

Visit Agricultural Heritage / Heritage Irrigation Structures Heritage Tourism

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Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

This Is What Heritage Tourism Looks Like

2 days/1 night Kumamoto Course

→ Aso region, Kikuchi City, Kumamoto "Trip to heal your mind and body in the great outdoors"

● "Managing Aso grasslands for sustainable agriculture" Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System / "Kikuchi Irrigation System" World Heritage Irrigation Structure

DAY1

- **Kikuchi Gorge**
Fresh water flowing through the dense natural regenerative broadleaved forest shows us magnificent sights such as shallows, pools and waterfalls of various sizes.
- **Kikuchi Onsen**
This hidden hot spring relieves daily fatigue and skin problems, and you won't want to tell anyone else about it.
- **Sake tasting at brewery**
Why don't you try freshly-brewed "clear sake" made with Kikuchi-grown rice? These breweries are aiming to be the best in all of Japan.
- **Accommodation (farm stay)**
Stay at a nice farmhouse to end the day. Enjoy delicious Kikuchi cuisine made with ingredients grown by the farmer.

DAY2

- **Roadside Station**
Enjoy trekking with a professional guide.
- **Local Gourmet**
Protein-rich Japanese Brown beef rice bowl with lots of lean meat.
- **Kusasenrigahama**
This spot is filled with so spectacular views that you will continuously pressing your camera shutter and forget about time.
- **Daikanbo**
Wake up early and enjoy this amazing panoramic view.
- **Komezuka**
Komezuka as seen from the Aso Panorama Line.

2 days/1 night Niigata Course

→ Chuetsu region, Niigata "Trip to discover a sustainable lifestyle and understand the wisdom of our predecessors"

● "Paddy-carp culture system using blessing of snow" Japanese Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage System

DAY1

- **Nishikigoi (colored carp) Village**
Enjoy watching Nishikigoi (colored carp) raised in pure waters of this snowy country using traditional techniques. Why don't you take pictures of swimming carps of various colors?
- **Tsunotsuki**
"Tsunotsuki" bullfighting is an exciting traditional event that has been Passed down for generations.
- **Accommodation (farm stay)**
You will have a memorable time in a farmhouse.

DAY2

- **Yamakoshi Restoration Exchange Center - Orataru**
They exhibit charms of living in Yamakoshi, a Japanese Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage System. Views of the rice terraces and ponds are spectacular.
- **Yamakoshi Direct Sales Store**
They offer fresh seasonal ingredients such as wild vegetables in spring, local "Kagura Nanban" chili peppers, summer vegetables, and mushrooms in autumn. Great for everyday use and for souvenirs.
- **Precious experience in farm stay**
Try farming, see a carp farm, see a fighting bull, and experience life in the region firsthand. Enjoy local specialty at a farm restaurant with your host family.

2 days/1 night Nagano Course

→ Azumino City, Nagano "Short trip to explore water and history"

● "Jikkasegi Irrigation System" World Heritage Irrigation Structure

DAY1

- **Roadside Station ~ Bicycle rentals**
It has a vast selection of fresh vegetables and fruits directly sent from farm, and other Nagano specialties. You can also rent bicycles to go sightseeing around the area.
- **Local Gourmet**
For lunch, eat Shinshu soba noodles, a specialty in the region rich in clean water resources.
- **Alps Azumino National Government Park - Horigane & Hotaka Region**
You can experience Azumino, land of water, firsthand in this expansive park filled with nature. In addition, you can make crafts and do other activities with your family.
- **Jikkasegi - Jitensha Hiroba (bicycle square)**
Take pictures while cycling with the square and monument behind you! Stroll along Jikkasegi Irrigation System.

DAY2

- **Local Gourmet**
Ringo Napoli: Enjoy Neapolitan pasta using delicious Azumino-grown apples.
- **Daio Wasabi Farm**
This theme park for Nagano's specialty of wasabi is where you can enjoy pickling wasabi and making soba noodles.
- **Toyoshina Local Museum**
Azumino is surrounded by rich foothills. You can experience both the past and present in a place retaining local history and culture.
- **Long-established Japanese Sweets Shop**
It is filled with souvenirs such as chestnut sweets.

▶ **What are Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems**

Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems* (GIAHS) are outstanding landscapes of aesthetic beauty that combine agricultural biodiversity, resilient ecosystems and a valuable cultural heritage, which FAO designate GIAHS. Located in specific sites around the world, they sustainably provide multiple goods and services, food and livelihood security for millions of small-scale farmers.

