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Off the Beaten Track Japan

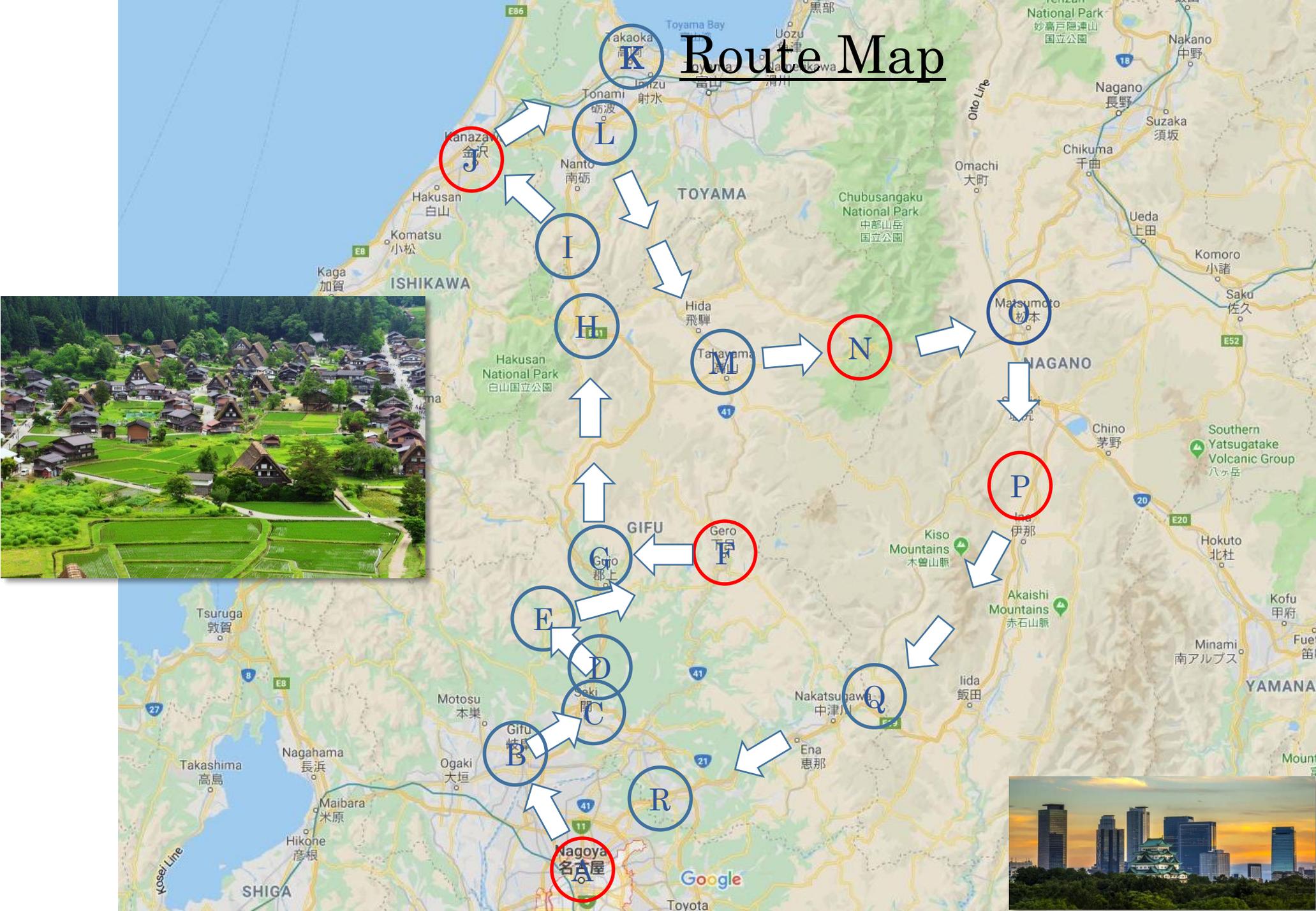
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Route Map

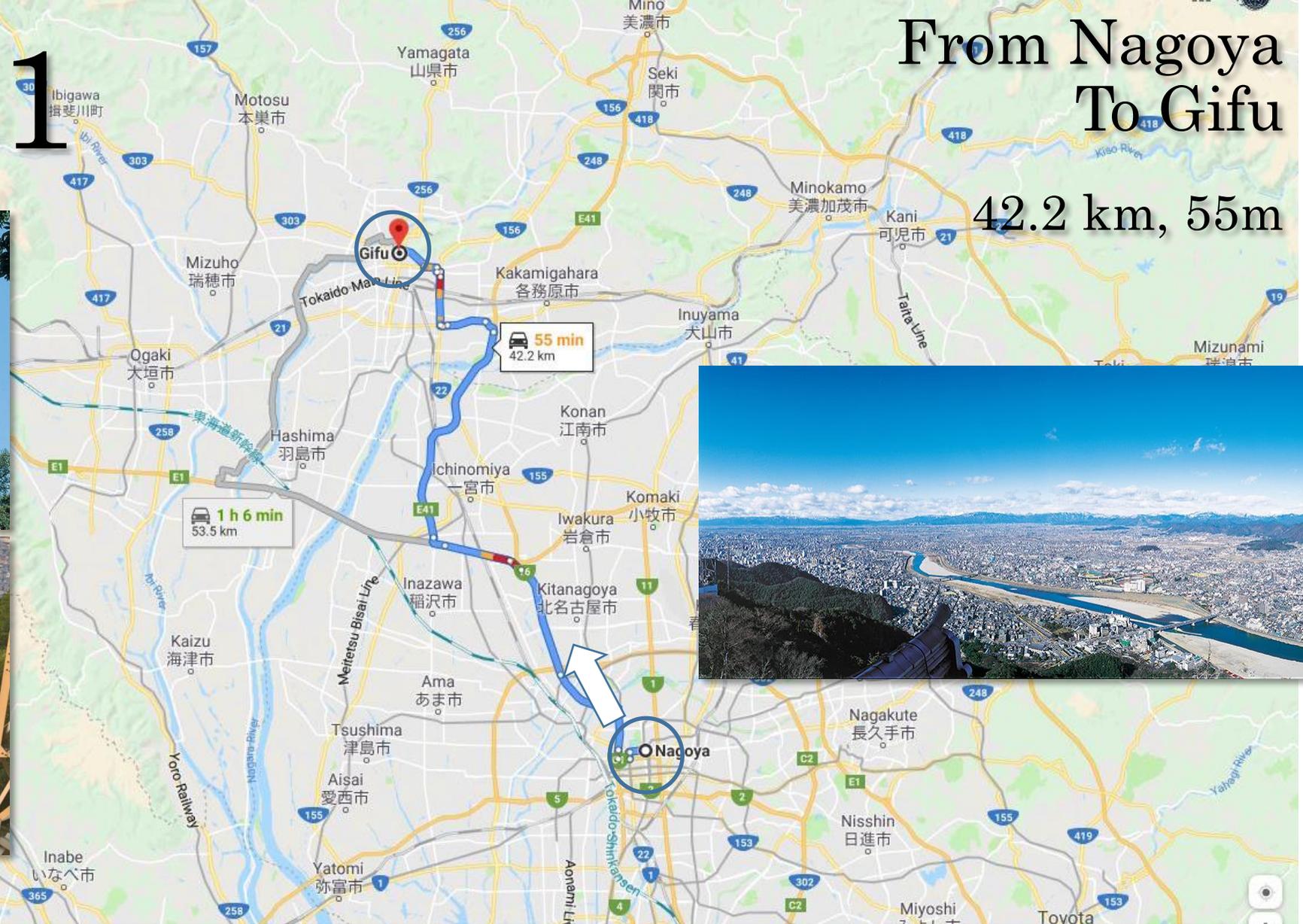


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A	Nagoya
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Day 1

