

The Ohara clan were one of the chief retainers to the Matsudaira clan, the rulers of Kitsuki from 1646 to the middle of the eighteenth century. The Ohara clan's home is one of the most well-maintained samurai residences in the city. Its traditional thatched roof, earthen walls, and tatami-and-wood-floored rooms are an excellent example of the houses of the upper echelon of the samurai class. Inside are a traditional stone kitchen, restroom, and an indoor archery practice space. The house is surrounded by a well-kept garden. Today the Ohara residence, Suya no Saka, and the surrounding streets are regularly used to film period dramas.