



# Fukui Tourist Guide



# Travel around Fukui Prefecture.

From its intoxicating natural beauty to its rich traditional culture, Fukui offers a taste of days long gone. With its many exquisite destinations, Fukui will remain in your heart for years to come.

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### Access Information Key

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Public transit line or route →	Echizen Railway Katsuyama Eiheiji Line	Keifuku Bus Eiheiji-Tojinbo Line or Eiheiji Line	Walk
Station or bus stop →	Fukui Sta. ▶ Eiheiji-guchi Sta.	Eiheiji-guchi Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Eiheiji (bus stop)	
Travel time and fare →	25 min. / ¥450	14 min. / ¥410	5 min.

# Getting to Fukui



## By Train

From Tokyo, come via the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line or the Tokaido Shinkansen Line. From Nagoya, the Shirasagi Limited Express train provides direct service. Additionally, you can take the Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Maibara Station, then transfer to a Shirasagi Limited Express train. From Osaka, the Thunderbird Limited Express train also provides convenient direct service.

Departing from:	To Tsuruga Sta.	To Takefu Sta.	To JR Fukui Sta.	To Awaraonsen Sta.
Tokyo Sta. via Kagayaki Shinkansen (transfer to Hokuriku Main Line Limited Express at Kanazawa Sta.)	—	3 hr., 23 min.	3 hr., 9 min.	3 hr., 2 min.
Tokyo Sta. via Hikari Shinkansen (transfer to Shirasagi Limited Express at Maibara Sta.)	2 hr., 39 min.	2 hr., 59 min.	3 hr., 13 min.	3 hr., 24 min.
Nagoya Sta. via Hikari Shinkansen (transfer to Shirasagi Limited Express at Maibara Sta.)	51 min.	1 hr., 11 min.	1 hr., 25 min.	1 hr., 36 min.
Nagoya Sta. via Shirasagi Limited Express	1 hr., 35 min.	1 hr., 56 min.	2 hr., 8 min.	2 hr., 20 min.
Osaka Sta. via Thunderbird Limited Express	1 hr., 19 min.	1 hr., 40 min.	1 hr., 47 min.	2 hr.

Travel times do not include time spent at stations for transfers.



## By Airplane

Komatsu Airport is the closest airport to Fukui. Flights available to and from Tokyo (Haneda and Narita), Sapporo, Sendai, Fukuoka, and Naha Airports. Direct shuttle bus service is available from Komatsu Airport to JR Fukui Station. The trip is approximately one hour (with nine trips per day). You can also go to JR Komatsu Station and take a Limited Express train on the JR Hokuriku Main Line, as well.

Contact:

All Nippon Airways (ANA): +81 (570) 029-222

Japan Airlines (JAL) and Japan Transocean Air (JTA): +81 (570) 025-071

Ibex Airlines: +81 (3) 6741-6688

Departing from:	Komatsu Airport		
	Flights/day:	Airline(s):	Travel time:
Haneda	10	JAL (6 flights) & ANA (4 flights)	1 hr.
Narita	1	IBX/ANA	1 hr., 15 min.
Sapporo	1	ANA	1 hr., 35 min.
Sendai	2	IBX/ANA	1 hr., 5 min.
Fukuoka	4	IBX/ANA	1 hr., 15 min.
Naha	1	JTA	2 hr., 10 min.

Operation Status as of March 1, 2018



## By Highway Bus

### From Tokyo

Departing from:	To Fukui Station:
Tokyo Sta. Yaesu South Exit	8 hr., 20 min.
Shinjuku Express Way Terminal	7 hr., 40 min.

### From Osaka

Departing from:	To Fukui Station:
Osaka Umeda	3 hr., 30 min.
Departing from:	To Obama Station:
Kintetsu Namba Sta. West Exit (OCAT Bldg.)	3 hr., 30 min.
Osaka Sta. & Higashi-Umeda Subway Sta.	3 hr., 5 min.

### From Nagoya

Departing from:	To Fukui Station:
Meitetsu Bus Center	2 hr., 50 min.
JR Nagoya Station	2 hr., 40 min.

Contact:

For Tokyo, Osaka, or Nagoya to Fukui:

Fukutetsu Bus Ticket Center: +81 (778) 21-5489

Keifuku Bus Ticket Center: +81 (776) 24-4890

For Tokyo to Fukui: JR Bus Kanto: +81 (3) 3844-0496

For Osaka to Fukui: Hankyu Bus Reservation Center: +81 (6) 6866-3147

For Nagoya to Fukui: Meitetsu Bus Center: +81 (52) 582-0489

For Osaka to Obama:

Fukutetsu Highway Bus Osaka Line Reservation Center: +81 (770) 53-5489

Kintetsu Highway Bus Center: +81 (6) 6772-1631



## By Rental Car

Fukui prefecture rarely experiences heavy road traffic, making getting around by car smooth and pleasant. Car rentals are available at airports, so you can drive to Fukui from there.

Chubu Centrair International Airport:  
See the Access Plaza Information Counter for car rentals.

Kansai International Airport:  
See the Aero Plaza 1F Car Rental Counter for car rentals.

Komatsu Airport:  
See the 1F Car Rental for car rentals.

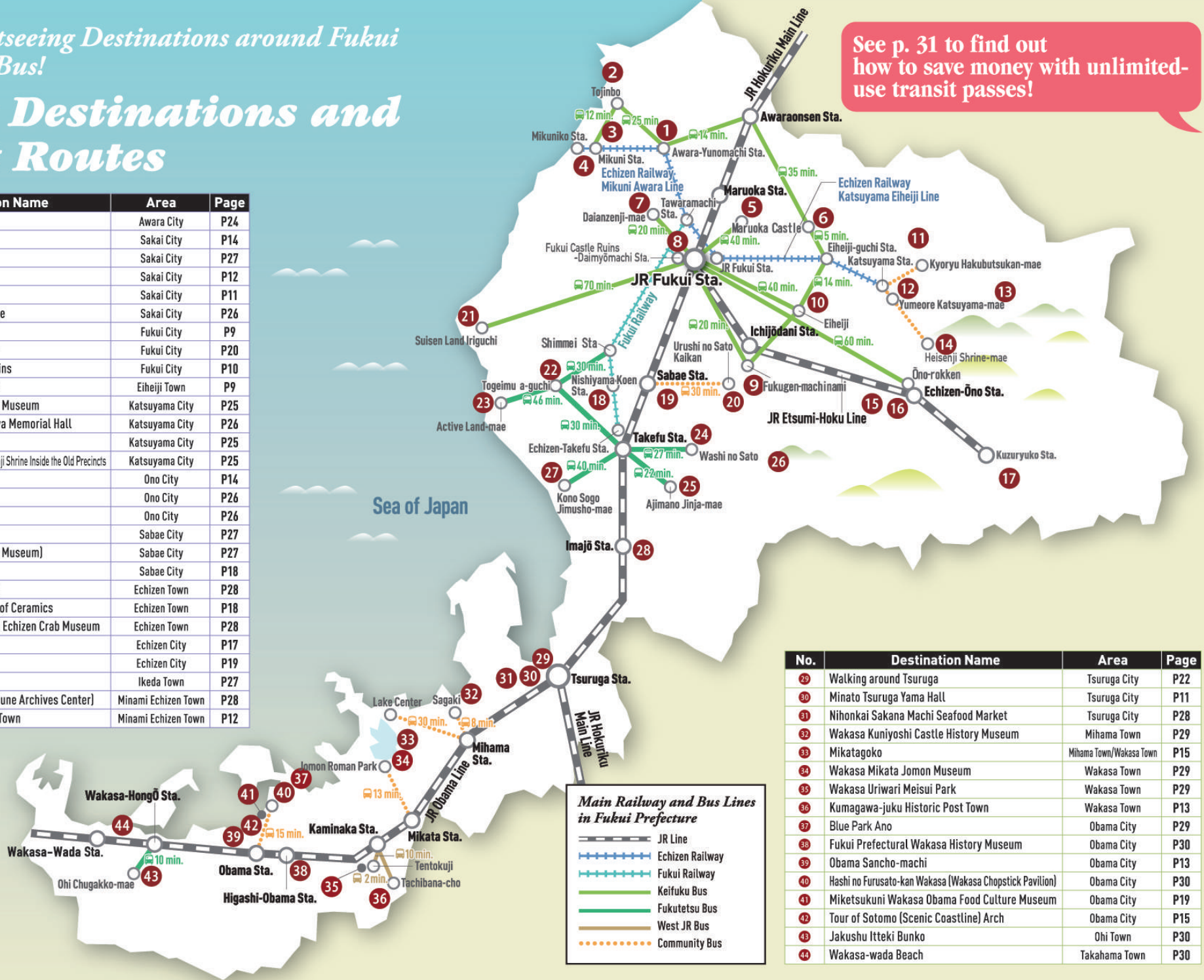
Car rentals also available near Fukui and Tsuruga Stations.

