



## <Japanese Culture>

The high speed drumming of the Taiko, or "rapid pounding," is overwhelming!

# Iiyama White Dragon Taiko

Central of  
the Prefecture  
**Atsugi City**  
Tourist Attraction No.  
**1774**

### Explanation of Tourist Attraction

Folk entertainment of Atsugi City in the Kanagawa Prefecture. Performed especially in the Iiyama district of the city, people of all ages from children to adults participate. The official name is the "Sagami-koku Iiyama Hakuryu Taiko Preservation Society." Originating back when droughts plagued the Sagami plains, farmers would pound on drums to pray for rain from the Hakuryu (white dragon) that was said to live in Hakusan-ike pond. It is said that the proper way is to perform after showing a picture-story about the Hakuryu. The Hakuryu Taiko are drummed to a song that presents the story of farmers praying for rain and the Hakuryu flying through the sky.

### selling point

A folk entertainment that has been passed on in Atsugi city across people of all ages. Performances can be held at the Iiyama hot springs lodgings. (Contact necessary)

Address	—
Opening Hours	Check the website for performance locations and times
Availability of Parking	—
URL	<a href="http://www.geocities.jp/white_dragon_iiyama/">http://www.geocities.jp/white_dragon_iiyama/</a>

### Recommended Season

All year

### Group/Individual Mark

Group Individual

### Target Regions

Europe, North America, Oceania, Asia

### Access

[For Performances at "Iiyama Hot Springs Furusato no Yado" (reservations required)] 20 minute bus ride from the Odakyu Line Hon-Atsugi Station (all headed for Miyagase, Susugaya, Kami-Iiyama) nearby the Iiyama Kannon-mae stop

### Specific Model Route Details

#### Individual

Various Tokyo areas === Tree Cross Adventure Atsugi/Nanasawa === Koganei Sake Brewery === Iiyama Hot Springs "Furusato no Yado" === Atsugi Museum Hotel === various Tokyo areas

**Start** Tokyo (various areas)

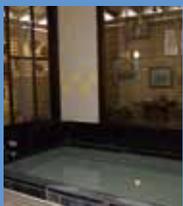
**Goal** Tokyo (various areas)

**Time Required** 5 hours



### Nearby Sightseeing Spot

## Atsugi Museum Hotel (Toron Hot Springs)



Beyond the first floor front, around 10,000 pieces of art gathered from all around the county are on display including folkcraft goods, Japanese folk toys, Western paintings, Japanese paintings, sculptures, cutouts, books, ink paintings, and pottery. The hotel owner has been collecting these pieces since the year 26 of the Showa (1951) period and has made the hotel the only folk toy hall in the central region of the Kanagawa Prefecture.

## Tree Cross Adventure Atsugi/Nanasawa



A facility located next to the Atsugi/Nanasawa hot springs in the beautiful forest where family and friends can enjoy overcoming a string of 42 treetop obstacles located 5 to 15 meters above the ground while connected to lifelines.