

Mikuni Minato Cultural
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Freely explore the lanes
to feel the history
of this port town Mikuni-machi.

三國廻湊図

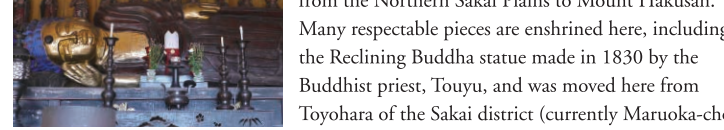
01 Mikuni Shrine Shrine gates (Prefecture), Long sword, signed "Morisugu" (Prefecture), Kodachi Shrine Foundation History (Prefecture), Front shrine pent roof statue of monkey (Municipal) Wooden statue of holy horse (Municipal), Mikuni Festival (Prefecture) Prefecture-designated/Municipal-designated



Municipal-designated
The enshrined deities are Ohyamakuinomikoto and Emperor Keitai. In the 9th year of the Tenbun era (1540), residents found theshintai (object containing a deity's spirit) in the Hyogo River and placed it in Shochi-in, after which eventually Sannou Shrine was built. At the start of the Meiji era, the shrine merged with Minato Shrine, the shrine that housed theshintai of Emperor Keitai, and was renamed, "Sakuradani Shrine," and in the 18th year of the Meiji era (1885), it was renamed, "Mikuni Shrine." Zelkova and other large trees grow in the grounds, creating a majestic atmosphere.

6-2-80 Sanno Tel.0776-81-2514

02 Eiunji Temple Reclining Buddha



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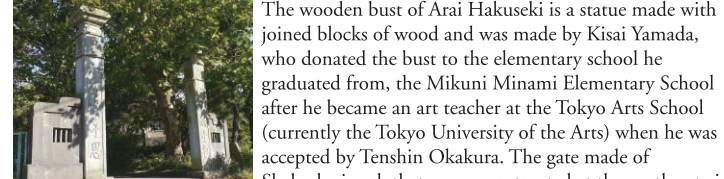
03 Morita Family House Morita family documents (Municipal) Municipal-designated

During the Sengoku period (1493-1572), the Morita family became the representative middle-merchant of Mikuni Minato, and from the end of the Edo period to the Meiji era, acted as a grand shipping agent. During the Meiji era, they further distinguished themselves after moving over to banking and warehousing businesses. Old documents like letters with the seal of Oda Nobunaga have been preserved.



(Currently the house is privately owned)

04 Mikuni Minami Elementary School Wooden bust of Arai Hakuseki (Municipal), Ryusho Elementary School Gate/Municipal-designated



1-1-50 Sanno

Mikuni Festival Prefecture-designated formless ethnic cultural asset (Prefecture) Prefecture-designated



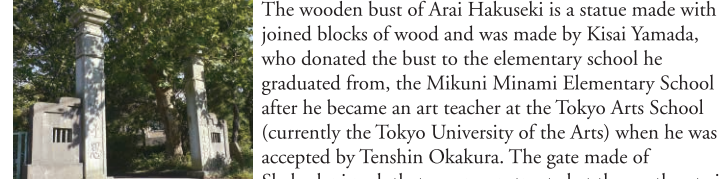
Warrior figure Festival Car
On the middle-day festival of the 20th, massive warrior figures measuring nearly 6 meters tall are pulled in a parade. At noon, around six such warrior figure festival cars gather before the shrine and make their way through the port town to the music of samisen, flutes, and drums. The sight of crowds parting as the festival cars move through narrow alleys is overwhelming.

An annual Mikuni Shrine festival held for three days from May 19th to the 21st. On the 20th, a parade of a portable shrine and warrior figure festival cars is held and dedicated to the shrine. One of the Three Great Hokuriku Region Festivals, with roughly 400 stalls lining the streets and over 100,000 visitors each year. It is a heated festival that has changed little since the Edo period and tells of the prosperity of this port town Minato-machi.

