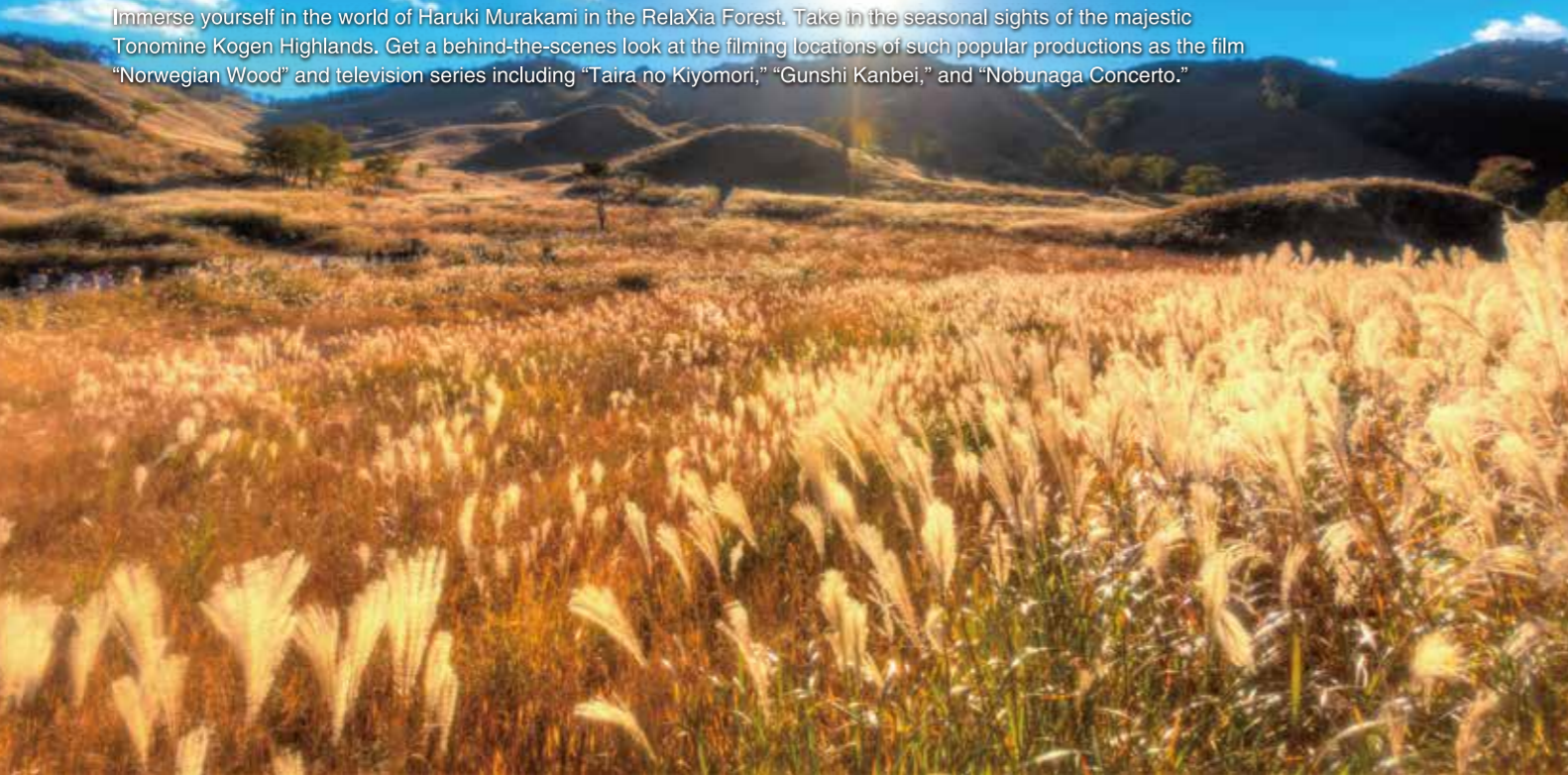


Touring Television and Movie Filming Locations: Enjoying the Magnificent Nature of Mineyama and Tonomine

Immerse yourself in the world of Haruki Murakami in the RelaXia Forest. Take in the seasonal sights of the majestic Tonomine Kogen Highlands. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the filming locations of such popular productions as the film "Norwegian Wood" and television series including "Taira no Kiyomori," "Gunshi Kanbei," and "Nobunaga Concerto."

Charter taxi



1: As summer sets in, a vast field of green susuki grass unfolds across the highlands. 2: Thanks its high altitude, the Tonomine Kogen Highlands offer a prime setting for astronomical observations with a vast star-filled sky. Visitors in autumn will be treated to a picturesque sight of the Milky Way over a field of golden susuki grass. 3: In winter, the highlands taken on a silver hue as the landscape is blanketed in snow. 4: Every year, the "Mountain-Burning Festival" is held to announce the arrival of spring at Tonomine Kogen Highlands. The festival sees the grasslands completely devoured by flames, ensuring beautiful future regrowth. With a different scene on display each season, visitors are sure to find new discoveries no matter what time of year they visit.

