



Train thru the mountains to Takayama. Almost missed this train!

ミスターイトウ

▲あけくち

しっとりクッキーに
チョコとナッツが
そのままザックザク!

アメリカンソフト クッキー

American Soft

ミルクチョコレートマカデミア

COOKIES

What are you calling me?

Takayama is known for wood working. And miniturizing
Americans.





Day 8. Mmm. Green tea soft serve and Takayama Hida beef skewer.



Rickshaws. The drivers wore special lobster-toe shoes.



Sanmachi District shops in Takayama with sake and miso shops.



Need a rest? Don't fall in the culvert.

Miso tasting.





Another view of the shop street.



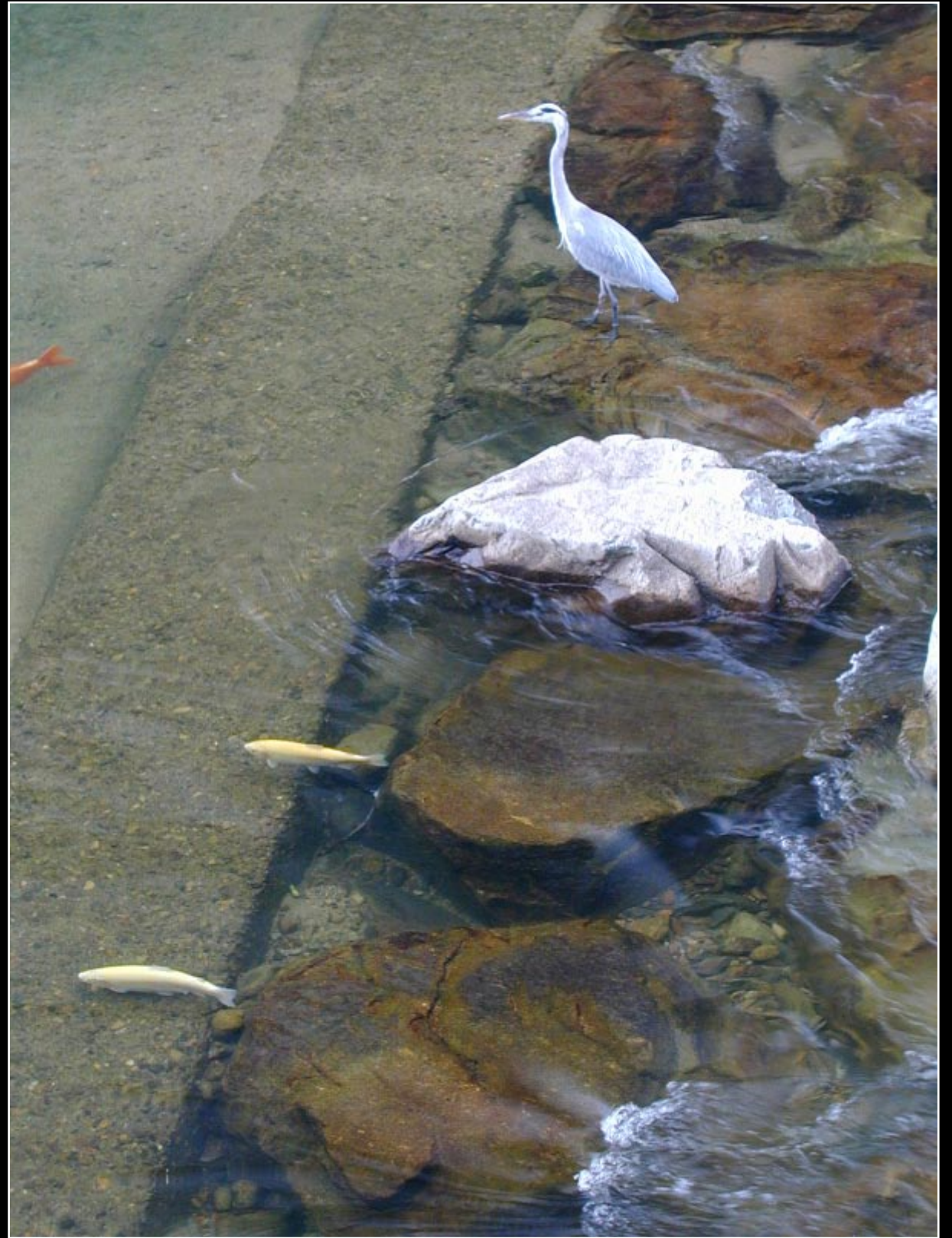
Miso barrels.



