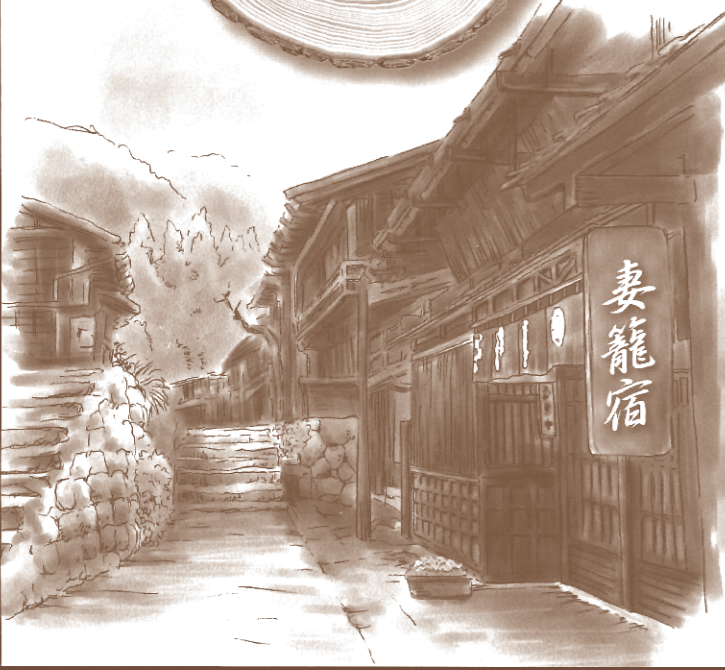


Old Post Town on Nakasen-do Road  
Tsumago-juku  
Guide Map



**Historic Preservation Area with Important Traditional Buildings**  
**Tsumago-juku**

**Old Post Town with Historic Memories**

The Nakasen-do linked Edo and Kyoto, and it was also called the Kiso-kaido or Kiso Road as it goes through the mountainous Kiso region. Tsumago was the 42nd post town, counted from Edo, of the 69 posts town on the Nakasen-do Road and was a prosperous town because of its important location at the crossroad of the Nakasen-do and the Ina-do.

**Start of Efforts to Preserve the Town**

Tsumago began to decline because it no longer functioned as a post town where now railroads and other roads were constructed in the new Meiji era. However during the period of economic growth in the Showa era, the town was re-evaluated due to its historic value as a post town of the Edo era. It was one of the earliest movements to preserve historic towns. People of Tsumago made the three basic rules, "Do not sell, lend, or demolish houses" and they try to preserve the precious historic town of the Edo era while leading their daily lives.

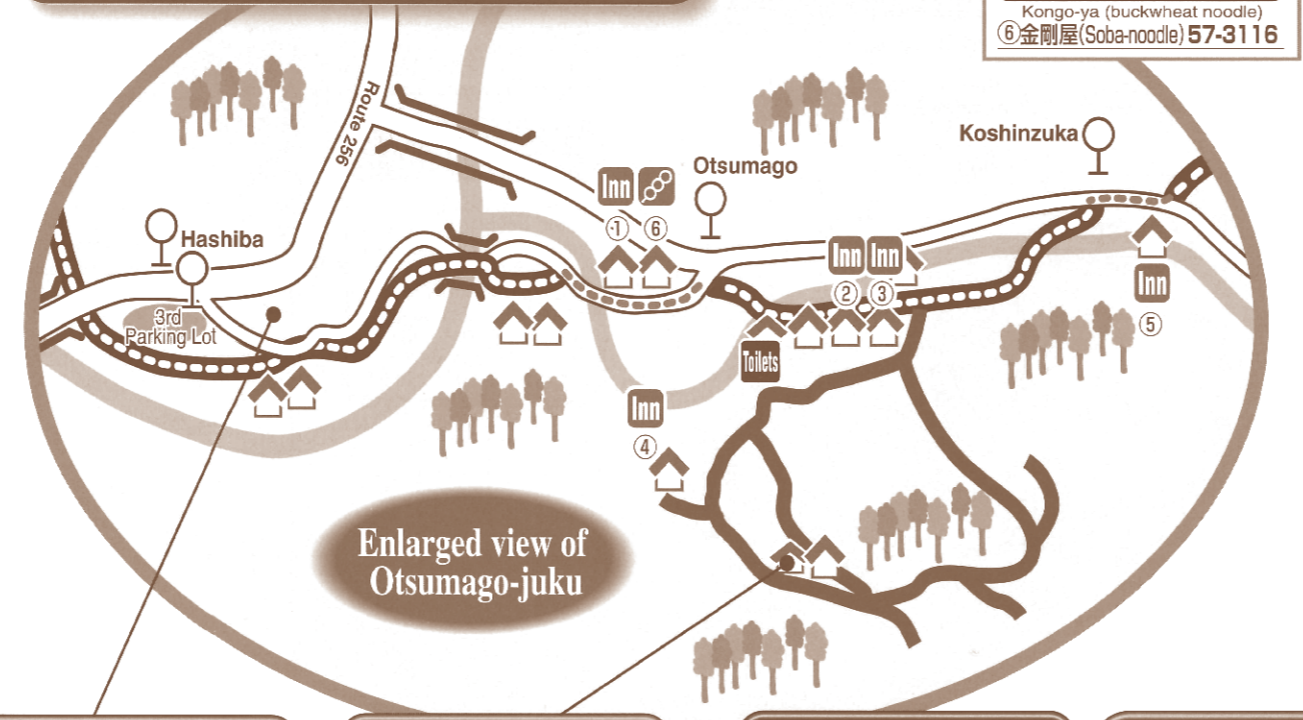
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**Let's Walk Historic Nakasen-do Road**  
Kiso-ji is completely surrounded by mountains.

