




# Shops

**11 Shouken Gokasho**   
Specialty dishes made with live and fresh fish.  
TEL. 0748-48-8166 **Closed** Tue Evenings, Wed  
Hours Weekdays: Lunch 11:30-14:30 (L.O. 13:30)  
Dinner 17:00-21:30 (L.O. 20:30)  
Weekends & Holidays: Lunch 11:00-14:30 (L.O. 13:30)  
Dinner 16:30-21:30 (L.O. 20:30)  
Location 124-3 Gokasho Ishizuka-cho



**12 UKA ROKKON**   
Balanced, healthy meals made with seasonal local ingredients served in a 180 year old traditional house.  
TEL. 0748-43-0642  
Hours 11:30-22:00 \*Reservations only after 18:00  
**Closed** Tue, Wed Location 713 Gokasho Kawanami-cho



**13 Restaurant Yufuhanano**   
A restaurant fit for all ages, 0 to 100.  
TEL. 090-8490-9437  
Hours 11:30-14:30, Dinner: Reservations required  
**Closed** Mon, Sat, Sun Location 623 Gokasho Obata-cho





**14 Idobata-en**   
Enjoy a peaceful moment at Idobata-en.  
TEL. 090-1587-8400 (Reservations only)  
Location 185 Gokasho Mitsumata-cho



**15 Burn Freely**   
Specialty store catering in camp equipment and sundries.  
TEL. 0748-48-8123  
Hours Mon, Tue, Fri 12:00-18:00,  
Weekends & Holidays 10:00-17:00  
**Closed** Wed, Thur Location 102-1 Gokasho Shichiri-cho




**16 Gokasho Tourism Center**    
For all your dining and gift needs!  
TEL. 0748-48-6212  
Hours 10:00-16:00 **Closed** Not fixed  
Location 273-1 Gokasho Tsukamoto-cho




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**17 Kondo Machinami Preservation Association**  
Kondo Machinami Preservation Exchange Center: A place for hospitality, relaxation, and learning.  
TEL. 050-5801-7101 Hours 10:30-16:30  
**Closed** Mon, Tue, Year-end/New Year holidays, days following holidays  
Location 904 Gokasho Kondo-cho




**18 Doll Craftsman Touko**   
Specialty Japanese hina dolls crafted with passion and technique.  
TEL. 0748-48-6288 Hours 9:30-17:00  
**Closed** Thur, other non-fixed dates  
Location 661-3 Gokasho Tatsuta-cho



**19 NIPPONIA**  
Gokasho Omi Merchants' Town   
Built over 160 years ago, the estate of merchant Tonomura Uhe is now fully private-rental lodging!  
TEL. 080-7000-7068  
Location 200-3 Gokasho Kondo-cho  
Hours Check-in 15:00-20:00  
Check-out 11:00



**20 HOTEL R9 The Yard Higashiomi**   
Shipping containers turned into comfortable spaces to wash away the stress of the day.  
TEL. 0748-43-2493 Hours 24/7  
Location 160-2 Miyasho-cho



# Higashiomi City Origin Point of the Gokasho Omi Merchants

## Omi Merchants

With goods loaded on shoulder poles, the Omi merchants traveled across Japan. Their business not only built the foundation of the Japanese economy, but contributed to the spread of culture and education as well. The Gokasho Omi merchants' "Sanpo Yoshi" philosophy became a practice taught to merchants and remembered to this day.



Good for the seller, good for the buyer, good for the world.

## Gokasho Kondo Townscape

Gokasho Kondo remains home to stunning sights of Omi merchant estates interspersed with traditional farming homes. The white walls and timber siding of the homes and storehouses provide a view that goes back in time. Canals featuring traditional communal wash-sites run through the neighborhood, with colored koi fish swimming gracefully in their waters.

The area was designated as a Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings in 1998.

In 2015, the harmony of the waterways and local life in the area was recognized as part of a Shiga Japan Heritage—Lake Biwa and its Surrounding Waters: the Water Heritage of Prayers and Lifestyle.



## The Old Nakasendo Road

As one of the "Five Routes" of the Edo period, countless travelers walked the Nakasendo Road carrying goods, information, and culture. Omi merchants too traveled this road and made great contributions to the growth and development of their home town.

In the Edo period, the Princess Kazu's procession at the time of her marriage to Tokugawa Iemochi, the 14th shogun, traversed the Nakasendo, bringing grand celebration along the way. Records show that the procession included elephants and camels, providing clear indication of the splendor that came to the road.



Inquiries:  
Higashiomi  
Tourist Association  
TEL.0748-48-6678



## Rental Cars & Taxis

Shiga Daiichi Koutsu	TEL. 0120-377-535 Operating Hours: 24/7
Omi Taxi	TEL. 0748-37-0106 Operating Hours: 6:00~25:00 (26:00 on Fridays)
Nagomi Rent-a-Car	TEL. 0748-48-3477 Operating Hours: 9:00~18:30

# Higashiomi City Gokasho Sightseeing Map


Experience the vigor of local business  
and retro-style sights on a walk around Gokasho

Gokasho stands surrounded by serene natural scenery. Witness traces of the Omi merchants who set the foundation for modern Japan as you enjoy your stroll.




