

Experience the world of traditional Japanese pottery.

Tour the studio, make a plate, and sip a cup of matcha tea!

Hours  
**10:30 – 15:30**  
 \*Closed Wednesdays  
 Please make a reservation by 10:00 on the day you'd like to come.  
**¥1,000** per person  
 Lesson length: Approx. 60 minutes  
 Ages: 5 and up  
 \*Available for parties of 1 to 10.



\*The potter's wheel is not available for visitor use.



The whole family can enjoy kneading clay and making plates. You can also tour the kiln and gallery and enjoy a mini tea ceremony lesson!



Potter: Yoshio Inoue



Potter: Mai Inoue

Tradition lives on this pottery studio

*Nihonmatsu Banko Ware, Nihonmatsu Ware*

**Inoue Pottery Studio**

The current head of the studio—an artist as well as an artisan—has continued the production of Banko ware, which dates to the Edo period, and revived Nihonmatsu ware.

1-456 Niitaki, Nihonmatsu, Fukushima Prefecture 964-0003  
 Approx. 5 min. by taxi from JR Nihonmatsu Station. Parking available.  
 Open 9:30–17:30, closed Wednesdays

<http://www.inouegama.com>

Reservations and Information

Nihonmatsu Tourism Association |

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☎ 0243-24-5085 Open 9:00–17:00

☎ 0243-23-2195

## What you'll do

### ○ Make a plate. Young children welcome! \*A potter's wheel is not used.

#### STEP ①



Using the palm of your hand, flatten the clay.

#### STEP ②



Carve your name and the date into the back of the circle of clay.

#### STEP ③



Use your fingertips to carefully raise the lip of the plate.

#### STEP ④



Once you're happy with the shape, it's done.

\*Firing available for an extra fee.

### ○ Learn the basics of the tea ceremony. \*Tea etiquette is simplified for the lesson.

#### STEP ①



Take your place on the tatami mat and listen to your host explain the way of tea.

#### STEP ②



Watch the host demonstrate proper tea etiquette.

#### STEP ③



When you receive your tea, mix the matcha powder with the hot water using a chasen whisk.

#### STEP ④



When you are done, stand the whisk upright next to the bowl.

#### STEP ⑤



Place the cup, or chawan, on your left hand, and use your right hand to rotate it clockwise two times.

#### STEP ⑥



Drink the whole cup in three or four mouthfuls, slurping audibly with your last sip.

#### STEP ⑦



When you are finished, rotate the cup counterclockwise in your left hand before placing it on the mat and admiring it.

#### STEP ⑧



Finally, bow to your host.

### Don't forget to stop by the kiln, workshop, and gallery!