**Otsumago to Magome Pass**



**Stone Marker Post**

Tsumago was a prosperous town at the crossroad of the Nakasen-do and the Iida-kaido. This marker post was built by merchants from Iida, Omi, and local towns in 1881.

**Former residence of Fujihara**  
(prefecture treasure/open to public)

Research found that the layout, structure and finish date is back to the mid-1600s, although some major remodeling has been conducted.

**Kurashina Shrine**

This is a memorial for the retainer Kurashina and 30 servants, who were all killed by local warriors in 1586. Kurashina was a major retainer of Lord Ogasawara of Matsumoto Castle. The festival is held on April 3rd every year.

**Odaki & Medaki Waterfalls**

Famous as a scene of a well-known novel "Miyamoto Musashi" by Eiji Yoshikawa. There was a legend about a golden rooster flying into the fall. It is also associated with the retainer Kurashina.

Odaki (male) Medaki (female)

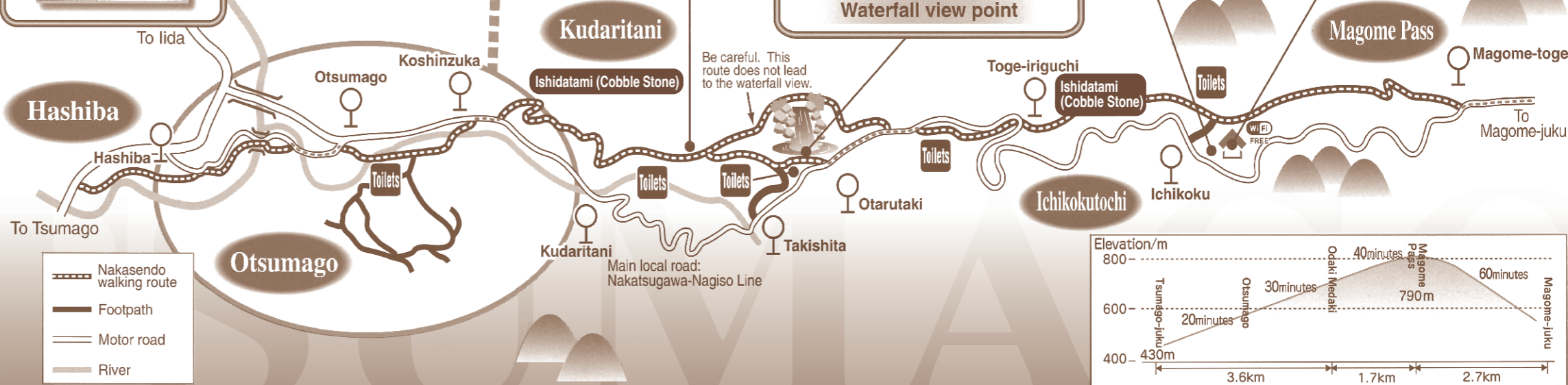
**Waterfall view point**

**Koyasu Kannon**

It is said that villages around here have never had difficult births thanks to this deity of mercy. Many people visit here to pray for easy births.

