

# ECHIZEN LACQUERWARE

## A Profound Craft Admired by Connoisseurs Worldwide



With a 1,500-year history, Echizen lacquerware today supplies over 80% of Japan's commercial lacquerware, including for hotels and restaurants, and it continues to enrich Japanese everyday life and culinary culture. Its exceptional quality has earned acclaim from chefs and food connoisseurs worldwide. This program takes you to Shitsurindo, a centuries-old lacquer atelier serving Daihonzan Eihei Temple, where you'll observe techniques passed down through generations and see how lacquerware culture continues to thrive today. At Kinkori Shikkiten, you'll try applying lacquer yourself, discovering its depth and subtlety with your own hands.

### ✦ Where Tradition Meets the Present

Your first stop is Shitsurindo, with over two centuries of history and renowned as a purveyor to Daihonzan Eihei Temple. Here, you'll learn more about the lacquering process, visit the wood workshop, and observe specialized artisans handle each stage with meticulous care, demonstrating the precision behind every piece.

### ✦ Experience Lacquering for Yourself

Next, at Kinkori Shikkiten, you'll learn to apply lacquer in smooth, even layers. Guided by skilled artisans, you'll discover how the subtlest touch of the brush affects the final luster. Your finished piece will be carefully delivered to your home afterward.

### ✦ Deepen Your Appreciation of Lacquer (Optional Itinerary)

A special lunch at WanWan, which has also hosted renowned pâtissier Pierre Hermé, introduces you to the culture of hachijuwan, a set of special lacquerware long used for celebrations in Fukui. You can also browse and shop for exquisite lacquerware pieces in the adjoining boutique.

4  
hours



Sabae City  
(Fukui)



1-4  
people



Year-round



From 38,500  
yen per person



Itinerary

Shitsurindo workshop tour  
(50 minutes)



Lacquering experience  
at Kinkori Shikkiten (20 minutes)



Special lunch at WanWan  
(Optional / 60 minutes)



Urushi no Sato Kaikan (Echizen Lacquerware Traditional  
Industry Center) and shopping (Optional / 15 minutes)