Mikunibushi
A Bon Festival dance song that has been passed down in for 250 years in Mikuni Minato. The song has its roots in the work song that was sung when leveling the ground for the construction of the Mikuni Shrine in the 11th year of the Houreki era (1761). People dance to the calm melody and song.

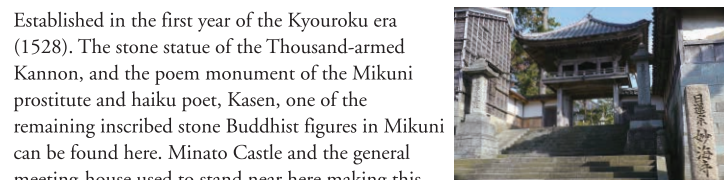


05 Myokaiji Temple Stone standing statue of the Thousand-armed Kannon (Municipal), Mikuni Minato Castle site, Mikuni Minato General Meeting-house, Poem monument of Kasen (in the 1700s) Municipal-designated



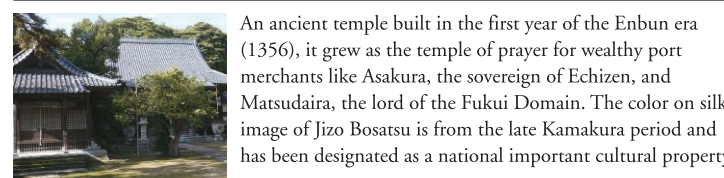
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06 Shokaiji Temple Color on silk image of Jizo Bosatsu (Nationally-designated important cultural property) Takachi Tombstone's grave and Tertiary wanderer memorial monument (Municipal) Morita family grave (Municipal) Nationally-designated important cultural property Municipal-designated



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07 Matsugashita Saikoji Temple Grave of the prostitute named "Mikuni Kojorou" (in the Edo period)

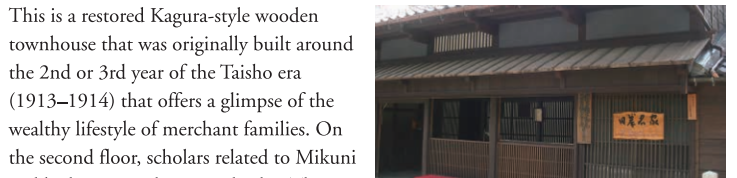


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08 Old Morita Bank Main Office Old Morita Bank main office (State-registered), Uchida main family home remains, Ohki old tool shop State-registered



09 Old Kishina Family Residence Old Kishina family residence (State-registered), Mikuni Minato Machiyakan State-registered



4-6-54 Kita Honmachi Tel.0776-82-0947 Hours 9:00-17:00 Closed: New Year's holiday Entry fee: 100yen

10 Sakai Family House Sakai family house main building and storerooms (State-registered) State-registered



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11 Kinpoji Temple Wooden standing statue of the Holy Kannon (Municipal), Shoro gate, Basho monument first snow mound, Hiyoriyama Ginsha master monument Municipal-designated



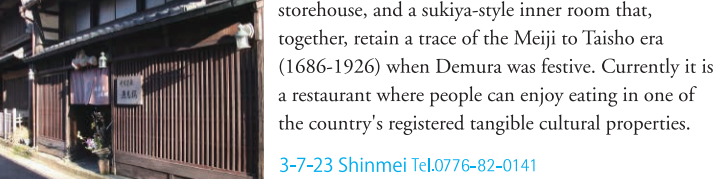
3-3-17 Kita-Honmachi Tel.0776-81-3510

12 Demura Neighborhood Shian Bridge



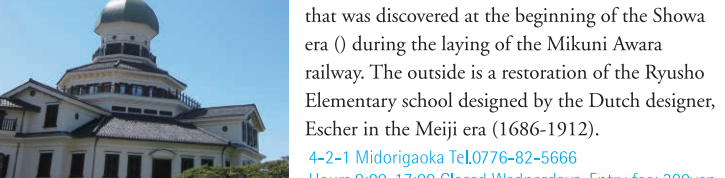
Mikuni once had a geisha quarter of such high standing that the poet and writer, Ihara Saikaku (haiku poet in the Edo period who authored ukiyozoshi (literally, books of the floating world) and ningyozhururi (puppet ballad-drama). He lived from 1642 to 1693), once called it "A rare red-light district found in the northern provinces." The Demura Neighborhood was one such place and retains its name from the bustling days of its past. Names associated with the red-light district like Jizo Hill and Mikaeri Bridge still remain.

