

Meander through the alleys of Takegawara at night

See the neon-lit streets of Beppu while listening to the guitars played by third-generation buskers Hacchan and Bunchan.

Umezono Onsen
The hot spring spa in the city is a well-kept secret. Built in 1872, it was called Shintakegaware Onsen in the olden days.

The winding street is less than 3 meters wide. There are many hidden gems here.

1 Takegawara Onsen
The spa was built in 1879, but the present building dates back to 1938. It got the name Takegawara (bamboo roofed) Onsen for it initially had a roof laid with bamboo.

Takegawara Koji Street
It is Japan's oldest timber arcade. The street is lined with retro-inspired cafés, massage parlors, bars, taverns, and sweet shops.

Hirano Museum
11-7, Moto-machi, Beppu City, Oita Prefecture.
TEL/FAX: 0977-23-4748 (Japanese only)
<http://www.hirano-museum.info/>
*Guides are available in English, Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin), and Korean by prior arrangement. *Additional fee applies

Fee
1,000 yen (with a complimentary illustrated postcard)

Course	①Takegawara Onsen → ②Umezono Street → ③Shinmiya Street → ④Yasaka Renga Street → ⑤Kitahama Street → ⑥ Hirano Museum (the tour includes Haiku-style commentaries.)	Book	Hirano Museum 11-7, Moto-machi, Beppu City, Oita Prefecture. TEL/FAX: 0977-23-4748 (Japanese only) http://www.hirano-museum.info/ *Guides are available in English, Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin), and Korean by prior arrangement. *Additional fee applies
When?	2nd & 4th Friday of the month (must be booked at least a week on advance)		
Times	Start 8:30PM, finish 9:45PM.		
Meet-up	Municipal Takegawara Onsen Motomachi, Beppu City	Fee	1,000 yen (with a complimentary illustrated postcard)

Group tours can be arranged (for 10 or more people)