From Nagoya To Gifu

42.2 km, 55m

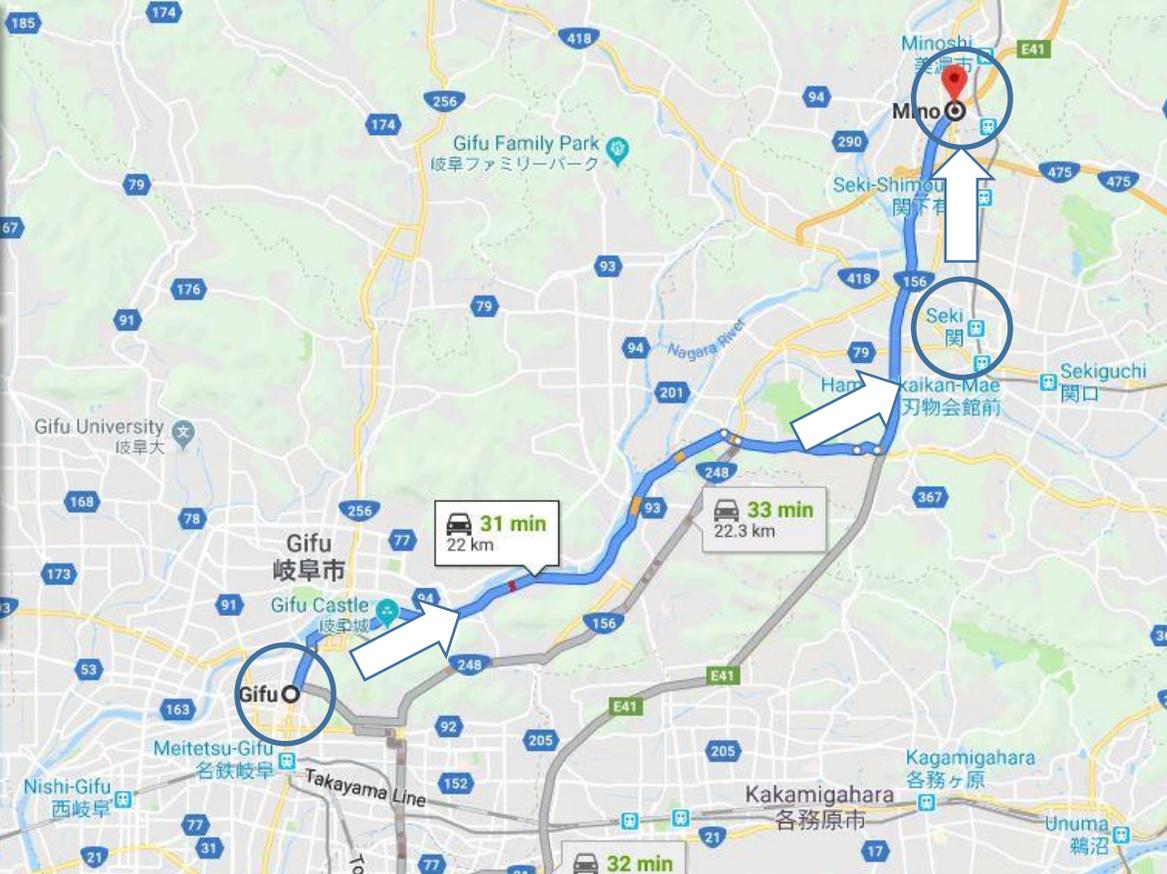


Gifu city boasts an array of attractions like the Gifu Castle on Mt. Kinka. The base of the mountain is dotted with shrines, temples and museums one of them being the Shoho-ji Temple which houses the 14-meter Buddha build in the 19th century.

Day 1
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From Gifu
To Mino via Seki
22 km, 31m



Seki City was once a center of samurai sword-making prowess, now making fine blades for everyday use. Mino is renowned for its production of washi, a traditional Japanese paper made from pulp of the kozo bush. The area has produced washi since the 8th century.

Day 1
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From Mino To Monet's Pond

45.6 km, 45m



Namonaki Ike (lit. nameless pond) – better known as Monet's Pond – has become a spellbinding homage to Claude Monet, the master of impressionist imagery, bearing an uncanny resemblance to scenes from his 'Water Lilies' series. The most interesting aspect of this phenomenon is that the effect was apparently unintentional. Only coverage on social media brought its charms to the world.

Day 1
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From Monet's Pond To Gero

67.4 km, 1h22m



Gero is all about the onsen. The majority of visitors stay overnight in one of the many hotels or ryokan. Each one has its own baths reserved only for guests and serves delicious meals of local produce, often directly to you in your room.