13 Uoshirou The Uoshirou main residence, the west and east storerooms, and inner room (State-registered) State-registered



3-7-23 Shinmei Tel.0776-82-0141 Hours 11:30-14:00 18:00-22:00 Irregular holidays

14 Mikuni Museum Buddhist stole-like pattern bronze bell-shaped vessel (Prefecture) Prefecture-designated



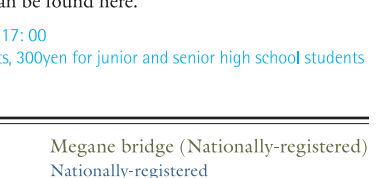
4-2-1 Midorigaoka Tel.0776-82-5666 Hours 9:00-17:00 Closed Wednesdays Entry fee: 300yen

15 Takidanji Temple Gilded bronze carved Hosoge Buddhist ritual gong (National treasure), Chintou-do (Nationally-designated important cultural property), Color on silk image of Jizo Bosatsu (Nationally-designated important cultural property), Star map (Nationally-designated important cultural property), Takidanji Temple garden (Government-designated scenic beauty), Takidanji Temple founding hall (Prefecture)



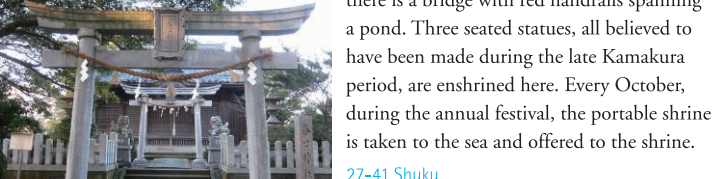
1-17-15 Takidani Tel.0776-82-0216 Hours 9:00-17:00 Visiting fee: 200yen for elementary school students, 300yen for junior and senior high school students 500yen for adults

16 Megane Bridge Megane bridge (Nationally-registered) Nationally-registered



A single-arch brick bridge built in the second year of the Taisho era (1913) that spans a single train track. The arch is four bricks thick in a "Nejiri-manpo" (twisted tunnel) style with a characteristic of the edge of the arch being a serrated-level finish. The bridge is located near the Echizen railway Mikuni-Minato station.

17 Kasuga Shrine Kasuga shrine wooden god statue (Municipal) Municipal-designated



27-41 Shuku

18 Mikuni Port (Former Sakai Port) Pier Mikuni Port (Former Sakai Port) pier Nationally-designated important cultural property



The port facility located at the mouth of the Kuzuryu river that was proposed by wealthy merchants in the Meiji era, designed by the Dutch engineer, George Arnold Escher (father of artist, Maurits Cornelis Escher), and constructed under the guidance of Johannes de Rijke. The first modern port structure in the country, it has great historical civil engineering value.

19 Komegawaki Saikoji Temple Shikyaku gate and belfry (Municipal) Municipal-designated



A temple that's founding is associated with Rennyo Shinin, a monk from the Echizen provincial military governor turned daimyo Asakura family, whose successive chief priests took on the Asakura name. The Shikyaku gate and other valuable objects can be found here, like a wooden statue of Amida Nyorai made in the mid-Kamakura period, and an image of Rennyo Shinin given by Jitsunyo Shinin.

