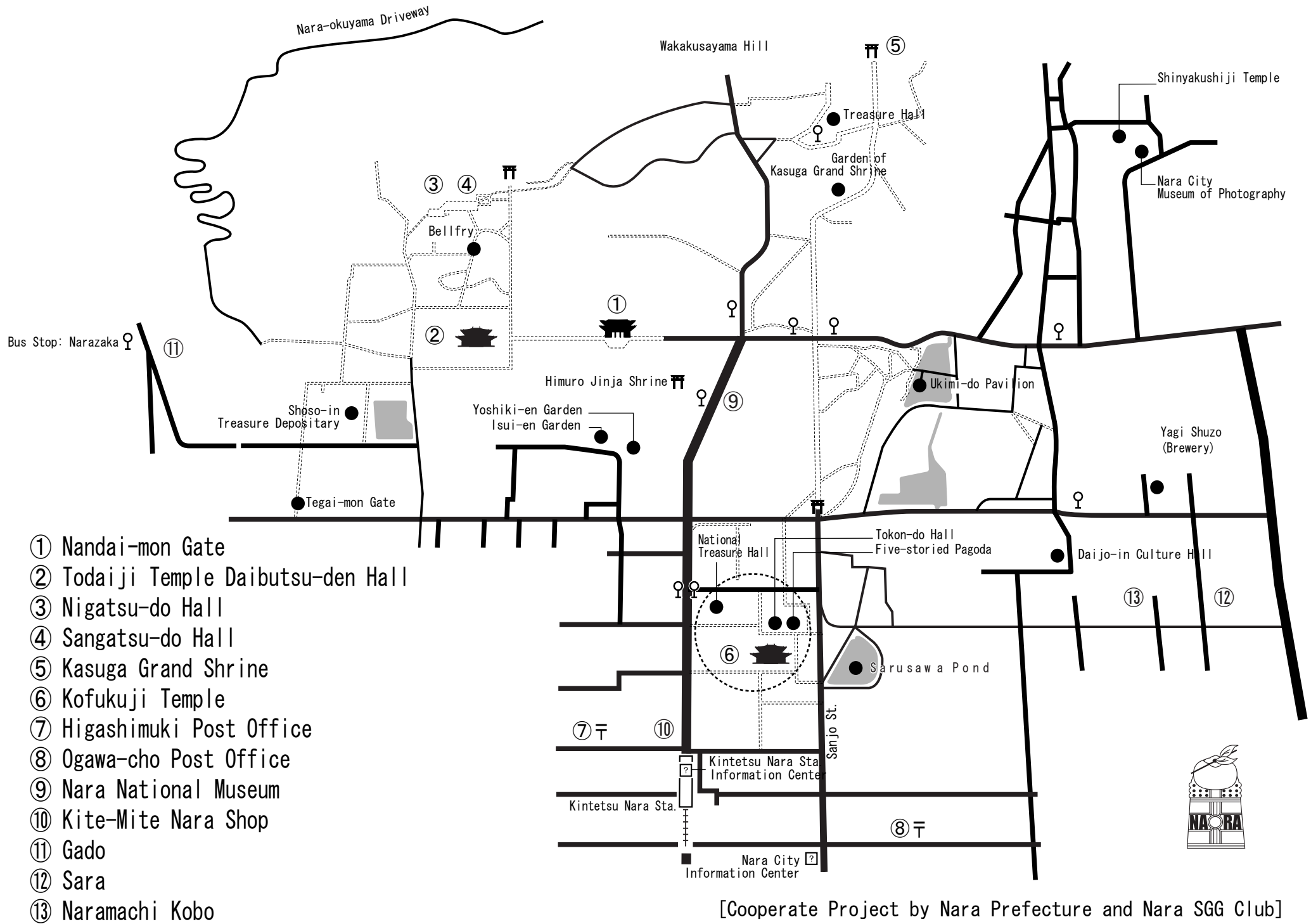


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1) Production of Miniature Roof Tiles: ⑪ “Gado” (09:00–17:00) Tel:0742–22–2391 Miniature roof tiles can be used as a charm against evil, a paperweight, a wall ornament and so on. Fee:2,000 yen Time required: One hour It takes three weeks to complete the product and the customer should bear the cost of mailing. Prospective customers should apply two days in advance. Location: Take a bus from Kintetsu Nara Station and get off at the Narazaka bus stop. It is one minute away on foot. Sightseeing spots nearby: Narazuhiko Shrine, the birthplace of Okina-mai, the origin of Noh drama. Han’nyaji Temple is famous for its flowers, and Uemura Dairy Farm. Try one of their delicious ice creams.

2) Wear a kimono and walk around the ancient streets of Nara-machi.: ⑫ “Sara” (10:00–16:00) Tel: 0742–24–1302 Fee: 3,000 yen for kimono rental and dressing, 2,000 yen for yukata rental and dressing. Time required: 30 minutes for dressing and then you may stroll around freely until 16 o’clock. You don’t need to apply in advance for this service. Location: A 10-minute walk from Kintetsu Nara Station. Sightseeing spots nearby: The streets of Nara-machi. Others: Underwear, Zori (Japanese sandals), handbags to go with kimono can be rented free of charge.

3) Glass Workshop: ⑬ “Kuhō” (10:00–18:00) within Nara-machi Kobo. Tel: 0742–26–0493 Fee: 3,800 yen to have a go at making Tombo-dama (traditional colorful glass beads) as accessories. Time required: One hour You should apply at least a day in advance. Location: A 20-minute walk from Kintetsu Nara Station (within the Nara-machi district). Sightseeing spots nearby: The streets of Nara-machi

*The art of Tombo-dama came down from China and was given the name Tombo from the Japanese for dragonfly which has compound eyes.

4) Indigo Dyeing: Hakomoto-kan, “Konya” (09:00–17:00) Tel: 0743–58–5531 Fee: 500 yen for dyeing a handkerchief, 800 yen for a bandana, 1,000 yen for a large-scaled bandana. An admission ticket for the hall is required separately. It costs 300 yen. Time required: One and a half hours It is necessary to apply for this service. Location: A 10-minute walk from Kintetsu Koriyama Station. Sightseeing spots nearby: The Kingyo(goldfish) Museum introduces you to the culture and history behind the goldfish at Koriyama Castle site.

*Other experiences include Nigiri-zumi(making a carbon-based ink bar by hand), Akahada-yaki(Nara’s original pottery-making) and Soba-uchi(making buckwheat noodles by hand), etc. Please ask Nara City Tourist Information Center (Tel: 0742–22–5595 Inquiries in English) for details.

*For those who need a volunteer guide or want to experience the above, contact Nara City Tourist Information Center.

*All numbers above correspond with those on the map.

*1km(about 0.6 mile) = Approximately 15 minutes on foot.

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