Travel to Sightseeing Destinations around Fukui by Train and Bus!

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# Find your 禅 in Fukui Zen

*Fukui Prefecture is home to many temples, and among them you'll find temples of the Soto and Rinzai sects. These sects belong to what is known as Zen Buddhism, which incorporates zazen seated meditation into its religious practices.*

*Zazen is not beholden to any expectations or desires; it instead focuses on calming the mind and simply sitting.*

*There are a number of temples within Fukui where you can try zazen for yourself and experience Zen culture firsthand.*

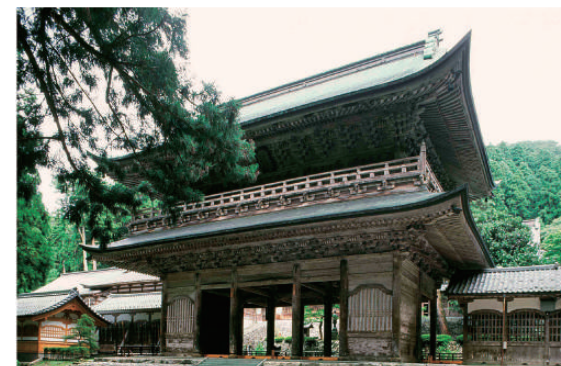
Photograph: Daizenzen-ji Temple

## The temple Steve Jobs dreamed of studying at Eiheiji Temple of a Soto Sect

Established in 1244 by Dogen Zenji as the headquarters of the Soto sect of Buddhism. In the center of Eiheiji Temple, you'll find over 70 large and small structures that still remain around the temple's seven main buildings, where even today Buddhist monks practice their severe religious austerities starting early each morning at Japan's largest Zen Buddhist training site. In addition to trying zazen seated meditation, visitors can also stay overnight or even for a multiple-day intensive zazen session. This overnight stay provides a taste of the Zen monk lifestyle, including Shojin-ryori Buddhist Cuisine.

Address: 5-15 Shihji, Eiheji i Town, Yoshida-gun  
Tel: +81 (776) 63-3102 (general reception)  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. May. to Oct.;  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. to Apr. Closed: Open daily  
Price: Visit ¥500 for adults, ¥200 for elementary and middle school student;  
zazen practice ¥1,000 (reservation req'd);  
overnight stay ¥8,000 (reservation req'd at least 2 weeks in advance)

*Awarded two stars in  
the Michelin Green Guide Japan  
in 2015.*



### access

Echizen Railway Katsuyama Eiheiji Line	Keifuku Bus Awara-Maruoaka-Eiheiji Line or Eiheiji Line	Walk
Fukui Sta. ▶ Eiheiji-guchi Sta.	Eiheiji-guchi Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Eiheiji (bus stop)	
25 min. / ¥450	14 min. / ¥410	5 min.

### Direct bus/Express Eiheiji Liner

A convenient express bus that provides direct service to Eiheiji Temple

- ◆ Travel time: Approx. 30 min. (JR Fukui Sta. East Exit to Eiheiji Temple)
- ◆ Fares: adults ¥720, children ¥360
- ◆ Reservations: Not necessary
- ◆ Contact: +81 (776) 66-2800 (Keifuku Limousine Bus Maruoaka Office)

## Final Resting place of the lord of the former Fukui Domain Daizenzenji Temple

This Rinzai sect temple was built in 1658, and was known as the family temple of the lords of the Fukui Domain during the feudal era. Today, it is preserved in the same condition as it was at the time. On the western side of the temple grounds, there is an iris garden famous for the beauty of the 10,000 flowers that bloom there in early summer.

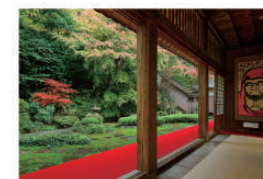
Address: 21-4 Tanotani-cho, Fukui city  
Tel: +81 (776) 59-1014  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)  
Closed: Open daily  
Price: Visit ¥500

Zazen seated meditation ¥400 (2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.; reservation req'd)  
Shojin-ryori Buddhist Cuisine ¥2,500-6,000  
(does not include taxes or temple visit fees)  
(Reservation req'd 5 days in advance for groups of 10 or more)

### access

Keifuku Bus Ayukawa Line	Walk
Fukui Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Daianjimon-mae (bus stop)	
20 min. / ¥400	20 min.

Via Ayukawa Line: No. 10 or 11 or 15 bus (bus stop No. 3).



# Traces of the Samurai

*From the end of the 15th century to the end of the 16th century, Japan entered what was known as the "Warring States" era, as battles were fought all across Japan.*

*Fukui was no exception: the remains of a castle town belonging to powerful samurai can be found here, and Japan's oldest castle tower can still be seen today in its original state. In Fukui, the Warring States era lives on in subtle ways.*

## Japan's only warring states-era castle town ruins

### Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins

The Warring States-era warlords, the Asakura clan, ruled this area from 1471 to 1574; the remains of their castle town can still be seen today. These remains have been designated a special historic site, a site of special scenic beauty, and an important cultural property.

The restored town scenery of samurai residences and townhouses was reconstructed using the foundation stones and stone fences just as they were found underground on the site. Visitors can also try on the types of samurai armor and helmets or kimonos that were worn during the Warring States era (¥500 per person). At the nearby Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum, visitors can see some 500 items that were excavated here, such as ceramics and metal items, and many of the items on display are nationally registered as important cultural properties.

Address: 28-37 Kidonouchi-cho, Fukui city (restored town)  
4-10 Abaka-cho, Fukui city (Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum)  
Tel: +81 (776) 41-2330 (Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins)  
+81 (776) 41-2301 (Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum)  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)  
Closed: Ruins open daily; restored town and museum closed for new year holidays  
Price: Restored town ¥210 (or ¥230 for combined admission to the Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum), Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum ¥100 (extra fees may apply for special exhibits)



access.1

	<b>Keifuku Bus</b> Ichijodani-Togo Line
	Fukui Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Fukugen-machinami (bus stop)
	30 min. / ¥650

Via Ichijodani Togo Line: No. 62 bus (bus stop No. 5)

access.2

	<b>JR</b> Etsumi-Hoku Line		<b>Walk</b>
	JR Fukui Sta. ▶ Ichijodani Sta.		
	16 min. / ¥240		25 min.

	<b>Direct bus/Ichijodani Asakura Express Bus</b>
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A convenient express bus that provides direct service to Eiheiiji Temple via the Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins

- ◆ Travel time: 16 min. (JR Fukui Sta. East Exit → Asakura Shiryokan-mae), 4 min. (Asakura Shiryokan-mae → Fukugen-machinami), 20 min. (Fukugen-machinami → Eiheiiji)
- ◆ Fares: (1) Asakura Clan Ruins Pass (unlimited rides for 1 day): adults ¥1,500, children ¥750 (2) Asakura & Eiheiiji Pass (unlimited rides for 1 day): adults ¥1,500, children ¥750 Both (1) and (2) above are limited to when the Asakura Express Bus is running.
- ◆ Reservations: Not necessary ◆ Contact: +81(776) 54-5171 (Keifuku Bus Fukui Office)

## The oldest castle tower in Japan

### Maruoka Castle

Built in 1576, Maruoka Castle is the oldest original castle tower still standing in Japan, leading it to be nationally designated as an important cultural property. Also known as the "Castle of the Mist." When the 400 or so cherry trees surrounding it come into bloom in spring, the castle practically "floats" fantastically on the blossoms.



Address: 1-59 Kasumi-cho, Maruoka-cho, Sakai city  
Tel: +81 (776) 66-0303 (Kasumigajo Park Management Office)  
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)  
Closed: Open daily  
Price: Admission ¥450



access

	<b>Keifuku Bus</b> Maruoka Line
	Fukui Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Maruoka Castle (bus stop)
	40 min. / ¥640

Via Prefectural Hospital/Maruoka Line: No. 36 bus (bus stop No. 1).  
Via Maruoka Line: No. 31 or 32 bus (bus stop No. 2).

## See gorgeous samurai dolls, armor, and helmets

### Minato Tsuruga Yama Hall

See three of the floats paraded around Tsuruga for the Tsuruga Matsuri festival every year, kept on display year-round. In the Screen Theater, visitors can enjoy videos of the festival floats, projected large to provide a sense of their scale. Additionally, visitors can see figures of samurai, actual armor and helmets, and Noh play masks on display, as well as an exhibit about Otani Yoshitsugu, who was the lord of Tsuruga Castle.



access

	<b>(1) Community Bus Kaigan Line or (2) Tsuruga Excursion Line Bus</b>
	Tsuruga-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Yama Kaikan (bus stop)
	(1) 12 min. / ¥200 (2) 5 min. / ¥200

Via Community Bus Kaigan Line: No. 7 bus (bus stop No. 2).  
Via Tsuruga Excursion Line Bus: Bus stop No. 3

## A port town that flourished in the age of the Kitamae ship trade

### Mikuni-Minato machi

Located right next to Mikuni Port, Mikuni-Minato machi flourished for centuries as the port of call for the Kitamae ships that would travel to destinations like Hokkaido or Osaka. With its latticed townhouses and families that trace back to the wealthy merchants of the day, it's easy to feel the liveliness of the town in its heyday even today.



