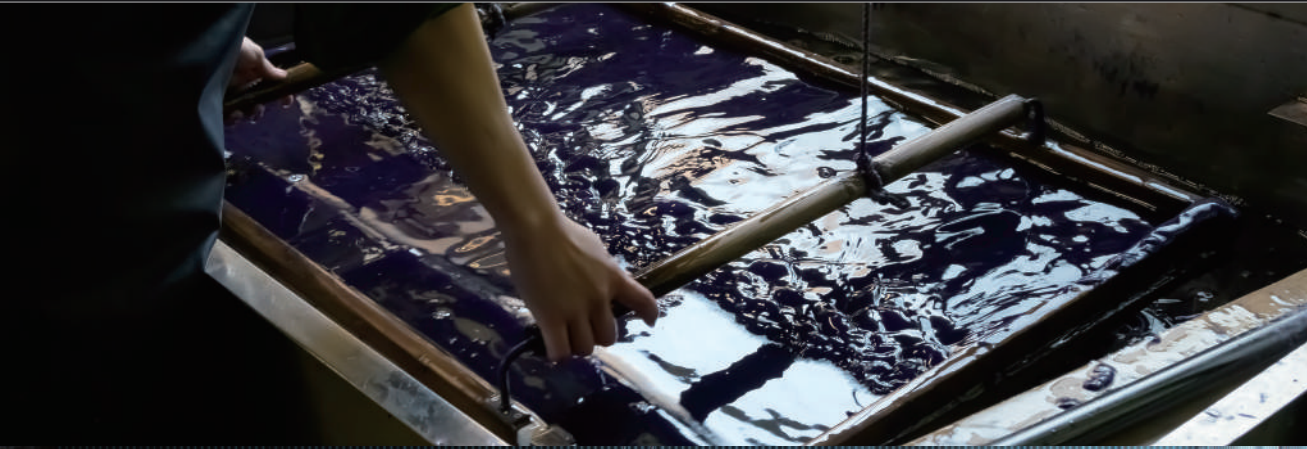


# ECHIZEN PAPER

## Discover the Materials and Beauty of Echizen Washi



In Echizen, the sacred home of Japanese papermaking, this special experience begins with a visit to a shrine to the goddess of paper. After standing in the grounds steeped in history and contemplating the goddess, you'll witness the techniques of large-format handmade papermaking up close in a traditional workshop. You'll then try your hand at making Japanese washi paper yourself, creating a one-of-a-kind piece. Following the experience, visit the shop to find works of such beauty and intricacy that you might not have even realized they were made from paper. Through this journey of seeing, learning, creating, and selecting, you'll discover the profound depth of Echizen washi with all your senses.

### ✦ Okamoto-Otaki Shrine—Dedicated to the Goddess of Paper

This is the only shrine in Japan dedicated to Kawakami Gozen, the goddess of paper, and it has been designated by the Japanese government as an Important Cultural Property. At this sacred site, adorned with cypress bark roofing and intricate carvings of lions and dragons, you'll reflect on 1,500 years of Echizen washi history.

### ✦ Iwano Heizaburo Paper Mill—A Favorite of World-Renowned Artists

This is Japan's only workshop specializing in large-format handmade washi, beloved by celebrated artists such as Yokoyama Taikan and Hirayama Ikuo. Observe up close the traditional nagashizuki technique used to create washi sheets as large as 270 cm × 380 cm.

### ✦ Papermaking Experience and Shop—Create Your Own One-of-a-Kind Echizen Washi

After learning directly from artisans and completing your own work, enjoy browsing the shop for exquisite pieces—delicate treasures almost unrecognizable as paper.

5.5 hours



Echizen City (Fukui)



1-4 people



Year-round



From 31,000 yen per person



#### Itinerary

Okamoto-Otaki Shrine (45 minutes)



Paper mill visit (75 minutes)



Lunch (75 minutes)



Nagashizuki papermaking experience (75 minutes)



Shop (15 minutes)