Day 2

From Gero To Gujo Hachiman

46.3 km, 55m

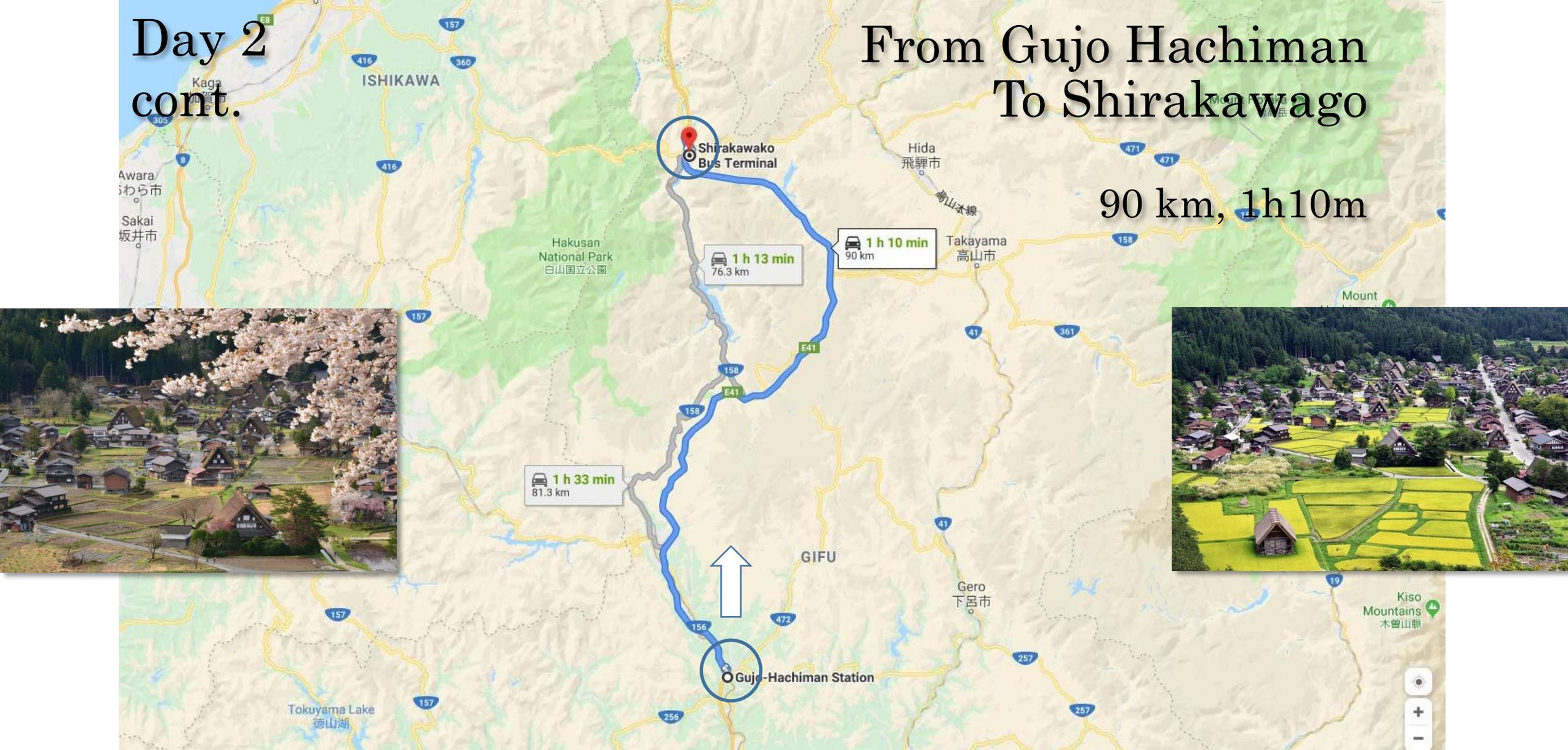


The castle town of Gujo Hachiman produces a large percentage of the plastic food models displayed at virtually every restaurant in Japan.

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From Gujo Hachiman To Shirakawago

90 km, 1h10m

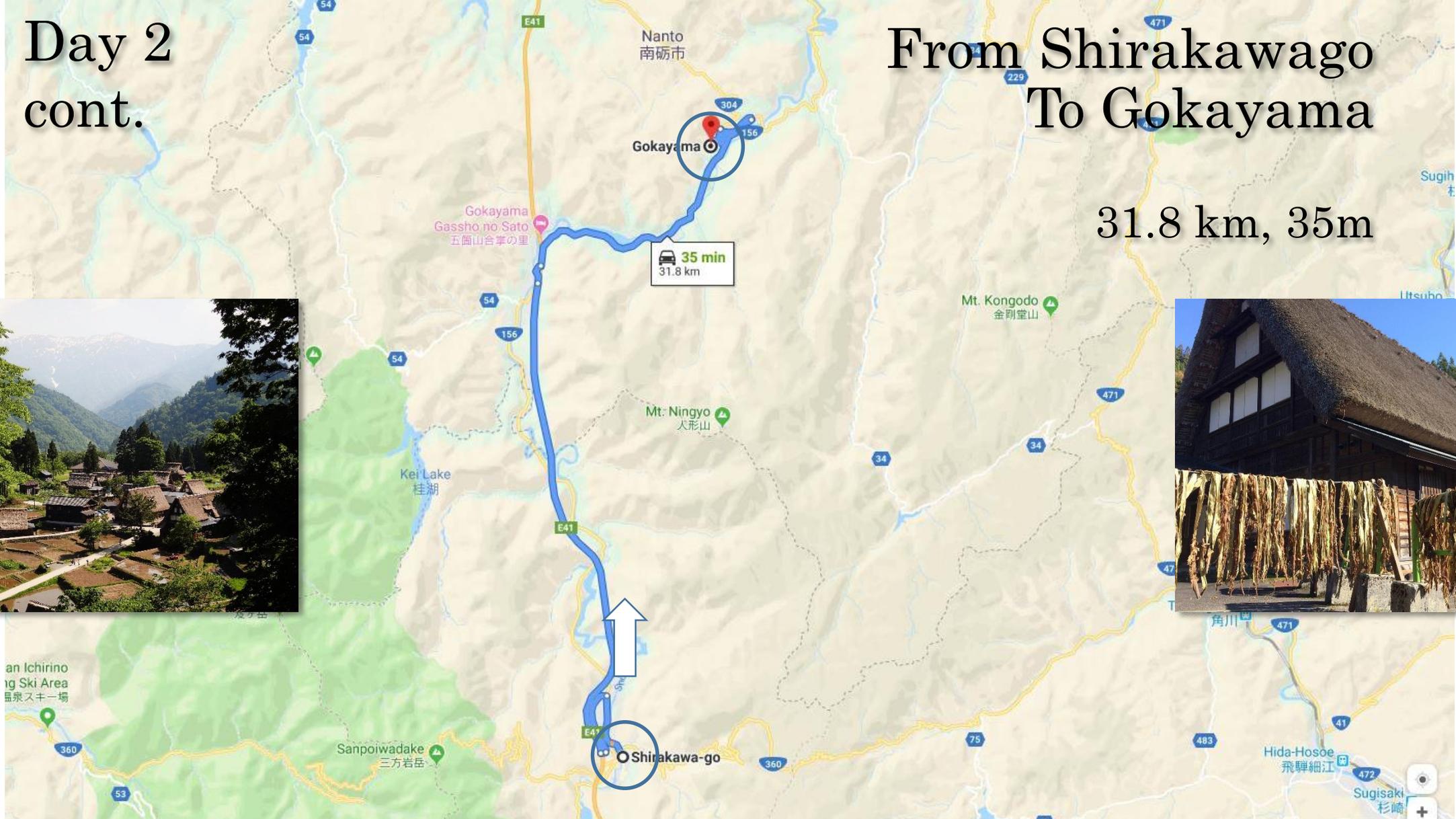


Recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, this beautiful traditional village is the definition of picture-postcard perfect. Many of the buildings have been turned into museums, explaining the history of the region, the special architectural style, and features, and some of the key industries of Shirakawa-go.

Day 2
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From Shirakawago To Gokayama

31.8 km, 35m



With scenery remaining unchanged since long ago, people still live in World Heritage Site 'Gokayama'. Visit and learn about the wisdom needed to survive within harsh natural conditions of this snow heavy region, and the magic of the Gassho-zukuri (thatched roof) homes that are constructed without any nails.