▶ **What are Japanese Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage System**

Japanese Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (JNIAHS) are areas or systems in Japan designated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries that are important and traditionally engaged in agriculture, forestry or fisheries based on Japanese designation criteria. Japan has traditional agriculture, forestry and fisheries regions that it should take pride in and pass down to future generations. JNIAHS was created in 2016 because some of them are difficult to evaluate its value using the designation criteria set by the FAO.

▶ **What are World Heritage Irrigation Structures**

World Heritage Irrigation Structures are historical irrigation structures designated and registered by the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID*) to clarify the history and development of irrigation, promote understanding, and contribute to the appropriate preservation of irrigation structures.

* ICID: a non-profit, non-governmental organization concerned with irrigation and drainage that is participated by 78 countries and regions.

Check here for more information on visiting Agricultural Heritage / Heritage Irrigation Structures (Heritage Tourism) (in Japanese)

https://www.maff.go.jp/j/nousin/kantai/giahs_7/index.html

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■ **Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems and Japanese Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems**

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Learn more!
GIAHS and JNIAHS

Visit the website of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for more information

■ **World Heritage Irrigation Structures**

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■ **Countryside Stays Japan** <https://countrysidestays-japan.com>

* Cover photos (from top to bottom): Chuetsu region, Niigata; Jikkasegi Irrigation System, Nagano; Aso region, Kumamoto; Yamadazeki Barrage System, Fukuoka

See

Beautiful, unspoiled Japanese landscapes



Nishi-Awa area, Tokushima Prefecture (Ochiai Village)



Mikatagoko region, Fukui Prefecture (Landscape)



Jyosai-gokuchi Irrigation System



Tsujiyousui Irrigation System (Tsujiun Bridge)
[Courtesy of Yamato Town Board of Education]

Do

Special and unique experiences



Upper and middle reaches of Nagara River, Gifu Prefecture (Ayu sweetfish)



Genbegawa Irrigation Canal



Mogami River basin region, Yamagata Prefecture
(Safflower disc for dyeing)



Tanzansosui Irrigation System (Tourist vineyard)

Japanese Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems

- 1 Mogami River basin region in Yamagata Prefecture
- 2 Musashino region in Saitama Prefecture
- 3 Kyoutou region in Yamanashi Prefecture
- 4 Chuetsu region in Niigata Prefecture
- 5 Mikatagoko region in Fukui Prefecture
- 6 Himi region in Toyama Prefecture
- 7 Toba and Shima regions in Mie Prefecture
- 8 Owase City and Kihoku Town in Mie Prefecture
- 9 Lake Biwa region in Shiga Prefecture
- 10 Hyogo Mikata region in Hyogo Prefecture
- 11 Tamba-Sasayama region in Hyogo Prefecture
- 12 Minami-Awaji region in Hyogo Prefecture
- 13 Shimotsu region, Kainan City, Wakayama Prefecture
- 14 Koya and Hanazono and Shimizu regions in Wakayama Prefecture
- 15 Arida region in Wakayama Prefecture
- 16 Okuizumo region in Shimane Prefecture
- 17 Nanyo region in Ehime Prefecture
- 18 Nichinan City in Miyazaki Prefecture
- 19 Tano and Kiyotake regions in Miyazaki Prefecture



Kunisaki Peninsula Usa area, Oita Prefecture (Tashibu no Sho)



Tachibaiyousui Irrigation Canal (Tachibai Weir)
[Courtesy of Tachibai Water Land Improvement District]



Owase City and Kihoku Town, Mie Prefecture (Owase Hinoki cypress)



Osaki region, Miyagi Prefecture
(White-fronted geese flying out in the early morning)



Uchikawa Irrigation System



Kyoutou region, Yamanashi Prefecture
(Koshu grapes)

Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems

- 1 Osaki region in Miyagi prefecture*
 - 2 Kakegawa and surrounding region in Shizuoka Prefecture
 - 3 Shizuoka Wasabi Cultivating region in Shizuoka Prefecture*
 - 4 Sado City in Niigata Prefecture
 - 5 Noto Peninsula in Ishikawa Prefecture
 - 6 The upper and middle basin of the Nagara River in Gifu Prefecture
 - 7 Minabe-Tanabe region in Wakayama Prefecture
 - 8 Nishi-Awa Area in Tokushima Prefecture*
 - 9 Aso region in Kumamoto Prefecture
 - 10 Kunisaki Peninsula Usa area in Oita Prefecture
 - 11 Takachihogo-Shiibayama region in Miyazaki Prefecture
- A * indicates that it has also been designated as a Japanese Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage System.