**Ichikokutochi-Tateba-Chaya**  
(Tea House for Travelers)

This 200-years-old tea house is typical of the tea houses that built between post towns as rest stops for travelers as they made their way along the Nakasen-do. Help keep the traditions of the Nakasen-do alive by dropping in for a cup of tea.



**LUGGAGE FORWARDING SERVICE**

[Availability] 3/20~11/30 (Everyday)  
[Time of Receipt] 8:30AM~11:30AM (Tourist Information Center)  
→13:00PM (Magome information center)  
[Price] ¥1,000 per luggage.

[Reception Centers]  
◆Tourist Information Center TEL 0264-57-2727  
◆Otsumago Hanaya Inn TEL 0264-57-3106  
◆Magome Information Center TEL 0573-69-2336

**Festivals of Tsumago**

**The Parade of Bunka-Bunsei Times of Edo Period**  
**November 23rd**  
The parade starts at 10:30 from Watashima and proceeds from the northern area through the post town at noon to Otsumago, reproducing people walking along the Nakasen-do Road in the Edo era. The parade includes samurai warriors, palanquin bearers, monks, bird-chasing women, wedding processions, and so on.

**Wachino Shrine Festivals**  
**July 23rd and 24th**  
Wachino Shrine is the Tsumago area's village shrine. Young people carry a small portable shrine on their shoulders and walk through the post town.

# Tsumago-juku

**Kumagai Family House**  
This house was a part of a row-house built in the early 19th century. Other parts were demolished and remodeled. (Town's designated treasure)

**Site of the Kuchidome Guardhouse**  
Here was an inspection station from the late 15th century to the mid-17th century, and it was integrated into a bigger one in Kiso Fukushima.

**Kosatsu-ba (Public Notice Board)**  
This was an "official bulletin board," refurbished to reproduce the way it looked in the Edo era. The Bakufu government announced laws and rules here. Kosatsu or high-rise tablets are posted high as if looking down on common people.

**Tsumago-juku Honjin (Tsumago Primary Inn)**  
This building was reproduced in April, 1996. Shimazaki Family was designated as Honjin when the post town system was established, and had been serving as Honjin and the village headman until the Meiji Restoration. Toson Shimazaki's mother was born in this family. Toson Shimazaki was a famous novelist in the Meiji era. His brother was adopted to head this family. Honjin is one of the three facilities of the Nagiso-machi museum.

**Ginmokusei (Osmanthus Fragnans)**  
This tree has been kept by the Yazaki Family, the oracle, for generations. It blooms from mid-September to early October (prefectural natural monument).

**Kotoku-ji Temple**  
This temple is believed to be built in 1500. As if looking down on the town, this graceful temple is surrounded by white walls on a hill.

**Enmei Jizo (Buddha for Long Life)**  
Life-lengthening stone statue. The head monk, Chugai-oshō of Kotoku-ji Temple found, along the Araragi River, a stone on which an image of a deity emerged, and carried it here and enshrined it in 1813.

**Terashita no machinami (The Street Beneath the Temple)**  
The preservation of Tsumago-juku is unique as people preserve the town while they lead normal daily lives. Terashita is the place where historic preservation movement began first, and the street preserves the old townscape very well, which deserves the name "the origin of preservation movement."

**Koi-Iwa (Carp Rock)**  
This was one of the three famous rocks of the Nakasendo Road and looked like a carp. However, the rock was deformed when the part that looked like a head was destroyed in a big earthquake in 1891. (Town's scenic spot)

**Wachi Shinto Shrine**  
Go up stairs beside the school

**Tsumago Culture Hall**  
Culture Hall

**Kamisaga-ya**  
This building was refurbished in 1969 and found at that time to be a commoners' inn of the mid-18th century. The refurbishment is so good that we can see what the original inn looked like. (Tangible cultural property)