Address: Kitahon-machi/Minamihon-machi/Shinmei, Mikuni-cho, Sakai city  
Tel: +81 (776) 82-8552 (Mikuni-Minato Townhouse Hall)



access

Fukui Sta. ▶ Mikuni Sta.	
50 min. / ¥720	7 min.



## This key point along the Mackerel Highway

### Kumagawa-juku Historic Post Town

The road through Wakasa, the southern half of Fukui where Kumagawa-juku Historic Post Town is located, was once used to provide the then-capital city of Kyoto with a wide variety of seafood, earning it the nickname of the "Mackerel Highway." Kumagawa-juku Historic Post Town thrived as a post town, and even today, the town features old-fashioned buildings like guard houses, and the old irrigation canal. The area was nationally selected as an important preservation district of historic buildings.

JAPAN HERITAGE

#### Wakasa Province: A Cultural Heritage Linking the Sea to the Ancient Capital

The "Mackerel Highway" and the Wakasa region around it developed its culture through the foods and festivals brought here from Kyoto via the highway. In April of 2015, the area was registered as the very first Japan Heritage site, providing official recognition of the area's storied historic charm.



日本遺産

Address: Kumagawa, Wakasa Town  
Tel: +81 (770) 45-0113 (Wakasa-Mikatagoko Tourism Association)



access

JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Kaminaka Sta.	Kaminaka Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Tachibana-cho (bus stop)
50 min. / ¥760	10 min. / ¥320

# A Stroll through Days Long Past

*Since long ago, Fukui has served as a vital base for travel by both land and sea. Even today, traces of these post towns and port towns remain, perfect for relaxed wandering.*

## A post town on the Hokkoku Highway

### Imajo-shuku Historic Post Town

A post town that flourished through the Edo era (1603-1868). Even today, vestiges of the old town remain in the townhouse- and house-lined road that stretches roughly a kilometer, the houses standing along the road like the teeth of a comb. The road itself is virtually unchanged from its past appearance, with old inn buildings and sake brewery buildings still standing.



Address: Imajo, Minami Echizen Town  
Tel: +81 (778) 45-0074 (Imajo, Minami Echizen Town Tourism Association)



access

JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Imajo Sta.	
35 min. / ¥580	5 min.



## Where the culture of old Kyoto lives on

### Obama Sancho-machi

The town of Obama is located at one end of the Mackerel Highway, and once flourished through trade with the then-capital city of Kyoto. Along the highway you'll find old townhouses and *getsba* teahouses with wooden latticed exteriors, bay windows, and more in this area selected as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings.



Address: Obamakatori, Obama city  
Tel: +81 (770) 53-1111 (Wakasa-Obama Tourism Association)



access

JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Kaminaka Sta.	
60 min. / ¥970	20 min.

# Spectacular Scenery

With its magnificent mountains and pure waters, Fukui is surrounded with simple natural beauty.

## Ranked among the world's finest scenery

### Tojinbo Cliffs

Carved out by the rough waves of the Sea of Japan, this 1.5 km stretch of coastline features breathtaking views that led to its being nationally designated as both a place of scenic beauty and a natural monument, as well as magnificent sunsets worthy of recognition as one of Japan's 100 most beautiful sunsets.

Address: Tojinbo, Mikuni-cho, Sakai City  
Tel: +81 (776) 82-5515 (Mikuni Tourism Association)  
Hours: Always open to the public  
Price: Free

access.1



Keifuku Bus  
Tojinbo Line

Awarasean Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Tojinbo (bus stop)

48 min. / ¥750

\*Via Tojinbo Line: No. 84 or 85 bus

access.2



Echizen Railway  
Mikuni Awara Line

Fukui Sta. ▶ Mikuni Sta.

50 min. / ¥720



Keifuku Bus  
Tojinbo Line

Mikuni Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Tojinbo (bus stop)

9 min. / ¥270

\*Via Tojinbo Line: No. 84 or 85 bus

## Five waterside areas registered as Ramsar Sites

### Mikatagoko

Consisting of Lake Mikata, Lake Suigetsu, Lake Suga, Lake Kugushi, and Lake Hiruga, the water and depths of each of the Mikata Five Lakes vary, making each a different shade of blue. The Rainbow Line (toll road) to the mountaintop park offers fantastic views of the dynamic scenery. Additionally, the layers of soil annually deposited at the bottom of Lake Suigetsu are among the world's best for researchers.

Address: 18-2-2 Kiyama, Wakasa Town

Tel: +81 (770) 45-2678 (Rainbow Line)

Hours: Mountaintop park 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(open later on Sat., Sun., and holidays)

Closed: New year holidays

Price: Rainbow Line toll ¥1,040 (standard size vehicles), mountaintop park admission ¥800

access



JR  
Obama Line

JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Mihama Sta.

22 min. / ¥320



Taxi\*

JR Mihama Sta. ▶ Rainbow Line mountaintop park

¥4,000 and up (1 hr.)

\*Heartful Sightseeing Taxi (reservation req'd) +81 (770) 32-1133 or +81 (770) 32-6363

## The castle that floats among the clouds

### Echizen Ono Castle

From October to April, the Ono Basin occasionally becomes enveloped in clouds that cause Echizen Ono Castle to appear to "float" on them, leading to its nickname, the "Castle in the Sky." Beneath these clouds, you'll find a charming castle town known as the "Little Kyoto of Hokuriku", perfect for walking around.

Address: 3-109 Shiro-machi, Ono city

Tel: +81 (779) 65-5520 (Ono City History Museum)

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Apr. to Sep.), 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Oct. & Nov.)

Closed: Dec. 1 to Mar. 31

Price: Admission Adult ¥200, No charge below the junior high school student.

access.1



JR  
Etsumi-Hoku Line

JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Echizen-Ono Sta.

54 min. / ¥670



Walk

40 min.

access.2



Keifuku Bus  
Ono Line

Fukui Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Ono-rokkan (bus stop)

60 min. / ¥990



Walk

30 min.

## A mysterious arch formed by the rough waves

### Tour of Sotomo (Scenic Coastline) Arch

These remarkably shaped rocks, tunnels, and caves carved out by the choppy waters of the Sea of Japan extend across some six kilometers of the coast. Enjoy an hour-long pleasure cruise departing from Wakasa Fisherman's Wharf for a refreshing yet breathtaking time.

Selected as one of Japan's 34 Most Beautiful Places for the American cable news channel CNN's web feature in 2017.

access



JR  
Obama Line

JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Obama Sta.

60 min. / ¥970



Walk

20 min.

Address: 1-3-2 Kawasaki, Obama city

Tel: +81 (770) 52-3111 (Wakasa Fisherman's Wharf)

Hours: Hourly departures starting at 9:00 a.m. (last trip leaves at 4:00 p.m.)

(cruises do not run during winter)

Closed: Dec. to Feb. Price: Ticket ¥2,000



## Echizen Paper



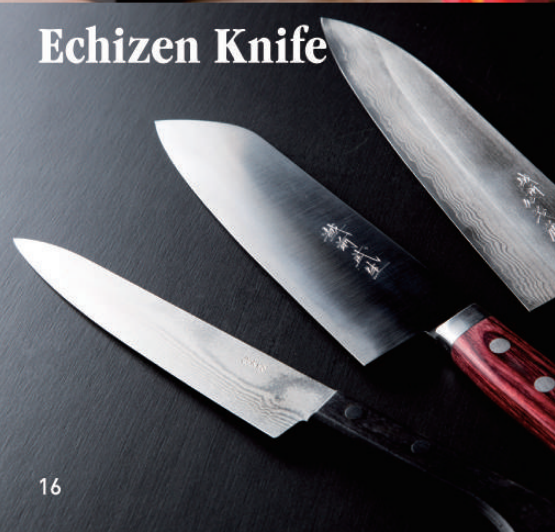
## Echizen Lacquerware



## Echizen Pottery

# World-Class Traditional Techniques

*Fukui is home to many traditional handicrafts. Their timeless charm comes from techniques handed down from generation to generation. Experience them firsthand for a taste of their exquisiteness.*



## Echizen Knife



## Wakasa Lacquered Chopsticks

## Traditional Hands-on Experience No.1: Echizen Paper

### *Papyrus House* (Echizen Washi Village)

Papyrus House is a hands-on paper-making facility located within Echizen Washi Village. Here, visitors can make their own washi paper and then decorate it with pressed flowers, dyes, and more, making postcards, business cards, coasters, fans, lampshades, or other goods with their own hand-made paper. The Papyrus House shop also offers an incredible variety of items made with *washi* paper.

