

About One Hour From Asakusa: Traditional Beauty Where the Forces of Nature, Skill, and Space Are Interwoven

The Omiya Bonsai Art Museum, Saitama

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Omiya-koen Station is about 1 hour from Asakusa Station via the TOBU SKYTREE Line and the TOBU URBAN PARK Line. On the north side of the station is the Omiya Bonsai Village, a mecca for bonsai. Bonsai is also called "living art," and has attracted attention from across the globe.

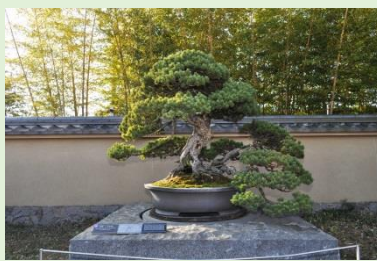
Mastering Beauty! A Mecca for Traditional Japanese Art, Bonsai

Bonsai is a traditional culture and art, representative of Japan. In addition to surveying and researching bonsai culture which has been cultivated by this tradition, The Omiya Bonsai Art Museum, built in the northern part of the Omiya Bonsai Village, widely showcases bonsai culture to the world, and when it opened in March 2010, it was the first public bonsai art museum in the world, opened with the goal of familiarizing many guests to bonsai. In addition to over 100 pieces of famous bonsai art representing Japan, the Museum systematically gathers and exhibits *bonki* (bonsai pots), *suiseki*-stones, art information, cultural and folk materials, and more. Bonsai is a living art, mutually created by both man and nature. You can take your time enjoying this beauty. In the Bonsai Garden, they display not only approximately 60 regular pieces, but also pieces that match the season, rotated on a weekly basis, allowing you to enjoy images of the four seasons. And that's not all. A dramatic presentation technique for bonsai fans can be seen from every angle, including ingenious designs to see the bonsai from a variety of angles, the ability to gaze upon the Bonsai Garden from the Bonsai Terrace on the 2nd floor of the Museum, the outstanding Japanese white pine *Chiyo-no-matsu*, the largest bonsai at the Museum that is displayed on a rotating display to adjust its exposure to sunlight, and more.

• The Omiya Bonsai Art Museum, Saitama: <https://www.bonsai-art-museum.jp/en/>



Zashiki-kazari (A decorative feature in a Japanese style room):
The Gyo Style Room



Chiyo-no-matsu Japanese White Pine



Bonsai Garden

Enjoyment Even for Beginners Bonsai Learning Program Held in English!

Building upon the opportunity of the 8th World Bonsai Convention in Saitama, the Saitama International Bonsai Academy is offering bonsai classes where students can acquire knowledge and skills regarding bonsai in a systematic manner. It will be held every month until March 2020, so you can participate before or after visiting other tourist spots as each session finishes in about two hours.

There are two parts to the workshop. In the first part, you will learn about the attractive qualities of bonsai and how to appreciate bonsai through guided exhibition tours of the Museum offered by Museum guides (about 30 minutes). In the second part, you will participate in a bonsai making workshop led by a English-speaking instructor (about 90 minutes).

You can choose between two options for the program: one where you only experience bonsai and another where you are able to take home the bonsai that you create. As this workshop program can be enjoyed by people of all ages, why not take this opportunity to experience what it feels like to be a bonsai artisan? *If you will be taking your bonsai back to your country, please check quarantine conditions for your country.

For more information, check out this link! <https://www.bonsai-art-museum.jp/en/post-3784/>



Guided Exhibition Tours



A Couple Happily Creating Bonsai Together



Bonsai Lessons from Instructors

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Tourism Site for Areas Along the Tobu Railway TOBU JAPAN TRIP: <http://www.tobujapantrip.com/en/>

• For other materials and images for the media, please refer to the following website. Mynewsdesk: <https://www.mynewsdesk.com/tobu-railway>