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From Gokayama To Kanazawa

44.6 km, 1h2m

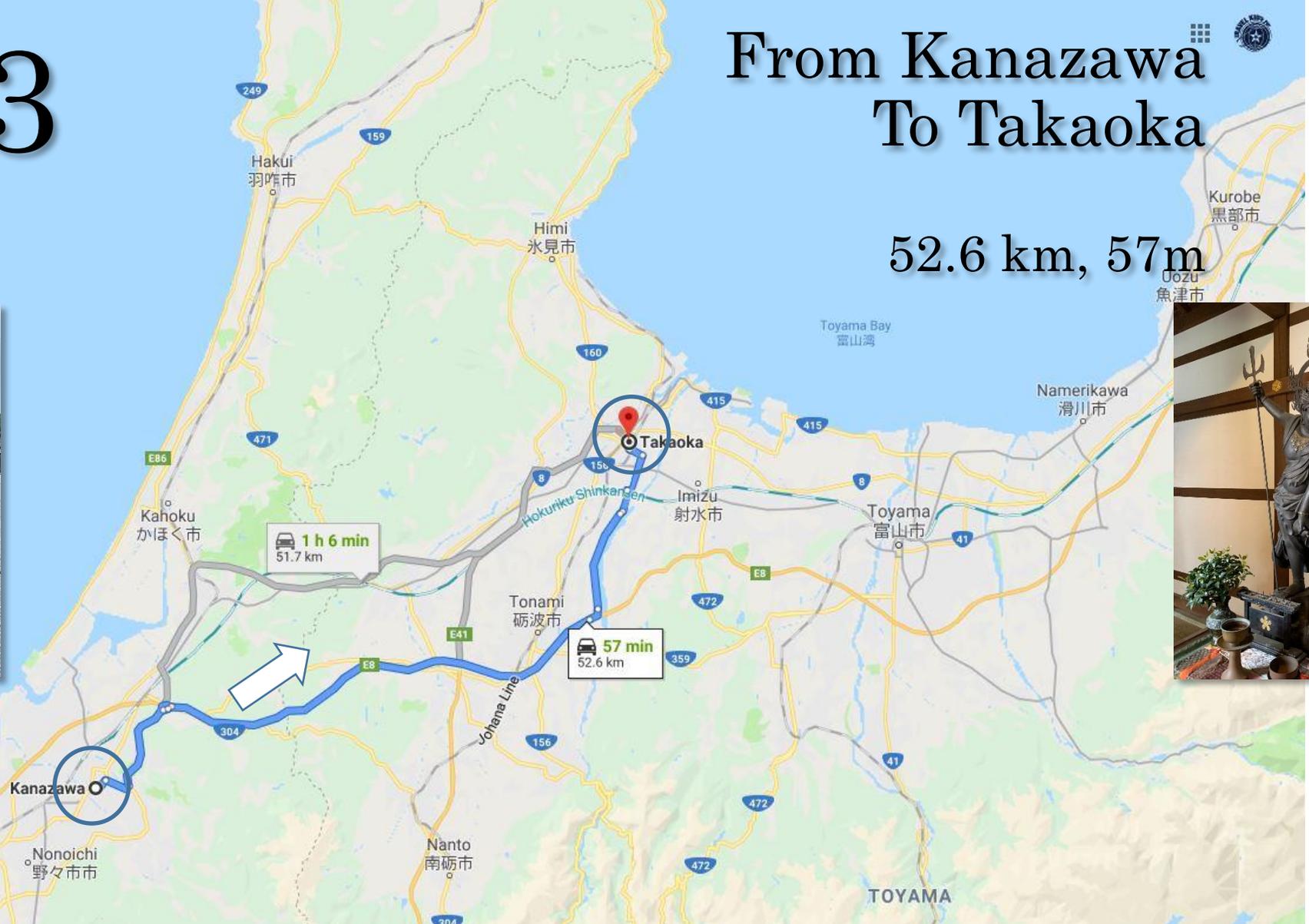


Kanazawa was one of the most important centers for culture and art during the Edo period and remains a haven for art enthusiasts and culture vultures. This city contains museums and workshops on everything from gold leaf to samurai. Don't miss a visit to Kenrokuen Garden, one of Japan's most iconic landscape gardens, dining on impeccably fresh seafood from the Sea of Japan, shopping for traditional Japanese crafts such as gold-decorated lacquerware and Kutani-yaki pottery.

Day 3

From Kanazawa To Takaoka

52.6 km, 57m

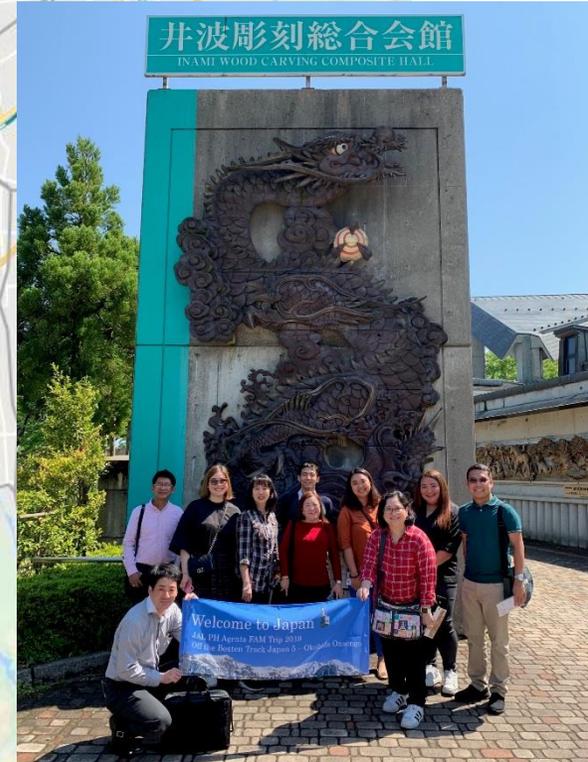
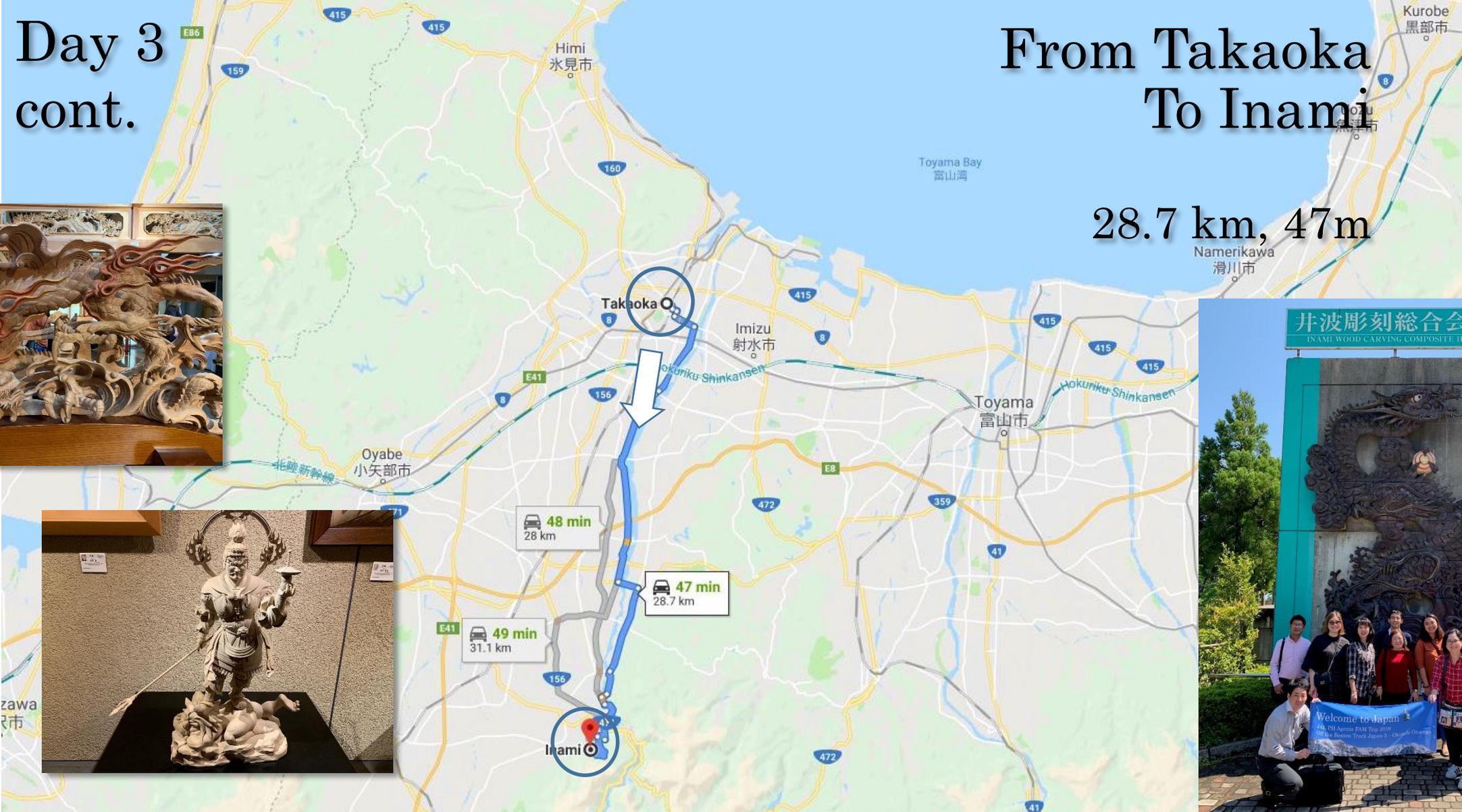