Green tea cake with red bean paste and yummy pear drink.



Miya River. Not sure if this is supposed to be a sidewalk.



Heron in the Miya River with carp.



Karakuri puppets for traditional parade floats.



In Takayama, a full scale model of a Nikko shrine



Dusk begins to fall.



The back side of the temple gate.

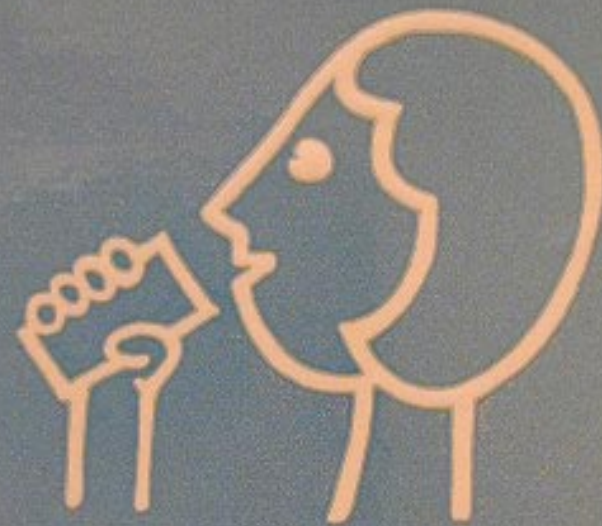
Night in Takayama





Delicious izakaya (pub) food. Clams in sake and BBQ pork.

この水は飲料水として
お飲みいただけます。



THIS WATER BE
GOOD TO DRINK.

Japanese translated to ebonics.



Day 9. Front of a shinkansen (bullet) train in Nagoya.



Cruising right along on the shinkansen to Kyoto.



Rice fields as viewed from the train. We passed lots of these.



More amusing names.



Whole lotta taxis at the Kyoto train station.



Day 10. Torii gate at the Fushimi-Inari Taisha in Kyoto.

We called Fushimi-Inari Taisha the "Fox Shrine." Lots of foxes!





The temple at the bottom of the hill.

The fox is the messenger of Inari, the god of cereal grains.





The first of hundreds of torii gates on the hike up the hill.

Gates! Gates! Gates!





A shrine along the way to the top. Shops sold offerings.



A shrine.



View of Kyoto on the way up.



Shrine



Cool bug.



Bugs are neat.



Stick bug.



The gates require constant care and replacement.



Mailman. Tough route!

Another shrine



山の緑を 火災から守ろう



京都市消防局・京都紫明ライオンズクラブ
たばこのポイ捨てをやめよう

この材料は、土や水の中で微生物の働きにより分解するプラスチックを使用しています。

Smokey the dog wants you to prevent forest fires!



More fox!



Live bug caught in an old net. We saved it.





View near the top.





Meow.



Lots of cats wandering around the shrines.

This one may have been blind.





I finally found a drink machine with the good grapefruit juice!





Women in formal kimonos.



Sunset in Kyoto

Small side street in Kyoto





Buddha at the Higashi Otani Museum.





Part of the Yasaka Shrine in Kyoto.

Looking forward to spicy chili paste with dumplings!





Really narrow street in the Gion district.



Lots of food on this Kyoto street.

Kyoto train station





Scooter parking lot.