

THE HERITAGE OF ECHIZEN FORGED BLADES

Discovering the Artistry of Echizen Bladesmithing



Enter the world of Echizen forged blades, where the sounds of steel being hammered and honed fill the air. For centuries, the techniques passed down through generations have elevated everyday tools into works of craftsmanship. In workshops specially opened for this experience, you'll observe master artisans up close, hear about their experiences, and witness part of the bladesmithing process firsthand. Each blade forged through the interplay of fire and steel carries the pride and passion of its maker, offering an intimate encounter with the essence of Echizen's bladesmithing tradition.

✦ Takefu Knife Village—Where Revival Began

This is where scattered craftsmen came together, creating the foundation for reviving Echizen's bladesmithing tradition. In a dynamic atmosphere of hammer strikes and flying sparks, you'll gain perspective on over 700 years of the region's history and culture.

✦ Inside the Workshop—Time with Master Craftsmen

This is a rare opportunity to spend time in a workshop normally closed to the public, allowing you to experience the master craftsmen's skills and insights firsthand. Watch the forging and polishing processes up close and witness the moment when a blade transforms from a tool into a work of traditional craft.

✦ The Shop—Finding and Taking Home an Exceptional Blade

Test the knives' extraordinary sharpness, appreciate the craftsmen's ingenuity—not only in the blade but also in the beautifully designed handles that feel perfect in your hand—and experience the joy of finding a piece with lasting value.

2
hours



Echizen City
(Fukui)



1-4
people



Year-round



From 31,000
yen per person



Itinerary

Takefu Knife Village tour
(45 minutes)



Exclusive workshop visit
(30 minutes)



Shop visit and test-cutting
(30 minutes)