Address: 8-44 Shinzaike-cho, Echizen city  
Tel: +81 (778) 42-1363  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Closed: New year holidays  
Price: Hands-on experiences ¥500 and up



Hands-on paper-making experience

### *Udatsu Paper & Craft Museum* (Echizen Washi Village)

A paper-maker's house from the middle of the Edo era (1603-1868), brought here and rebuilt. Visitors can watch traditional paper makers use old-fashioned tools to make *washi* paper, as well as other steps of the process like sun-drying the paper outside.



Address: 9-21-2 Shinzaike-cho, Echizen city  
Tel: +81 (778) 43-7800  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Closed: Tuesdays  
(open if Tuesday is a holiday) and new year holidays  
Price: Admission ¥200

### *Paper & Culture Museum* (Echizen Washi Village)

In addition to exhibitions of various types of Echizen Washi paper and materials, there is a section where you can introduce how to use the new *washi* paper and experience the texture of *washi* paper.



Address: 11-12 Shinzaike-cho, Echizen city  
Tel: +81 (778) 42-0016  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Closed: Tuesdays (open if Tuesday is a holiday) and new year holidays  
Price: Admission ¥200 (includes admission to Udatsu Paper & Craft Museum)

### *Okamoto Shrine and Otaki Shrine, Dedicated to the Goddess of Paper*



These shrines are dedicated to Kawakami Gozen, Japan's only goddess of paper, and who was said to have taught the techniques of paper-making to this village some 1,500 years ago. The main building, with its solemn atmosphere, was built in the later part of the Edo era (1603-1868), and it is now nationally designated as an important cultural property.

#### access

JR Hokuriku Main Line	Fukutetsu Bus Nanetsu Line
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Takefu Sta.	JR Takefu-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Washi no Sato (bus stop)
20 min. / ¥320	27 min. / ¥510

## Traditional Hands-on Experience No.2: Echizen Lacquerware

### Echizen Lacquerware Hall

The Kawada area of Sabae, Fukui has 1,500 years of tradition as "Urushi no Sato," or the "lacquer village." At Echizen Lacquerware Hall, visitors can see artisans making lacquerware, or try it themselves. Hands-on courses where visitors can paint a picture onto lacquered bowls, hand mirrors, and more are also popular (reservation req'd 2-3 days in advance).



Address: 40-1-2  
Nishibukuro-cho, Sabae city  
Tel: +81 (778) 65-2727  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed: 4th Tuesday of each month  
(open if Tuesday is a holiday and closed the following weekday) and new year holidays  
Price: Hands-on experiences ¥1,500-2,500 (reservation req'd)



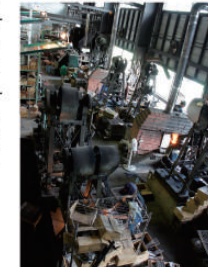
access

JR Hokuriku Main Line	Tsutsuji Bus Community Bus Kawada Line
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Sabae Sta.	JR Sabae Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Urushi no Sato Kaikan (bus stop)
15 min. / ¥240	30 min. / ¥100

## Traditional Hands-on Experience No.4: Echizen Knife

### Takefu Knife Village

With their exceptional quality, Echizen Forged Blades are beloved by chefs both within Japan and around the world. In addition to selling kitchen knives, scissors, and other bladed tools, Takefu Knife Village also serves as a knife-making workshop, where visitors can watch from the second floor as knife-makers forge and sharpen these incredible knives. Additionally, visitors can also try their hands at making a metal key-fob or even a kitchen knife (reservation req'd at least 3 days in advance).



access

JR Hokuriku Main Line	Fukutetsu Bus Ikeda Line	Walk
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Takefu Sta.	JR Takefu-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Ajimano Jinja-mae (bus stop)	
20 min. / ¥320	22 min. / ¥450	2 min.

Address: 22-91 Yokawa-cho, Echizen city  
Tel: +81 (778) 27-7120  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Open daily  
Price: Make a keyfob ¥600, make a small deba knife ¥7,000

## Traditional Hands-on Experience No.3: Echizen Pottery

### Fukui Prefectural Museum of Ceramics & Echizen Old Kiln Museum

A museum at the Echizen Pottery Village, home of one of the Six Old Kilns of Japan, Echizen Pottery. The museum consists of an exhibit hall, a pottery school, and a tea garden. Through the hand-shaped pottery hands-on course, visitors can make their own pottery using Echizen Pottery clay (reservation req'd). The Echizen Kiln Museum opened in October 2017, and the "Mizuno collection" which informs the transition of Echizen Pottery now is exhibited in earnest.



Address: Echizen Togeimura, Ozowara, Echizen Town  
Tel: +81 (778) 32-2174, Fukui Prefectural Museum of Ceramics; +81 (778) 32-3262, Echizen Old Kiln Museum  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed: Mondays (open if Monday is a holiday) and new year holidays  
Price: Exhibit admission ¥200, hand-shaped pottery course ¥1,200 (Fukui Prefectural Museum of Ceramics)



access.1

JR Hokuriku Main Line	Fukutetsu Bus Takefu Echizen Kaigan Line
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Takefu Sta.	JR Takefu-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Togeimura-guchi (bus stop)
20 min. / ¥320	26 min. / ¥640

access.2

Fukui Rai Iway Echizen Takefu Direction	Fukutetsu Bus Sabaura Line
Fukui Sta. ▶ Shimmei Sta.	Shimmei Sta. ▶ Togeimura-guchi (bus stop)
35 min. / ¥370	30 min. / ¥710

## Traditional Hands-on Experience No.5: Wakasa Lacquered Chopsticks

### Miketsukuni Wakasa Obama Food Culture Museum

Some 80% of all lacquered chopsticks produced in Japan are Wakasa Lacquered Chopsticks. Here, visitors can see demonstrations by traditional artisans, and try making their own lacquered chopsticks themselves. By polishing away the layers of clamshell and eggshell embedded in the lacquer, each pair of chopsticks ends up with its own unique design.



Address: 3-4 Kawasaki, Obama city  
Tel: +81 (770) 53-1000  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (closes at 5:00 p.m. Dec. to end of Feb.)  
Closed: Wednesdays (open if Wednesday is a holiday) and Dec. 28 to Jan. 5  
Price: Hands-on experiences ¥900



access

JR Obama Line	Walk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Obama Sta.	
60 min. / ¥970	20 min.

# Walking around Fukui City

*There was once a famous castle near where Fukui Station now stands. The traces of samurai commanders from long ago extend to today. And each spring, the city fills with beautiful cherry blossoms in bloom.*



## The garden beloved by the lord of the former Fukui Domain Yokokan Garden

Once the second residence of the Matsudaira clan, the feudal lords of Fukui long ago. Its Shoin architecture and garden are considered valuable examples of famous gardens from the middle of the Edo era (1603-1868). In 1982, it was nationally designated as a place of scenic beauty, and the garden places highly each year in the Japanese Garden Rankings of the American Journal of Japanese Gardening.

Address: 3-11-36 Hoei, Fukui city Tel: +81 (776) 21-0489  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (closes at 5:00 p.m. Nov. 6 to end of Feb.) Closed: New year holidays  
Price: Admission ¥210 (or ¥340 for combined admission to the Fukui City History Museum)



## The remains of the castle where the lord of the former Fukui Domain lived Site of Fukui Castle

Built in 1606 by Yuki Hideyasu, the first feudal lord of Fukui. For some 270 years, this castle served as the scene of the Echizen Matsudaira clan's prosperity. The original castle tower was said to have stood an impressive 37 meters tall, surrounded by three moats, but was destroyed in a fire. Today, all that remains are its stone walls and one of its moats.

Address: 3-17-1 Ote, Fukui city



## See items connected to the lord of the former Fukui Domain Fukui City History Museum

In addition to many exhibits about the feudal Fukui Domain and the Matsudaira clan, this museum features exterior exhibits of Fukui Castle's outer moat and gate, as well as reproductions on display inside the museum of various other historic items. The museum also has a hands-on history space, where visitors can try on clothing from the Edo era (1603-1868).

Address: 3-12-1 Hoei, Fukui city Tel: +81 (776) 21-0489  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (closes at 5:00 p.m. Nov. 6 to end of Feb.)  
Closed: New year holidays  
Price: Admission ¥210 (or ¥340 for combined admission to Yokokan Garden)



## A charming part of town lined with generations-old restaurants Hama-machi

This area along the Asuwa river flourished in the Edo era (1603-1868) as a busy downtown area and harbor. Today, the area is still home to a classic atmosphere and a number of long-established restaurants and ryokan inns.