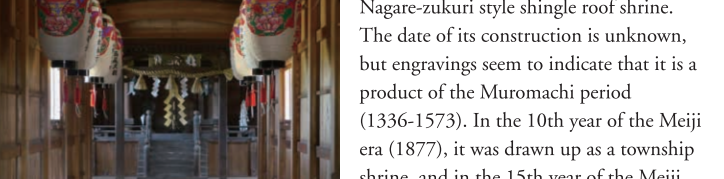
20 Ohminato Shrine Ohminato Shrine main shrine (Prefecture), Ohminato Shrine front shrine (Prefecture), Wooden statue of Izanagino Mikoto (Prefecture), Wooden sitting statue of a female deity (Municipal), Lion mask (Municipal), Wooden statue of a deity (Municipal) Prefecture-designated Municipal-designated



A shrine enshrined on Oshima, an island revered as a holy island. The shrine has a 1,300 year history during which historical figures like Minamotono Yoshitsune, Asakura Yoshikage, and Akechi Mitsuhide have visited. Across the vermilion-lacquered bridge and on the island, a mystical virgin forest grows. The famous Oshima Festival is held on April 20th.

23-15-1 Anto (Agenomiya) Tel.0776-81-2959

21 Ontake Shrine Ontake Shrine main shrine (Municipal) Municipal-designated



29-24 Hamaji

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Oshima
Ohminato Shrine
Kaihiri
Kyuka Village
Nature Park
Oshima Elementary School
Mikuni Athletic Park
Mikuni Minato Station
Mikuni Station
Shinbo Bridge
Sea of Japan
Fukui
Awara
Nakayoshi Tongari Ranch
Ontake Shrine
Hamaji Beach
Shibamasa World
Echizen Matsushima
Aquarium

- ① LULL : French cuisine
- ⑩ Daiki : Buckwheat noodles/Meals
- ② American : Café/Lunch
- ⑭ POSSE COFFEE : Café/Lunch
- ③ Kougei Gallery : Gallery
- ⑮ Pariya : Bakery
- ④ Ootoku : Restaurant
- ⑯ BIRDLAND : Café/Pizza
- ⑤ Sunaya : Restaurant
- ⑰ Kawaki : Seafood/Meals
- ⑥ micnic : Café/Lunch
- ⑱ Sourire : Cake
- ⑦ Shuyuchi : Café/Lunch
- ⑲ Kimuramochiten : Rice-cake sweets
- ⑧ Tojinbo shopping street : Souvenirs/Café/Restaurant etc.
- ⑳ CRUSTUM : Cake
- ⑨ Okera Ranch : Ranch
- ㉑ Takesho/Mikuniko Sushi : Sushi/Fresh fish
- ⑩ Kicchondon : Tofu/Restaurant
- ㉒ Akiyoshi : Yakitori (grilled chicken kabobs)
- ⑪ Nora : Restaurant
- ㉓ sagi space : Café/Lunch
- ⑫ S'Amuser : French cuisine
- ㉔ Minokichi : Buckwheat noodles

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A town as thin as a Japanese sash, steeped in an aroma of history and culture. Mikuni Minato

With a townscape that runs along the Kuzuryu River, history, culture, and tradition are still alive in Mikuni Minato

From ancient times, where it was the birthplace of Furihime, the mother of Emperor Keitai (lived during the late 5th century to the early 6th century), to the Muromachi era (1336-1573), where it was one of the Sanshin-shichiso (one of the leading 10 ports in Japan at that time), to between the Edo period (1603-1868) to the Meiji era (1686-1912), where it was a port of call for cargo ships that sailed the Japan Sea, it has prospered as one of Japan's foremost ports throughout the ages.

It is a port that has been loved by era-defining writers like Chikamatsu Monzaemon (famous kabuki and joruri (ballad drama) playwright in the early Edo period. He lived from 1653 to 1725) and Tatsuji Miyoshi, and is full of the spirit of culture of merchants and craftsmen.

Strolling along the atmospheric paths, one can find the aroma of culture that has colored the ages.

Legend

- Poetry and Literature Memorial Museum
- Description Label
- Historic Spot
- Festival Car Warehouse
- Mikuni Festival (May 20th) Festival Car Route
- Restroom
- Parking Lot
- Rental Bicycle
- Restaurant Souvenirs

Walk the Festival Car Route!

