

# 大井川と街道を歩く

## Strolling along the Oi River and the Old Tokaido Highway

People have lived along the Oi River since ancient times. In the Edo period, both Shimada and Kanaya, located on opposite banks of the river, played key roles as post stations along the old Tokaido highway and subsequently the local culture flourished. Strolling around the old streets will take you back in time to a long-ago age.



### Horai Bridge MAP 2-1

Horai Bridge, with its historical drama movie-set feel, was originally built for agricultural use in 1879 by the farmers who cleared Makinohara area. It then began to be used as a community bridge connecting Hatsukura and Shimada. Nowadays, this toll bridge solely for pedestrians and bicyclists has become one of Shimada's main tourist spots. With a length of 897.4 meters (approx. 0.6 mile) and width of 2.4 meters (approx. 8 feet) Horai Bridge is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's longest wooden footbridge. It creates a fantasy world when it is lit up at night.



### Shimada City Museum MAP 2-2

The permanent display on the 1st floor gives an easy understanding of crossing the Oi River in the Edo era and the 2nd floor hosts special exhibitions. The annex building is used mainly for woodblock print exhibitions.

For inquiries, call 0547-37-1000.  
Open from 9 am to 5 pm (closed on Mondays and on the days following national holidays.)



### Ruins of the Oi River Crossing Toll Gate MAP 2-3

The restored toll gate and a fording coolie station near the crossing point of the Oi River tell the history.



### Stone Pavements of the Old Tokaido MAP 2-5

The hilly Kanaya and Kikugawa slopes presented challenging climbs for old Tokaido travelers during the Edo period. A 430-meter-long stretch of stone pavement of the Kanaya slope was restored in 1991 by Kanaya residents. A 611-meter-long (approx. 0.4 mile) part of the old Kikugawa hill road discovered in 2000 is now designated as a prefectural cultural property. The stone pavements were originally built to prevent slipping.



### Basho Poem Monument MAP 2-4

Matsuo Basho composed many well-known poems to depict the scenery during his trips along the old Tokaido highway.



### Meguri Ishidatami-jaya

This cafe restaurant at the bottom of the Kanayazaka stone-paved path on the Old Tokaido highway offers a lunch menu and sweets made with local ingredients.

For inquiries, call 0547-45-5715.  
Open from 9 am to 5 pm (Closed on Mondays, except on national holidays)



### Suwabara Castle Ruins MAP 2-6

Takeda Katsuyori built the castle in 1573 to complete the work of his father Shingen. The fortress is believed to have been constructed on the order of Shingen. The remaining dry moat and well built by Katsuyori and Ieyasu are designated as national cultural properties.



### Tabi-no-Banshaku Set

This set of Japanese sake made from water sourced from under the Oi River and a hand-made bottle holder decorated with an image of the Obi Matsuri festival makes an attractive souvenir of Shimada.

For inquiries, call 0547-35-0018  
(NPO Cross Media Shimada.)



## Local Cuisine

Try some tasty local cuisine that has long been enjoyed.

### Flavored Rice and Grilled Tofu



This dish has been enjoyed since the Edo period. Rice flavored with leafy vegetables goes well with grilled tofu topped with miso paste.

### Harihari Nabe (wild boar meat pot dish)



This pot dish of thinly sliced wild boar meat and bountiful vegetables in a light soup is quite tasty.

### Yamame Trout



Try grilled or sweetly cooked wild yamame trout.

### Local Sake



Popular local sake such as Onna-Nakase and Wakatake Onikoroshi is produced with quality water from the Oi river system.