

Kajikaen Art Gallery

Kajikaen is a former inn (*ryokan*) that has been repurposed as an art gallery. Built on the north bank of the Tama River in 1925, it was expanded during the Showa era (1926–1989). Each guest room is designed in *sukiya-zukuri* style, a refined style distinguished by tatami flooring, a *tokonoma* alcove, and staggered shelves for displaying decorative objects and artworks. The carved cedar transom panels contribute to the luxurious atmosphere.

The current owner transformed the inn into a gallery to exhibit his vast collection of artworks and ceramics dating from the Edo period (1603–1867) to the Meiji era (1868–1912). The 18 guest rooms have been turned into galleries, with period furniture, ikebana flower arrangements, and views of the Tama River. Kajikaen's large former bathhouse has also been used as a venue for contemporary art exhibitions. The main reception area features a hall for seasonal artworks. Kajikaen is a National Tangible Cultural Property.

Kajikaen is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday to Sunday. The admission fee for the permanent exhibition is ¥800.