Divert off the golden route to a town less travelled. Though not as large or central as Toyama City, Takaoka offers a mix of old-world refinement and modern convenience. Boasting such highlights as Zuiryuji Temple (national treasure), the abundant green space of Takaoka Castle Park, and one of Japan's three Great Buddha statues, the city attracts visitors year-round. You may arrive thinking it's a wonderful place for a day trip and leave thinking it would be the perfect place to live.

Day 3
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From Takaoka To Inami

28.7 km, 47m



Inami, founded in the mid-14th century and developed as a temple town of Zuisen-ji Temple, is the most famous woodcarving town in all of Japan. About 140 years ago, a major fire broke out in the temple. According to legend, the dragon carved in the temple gate climbed up a pine tree and spewed water over the temple gate, saving it from the fire. The town has a unique, calming atmosphere, with over 100 carving studios on the main road and woodcarvings placed in various areas, from bus stops to home signs.

Day 3 cont.

From Inami To Takayama

91.2 km, 1h28m



Garyu-zakura, Takayama

The heart of Takayama city, the Sanmachi area of preserved buildings, attracts tourists from all over the country. You could spend a whole day wandering these old streets, buying souvenirs from the many craft shops, sampling local tea and digging into local treats like wagyu sushi.





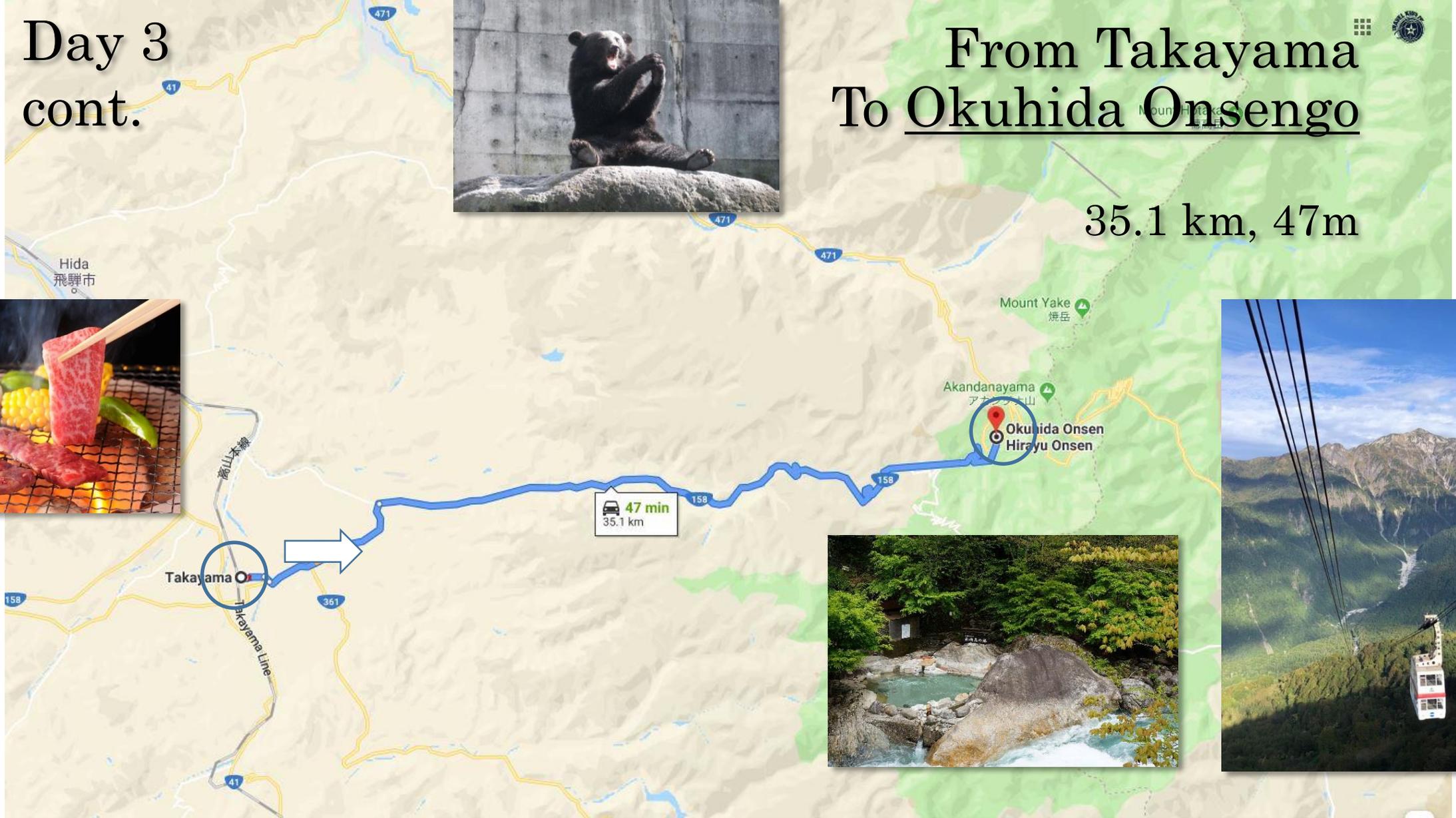
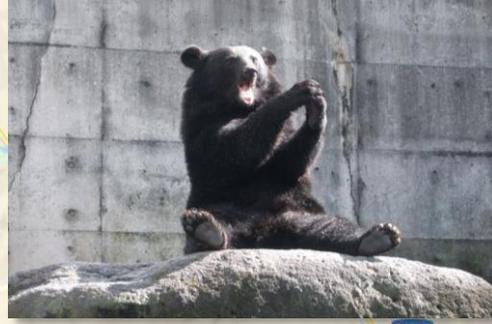
新穂高の湯

