

A Shirasagi-no-Ashiyu (Footbath)
しらさぎの足湯

385-1 Iwasaki, Tamana

The footbath in Ryuganji Temple Park is free to use. The spring water is approximately 41°C, and the bath is lit up at night to create a fantastical atmosphere. The bath is open 24 hours, but be careful at night because the lights are turned off at 10 P.M.



B Hikino Shrine
正野神社

460 Ryuganji, Tamana

The Hikino Shrine has a 2,000 year history. The cherry blossoms in the spring and autumn foliage in the fall are a wonderful sight. The Choja-no-Izumi (Millionaire Waters) spring next to the shrine is a drinkable, warm, and sacred holy water that is believed to be the source of longevity and happiness.



Day Visits at Tamana Onsen
Onsen for Non-Overnight Guests

H Tsukasa-no-Yu / つかさの湯 **Private Baths Available**
(Operating Hours) 10:00~23:00
(Holidays) None
(URL) <http://www.tsukasanoyu.jp/> (Japanese)



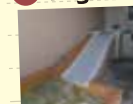
I Pokka Pokka Shoya-no-Yu **Private Baths Available**
ぽっかぽっか 庄屋の湯
(Operating Hours) 10:00~22:00
(Holidays) Second Wednesday



J Takenoko (Inside Chikusuien) **Private Baths Only**
竹乃香 (竹水苑内)
(Operating Hours) 12:00~24:00
(from 10:00 on Sat., Sun., and Holidays)
(Holidays) None
(URL) www.tikusuien.co.jp/kazokuyu.html (Japanese)



K Yugan / 湯願 **Private Baths Only**
(Operating Hours) 10:00~2:00A.M.
(following day)
(Holidays) None
(URL) <http://yu-gan.com/> (Japanese)



「The Legend of Hikino Choja」

Read about the legend behind Tamana Onsen!



Long ago, there was a beautiful princess in the city. The princess had a recurring dream where she married a young man named Kogoro Sumiyaki from Hikino Village in Higo Kingdom. One day, she journeyed with her servants to Hikino Village at the foot of Mt. Shodai. Kogoro was taken aback and initially refused to marry the princess because he was so poor he could not afford enough to eat. The princess believed her dreams were a divine message and persisted that he marry her. She gave Kogoro coins and asked that he go buy rice.

Kogoro reluctantly went to purchase rice when a white heron suddenly flew his way. Surprised, he threw the coins at the bird, which fell into a steaming valley. The heron recovered immediately and flew away. When Kogoro came home without any rice, the princess disappointedly said, "The coins I gave you were a precious thing called money and could have been used to buy anything".

Kogoro replied, "There are plenty of those coin-looking things in the mountain". Looking around, the princess soon found many gold nuggets buried in the mountains. Kogoro forgot his woes and happily married the princess. They lived prosperous lives and the story became the Legend of Hikino Choja, which means Hikino Millionaire.

It is believed that the white heron was healed instantly by Tamana Onsen waters. The "Choja-no-Izumi" (Millionaire Waters) is a spring located behind Hikino Shrine, which enshrines Kogoro.

Central Tamana / Takase & Tamana Onsen Area
玉名中心部 / 高瀬地区・玉名温泉地区



Souvenirs and Gifts

Stop by for fresh agricultural produce, foods, and sweets that you can eat right away!

- L Kanko Hotto Plaza Tamalala** / 観光ほっとプラザ たまらら
(Operating Hours) 9:00~19:00 (Holidays) None
- M Farmer's Market Gomaruchi** / 農産物直売所 郷〇市
(Operating Hours) 9:00~18:00 (Closes at 17:30 from November to Late January)
(Holidays) Afternoon of December 31~January 4
- N Local Specialty Goods Isonosato** / 物産館 磯の里
(Operating Hours) 9:00~18:00 (April to Late September), 8:30~17:30 (October to Late March)
(Holidays) Tuesdays, December 31 & January 1
- O Furusato Center Y BOX** / ふるさとセンター Y・BOX
(Operating Hours) 9:00~18:00 (Holidays) January 1

C Araki Naohei Shoten
荒木直平商店

234 Takase, Tamana

The vinegar shop was founded in 1870 and the historic 300 year old building was built during the mid-Edo Period between 1692 and 1779. Using seasonal fruits, "Takase-no-Homare (Takase's Honor)" is a healthy drinkable vinegar that is especially popular with women.



D Tajiri Takase Ame Honpo
田尻高瀬飴本舗

84 Takase, Tamana

Takase Ame is a simple, sweet candy made from rice syrup. Long believed to improve the amount of breast milk, Takase Ame is often gifted to new mothers and represents Tamana. Visit the store around 10 A.M. and you may get to see the making of the candy.



E Senryu
千龍

468 Takase, Tamana

Tamana Ramen is a delectable Tamana gourmet dish. Senryu is an especially popular Ramen shop that people often wait in line for. Try delicious burnt garlic chips to the shop's delicious pork broth and semi-thin, straight noodles. If you would like to try something other than Ramen, there are many other items on the menu to choose from.



F Meganebashi Bridge & Strolling Deck
目鏡橋+散策デッキ

Shimomachi, Takase, Tamana

The Takase Meganebashi Bridge built in 1848 is a prefecture designated cultural property. There is an 800-meter long wooden deck along Takase Urakawa River and the 66,000 blooming iris decorate the river from late May to early June.



G Tsumugu: Old-Fashioned Goods and Handmade Crafts
小道具・手作り雑貨 つむぐ

286 Takase, Tamana

Tsumugu opened in 2015 and sells a variety of merchandise. Having renovated an old, traditional house, the shop sells a variety of old-fashioned goods and handmade crafts and accessories. Stop by and find yourself a souvenir or gift.



Icon Description

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- Audio Guide Charging Stations
- Gas Station
- Bank
- Ramen Shop
- Ryokan Inn, Hotel
- Day Visit Onsen
- Convenience Store, Supermarket, Gift Shop
- Recommendations, others
- Free Parking