Address: Around Chuo 3-chome, Fukui city

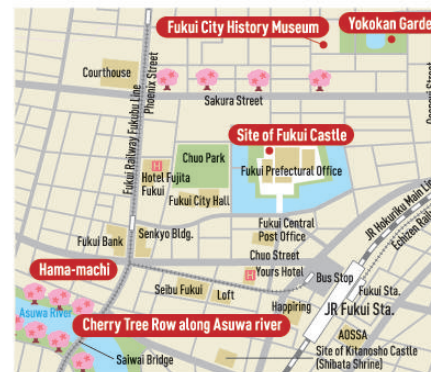


## A veritable tunnel of cherry blossoms, over 2 km long

### Cherry Tree Row along Asuwa river

The Asuwa river runs through the center of Fukui city. Along the riverbed, you'll find some 600 cherry blossom trees; the incredible scenery every spring is considered by some to be Japan's finest, and is included in the list of the 100 best cherry tree viewing spots in Japan. The cherry blossom festival is held when the trees bloom, and the area becomes a popular destination for locals and travelers alike.

Blossom season: Early to mid April



## Fuku-chari Bicycle Rental

Visitors can rent Fuku-chari electric-assist bicycles at 15 locations throughout the city, including the East Exit of JR Fukui Station and hotels. Traveling by bike instead of by car makes for a more pleasant way to wander around town or along the river, and a perfect way to enjoy Fukui's historic and natural beauty.



Hours available: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (hours may vary by rental location)  
Price: ¥200 for up to 4 hours, or ¥500 per day (until 9:00 p.m.; ¥500 per each additional day)  
Tel: +81 (80) 1951-4019  
(Fukui City Machinaka Bicycle Rental Management Council)

## A little farther out...



## See and experience life in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century Fukui Prefectural Museum of Cultural History

See exhibits about Fukui's history, from ancient times to today, there are also dioramas that reproduce buildings, and the life at that time can be felt real.

Address: 2-19-15 Omiya, Fukui city Tel: +81 (776) 22-4675  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)  
Closed: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, Dec. 28 to Jan. 2  
Price: Admission ¥100

Keifuku Bus  
Owada Eco Line

Fukui-eki (bus stop) ▶ Kenritsu-rekishihakubutsukan-mae (bus stop)

8 min. / ¥200

Via Owada Eco Line: No. 38 bus (bus stop No. 1)

# Walking around Tsuruga

*The port town of Tsuruga is located on the Sea of Japan, and has long flourished as a connection to mainland Asia. Tsuruga is home to many historic temples and shrines, as well as a combination of Japanese and western cultures.*

## The preeminent shrine of the region

### Kehi Jingu Shrine

The vermilion-painted torii gate is known as one of the three largest wooden torii gates in Japan, and is nationally designated as an important cultural property. Within the shrine grounds, you'll find Chomeisui, a well said to be flowing with mystical energy in addition to pure water.

Address: 11-68 Akebono-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: +81 (770) 22-0794  
Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Open daily Price: Free

## The remains of an ancient battlefield where Nobunaga, Hideyoshi, and Ieyasu once fought Kanegasakigu Shrine

Located at the base of where Kanegasaki Castle once stood, this shrine is famous for its beautiful cherry blossoms. Known as the "shrine of love," where young men and women ask each other to exchange cherry blossom branches in the hopes of finding love.

Address: 1-1 Kanegasaki-cho, Tsuruga city  
Tel: +81 (770) 22-0938  
Hours: Always open to the public  
Closed: Open daily Price: Free



## See the port and trains in one of Japan's largest dioramas

### Tsuruga Aka Renga (Diorama and Restaurants)

Designed in 1905 by an engineer from overseas and used at the time as a petroleum storehouse. On October 14, 2015 (the anniversary of Japan's first railway beginning operation), the warehouse was reborn as the Diorama Building to the north, showing scenes of the railway and the port, as well as the Restaurant Building to the south, where visitors can enjoy delicious food in the classic red brick atmosphere.

Address: 4-1 Kanegasaki-cho, Tsuruga city  
Tel: +81 (770) 47-6612 (Tsuruga Red Brick Warehouse office)  
Hours: North building 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (last admission 5:00 p.m.); south building varies by restaurant  
Closed: Wednesdays, Dec. 31 to Jan. 2  
Price: Diorama Building admission ¥400 for adults, ¥200 for children



## Learn about the history of this port town that once connected Japan to Europe

### Former Tsuruga Port Station Building

A reproduction of the Tsuruga Port Station building, the terminal station for the Europe-Asia International Express, which once connected to the Trans-Siberian Railway via sea routes to take travelers between Japan and Europe. Inside, visitors can see exhibits related to the railway, model trains, and more.

**JAPAN HERITAGE**  
It was certified as a Japanese heritage in 2017 as a shipowner village of Kitamaebune Shipyard Port.

Address: 1-25 Minato-machi, Tsuruga city  
Tel: +81 (770) 21-0056  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed: Mondays (open if Mon. is a holiday and closed the following weekday) and new year holidays  
Price: Free



## The port where the holders of "visas for life" came ashore

### Port of Humanity Tsuruga Museum

In 1920, Sugihara Chiune, Japan's Vice-Consul in Kaunas, Lithuania, issued "visas for life" to Jews fleeing persecution by the Nazis. This museum explores their history in Tsuruga, where they came ashore in Japan, along with Polish orphans rescued in Siberia.

Address: 44-1 Kanegasaki-cho, Tsuruga city  
Tel: +81 (770) 37-1035  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed: New year holidays  
Price: Requested donation ¥100



A little farther out...



## Praised as one of Japan's most beautiful pine groves

### Kehi no Matsubara (Pine Tree Park)

It's one of the three best Pine Tree Park in Japan and designated as a place of scenic beauty. The Japanese red and black pine trees grow thick here, and the green of the pines against the white of the beach, in front of the blue of the ocean, all comes together for incredibly beautiful views.

Address: Matsushima-cho, Tsuruga city  
Tel: +81 (770) 21-8686 (Tsuruga Tourism Information Center)  
access 20 min. walk from Tsuruga Municipal Museum



## Learn about the prosperity of Tsuruga Port in the old-fashioned atmosphere of this former bank

### Tsuruga Municipal Museum

This museum is built into the former Owada Bank headquarters building, built in 1927. The lavish architecture is emblematic of the prosperity Tsuruga Port experienced at the time, and features like the Hokuriku region's first elevator, marble counters, and more give visitors a sense of the city's wealth during the era.

Address: 7-8 Aioi-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: +81 (770) 25-7033  
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed: Mondays (open if Mon. is a holiday and closed the following weekday), the day after each holiday, and new year holidays  
Price: Admission ¥300



access

All of these destinations can easily be reached on foot, or via the Tsuruga Excursion Line Bus from bus stop No. 3 at Tsuruga Station.

# More Tourist Destinations



## Open-air baths and Japanese gardens

### Awara Onsen (Hot Spring)

Fukui's finest hot spring town, boasting 130 years of history since its opening. The plaza in front of Awara-Yunomachi Station features a free public foot bath and a variety of small restaurants. At the Dento Geinokan (Traditional Performing Arts Hall), visitors can transform *geisha*, have a lesson from real *geisha*, and enjoy a *taiko* drum performance of traditional *geisha* games. You can also enjoy the songs and dances of *geisha*.

Address: Onsen, Awara city  
Tel: +81 (776) 77-2040 (Awara Onsen Ryokan Cooperative),  
+81 (776) 78-6767 (Awara City Tourism Association)

#### Geisha transformation information:

Tel: +81 (776) 78-6767  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Price: ¥13,000  
Reservations: Reservation req'd at least 3 days in advance, max. 6 people per times

#### Geisha entertainment information:

Tel: +81 (776) 78-6767  
Hours: Starts 2:30 p.m. (approx. 1 hr.); other times available by request (reservation req'd)  
Price: ¥3,000 (includes tea and Japanese sweets)  
Reservations: Reservation req'd at least 3 days in advance, max. 20 people per times (min. 6)

access.1

Awaraonsen Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Awara-Yunomachi Sta. (bus stop)
16 min. / ¥290

Via Tojinbo Line: No. 84 or 85 bus

access.2

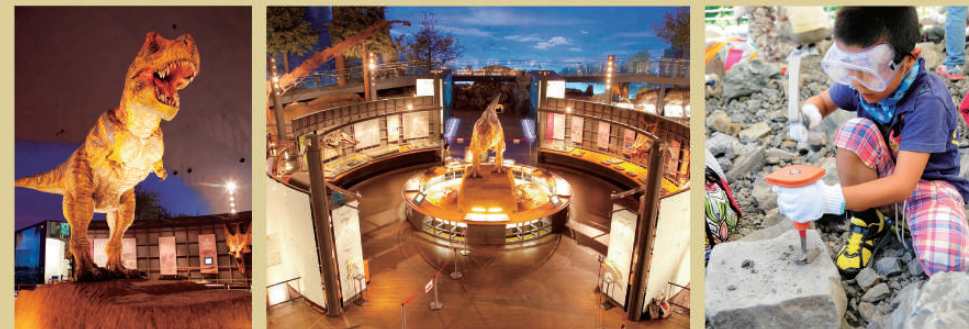
Fukui Sta. ▶ Awara-Yunomachi Sta.
40 min. / ¥670



# Come face-to-face with these fearsome beasts

## Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum

Located in Katsuyama, Fukui, the site of more dinosaur fossil discoveries than anywhere else in Japan. One of the world's three biggest dinosaur museums, this vast museum features displays of dinosaur skeletons and fossil specimens, as well as life-sized dioramas, making it a great destination for both kids and adults. While you're there, why not get on a shuttle bus from the museum and join a tour? Near the excavation site where dinosaur fossils have been found, you can try a hands-on "fossil excavation" experience. When dig out a fossil, the researcher will explain the fossil. (reservation required).



