Other Main Sites (Omori Ginzan)

1. Kigami-jinja Shrine
   The shrine, originally called Ushikami-jinja, was constructed in the style of Senmon-jinja. It was built in 1820 and is a national historical site.

2. Oka Residence
   This residence is the only tsumairi-styled structure in Omori Ginzan. It was the residence of the Oka family, who were responsible for the management of the mine. The residence is a national historical site.

3. Aoyama Residence
   This residence is the residence of the Aoyama family, who were also responsible for the management of the mine. The residence is a national historical site.

4. Ido-jinja Shrine
   This shrine is the residence of the Ido family, who were responsible for the management of the mine. The shrine is a national historical site.

5. Yanagihara Residence
   This residence is the residence of the Yanagihara family, who were responsible for the management of the mine. The residence is a national historical site.

6. Myike Residence
   This residence is the residence of the Myike family, who were also responsible for the management of the mine. The residence is a national historical site.

7. Abe Residence
   This residence is the residence of the Abe family, who were responsible for the management of the mine. The residence is a national historical site.

8. Eisen-ji Temple
   This temple was originally built in the Kamakura period, but was reconstructed in the Edo period. The temple is a national cultural property.

9. Kanamori Residence
   This residence is the residence of the Kanamori family, who were responsible for the management of the mine. The residence is a national historical site.

10. Eikyu Refinery Ruins
    This refinery was one of the largest in Omori Ginzan. It was operated from 1889 to 1923 and is a national industrial site.

Research at the Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine

Shimane Prefecture and Oda City began a comprehensive research project in 1996 to shed light on the overall features and value of the Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine. Investigations are continuing in the following areas:

Excavation

This is a key element of the comprehensive study designed to uncover the cultural and historical aspects of Iwami Ginzan. The goal is to provide a clear understanding of the mining techniques and development of the mine.

Stone Structure Research

Stone structures and other stone monuments have been examined to determine the specific techniques used in their construction and the materials used. The research is centered on understanding the techniques used to create these structures and their purpose.

Silver Mine Transportation Route Research

This research is centered on understanding the movement of silver and supplies in the mine. It is designed to determine routes and transportation methods used in the mine through investigation of trade archives, supply records, and transportation methods.

Paleographic and Philological Research

This research is centered on understanding the historical contexts of the mine. It is designed to analyze historical documents and records to understand the social and economic contexts of the mine.

Scientific Research

Materials collected from the excavations are being evaluated scientifically to shed light on the various techniques used in mining. This research is focused on understanding the techniques used in mining and refining processes.

Other Research

Other research is also being conducted including tunnel surveys to study mine ventilation and scientific surveys to study the mine's overall landscape. The research is centered on understanding the social and economic contexts of the mine.