



Port Town of Mikuni

Kita Honmachi, Mikuni-cho, Sakai City; Others

Following the parade trail of Mikuni Festival's shrine floats, the spirit of the port town's traditional song 「Obi no Haba Hodo no Machi」 becomes palpable. With fine examples of both Japanese and western architecture, temples and shrines bearing a distinguished history, visitors can revisit its glory days as a flourishing port of call.



Traditional latticed windows (Right: Old Kishinake (Nat. Registered Cultural Property), Left: Mikuni Minato Machiya-kan)

Mikuni's traditional homes preserve the town's history as a flourishing Edo Period port of call for kitamabunc, ships widely used throughout Japan during that time. Old residential and merchant houses, storehouses, and parts of the red light district remain well-preserved. Many examples of kagura tate, a traditional form of Japanese architecture unique to Mikuni, as well as the Old Morita Bank Main Branch building (the oldest surviving building from the Taisho Period in the prefecture), vividly illustrate the town's architectural past.

The mouth of the Kūzuryū River also retains its heritage, and structures such as the the brick-and-mortar Megane-bashi Bridge, located near Mikuni Sunset Beach and Echizen Railways Mikuni Minato Station, remain today.



Old homes and storehouses^①



Old Morita Bank Bldg. (Nat. Reg. Cult. Prop.)



Megane-bashi Bridge (Nat. Reg. Cult. Prop.)^②



Fall's traditional 「Obi no Machi Nagashi」

Every May Mikuni Festival, representative of Hokuriku festival culture, floats depicting warriors over 6 meters in height are paraded through the town's narrow streets. Every fall 「Obi no Machi Nagashi」, which sees a procession accompanied by flute and shamisen, is performed.



Mikuni Ryūshōkan, an important local landmark



Mikuni Festival (Prefectural Folk Cultural Property)^③

From Mikuni Ryūshōkan's elevated location, visitors can see both the mouth of nearby Kūzuryū River, as well as the distant Mt. Hakusan in neighboring Ishikawa Prefecture.



Takidanji Temple's nationally famous garden^④

