










【Northern Culture Museum The great Niigata Landowner's mansion Experience Program】

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(Prior reservation is required in each case)

№	Activity/Experience	Details (Photographs provide an impression)	Time required	Price ※including tax	Number in party ※ reservation deadline
1	Three-person mochi (rice cake)-pounding in the wealthy Itoh family's mansion	 <p>At New Year and on other festive occasions, mochi-pounding, an activity requiring three people, was carried out in the fine old farmhouse of the wealthy Itoh family. Here you have the chance to try it for yourself with the help of an artisan. Freshly-pounded mochi are delicious.</p>	45 minutes (pounding and eating)	22,000JPY per party (separate entrance price for museum)	35 ※negotiable
2	Furumachi Geishas Dancing	 <p>The geishas of Furumachi in Niigata, whose traditions go back 200 years, are as famous as the geishas of Gion in Kyoto or Shinbashi in Tokyo. As well as watching the geishas dancing you may take photographs with them and learn about geisha entertainment.</p>	45minutes (dancing and introduction to geisha entertainment)	150,000JPY per party (separate entrance price for museum) ※Does not involve private reservation of banqueting hall. ※Only possible in the afternoon	35 ※negotiable
3	Traditional craft of gold-inlaid lacquerware (chinkin)	 <p>The early years of the Edo Period were the heyday of cargo ships known as kitamaebune that sailed the Sea of Japan bringing lacquer techniques from other areas and turning Niigata into a major producer of lacquerware. The chinkin technique involves embedding gold dust in lacquer. Here you perform the entire process from painting to finishing.</p>	45minutes	5, 500JPY (separate entrance price for museum) ☆You may keep the finished article as a souvenir.	35 (10 minimum) ※negotiable
4	Niigata Kaguramai (traditional sacred Shinto dance)	 <p>In Niigata, kaguramai dances were handed down in each village to reflect the particular features of life in that place. Prayers and thanks for a bumper harvest were offered at festivals in spring and autumn. This is truly a dance to appreciate in the great landowner's mansion where you can imagine what a rice-growing culture was like.</p>	30 minutes	55,000JPY per party (separate entrance price for museum) ※Does not involve private reservation of banqueting hall.	35 ※negotiable

5	Steaming rice in hagama pot		Try making scorched rice as you adjust the heat yourself. Enjoy local delicacies accompanied by freshly-steamed locally-grown koshihikari rice.	30 minutes (time required to steam rice)	1,980JPY (separate entrance price for museum) One pot provides enough rice for 2-5 people	80 <u>reservation must be made before lunchtime at least two days prior to desired date</u>
6	Ogama Cauldron		Enjoy regional delicacies accompanied by locally-grown koshihikari rice steamed in the cauldron in the Itoh farmhouse kitchen.	—	7,700JPY per party (Museum entrance price and lunch price are separate) ☆ <u>Choose what you would like for lunch from the “Misogura” menu.</u>	50 ※negotiable
7	Garden Commentary		A walk-around garden designed by Taiami Tanaka, a landscape gardener associated with the Ginkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto. During the tour of the garden you will visit the teahouse “Sekisuiian”, which is not usually open to the public.	30 minutes	550JPY per person (separate entrance price for museum)	35 (10 minimum)
8	Shinobue (Japanese transverse bamboo flute) Recital		As you enter the banqueting hall, you hear the haunting sound of a Japanese flute. The live recital with the garden of the Itoh house as a backdrop offers a unique experience of Japanese musical harmony.	20 minutes (recital)	27,500JPY per party (separate entrance price for museum)	35 ※negotiable
9	Tea ceremony		Enjoy a cup of matcha accompanied by a sweet local cake in the Itoh family’s tearoom. A relaxing way to appreciate the real Japanese tea ceremony without tea ceremony procedures.	20 minutes ※for ten people	1,650JPY per person (separate entrance price for museum) ☆ <u>Tea ceremony procedures cost 5,500 JPY per party</u>	20 (10 minimum)