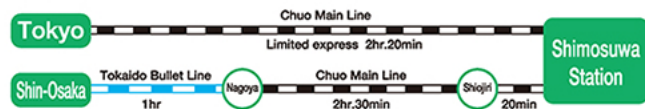


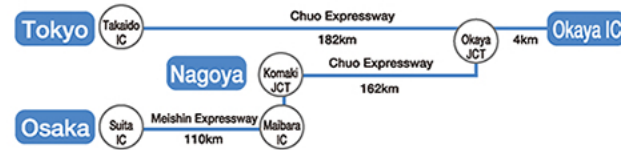
## Access to Shimosuwa



### Train



### Car



### Access information

By car: About 5 km (15 min) from Okaya IC of Nagano Expressway  
 About 15 km (20 min) from Suwa IC of Chuo Expressway  
 By JR: About 700 m (10 min walk) from Shimosuwa Station  
 Each of the museums can be reached by a few minutes of walk from the Akimiya Shrine.



**Individual rate** ¥600 per adult ¥300 per child  
**Group rate** ¥500 per adult ¥250 per child  
 (for a group of 20 persons or more)

### Suiun-Gishodai performance hours

9:00 / 10:00 / 11:00 / 12:00 / 13:00 / 14:00 / 15:00 / 16:00 / 17:00  
 \* The hours are subject to change.

### Theater screen hours

9:30 / 10:30 / 11:30 / 12:30 / 13:30 / 14:30 / 15:30 / 16:30

The Shimosuwa Time Museum "OIDEYA"  
**GISHODO**  
 WATCH & CLOCK STUDIO

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**Open** Mar. to Nov. 9:00-17:00 Seven days a week  
 Dec. to Feb. 9:30-16:30 Seven days a week

<https://konjakukan-oideya.jp>

## Shimosuwa Town, Nagano Prefecture

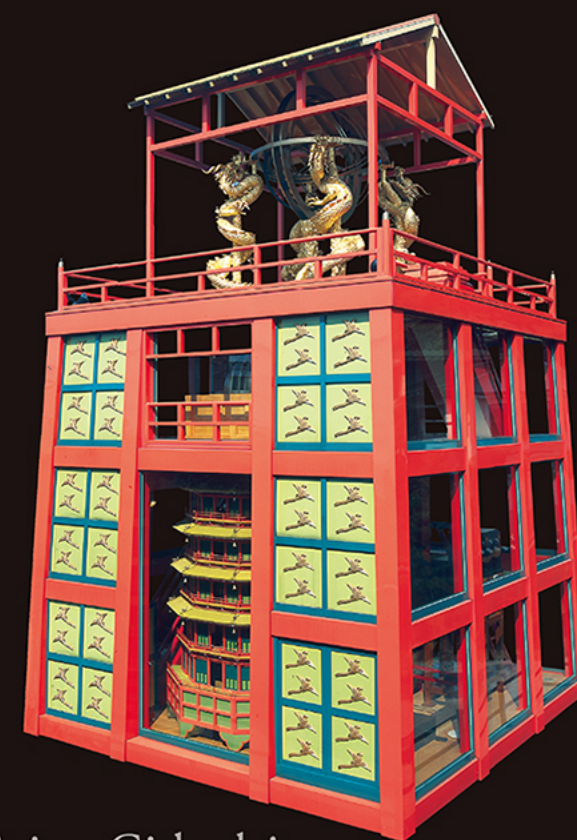


しもすわ今昔館 おいでや  
**時計工房**  
**儀象堂**

The Shimosuwa Time Museum "OIDEYA"

# GISHODO

## WATCH & CLOCK STUDIO



Located in Suwa, the birthplace of watch-making in Japan, Gishodo is a unique museum of time and timepieces featuring a watch/clock assembly experiencing workshop.

Suiun-Gishodai  
 Water-Transpot Clock Tower

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# Phantasmal "Suiun-Gishodai" (Water-Driven Clock Tower) of China

A large astronomical clock tower driven by the power of water, resurrected after a lapse of 900 years



People have devoted an enormous amount of their energy and attention toward the vault of heaven to know the time exactly.

From time to time, we find ourselves inexplicably drawn to the mystery of time. Perhaps we may be partaking in the memories of our ancestors who meticulously recorded the majestic workings of the universe.

Please find yourself the secrets of time studded with the gemstones of human wisdom.



Dragon columns supporting Konki (astronomical observation equipment)



Konsho (equivalent of today's planetarium) has 1464 stars engraved on its surface.



Mechanical wheels with dozens of figurines standing guard with their respective hours turn day and night announcing the hours.



Soshu (wax figure), who wrote "Shin-Gisho-Hoyo," gives a commentary.

Suiun-Gishodai is a large water-driven astronomical clock constructed in Kaifeng, the then capital of China in the period of the Northern Sung Dynasty (1092).

This clock tower was fully restored for the first time in the world after four years of analyzing the original manual "New Clock Tower Specifications" (Shin-Gisho-Hoyo).

## 4k-Ultra-High-Vision Theater

- "History of Shimosuwa" (about 16 minutes)
  - "Onbashira Festival" Share the excitement of Onbashira Festival.
- ※ Normally "History of Shimosuwa" only will be screened. "Onbashira Festival" will be shown on request.

Screen time 9:30 / 10:30 / 11:30 / 12:30 / 13:30 / 14:30 / 15:30 / 16:30



## Location just in front of the Akimiya Grand Shrine of Suwa for a Good Reason

Suwa is known for the world-famous precision industries. Over the past half a century, the watches manufactured in the Suwa basin have constantly chalked up top shares of the global market. In pursuit of more accurate time-keeping. Never ending challenges of humanity coupled with the technologies of Suwa. You will be introduced to one of the proud origins of "Japanese manufacturing."



## Exhibition Room

For more knowledge of time-keeping technology and history



### [ Clock Tower ]

This clock tower had been popularly known as the Clock Tower of Seikosha since 1930 but retired in 1995 when the quartz age became mainstream. But it was restored to Gishodo and is keeping time again here.

For both children and adults



## Watch/Clock Making Experience

Pleasure of making with your own hands



### Guidance of technicians from Seiko Epson

You can experience your own watch or clock making from the parts. Various courses are available — quartz watch, mechanical watch, and other courses for varying fees and hours. With kind help from technicians, children and grownups alike can enjoy watch/clock making.

#### Workshop information

##### Watch assembly

Time required: 20 min to 6 hours  
Fee: ¥ 4,000 (tax not included)  
+ Admission

##### Clock assembly

Time required: 45 min  
Fee: ¥ 2,315 (tax not included)  
+ Admission

Check on the following website for the courses. Some types of watches/clocks may require you to book in advance.



Have an overview of the history of time, which is colored by people's passions, ingenuity, and wisdom in times past.

### [World's first quartz watch]

Quartz Astron (made in 1969), touted as the revolution of watches, opened up the age of quartz watches.



### [World's first small desk-top crystal clock]

Crystal Chronometer (made in 1963) debuted as the official timer at the Tokyo Olympics surprising the world with its accuracy.



A precious collection of about 400 watches and clocks from the Edo period until today



## Museum Shop

Pick your favorite souvenirs



- Choose your gifts and souvenirs from a variety of original watches.
- You can check on local sightseeing information in the free rest corner.



## Onbashira Sacred Pillar Footbath

After a long walk, try a footbath for a soothing time.



Footbath of 100% hot spring water. Enjoy the footbath for free, even without the admission.