Address: 51-11 Terao, Muroko-cho, Katsuyama city  
Tel: +81 (779) 88-0001  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)  
Closed: New year holidays and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (open daily from late July to late August)  
Price: Admission ¥720

access

Fukui Sta. ▶ Katsuyama Sta.	Katsuyama-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Kyoryu Hakubutsukan-mae (bus stop)
55 min. / ¥770	20 min. / ¥300 per ride

A direct shuttle bus is available from Katsuyama Station to the Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum on days when the museum is open. ¥300 fare.

## Rediscover yourself in the tranquility

### National Historic Site Hakusan Heisenji Shrine Inside the Old Precincts

Opened in the year 717 as a base for faith in the sacred mountain Mt. Hakusan. Its wide-open grounds are virtually carpeted with moss.

Address: Heisenji, Heisenji-cho, Katsuyama city Tel: +81 (779) 88-1591  
Hours: Always open to the public Closed: Open daily Price: Free

access

Fukui Sta. ▶ Katsuyama Sta.	Katsuyama-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Heisenji Shrine-mae (bus stop)	
55 min. / ¥770	30 min. / ¥200 per ride	15 min.

A sightseeing bus is available from Katsuyama on Sat., Sun., holidays [Apr. to Nov.] ¥300 fare



## Enjoy a wonderland of snow

### Skijam Katsuyama

Ski slopes perfect for beginners, experts, and everyone in between! Featuring comfortable facilities like restaurants, hot spring baths, and slopes for children.

Address: 170-70 Katsuyama city Tel: +81 (779) 87-6109  
Hours: Lifts operate 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (may vary by day or season)  
Closed: Open daily during the season Price: One-day lift pass ¥4,700

access

Direct bus to ski slopes (runs only during the season)
JR Fukui Sta. East Exit (bus stop) ▶ Skijam Katsuyama
60 min. / ¥1,600

Tickets can be purchased from the ticket vending machines at the Bus Ticket Center by JR Fukui Station's East Exit.



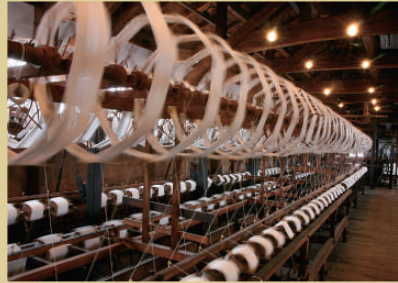
## Travel back in time to Fukui's Belle Epoque

### Yumeore Katsuyama

Built in the 1900s as a textile weaving factory. Visitors can see the weaving equipment used during the factory's heyday, or try a hands-on hand-weaving experience.

Address: 1-7-40 Showa-machi, Katsuyama city Tel: +81 (779) 87-1200  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Dec. 29 to Jan. 2  
Price: Hand-weaving experience ¥300, silkworm cocoon craft experience ¥350; free admission access

Echizen Railway Katsuyama Eiheiji Line	Katsuyama Gururin Community Bus (Twd. Central)
Fukui Sta. ▶ Katsuyama Sta.	Katsuyama-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Yumeore Katsuyama-mae (bus stop)
55 min. / ¥770	5 min. / ¥100 per ride



## Have a stroll around this castle town

### Downtown Ono Tour

This castle town is located at the foothills of Mt. Kameyama, on top of which Echizen Ono Castle was built. Ono's morning market has over 400 years of history, and the town is home to samurai residences, temples, and sake breweries.

Address: 10-23 Moto-machi, Ono city (Ono City Tourism Association)  
Tel: +81 (779) 65-5521 (Ono City Tourism Association)  
access.1

JR Etsumi-Hoku Line	Walk
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Echizen-Ono Sta.	Tourism Information Center (Tourism Association)
54 min. / ¥670	10 min.

access.2 60 min. (¥990) by Keifuku Bus from Fukui-ekimae (bus stop) to Ono-ekimae (bus stop)



## Brilliant red trees cover the lakeside mountains in the fall

### Lake Kuzuryu

Lake Kuzuryu, created by the Kuzuryu Dam, is surrounded by mountains for beautiful natural grandeur. Selected as one of the 100 best places in Japan to view the fall colors for the trees that change color here around mid-October each year.

Address: Nagano through Hakogase, Ono city  
Tel: +81 (779) 65-5521 (Ono City Tourism Association)  
access

JR Etsumi-Hoku Line	Izumi Taxi: (0779) 78-2022 (reservation req'd)
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Kuzuryuko Sta.	Kuzuryuko Sta. ▶ Kuzuryu Dam parking lot
1 hr., 29 min. / ¥1,140	30 min. (round trip) / approx. ¥6,000 (round trip)



## Bamboo handicrafts you can take home

### Echizen Bamboo Doll Village

The only museum in Japan dedicated to bamboo dolls. In addition to seeing exhibits of dolls based on various themes, such as Kabuki, visitors can also try making their own.

Address: 63-1 Kamikumeda, Maruoka-cho, Sakai city  
Tel: +81 (776) 66-5666 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Closed: Dec. 26 to Dec. 31 Price: Workshop admission ¥300  
access

Echizen Railway Katsuyama Eiheiji Line	Keifuku Bus Awara-Maruoka-Eiheiji Line: No. 87 bus
Fukui Sta. ▶ Eiheiji-guchi Sta.	Eiheiji-guchi Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Echizen Ningyo Take no Sato (bus stop)
25 min. / ¥450	5 min. / ¥160



## Learn about the history of this famous old port town

### Mikuni Museum

A local museum where visitors can learn about the history and natural features of the town of Mikuni. Featuring models of ships from the Edo era (1603-1868), as well as one of the giant warrior dolls used in the Mikuni Festival.

Address: 4-2-1 Midorigaoka, Mikuni-cho, Sakai city Tel: +81 (776) 82-5666  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)  
Closed: Wednesdays (open if Wed. is a holiday), Dec. 29 to Jan. 3 Price: Admission ¥300  
access

Echizen Railway Mikuni Awara Line	Walk
Fukui Sta. ▶ Mikuni Sta.	
50 min. / ¥720	10 min.



## Surround yourself with azaleas in bloom

### Nishiyama Park

Famous for its 50,000 azaleas in spring and dramatic colors in fall. The zoo located within the park is famous for its red pandas.

Address: 3-7-20 Sakura-machi, Sabae city  
Tel: +81 (778) 51-1001 (Sabae City Park Management Office)  
Hours: Zoo open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Closed: Zoo closed Mondays (open if Mon. is a holiday) Price: Free  
access

Fukui Rai Iway Echizen Takefu Direction
Fukui Sta. ▶ Nishiyama-koen Sta.
45 min. / ¥370



## Make your own one-of-a-kind pair of glasses

### Megane Museum (Eyeglass Museum)

Sabae, Fukui leads Japan in eyeglass production. The museum features a shop selling many varieties of glasses made in Sabae, as well as a workshop where visitors can make their own glasses.

Address: Megane Kaikan Bldg., 2-3-4 Shin-yokoe, Sabae city Tel: +81 (778) 42-8311  
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (hands-on workshop closes at 5:00 p.m.) Closed: New year holidays Price: Make your own glasses frames ¥18,900 (reservation req'd)  
access

JR Hokuriku Main Line	Walk
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Sabae Sta.	
15 min. / ¥240	10 min.



## Test your courage in this beautiful valley

### Kazura Bridge

A 44-meter-long, 12-meter-high bridge in a ravine lush with trees and other natural beauty. Made with vines, this rope bridge is unlike almost any other you'll find in Japan.

Address: Shizuhara, Ikeda Town, Imadate-gun Tel: +81 (778) 44-7755 (Kanmuri-so Inn)  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Open daily (closes for winter)  
Price: Toll to cross ¥300  
access

JR Hokuriku Main Line	Rental Car
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ Takefu Sta.	
20 min. / ¥320	40 min.



Also accessible via Fukutetsu Bus from Takefu Sta., then transfer to Ikeda-cho Community Bus (weekdays only).

## Surrounded with 15 million white daffodils

### Cape Echizen Daffodil Land

Located on a bluff facing the Sea of Japan, and featuring an indoor area where visitors can enjoy daffodils year-round; in winter, roughly 15 million daffodils bloom here.