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Day 3
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From Takayama To Okuhida Onsen

35.1 km, 47m



Known as one of the best weekend getaway destinations in central Japan, Okuhida Onsen is scattered with five hot spring villages: Hirayu 平湯, Fukuji 福地, Shin-Hirayu 新平湯, Tochio 栃尾 and Shin-Hotaka 新穂高. All are conveniently accessible on the same bus route. Located in the center of Japan, Okuhida Onsen can be easily accessed by public transportation from Tokyo, Matsumoto or Takayama.

Day 4

From Okuhida Onsen To Matsumoto

50.1 km, 1h18m



Daio Wasabi Farm



Hida Sansho
(Hida Japanese Pepper)



Soba, or buckwheat noodles, are generally called **Shinshu soba** 信州そば in Nagano – Shinshu being the ancient name of this part of the country. Nagano is famous for soba because its clean water and volcanic ash soil are particularly suited to growing buckwheat – some even claim the concept of making noodles from soba originated here. Being the second largest producer in the country, next to Hokkaido, there's no shortage of these delicious noodles anywhere in the prefecture, and Matsumoto is no different.

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From Matsumoto To Takato Joshi Park

62.3 km, 1h12m



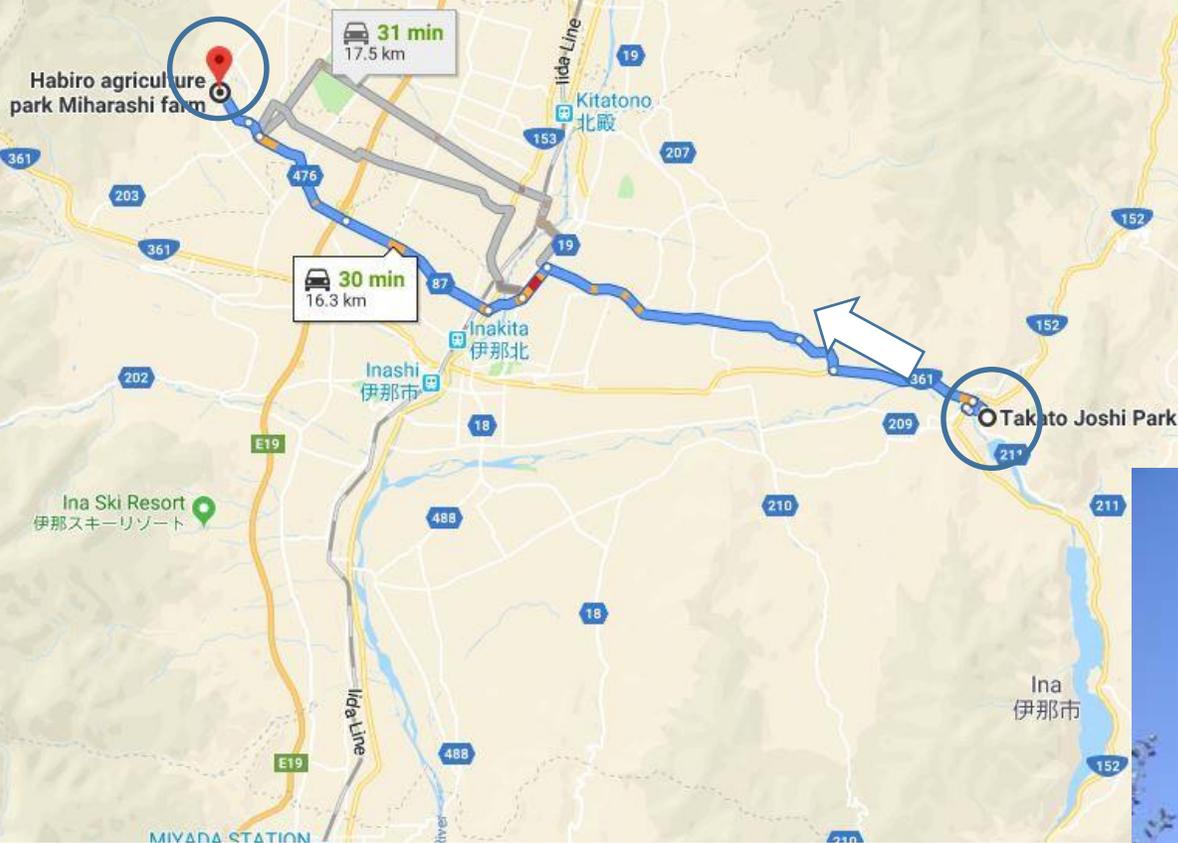
In the nature-filled Ina city, which is surrounded by the southern alps and the central alps in Nagano prefecture, there is a famous sakura spot, the Takato-joshi Park. In spring, 1,500 cherry blossom trees full of blooming flowers are seen in this park where a big castle stood once.

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From Takato Joshi Park To Miharashi Farm

