

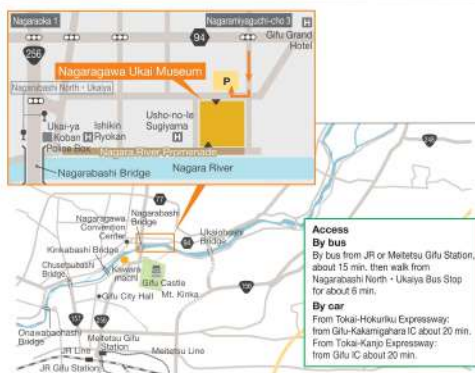


Now, feel centuries of passion unroll as from a picture scroll.



Exhibition entrance fees	Category	Adult	Child	• Group: 20 persons or more • Adult: age 15 or older (excluding junior high school students) • Child: age 4 to 14
	Individual	One-time entry	Group	
	600 yen	480 yen	300 yen	
			240 yen	

Opening times May 1 – Oct. 15: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM (last entry 6:30 PM)
 Oct. 16 – Apr. 30: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (last entry 4:30 PM)
 Closing days Dec. 29 – Jan. 3
 May 1 – Oct. 15: Open every day (excluding some indicated days)
 Oct. 16 – Apr. 30: Closed Tuesday (open if Tues. is a national holiday, then closed next day)



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Experience the thrill of cormorant fishing on the Nagara River, a traditional culture loved for more than 1,300 years!

While the *ukai* fishing season runs from May 11 to October 15, in the museum, at any time of year, you can enjoy some of the experience. After 1,300 years, this well-loved tradition lives on and continues to thrill.





① Kagaribi Flame-lit Tunnel

In the darkness, through the light of suspended flames reflecting on the water, cormorants dive for *ayu* (sweetfish) in the Nagara River. Six master fishers, names inherited through generations, emerge in the glow of *kagaribi* light and tell of the traditional beauty of this human-nature interaction.



② Guidance Theater Welcome to Nagaragawa Ukai

Experience the world's only picture-scroll presentation screen. In this experience of *ukai*, life-size cormorant boats, along with faithfully reproduced sound and lighting, help you feel as if you have entered a picture scroll.

◆ During the presentation the theater is darkened. Please mind where you step.



③ Nagaragawa Ukai History and Topics

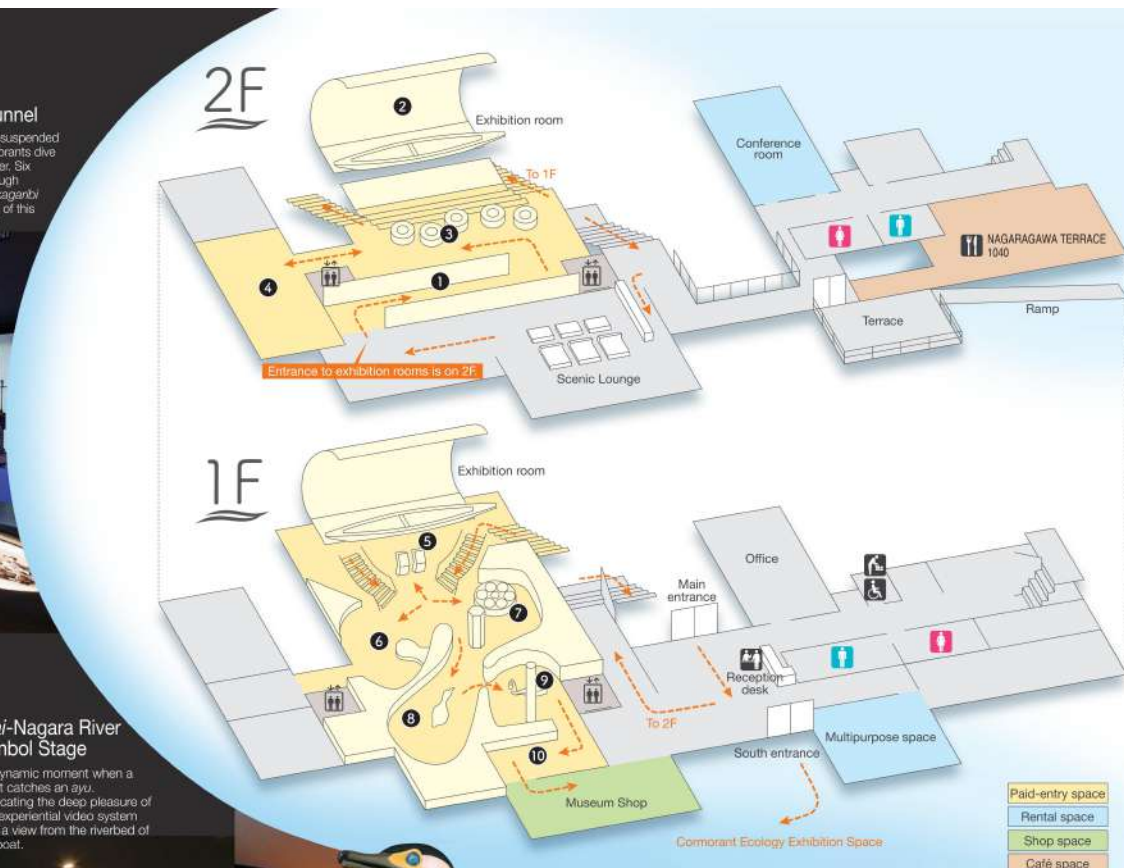
Discover stories and historical timelines of five historic characters who were devoted to *ukai* and its traditions: Oda Nobunaga, Tokugawa Ieyasu, Matsuo Basho, Emperor Meiji, and Charlie Chaplin.



