



# Aged Sake in Nikko/ Utsunomiya

Period  
Jan. 01, 2023 to Dec. 30, 2023 (Reservation required)  
Place: Tochigi Prefecture  
Language: English  
Access: 45 minutes drive from Utsunomiya Station (shinkansen).  
60 minutes drive from Nikko Station  
Minimum number of participant 2 person  
Available all the year  
Time required : 120 minutes  
Price : 20,000yen/ person  
[Not Included in the price]  
Transportation, interpreter

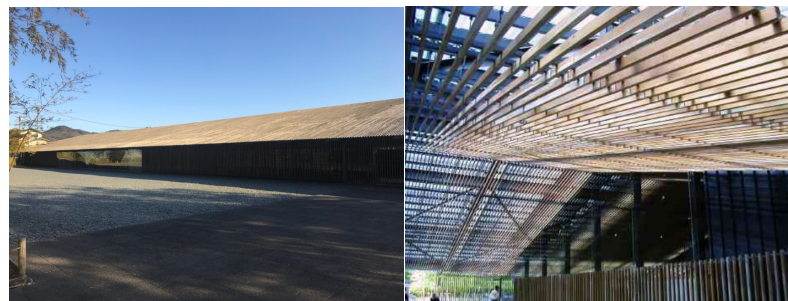
In 1970, this brewery began producing long-aged sake, mainly daiginjo-shu. With approximately 35 years of experience in storage and aging, the brewery is one of the pioneers in the production of long-aged sake in Japan, and continues to develop aged sake to create new flavors of sake. The temperature averages around 10 degrees Celsius per year, and the darkness, with no sunlight, is the best environment for creating "matured sake. About 130,000 bottles of sake are still in the 600-meter-long cellar.

## [Plan]

1. Visit to the main house
2. Move to the cave (car pick-up)
3. Visit the warehouse in the cave
4. Return to the main house
5. Tasting in the private room of the main house

## [High lights]

- Tour the natural cellar and taste daiginjo and other valuable aged sake in the brewery's private room
- Visit 21st Century Contemporary Architecture in Japan



**Bato Hiroshige Museum /**  
The building, designed by world-renowned architect, Kengo Kuma, is one of the most sophisticated spaces created in Japan in the 2000s. The museum exhibits works by Hiroshige Utagawa, an ukiyoe (woodblock print) painter who greatly influenced French impressionists.

**Stone Plaza/**  
The museum, also built by Kengo Kuma, was created based on the concept of reconstructing the entire site as "a walkway to appreciate art," utilizing the stone warehouses that have existed in this area for centuries. There are several other works by Kengo Kuma in the vicinity of this museum.

\*Kengo Kuma is one of Japan's leading architects and has many overseas works. In Japan, the National Olympic Stadium, the Kabuki-za Theater in Ginza, etc. works / Saint-Denis Pleyel Emblematic Train Station, Aix en Provence Conservatory of Music, Besancon City of Arts and Culture, H.C. Andersen Museum, Victoria & Albert Museum Dundee, The Odunpazari Modern Art Museum, Batiment ARTLAB vue de l'exterieur, FRAC, Marseille, etc



**Nikko Toshogu Shrine/**  
Shrines and Temples of Nikko," a Unesco World Heritage Site representing Japan. Nikko Toshogu Shrine, the most famous of these, is dedicated to Tokugawa Ieyasu. The 55 buildings on the grounds of the shrine, including 8 national treasures and 34 important cultural properties, are a sight to behold in all their splendor and beauty. The buildings are decorated with lacquer and exquisite colors by master craftsmen from all over Japan, and the pillars are adorned with numerous carvings.