G3 Tonomine Kogen Highlands

The Tonomine Kogen Highlands is West Japan's leading areas covered with susuki grass. Spread across some 90 ha, the highlands offer an encompassing view of bright, fresh greenery from late spring to early summer, rolling golden fields of susuki grass in fall, and a pure-white snowscape in winter. Such spectacular scenery has made Tonomine Kogen Highlands a popular filming location for various films and television shows, including the film "Norwegian Wood," "Nobunaga Concerto," and the NHK Taiga drama "Gunshi Kanbei." During peak susuki grass season, a direct bus will be available from JR Bantan Line's Teramae Station. (Reservations only) Address: 801 Kawakami, Kamikawa Town, Kanzaki District | Hours: 24 hours (No nighttime lighting except during events) | Tonomine Nature Exchange Center: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm | Closed: No closing days (may not be accessible during winter/snow seasons) | Tonomine Nature Exchange Center: Mondays, winter season (No closing days during peak susuki grass season (mid-Sept. – early Nov.)) | Tel.: 0790-31-8100 (Tonomine Nature Exchange Center)



At Tonomine Kogen Highlands' "Koryu-an" Heike Soba House, visitors can taste freshly made Heike soba that is ground, kneaded, and boiled on-premises. Hours: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (5:00 pm close during autumn) | Closed: Mondays, winter season | Tel.: 0790-31-8100

G1 Mineyama Kogen Hotel RelaXia

Hotel RelaXia is Mineyama Kogen Highlands' premiere resort hotel. Located next to the forest used for the filming of the film "Norwegian Wood," the hotel is the perfect starting point for a highland stroll. On clear nights, visitors will be treated to a spectacular sky filled with stars. In addition, the Mineyama Kogen Highlands Ski Resort is scheduled to open nearby in December 2017. Address: 881-146 Kamioda, Kamikawa Town, Kanzaki District | Hours: [Phone hours] 8:00 am – 9:00 pm / [Lunch] 11:00 am – 2:00 pm / [Tea time] 10:30 am – 4:00 pm | Closed: No closing days | Tel.: 0790-34-1516 | Web: <http://www.hotel-relaxia.com/>



Ski resort opening December 2017!



*Photo for illustrative purposes only.



G4 Ka-min Tourist Information Office

Adjacent to Teramae Station, the Ka-min Tourist Information Office offers maps and brochures for local sightseers. Visitors can also find numerous specialty products from Kamikawa Town, including products made with yuzu citrus and wild yams. Address: 142-47 Kaji, Kamikawa Town, Kanzaki District | Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm | Closed: Wednesdays (or the following day if Wednesday is a holiday), no closing days during autumn (Contact for details.) | Tel.: 0790-34-1001 | Web: <http://www.kamikawa-kankonavi.jp>



G2 RelaXia Forest

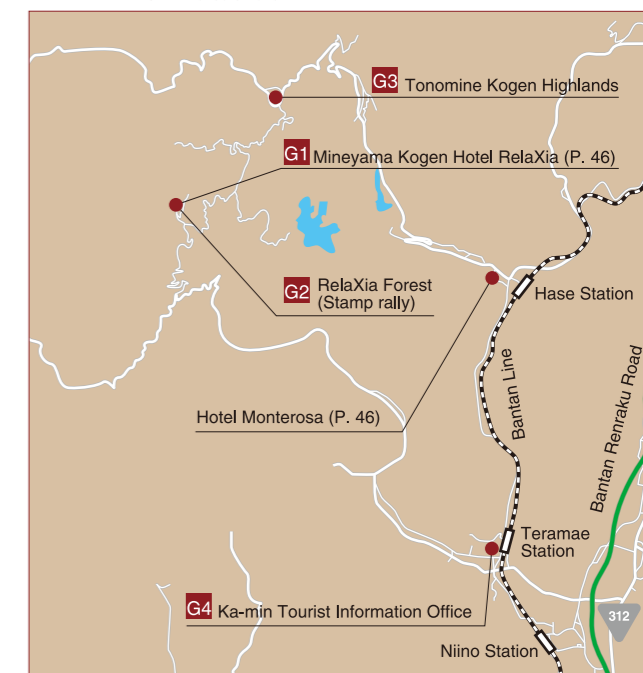
The beautiful RelaXia Forest was used in the filming of the popular film "Norwegian Wood." Easily accessible along a hiking course, the forest embodies a certain healing power. Immerse yourself in the serenity and purity of the forest air. Inquiries: Mineyama Kogen Hotel RelaXia | Tel.: 0790-34-1516



Recommended Courses and Map

Time	Itinerary
8:39 am	Himeji Station
9:31 am	Teramae Station (Get maps from G4 Ka-min Tourist Information Office)
10:00 am	G1 Mineyama Kogen Hotel RelaXia
10:10 am	G2 RelaXia Forest exploration (with a "stamp rally" map available from Hotel RelaXia)
11:40 am	G1 Mineyama Kogen Hotel RelaXia
1:00 pm	Departure for Tonomine Kogen Highlands by taxi*
1:30 pm	G3 Tonomine Kogen Highlands "Koryu-an" Heike Soba House
3:30 pm	G4 Ka-min Tourist Information Office
4:04 pm	Teramae Station
6:46 pm	Kinosakionsen Station

*Awaga Shinki Taxi Company Tel.: 0790-32-0086 (Reservations not accepted. Contact on day of use.)
*Teramae Taxi LLC Tel.: 0790-34-0137



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