Address: 27-1-2 Chigaidaira, Echizen Town, Myu-gun Tel: +81(778) 37-2501  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closes at 4:00 p.m. in winter) Closed: Thursdays (open daily from Nov. to Mar. while daffodils are in bloom)  
access

 <b>Keifuku Bus</b> Gumizaki Line
Fukui Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Suisen Land Iriguchi (bus stop)
70 min. / ¥700

Via Gumizaki Line: No. 78 bus



## Offering seafood at the seaside

### Echizen Roadside Station & Echizen Crab Museum

With Isaribi hot spring, a restaurant offering fresh seasonal seafood, a souvenir shop, and an Echizen Gani crab-themed museum, this one stop has plenty to offer.

Address: 71-335-1 Kuriya, Echizen Town, Myu-gun Tel: +81(778) 37-2360 (Echizen Roadside Station/Isaribi)  
Hours: Roadside Station 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Isaribi 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (opens at 10:00 a.m. Sat., Sun., and holidays) Closed: Tuesdays (open if Tue. is a holiday and closed the following weekday).  
Open daily during Summer vacation. Closed the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of Nov. through Mar. Price: Isaribi bath ¥510 for adults  
access

 <b>JR</b> Hokuriku Main Line	 <b>Fukutetsu Bus</b> Takefu Echizen Kaigan Line (Bound for Kareisaki)
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ Takefu Sta.	JR Takefu-ekimae ▶ Active Land-mae
20 min. / ¥320	70 min. / ¥1,110



## Experience a shipowner's dreams

### Ukonke Museum (Kitamaebune Archives Center)

A museum dedicated to the Kitamae ships, cargo vessels that traveled around Japan in the 19th century. Visitors can tour a Kitamae ship owner's mansion, the very face of prosperity. In addition, it was certified as a Japanese heritage in 2017 as a shipowner village of Kitamaebune Shipyard Port.

Address: 2-15 Kono, Minami-Echizen Town, Nanjo-gun Tel: +81(778) 48-2196  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed: Wednesdays, Dec. 29 to Jan. 3 Price: Admission ¥500  
access

 <b>JR</b> Hokuriku Main Line	 <b>Fukutetsu Bus</b> Oshio-Kono Kaigan Line	
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ Takefu Sta.	JR Takefu-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Kono Sogo Jimusho-mae (bus stop)	
20 min. / ¥320	40 min. / ¥830	1 min.



## Enjoy the best seafood from the Sea of Japan

### Nihonkai Sakana Machi Seafood Market

A huge, bustling market full of shops selling fresh seafood straight from Tsuruga Port, and restaurants offering delicious items like sushi or bowls of rice generously topped with seafood.

Address: 1-1531 Wakaba-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: +81(770) 24-3800  
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Closed: Irregularly  
access

 <b>Tsuruga Excursion Line Bus</b>
Tsuruga-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Nihonkai Sakanamachi (bus stop)
50 min. / ¥200



## Learn the secrets of this invincible castle

### Wakasa Kuniyoshi Castle History Museum

Learn about the history of Kuniyoshi Castle, built 450 years ago, and the town of Sagaki built around it.

Address: 25-2 Sagaki, Mihama Town Tel: +81(770) 32-0050 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. to Mar.; last admission 30 min. before close)  
Closed: Mondays (open if Mon. is a holiday), the day after each holiday, and new year holidays  
Price: Admission ¥100  
access

 <b>JR</b> Obama Line	 <b>Mihama Community Bus</b> Nyu Line "Blue Sky" bus (Mikata Hosp. → Nyu)	
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Mihama Sta.	Mihama Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Sagaki (bus stop)	
20 min. / ¥320	8 min. / ¥300	3 min.



## Feel the incredible primal energy

### Wakasa Mikata Jomon Museum

This museum features exhibits of actual canoes and earthenware found in the area that date back to the prehistoric Jomon era, thousands of years ago, as well as exceptional samples of the annual sediment layers from Lake Suigetsu.

Address: 122-12-1 Torihama, Wakasa Town Tel: +81(770) 45-2270  
Open: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Tuesdays  
Price: Admission ¥500 for adults, ¥200 for below the high school student.  
access

 <b>JR</b> Obama Line	 <b>Wakasa Town-operated Bus</b> Tsunekami-Mikata Line
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Mikata Sta.	Mikata Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Jomon Roman Park (bus stop)
30 min. / ¥500	13 min. / ¥190



## The famously cold pure-water spring

### Wakasa Uriwari Meisui Park

Uriwarinotaki is considered one of Japan's hundred finest natural springs. The water that gushes out from between the rocks stays consistently cold year-round, regardless of the season.

Address: 37-1-3 Tentokuji, Wakasa Town Tel: +81(770) 62-0186  
Hours: Always open to the public Closed: Open daily Price: Free  
access

 <b>JR</b> Obama Line	 <b>West JR Bus</b> Jakko Line	
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Kaminaka Sta.	Kaminaka Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Tentokuji (bus stop)	
50 min. / ¥760	2 min. / ¥160	2 min.



## Feel the Ocean Breeze on a Sea Kayak

### Blue Park Anou

Wakasa Bay is known for its beautiful scenery and placid waves. It makes a great place to try sea kayaking, a popular marine sport!

Address: Anou Beach, Anou, Obama Tel: +81(770) 54-3046 (Minshuku Kawahara)  
Hours: 9:30 to 16:00 (reservation required) from June to October 31  
Closed: November through May  
Price: 2-hour plan ¥4,000 (includes guide and insurance); 3-hour plan ¥6,000 (includes guide, insurance, and light meal)  
access

 <b>JR</b> Obama Line	 <b>Community Bus (Aiai Bus)</b> Tagarasu Line	
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Obama Sta.	JR Obama Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Anou (bus stop)	
62 min. / ¥970	14 min. / ¥200	3 min.



## Make your own unique lacquered chopsticks

Hashi no Furusato-kan WAKASA (Wakasa Chopstick Pavilion)

With 3,000 different types of chopsticks on display, you're sure to find a style you like for sale. Visitors can also try making their own lacquered chopsticks.

Address: 8-1-3 Fukutani, Obama city Tel: +81(770) 52-1733  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closes at 4:00 p.m. on Sun. and holidays) Closed: Thursdays (open if Thu. is a holiday, or falls on Aug. 4 or 13-16) and new year holidays  
Price: Hands-on chopstick-making ¥324 and up for above the junior high school students : ¥216 and up for below the elementary school students.

JR Obama Line	Community Bus Tomari-Tagarasu Line	Walk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Kaminaka Sta.	JR Obama Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Fukutani (bus stop)	
60 min. / ¥970	15 min. / ¥200	3 min.



## Learn about Wakasa, a treasure trove of traditional culture

Fukui Prefectural Wakasa History Museum

Learn about the historic Buddhist sculptures, festivals, performing arts, and other folk culture of the Wakasa region of southern Fukui, through easy-to-understand visual exhibits.

Address: 2-104 Onyu, Obama city Tel: +81(770) 56-0525  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)  
Closed: Dec. 27 to Jan. 2 and 2nd and 4th Monday etc.  
Price: Admission ¥300  
access

JR Obama Line	Walk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Higashi-Obama Sta.	
57 min. / ¥970	7 min.



## Japanese literary history against a backdrop of bamboo

Jakushu Itteki Bunko

A cultural establishment founded by the Naoki Award-winning author and Ohitown native Mizukami Tsutomu. In addition to a library of over 20,000 books, the facility also features the Kurumaisu Theater.

Address: 33-2-1 Okata, Ohi Town Tel: +81(770) 77-2445 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed: Tuesdays (open if Tue. is a holiday and closed the following weekday) and Dec. 29 to Jan. 3  
Price: Admission ¥300  
access

JR Obama Line (Bound for Higashi-Maizuru)	Hongo Line Oujihono-Kono Line	Walk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Wakasa-Hongo Sta.	Hongo-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Ohi Chugakko-mae (bus stop)	
81 min. / ¥1,140	10 min. / ¥100	5 min.



## Have a fun and relaxing day at a beautiful beach

Wakasa-wada Beach

It is a popular beach that got the first international environmental certification (BLUE FLAG) in Asia, with outstanding transparency and distant islands, white and wide sandy beaches.

Address: Wada, Takahama Town  
Tel: +81(770) 72-0070 (Wakasa-wada Tourism Association)  
access

JR Obama Line (Bound for Higashi-Maizuru)	Walk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Wakasa-Wada Sta.	
90 min. / ¥1,320	10 min.



## Save money traveling around Fukui with unlimited-use transit passes! Unlimited-Use Transit Pass Information

### Trains

#### Echizen Railway えちぜん鉄道

### Echizen Railway Special Two-Day Pass あわら温泉宿泊フリーきっぷ

#### Available only to overnight visitors to Awara Onsen!

A transit pass available only to overnight guests in Awara Onsen.

Get two days of unlimited use of the Echizen Railway, and ¥1,000 cash back on your accommodations! Can be used any day of the week.

◆ Price: ¥2,000 (available for purchase at manned Echizen Railway stations and on trains; purchase on first day of use)

◆ Contact: +81(120) 840-508 (Echizen Railway Co., Ltd.)