During the Mikuni Festival, the festival car that is larger than 6 meters, travels along a narrow lane. Each district has its own festival car warehouse, so seek them out. While walking, try to imagine how the large festival cars make their way down the old narrow alleys and navigate curves that barely fit a single car.

Find the Shakudani Rock!

Shakudani Rock is mined in Mt. Asuwa in municipality of Fukui. Famous for the bluish shine it gives when wet and for being easy to cut and carve, it was carried by cargo ships to all of Japan. Also known as "Mikuni Rock," it can be found in monuments, walls, spiritual monuments, and many other stone objects in the port.



- 68 PORT DIJK : Café/Lunch
- 69 samasama : Bar/Café/Lunch
- 67 Tentsuru : Buckwheat noodles/Meals
- 66 Korokuan : Buckwheat noodles
- 65 SALVATORE : Italian cuisine
- 64 Nan's sea : Surf shop
- 63 Mille Graines : Cake
- 62 Oonuma Hachimitsuya : Honey
- 61 Miyoshiro : Meals
- 60 Sanctuary : Bar
- 59 Hamasaka : Seafood/Meals
- 58 Tajima : Seafood/Meal/ Fresh fish
- 57 Kaninobou : Seafood/Meals
- 56 CHIPS : Summer-only hamburger
- 55 Yohei Sushi : Sushi
- 54 Tsutaya : Snack bar
- 53 Kitaguni : Snack bar
- 52 Uoshirou : Seafood/Meals
- 51 Kondo : Antiques
- 50 Maruhaya : Souvenirs
- 49 Amagoya : Seafood/Japanese style pub
- 48 Alice : Bar/Café/Lunch
- 47 Fuku Sushi : Sushi
- 46 Toriya : Japanese style pub/Meals
- 45 Nakatou Diner : Meals
- 44 Oohara : Buckwheat noodles
- 43 Daidomon : Grilled meat
- 42 Maruka Diner : Delivery service for meals
- 41 Moriyasu : Buckwheat noodles/Udon/Meals
- 40 Namiya : Souvenir
- 39 Kobeya : Meat/Croquettes
- 38 Hirano photo studio : Photographs
- 37 fuwari : Miscellaneous goods
- 36 Ichishima meat : Meat/Croquettes
- 35 Namiya : Souvenir
- 34 Takeyoshi : Shamisen/Café
- 33 American slut : Miscellaneous goods
- 32 Nishisaka : Sakamaju (Japanese traditional sweet)
- 31 Koyamaya : Sakamaju (Japanese traditional sweet)
- 30 L : Café
- 29 Itoya : Cho-Chin (Japanese Lantern)
- 28 Yamato Kanrindo : Japanese confectioneries
- 27 Tajimaya : Japanese clothing (Kimono)
- 26 Byoubuya : Souvenirs
- 25 Mikuniminatoza : Mikuni Burger/Café/Lunch
- 24 CARNA : Gelato
- 23 Something Fun : Multipurpose spaces
- 22 HALF MOON BAY : French cuisine/ Lunch
- 21 happy maniac : Glass sculptures/Accessories
- 20 sanbon biyori : Miscellaneous goods
- 19 CORNUS KOUSA : Café
- 18 Mikunien : Bonsai shop
- 17 Tsumesho Mikuni : Guest house
- 16 Shibayama : Fresh fish retailer
- 15 café tabunoki : Café
- 14 Minami : Japanese style pub/Meals
- 13 Kosakaya : Tofu/Fried tofu
- 12 Meruhen : Café/Lunch
- 11 Takenouchi : Buckwheat noodles
- 10 Ishikyu : Caterer/Meals
- 9 Tanikawa Seimenjo : Udon noodles
- 8 Dougyu : Buckwheat noodles/Meals
- 7 Meruhen : Café/Lunch
- 6 Takenouchi : Buckwheat noodles
- 5 Ichiban : Japanese style pub/Meals
- 4 Kaiko : Seafood/Meals
- 3 Fuji Sushi : Sushi/Meals
- 2 Strawberry Fields Bakery : Bakery
- 1 Okekin : Ramen/Chinese cuisine