

# 将大鍛刀場 MASAHIRO TANTOUJOU SWORD FORGE

In the relaxed surroundings of the suburbs, receive guidance from Yuya Nakanishi, a certified professional swordsmith, the only one in Kyoto and of which there are only 300 in the whole country, and make a knife for your everyday use. By repeatedly heating and hammering the metal, the structure of the metal becomes tighter, forging the resilience Japanese katanas are known for. There is a plan for making a short sword of the same Tamahagane steel as katanas, and you will no doubt be satisfied with the beauty of the finished product. For those with enough time, we recommend the 8 hour course for making a Japanese knife.

\*Although these are private lessons, there may be times where you will be learning with other people, depending on the number of participants.  
\*Please note that reservation methods for Plan A and Plans B and C are different.

## Short Sword-making Experience Plan **A** and Plan **B**



**A** Material : iron  
Reservations :  [expedia small katana kyoto](#) 

Fee : ¥16,000

**B** Material : Tamahagane steel, the same as Japanese swords

Reservations : Send email to Travel Kyoto

Fee : ¥36,000

### Both plans

Start times : 9:00, 13:00

Time : 4 hours

Translator : ¥6,000

Total Length : 20cm

Blade Length : 8.5cm



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### PROFILE Swordsmitth Yuya Nakanishi

Enchanted by the mysteriously beautiful Japanese katana while in junior high school, Nakanishi aspired to be a swordsmith. At the age of 20, he apprenticed under a swordsmith in Fukushima city. After 7 years of training, he became independent, calling himself "Masahiro". In October of 2014, he set up a forge with his own name, "Masahiro Tantoujō". He works on katana made-to-order as artistic handicrafts.

## Japanese Knife-making Experience Plan **C**



**C** Material : iron  
Reservations : Send email to Travel Kyoto

Start time : 9:00

Time : 8 hours

Fee : ¥58,000

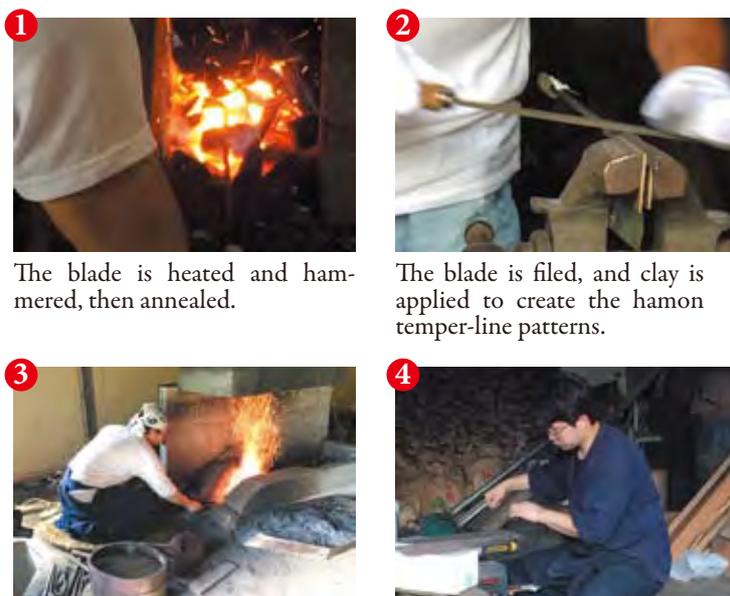
Translator : ¥12,000

Total Length : 30cm

Blade Length : 14cm

\*For Japanese knives, in addition to processes ①-④, a handle is added and a braid is wrapped around it. Finally, a sheath is made out of leather.

### The making process



The blade is heated and hammered, then annealed.



The blade is filed, and clay is applied to create the hamon temper-line patterns.



Yaki-ire (quenching) is the process in which the metal is cooled down and hardened.



The blade is polished and an inscription is carved into it.

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Cancellation policy: No cancellations, plan changes or refunds 7 days before the reserved date. Please arrive 10 minutes before start time. To participate, you must be over 10 years old. Payments must all be settled in advance by credit card.

### <Meeting and forge location>



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