## 8. Odawara Lacquer Workshop Tour & Lacquer Polishing Lesson Kanagawa Prefecture / Odawara City



## **Overview**

This tour includes a visit to the workshop of Mr. Hajime Okawa, one of the few traditional craftsmen who have continued the 500-year-old tradition of Odawara lacquerware. It also includes a lacquer polishing lesson, where you can create your own uniquely patterned lacquerware piece. The finished pieces will be sent to you after undergoing the lacquering process by a craftsman (international shipping is possible; takes about 1 to 2 months).

Note: Please avoid getting too close to tools in the workshops to avoid sharp objects and stray woodchips. This activity is not available for children under 6 years.

## **Sales points**

• You can learn about the history and production process of Odawara lacquerware and observe Mr. Okawa shaving the wooden surface in his workshop.

• You can polish and create your own original lacquerware with Mr. Okawa's guidance. Pieces are made of hard zelkova wood and coated with lacquer over and over again, so they will last a lifetime.

## **General information**

- ■Contact: Kanagawa DMO
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Tour type	Individual • group
Target	People interested in traditional arts
Sales price	Please inquire
Includes	Tour • polishing lesson • lacquering fee (1 small piece per pax, such as a small teacup)
Meeting point	Kanagawa-ken, Odawara-shi, Itabashi 2-226-2
Directions	4 min. walk from Hakone-Itabashi Station
Reservation deadline	Up to 1 month prior
Reservation period	Year-round
Time required - Start time	1.5 hrs∙9 a.m2 p.m. start
Group size	1-4 pax/group (min/max)
Private	Private booking only
Languages	□EN □CN □KR □Other:
Guide provided?	No