Mannou-ike Reservoir [Courtesy of Mannou-ike Land Improvement District]



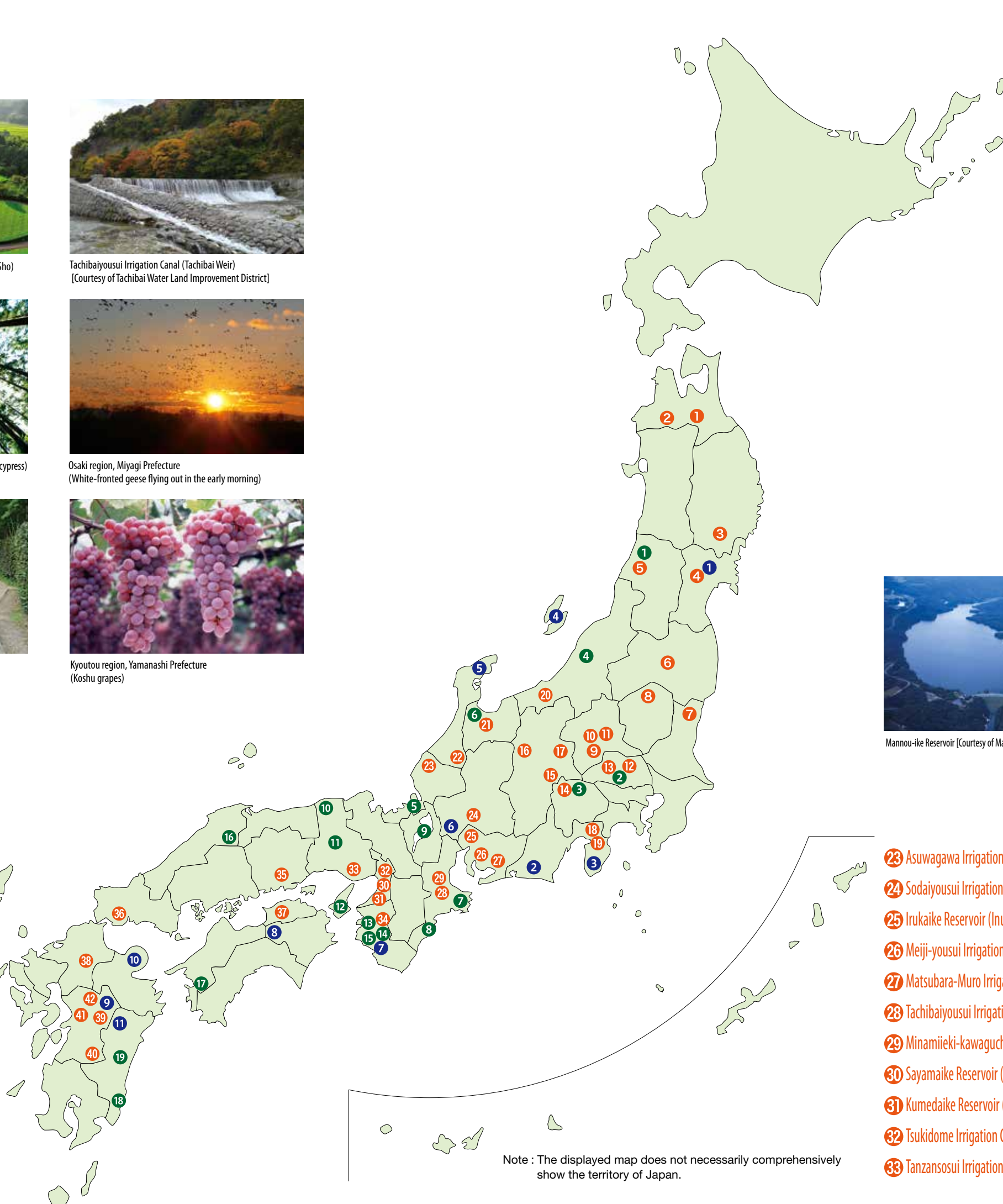
Toba and Shima regions, Mie Prefecture (Ama-Women divers)



Kakegawa region, Shizuoka Prefecture
(Chamoji tea character and tea fields)

