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This is the best time to enjoy the beauty of the plum trees in bloom. In addition to the beauty of nature in full bloom this course also lets you sample the different plum flavours produced by different preparations and recipes. You can also participate in making your very own plum souvenirs to take home, a delicious memory of your experience. Another experience you won't want to miss is the natural beauty of the Usui Pass and the spectacular 'Megane-bashi', selected as an important cultural property. Take a nature walk along the abandoned railway track that connects Yokokawa and Karuizawa through a series of pitch-black tunnels. And after all this enjoy a relaxing spa in the birthplace of the hot spring symbol Inoue Onsen.



This is the harvest time for plums. Spend the day working close to nature in the orchards alongside a local farmer. Pick the very best plums on the tree to make into delicious plum syrup and pickled plums for your kitchen. After all that hard work relax by taking a short trip over to Isobe Onsen for a rejuvenating bath. Or maybe try something special such as a Sand Salt Bath detox. This is a relaxing adult experience in Akima Bairin and Isobe Onsen.



If you can't get enough of the charm of Akima, you can always enrol at the 'Plum School' where you can experience working along-side plum farmers, or help us keep the traditions of the area alive by joining 'Umezono' our tree sponsorship programme.

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