**Nagasendo**  
<10am-4pm No Car Entry>

**Central Parking Lot**  
TEL57-2581

**1st Parking Lot**  
(buses and minibuses only)  
TEL57-3883

**2nd Parking Lot**  
TEL57-3885

**3rd Parking Lot**  
TEL57-4032

**Nagasendo Otsumago**

**Omata Bashi**

**Tajima Bridge**

**Hydroelectric Power Plant**

**Omata Bridge**

**Araragi-river**

**Tsumago Bridge**

**Uma-ya**

**Hana-no-ki (Acer pycnanthum)**

**Post Office(ATM) (Postal Museum)**

**Tourist Information Center**

**Locker**

**Toilets**

**WiFi FREE**

**Inn**

**Museum entrance**

**To 1st Parking Lot**

**To Route 19**

**To Nagiso Station**

**To Iida**

**Hashiba**

**Otsumago Magome-juku**

**Legend:**  
 Inn (Minshuku/Ryokan)  
 Food  
 Souvenir/Woodcraft  
 Café  
 BUS stop

(Area Code: 0264)

**Nagasendo Museum**

**Tsumago-juku Honjin** 57-3322  
Admission: Adults: 300 yen; Children: 150 yen

**Waki Honjin Okuya/ Historical Museum** 57-3322  
Admission: Adults: 600 yen; Children: 300 yen

**Combination Ticket**  
Adults: 700 yen; Children: 350 yen  
Group discount available for 20 people or more  
Open: 9:00-17:00 (last entry: 16:45)  
Closed: Dec.29-Jan.1

**Inn (Minshuku/Ryokan)**

Fujioto	
①藤乙 (Ryokan)	57-3009
Matsushiro-ya	
②松代屋 (Ryokan)	57-3022
Daikichi	
③大吉 (Minshuku)	57-2595
Shimosaga-ya	
④下嵯峨屋 (Minshuku)	57-3124
Shimochoji-ya	
⑤下丁子屋 (Minshuku)	090-3956-1868

**Food**

Yamagiri	
⑥やまぎり (gohei-mochi)	57-3134
Yoshimura-ya	
⑦吉村屋 (soba-noodle)	57-3265
Tawara-ya Rikyu	
⑧俵屋 里久 (soba-noodle)	57-2522
Ebi-ya	
⑨えびや (sweets)	57-3054
Manju-an	
⑩満寿庵 (sweets)	57-4111
Suzu-ya	
⑪鈴屋 (sweets)	57-3891
Wachino-ya	
⑫わちのや (oyaki)	

**Food**

Shiroki-ya	
⑬白木屋 (pub)	57-3183
Shin-ya	
⑭しんや (gohei-mochi)	57-3221
Otokichi	
⑮音吉 (local food)	57-3600
Omote	
⑯おもて (gohei-mochi)	57-2682
Kojitsu Coffee	
⑰好日珈琲 (coffee & bar)	24-0287
Chuka-soba Midono Shachu	
⑱中華そば三殿社中 (ramen noodle)	080-7838-3608

**Souvenir / Woodcraft**

Tamaru-ya	
⑲田丸屋	57-3275
Azuma-ya	
⑳あづまや	57-3890
Konohana-ya	
㉑木ノ花屋	57-3228
Iwai-ya	
㉒岩井屋	57-3008
Ise-ya	
㉓伊勢屋	57-3112
Shin-iwai-ya	
㉔新岩井屋	57-3538

**Souvenir / Woodcraft**

Maruta-ya	
㉕丸田屋	57-3434
Terashita-chojiya	
㉖寺下丁子屋	57-2327
Owari-ya	
㉗尾張屋	
Mihara-ya	
㉘みはらや	57-4053
Chokane (Sawada-ya)	
㉙丁兼 (澤田屋)	57-4105
Abura-ya	
㉚あぶらや	57-3178

**Others**

Gobara Liquor Shop	
㉛郷原酒店	57-3021
Matsushita shoten	
㉜松下商店 (grocery)	57-3041
Nagomi	
㉝和 (なごみ) ~きもの~ (Others)	
Oku Japan	
㉞奥ジャパン	24-0636
Ontake Kotsu	
おんたけ交通	57-2346

**Others**

Tsumago Post Office	
㉟妻籠郵便局	57-2149
ATM Available	
weekdays : 9:00-17:30	
saturday : 9:00-12:30	
Atelier shop Fuga	
㊱アトリエショップ風雅 (Others)	57-4000

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