World Heritage Irrigation Structures

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| 1 Inaogawa Irrigation Canal (in and around Towada City, Aomori Prefecture) | 12 Minuma-Dai Irrigation System (in and around Gyoda City, Saitama Prefecture) |
| 2 Doen Irrigation System (in and around Hirosaki City, Aomori Prefecture) | 13 Bizenkyo Irrigation System (in and around Honjo City, Saitama Prefecture) |
| 3 Teruizeki Irrigation Canal (in and around Ichinosaki City, Iwate Prefecture) | 14 Murayama Rokkamura-segi Irrigation Canal (Hokuto City, Yamanashi Prefecture) |
| 4 Uchikawa Irrigation System (Osaki City, Miyagi Prefecture) | 15 Takinoyusegi and Ohkawarasegi Irrigation System (Chino City, Nagano Prefecture) |
| 5 Kitadate Irrigation System (Shonai-machi, Yamagata Prefecture) | 16 Jikkasegi Irrigation System (in and around Azumino City, Nagano Prefecture) |
| 6 Asakasosui Irrigation System (in and around Koriyama City, Fukushima Prefecture) | 17 Gorobe Irrigation Canal (Saku City, Nagano Prefecture) |
| 7 Jukkoku-bori Irrigation System (Kita-Ibaraki City, Ibaraki Prefecture) | 18 Fukarayousui Irrigation Canal (in and around Susono City, Shizuoka Prefecture) |
| 8 Nasu Irrigation System (Nasu-Shiobara City, Tochigi Prefecture) | 19 Genbegawa Irrigation Canal (Mishima City, Shizuoka Prefecture) |
| 9 Ogawazeki Irrigation Canal (Kanra-machi, Gunma Prefecture) | 20 Uwae Irrigation Canal (in and around Joetsu City, Niigata Prefecture) |
| 10 Naganoseki Irrigation Canal (Takasaki City, Gunma Prefecture) | 21 Jyosai-gokuchi Irrigation System (Toyama City, Toyama Prefecture) |
| 11 Tenguwa Irrigation System (in and around Maebashi City, Gunma Prefecture) | 22 Shichikayousui Irrigation System (in and around Hakusan City, Ishikawa Prefecture) |



Note : The displayed map does not necessarily comprehensively show the territory of Japan.

- 23 Asuwagawa Irrigation Canal (Fukui City, Fukui Prefecture)
- 24 Sodaiyousui Irrigation System (in and around Seki City, Gifu Prefecture)
- 25 Irukaikae Reservoir (Inuyama City, Aichi Prefecture)
- 26 Meiji-yousui Irrigation Canal (in and around Anjo City, Aichi Prefecture)
- 27 Matsubara-Muro Irrigation System (in and around Toyohashi City, Aichi Prefecture)
- 28 Tachibaiyousui Irrigation Canal (in and around Taki-cho, Mie Prefecture)
- 29 Minamiieki-kawaguchi-yusui Irrigation System (Tsu City, Mie Prefecture)
- 30 Sayamaike Reservoir (Osaka-Sayama City, Osaka Prefecture)
- 31 Kumedaike Reservoir (Kishiwada City, Osaka Prefecture)
- 32 Tsukidome Irrigation Canal (in and around Kashiwara City, Osaka Prefecture)
- 33 Tanzansosui Irrigation System (in and around Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture)

- 34 Odai Irrigation Canal (in and around Hashimoto City, Wakayama Prefecture)
- 35 Kurayasu and Hyakken Rivers Irrigation and Drainage System (Okayama City, Okayama Prefecture)
- 36 Tokiwako Reservoir (Ube City, Yamaguchi Prefecture)
- 37 Mannou-ike Reservoir (Manno-cho, Kagawa Prefecture)
- 38 Yamadazeki Barrage System (Asakura City, Fukuoka Prefecture)
- 39 Tsujiyousui Irrigation System (Yamato-cho, Kumamoto Prefecture)
- 40 Kounomizo-Hyakutaroumizo Irrigation System (in and around Yunomae-machi, Kumamoto Prefecture)
- 41 Shirakawa Basin Irrigation System (in and around Kumamoto City, Kumamoto Prefecture)
- 42 Kikuchi Irrigation System (Kikuchi City, Kumamoto Prefecture)

Eat

Cuisine using local ingredients



Minabe/Tanabe region, Wakayama Prefecture (Kishu Nanko plums)



Lake Biwa region, Shiga Prefecture (Funazushi: fermented fish)



Teruizeki Irrigation Canal (full-course mochi dinner, Mochi honzen)



Kurayasu and Hyakken Rivers Irrigation and Drainage System
(Barazushi scattered sushi)[Top 100 Rural Culinary Dishes]

Learn

Local history and traditions continuing today



Takachihogo-Shiibayama region, Miyazaki Prefecture (Kagura)



Tenguwa Irrigation System (Soja Akimoto History Festival)
[Courtesy of Tenguwa Irrigation System Land Improvement District]



Noto region, Ishikawa Prefecture (Aenokoto agricultural ritual)



Kumedaike Reservoir (Gyoki Mairi Festival)