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# Local Products

**1 Kadou Fukuiku japaneses confectionary**   
Japanese sweets maker founded in Gokasho, the area to the east of Lake Biwa where the Omi merchants began their trade.  
TEL. 0748-48-2919 Hours 8:00-18:00  
**Closed** Wed Location 419 Miyasho-cho




**2 Yamawaki Seika**   
Bringing delicious karinto snacks from Higashiomi to the whole of Japan. Available at the Kondo Machinami Preservation Exchange Center and other locations.  
TEL. 0748-48-2065 Hours 8:00-17:00  
**Closed** Weekends & Holidays Location 58 Gokasho Shichiri-cho




**3 Plaza Sanpo Yoshi**   
(Gokasho Tourism Information Center)  
Gokigen-kan offers a lineup of local products. The Tenbin Okaki snacks made by local women are particularly popular.  
TEL. 0748-48-6678  
Hours 9:00-16:30  
**Closed** Mon (or the following day if a holiday)  
Location 279 Gokasho Tsukamoto-cho




**Yamasan**   
Good ingredients make for good health. Yamasan - Domestically produced chili peppers.  
TEL. 0748-48-3980 Hours 9:00-18:00  
Location 86-8 Gokasho Obata-cho  
\*See website for orders and vendors



**4 Mamekou**   
No more, no less, only tofu.  
TEL. 0748-48-2689 Hours 7:00-19:00  
**Closed** Not fixed Location 556 Gokasho Kawanami-cho




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**5 genzai**   
Cafe and gallery featuring works by craft artists meant to brighten daily life.  
TEL. 0748-48-5110 **Closed** Tue, Wed, Thur (w/ additional dates)  
Hours 10:00 - 18:00 (L.O. 17:00) 10:00 - 17:00 December through March  
Location 732-1 Gokasho Kawanami-cho




**6 Koetsu Coffee**   
Enjoy roasting coffee beans at this small coffee shop.  
Hours 10:30-17:00  
**Closed** Mon, Tue, Wed, and 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of each month  
Location 643-2 Gokasho Kondo-cho




**7 Uwoyasu**   
Serving cuisine crafted from select seasonal ingredients.  
TEL. 0748-48-5193  
Hours Lunch 11:00-14:00 Dinner 17:00-22:00  
**Closed** Wed Location 101-2 Gokasho Kitamachiya-cho




**8 Nayamago**   
Experience tastes that have lasted 200 years in the business.  
TEL. 0748-48-2631  
Hours Lunch 11:00 - 15:00 Dinner 17:00 - 21:00 Reservations required  
**Closed** Not fixed Location 620 Gokasho Kawanami-cho



**9 Japanese Dining Sato**   
Striving to be easy on the body and soul.  
TEL. 0748-48-3570  
Hours Lunch 12:00-15:00 Dinner 18:00-21:00  
**Closed** Not fixed Location 621 Gokasho Kondo-cho



**10 Japanese Noodle Restaurant Sagami Gokasho**   
(Sagami Restaurants Corporation)  
Offering specialty soba, udon, and Nagoya's famous miso-nikom!  
TEL. 0748-48-6033 Hours 11:00-22:00  
Location 43-3 Gokasho Naka-cho





# The Old Nakasendo Road Walking Course



- Nakasendo Historic Landmark
- Ohmi Railway Bus Stop
- Restroom
- Rent-a-cycle

Gokasho Station

7 min



**21 Salon Tsuboroku**  
Enjoy a tasty break with tea and treats by Salon.  
TEL 0748-48-2067  
Hours Cafe 11:00-18:00 (Sun only 13:00-18:00)  
Closed Thur, Fri, Sat Location 141-1 Miyasho-cho

3 min

Registered Tangible Cultural Property

Nakasendo Map



Former Gokasho Post Office



13 min

Omi Merchant Museum

## Just a bit further away...



22 min walk from the Kondo Machinami Preservation Exchange Center

### 22 Ishiba-ji Temple

An ancient temple founded by Prince Shotoku and home to stunning Buddha statues designated as important cultural properties!

TEL 0748-48-4823 Hours 9:00-16:00  
Location 823 Gokasho Ishibaji-cho  
Closed Weekends & Holidays  
Entrance Fee Adults 500 yen, Children 300 yen (up to high school age)



21 min walk from Gokasho Station

### 23 Yakimanju An

Soft, chewy, and filled with delicious handmade red bean paste! Perfect as a gift!

TEL 0748-48-7003  
Hours Closes once sold out Closed Not fixed  
Location 103-1 Gokasho Kitamachiya-cho

7 min walk from Plaza Sanpo Yoshi

### Musubi Shrine (Gokasho Kawanami-cho)

A magnificent shrine that flourished along with the local area. It is believed to provide good fortune for harvests, health, business, relationships, and fertility.



## Higashiomi Trail

Features ancient temples, castle remains, burial mounds and other historic cultural heritage sites as well as beautiful views along the ridge. Enjoy the lush natural environment as you traverse this trail.



## Fujii Hikoshiro Residence Walking Course



Gokasho Station

10 min

Kadou Fukuiku japaneses confectionary  
In operation in Omi for over 150 years.  
Enjoy a peaceful moment with treats that offer the taste of Higashiomi itself.



5 min

Fujii Hikoshiro Residence



7 min

### Public Interest Incorporated Foundation Japan Calligraphy Education Foundation Kampo Museum

One of the major museums introducing calligraphy culture in Japan.  
TEL 0748-48-4141 Hours 9:30-16:00 (Last entry 15:30)  
Closed Mon (or following day if holiday) Closed in winter for resource research  
Closed during exhibit changes Location 136 Gokasho Tatsuta-cho

Admission fee required



5 min

### 25 Merchant Museum Kyorimbo Branch Temple

A 200 year old merchant estate that is a work of art itself.  
TEL 0748-46-5400 (Kyorimbo Main Temple)  
Hours 10:00-16:30 Closed Differs by season  
Location 396-1 Gokasho Tatsuta-cho

Adults 500 yen, Elementary/Junior High Students 200 yen