④ Special exhibition room

A special exhibition on Nagaragawa River cormorant fishing is being held. Information on the "Nagaragawa River Cormorant Fishing Equipment," a nationally designated Important Tangible Folk Cultural Property, is available in a database.

*Exhibitions are changed several times a year.



⑤ Ukai-Nagara River Symbol Stage

See the dynamic moment when a cormorant catches an *ayu*. Communicating the deep pleasure of *ukai*, this experiential video system gives you a view from the riverbed of bird and boat.



⑨ The World of *ayu* sweetfish and the Nagara River

The Nagara River is said to be one of Japan's three great pure water rivers. In fact, as *Ayu* of the Nagara River System it has been recognized as one of the world's Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems. Here you can discover the setting of Nagaragawa *ukai*.

⑦ The World of Usho Bird Masters

Inheriting their titles from previous masters, six master cormorant handlers steward and practice still today the legacy of Nagaragawa *ukai*. They also work as Master Fishers of the Imperial Household Agency, and you can see their splendid costumes and the formal conduct they follow.

⑧ The World of the Cormorant

Everyone is impressed by a model cormorant that is four times the actual size of a living bird. Viewing images from inside the body, you can discover special features of cormorant anatomy. Participatory elements of the exhibition help you to experience and understand hidden aspects of cormorant ecology.

⑩ Forever-flowing clear waters of the Nagara River

Enjoy a video experience in which you feel like you are walking on the river and chasing *ayu* beneath your feet.

Scenic Lounge

Take it easy while gazing at the beautiful sight of Mount Kinka and the Nagara River. (Free of charge)



Multipurpose space

During the *ukai* off-season, mainly on weekends, cormorant handling demonstrations are held. The space is also available to rent for exhibitions and events (64.5m²).
◆ Reservation and payment required for rental
◆ When events held by the museum are planned, the space may not be available.



Conference room

The museum uses the room for training and meetings. It is also available for rent. In classroom configuration, it accommodates up to 30 people (56.8m²).
◆ Reservation and payment required



Azumaya lounge area

Offering a great view of beautiful Mount Kinka and the Nagara River, this lounge area is usually open to the public free of charge. It is also available to rent for meals, meetings, events, and parties (max. 90 seats).
◆ Reservation and payment required for space rental
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Exchange and Experience Plaza

This outdoor space is available as a venue for local events, etc.
◆ Reservation and payment required for rental
◆ When events held by the museum are planned, the space may not be available.



Cormorant Ecology Exhibition Space

This is a display area for the breeding environment of Japanese cormorants of the kind used for *ukai*. See living birds and get a feel for the environment they live in.



Museum Shop

We carry a wide variety of original goods, Gifu specialty products, processed sweetfish products, miscellaneous goods, Japanese paper products, and more which all make for great souvenirs.
◆ You can enter the shop without an exhibition ticket.



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Enjoy food and desserts while taking in the beautiful scenery of Mt. Kinka and the Nagara River. A kid's space and nursing room are also available. During the summer, we offer a beer garden and barbecue as well.
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