16.3 km, 30m



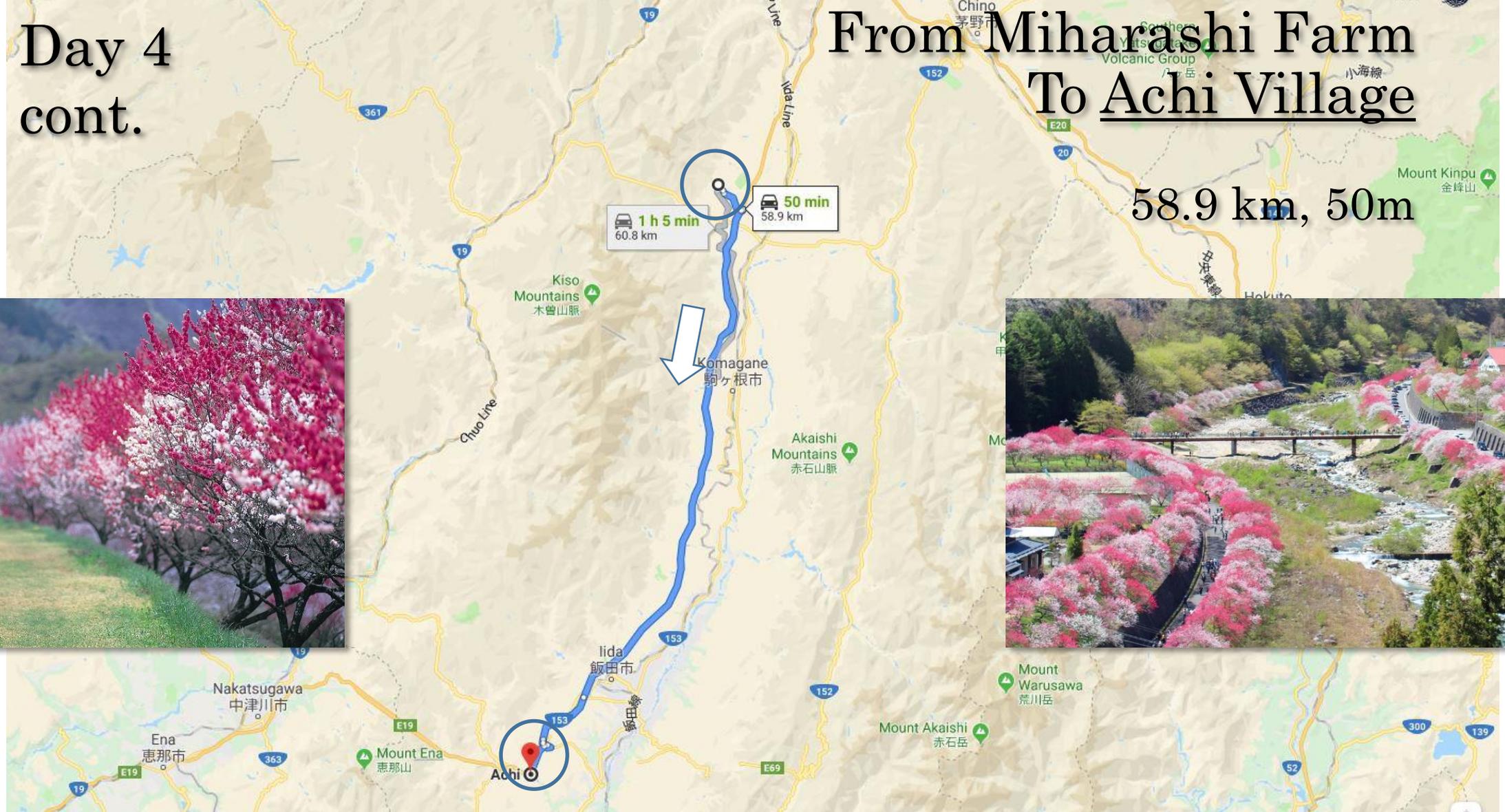
Fruits & Vege. Pickings are available throughout the year.
Strawberry Jan-Jun, Asparagus Apr – Jun, Blueberry Jul – Aug, Sweetcorn Jul – Aug,
Apple Sep – Nov, Grapes Sep - Oct



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From Miharashi Farm To Achi Village

58.9 km, 50m



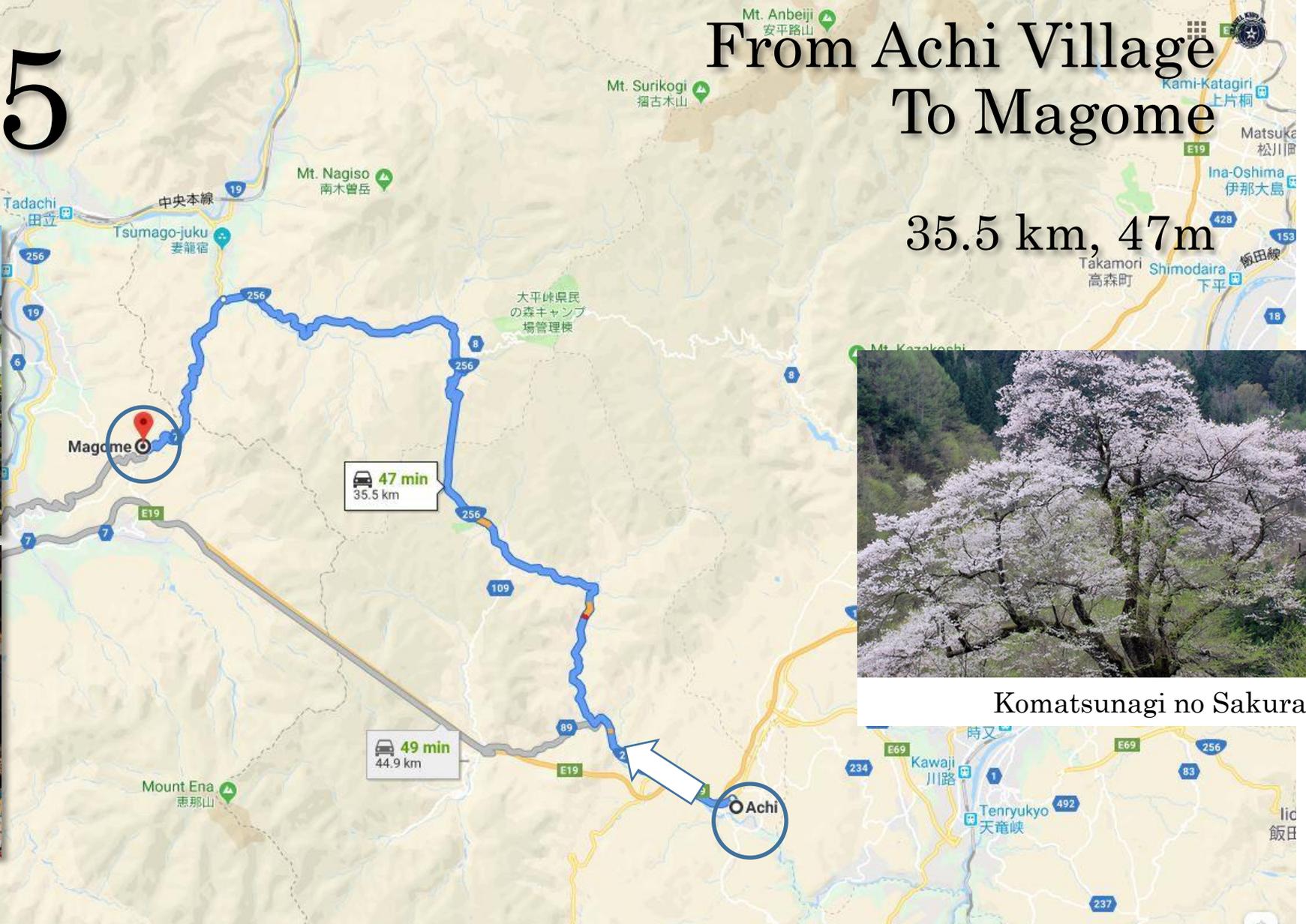
Achi Village 阿智村 known for the best starry sky in Japan, is also known as Hanamomo no Sato 花桃の里 (Peach Flower Village). Achi village, Nagano Prefecture is situated at the very heart of the island of Honshu. The best viewing season is from late April to early May for about two weeks, when about 10,000 Hanamomo are full of blooming. A patchwork of red, white and pink tricolor flowers covers the village and stains a pink gradient. The view of the petals coating the entire village in tricolor is a sight that cannot be missed!