### Echizen Railway One-Day Pass 一日フリーきっぷ

A money-saving pass that allows a full day of unlimited use of the Echizen Railway.

◆ Valid: Sat., Sun., and holidays, as well as days designated by Echizen Railway ◆ Price: ¥1,000 for adults,

¥500 for children (available for purchase at manned Echizen Railway stations and on trains;

can be purchased up to one month in advance) ◆ Contact: +81(120) 840-508 (Echizen Railway Co., Ltd.)

#### Fukui Railway 福井鉄道

### Fukui Railway Weekend & Holiday One-Day Pass 土日・祝日 1日フリーきっぷ

A convenient pass that allows a full day of unlimited use of the Fukui Railway.

If you're going somewhere with a ¥300 adult fare, it's cheaper than round-trip fares!

◆ Valid: Sat., Sun., and holidays, as well as days designated by Fukui Railway

◆ Price: ¥550 for adults, ¥280 for children (available for purchase at manned Fukui Railway

stations and on trains; purchase on day of use) ◆ Contact: +81(778) 21-0700 (Fukui Railway Co., Ltd.)

*A one-day pass for both Fukui Railway and Echizen Railway is also available!*

Get unlimited rides on both Fukui Railway and Echizen Railway trains for a full day! Cheaper than buying passes for both.

◆ Price: ¥1,400 for adults, ¥700 for children (available for purchase at manned Fukui Railway and Echizen Railway stations and on trains)

### Buses

#### Keifuku Bus 京福バス

### Keifuku Bus Weekend Pass 京福バス 休日フリーきっぷ

A one-day pass that allows a full day of unlimited use of standard Keifuku transit buses (including the Hoyahoya-go) on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

◆ Price: ¥1,000 for adults, ¥500 for kids (purchase on day of use) ◆ For sale on buses, at the Bus Ticket Center by the East Exit of Fukui Sta.,

at the Welcome Center by the West Exit of Fukui Sta., at Maruoka Bus Terminal, at Awaraonsen Sta., at the Sakai office, and at the Ono information booth

◆ Contact: +81(776) 54-5171 (Keifuku Bus Fukui office)

### Eiheiji & Tojinbo Two-Day Pass 東尋坊・永平寺2日フリーきっぷ

Explore both the Tojinbo and Eiheiji areas with just one pass! Allows unlimited rides within the designated areas for two days.

◆ Price: ¥2,000 for adults, ¥1,000 for children (purchase on first day of use) ◆ For sale at the Bus Ticket Center by the East Exit of Fukui Sta.,

at Awaraonsen Sta., and at the Sakai office ◆ Contact: +81(776) 77-2046 (Keifuku Bus Sakai Office)

### Tojinbo Two-Day Pass 東尋坊2日フリーきっぷ

Perfect for sightseeing in the Tojinbo area! Allows unlimited rides within the designated area for two days.

◆ Price: ¥1,000 for adults, ¥500 for children (purchase on first day of use) ◆ For sale at Awaraonsen Sta. and the Sakai office

◆ Contact: +81(776) 77-2046 (Keifuku Bus Sakai Office)



Make sure you read this!

# How to Ride

# Buses & Trains

## BUSES (Fukutetsu Buses, Keifuku Buses, and Community Buses)

### Getting on

### Get on at the rear door.

If a bus has doors in the front and the rear, use the rear door to get on.



### For standard transit buses...

Take a numbered ticket from the machine by the rear door when you get on. Standard transit buses fares vary by distance traveled. The number on your ticket shows where you boarded the bus, so be sure to take one when you get on.



### Getting off

### Press the button to request a stop.

When you're riding the bus, each stop will be announced when it's coming up next. If you want to get off, press one of the buttons by the windows after the stop you want is announced.



### Get off at the front door.

If a bus has doors in the front and the rear, use the front door to get off.



### Payment

### For standard transit buses...

### Pay when you get off.

Fares vary by where you get on and off. The front of the bus has a board that shows the fares, so pay the amount shown for the number that matches the number on your ticket. Put your ticket and your fare payment in cash into the fare collection machine next to the driver when you get off (the fare collection machine doesn't give change, so if you don't have exact change, be sure to use the change machine located inside the bus).



Both types of bus are cash-only. Prepaid IC transit cards cannot be used.

### For Community Buses...

### Pay when you get on.

Community Bus fares vary by bus, but they all have flat fares for their entire route. As a result, riders pay when getting on, into the fare collection machine on the bus.

## Trains (Echizen Railway & Fukui Railway)

### Getting on

### At manned stations...

### Buy a ticket at the window.

Go to the ticket window at the station and buy a ticket to your destination.



### At unmanned stations...

### Take a ticket from the machine on the train when you get on.

Your ticket shows where you boarded the train, so be sure to take one when you get on.



When riding Echizen Railway trains, most trains running during the daytime will have attendants on board. You can pay your train fare to the attendant.

### Getting off

### At manned stations...

### Pay any unpaid fares at the ticket gate.

At manned stations, you can get off the train using any of the doors. Give your prepaid ticket or your boarding ticket and fare to the ticket gate attendant.



### At unmanned stations...

### Pay any unpaid fares to the conductor.

At unmanned stations, only the front door of the train will open. Give your prepaid ticket or your boarding ticket and fare directly to the conductor when you get off.



# Fukui Prefecture Event Calendar



**Apr. 1-30**  
*Fukui Cherry Blossom Festival*  
(Echizen Historical Parade)



**Early Aug.**  
*Wakasa Ohi Super Fireworks Festival*



**Last Sat./Sun. of Feb.**  
*Katsuyama Sagicho Festival*

## April

Maruoka Cherry Blossom Festival	Sakai City
Hanakae (Flower Exchange) Festival	Tsuruga City
Fukui Cherry Blossom Festival (Echizen Historical Parade)	Fukui City

## May

Sabae Azalea Festival	Sabae City
Echizen Lacquerware Festival	Sabae City
Festival of Spirits and Paper	Echizen City
Mikuni Festival	Sakai City
Wakasa Mikata-Goko Two-Day March	Wakasa Town
Imajo Soba Festival	Minami Echizen Town
Echizen Pottery Festival	Echizen Town

## June

Awara Kitagata Lakeside Iris Festival	Awara City
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## July

Lotus Festival	Minami Echizen Town
Echizen Summer Festival	Echizen Town

## August

Wakasa-Takahama Isaribiso Candle Illumination	Takahama Town
Wakasa Ohi Super Fireworks Festival	Ohi Town
Awara Hot Water Festival	Awara City
Mikuni Fireworks Festival	Sakai City
Echizen City Summer Festival	Echizen City
Floating Lanterns and Fireworks Festival	Tsuruga City
Echizen Asakura Warring States Festival & Mantoya Candle Illumination	Fukui City
Eiheiji Floating Lanterns	Eiheiji Town
Wakasa-Mrinpia Fireworks Festival	Obama City
Wakasa-Takahama Fireworks Festival	Takahama Town

## September

Kehi Shrine Festival (Tsuruga Festival)	Tsuruga City
Kaido Roman Imajo Juku Festival	Minami-Echizen Town
Hoze Matsuri (Festival)	Obama City

Ikeda Eco-candle Light-up	Ikeda Town
Awara-Kitakata Lakeside Fireworks Festival	Awara City
Wada-de-Roji Festival	Takahama Town

## October

Takefu Chrysanthemum Doll Festival	Echizen City
Kumagawa Ippuku Jidaimura History Festival	Wakasa Town
Obama Food Festival	Obama City
Kuzuryu Autumn Leaves Festival	Ono City
Three Major Morning Market Products Festival	Ono City

## November

Wakasa-Takahama Fugu Blowfish Festival	Takahama Town
Mikuni Onsen Crab Festival	Sakai City
Echizen Crab Festival	Echizen Town
Sabae Autumn Foliage Festival	Sabae City
Tsurugi Mountains Karinte Festival	Awara City

## December

Eiheiji Temple New Year's Ringing of the Temple Bell	Eiheiji Town
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## January

Daffodil Festival	Fukui City, Echizen Town, and Minami-Echizen Town
Aquatic Tug-of-War	Mihama Town
Katsuyama Toshi-no-Ichi Market	Katsuyama City

## February

Echizen-Ono Winter Story Festival	Ono City
Mizuumi Dengaku and Noh Dances	Ikeda Town
Wakasa-Takahama Hina Doll Festival	Takahama Town
Katsuyama Sagicho Festival	Katsuyama City
Eiheiji Temple Light-up and Winter Floating Lantern Festival	Eiheiji Town

## March

Omiuzokuri Water-sending Ritual	Obama City
Ume Plum Blossom Festival	Wakasa Town

**Find more information about the events here.**

[http://www.fuku-e.com/lang/english/places\\_to\\_visit/event1.php](http://www.fuku-e.com/lang/english/places_to_visit/event1.php)



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