

Access

◆ By Public Transportation

- From the Meitetsu Mikawa Line Toyotashi Sta., take the Meitetsu bus bound for Asuke. Approx 45 min. Get off at Korankei.
- From the Meitetsu Toyota Line Josui Sta., take the Olden Bus bound for Hyakunensō. Approx 60 min. Get off at Korankei.
- From the Meitetsu Nagoya Line Higashi-Okazaki Sta., take the Meitetsu Bus bound for Asuke. Approx. 60 min. Get off at Korankei.

◆ By Car

- From the Tokai-Kanjo Toyota-Kanpachi Interchange, take Route 153 to Asuke for about 15km.
- From the Sanage Green Road Chikaraishi Interchange, take Route 153 to Asuke for about 9 km.



Notes

This town walking guide is issued to help you become more familiar with the charm of the historical townscape of Asuke. Please refer to a walking map issued by Asuke Tourist Association for general tourist information. Private homes on this map are not open to the public. Please pay attention to the residents' privacy while walking. Many of the houses in Asuke are made of wood. Please refrain from smoking while walking.

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Townscape with mixed architectural styles : Hirairi and Tsumairi*

The unique feature of the townscape in Asuke is the rows of houses along the main road that have mixed architectural styles. The styles of houses are often decided by the size and shape of the housing site. Tsumairi** style is often chosen when the width of the site is less than 5 ken (1ken=1.8m) and quite deep. With increasing demand for properties for business use, some warehouses were converted into homes or stores.

The main architectural style of houses in Asuke is two-storied Hirairi**, with a tall second floor. Together with the outer walls finished with white plaster, it creates a stately atmosphere.

The splendid roof trusses were made from the rich resources of wood in the area, using highly skilled local craftsmen.



● Fukami Family Residence and Manrin Bookstore

Omoya (Main building) in Shikorobuki style

Omoya (main building) with low eaves and layered roofs, where there's a small gap in between the upper and the lower (Shikorobuki style roof), still remains in Asuke today. Some of these buildings are said to take over the styles of buildings before the great fire of 1775.



● Former Suzuki Family Residence

Stone Wall, Stone Stairs, and a Row of Houses Along the River

Along the Asuke River are stone walls and staircases, the stones of which were first stacked at the end of the Edo Period (1603-1867) until early modern period. Above, Zashiki (guest rooms) and other buildings were built overhanging the river. All of these elements combine to create a wonderful riverside atmosphere.



● The view from a top of the Mayumbashi Bldg. spanning the river.

Alleys Beside the main road

Storehouses and stonewalls stand side by side, right up to the boundary of each property. The alley beside the main road, commanding the mountains behind it, creates a different ambience along the main road.

Plaster coated walls and Shitamiita (wood sidings) give a historical feeling.



● Manrin Alley