Day 5

From Achi Village To Magome

35.5 km, 47m



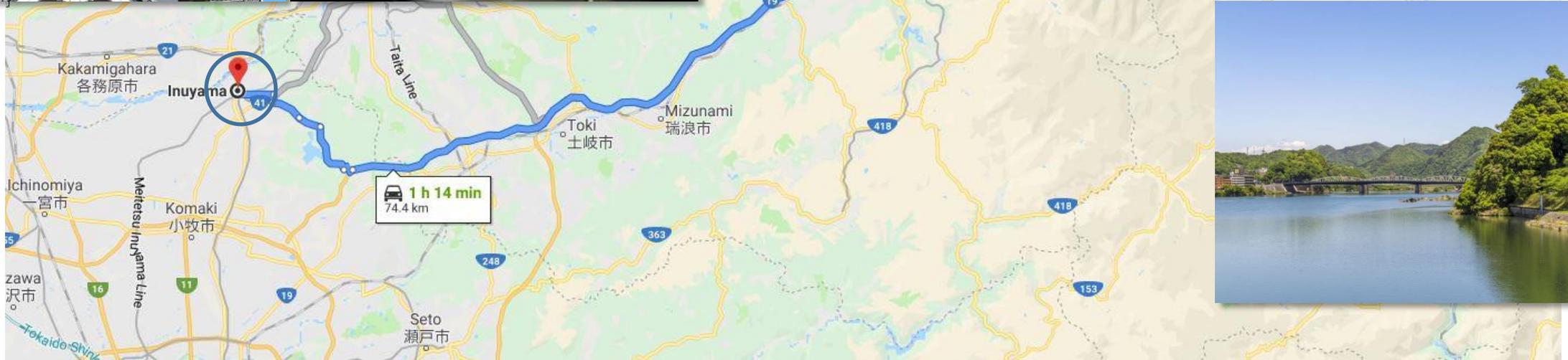
Komatsunagi no Sakura

No need to imagine 17th century Japan. Come to Magome-juku and see it. Magome-juku and its neighbor, Tsumago-juku, were once shukumachi, important post towns in Gifu Prefecture on the ancient Nakasendo road from Tokyo and Kyoto. Today, both towns are perfectly preserved 'open-air museums'.

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From Magome To Inuyama

74.4 km, 1h14m

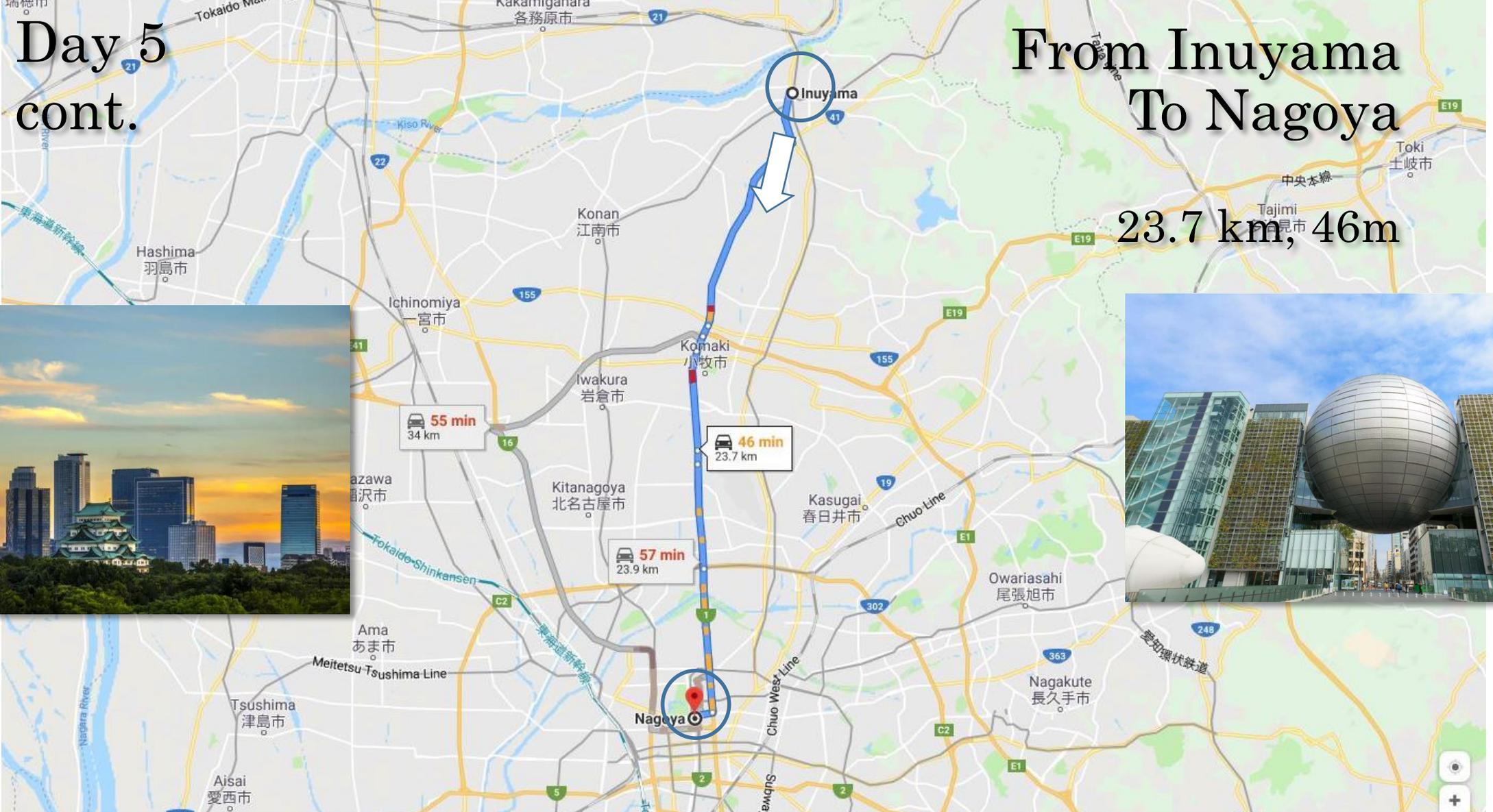


Inuyama Castle is at its most delightful in the spring and fall. Sitting on top of a small hill with commanding views of the Kisogawa Valley below and Gifu Prefecture beyond, the skyline is filled with the beautiful bursts of pink from cherry blossoms in April and the deep red and flame orange and yellow of maple leaves in late November.

Day 5
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From Inuyama
To Nagoya

23.7 km, 46m



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