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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Public transit line or route
Station or bus stop
Travel time and fare

access
PUBLIC
Echizen Railway
Keifuku Bus
Katsuyama Eiheiji Line
Eiheiji-Tojinbo 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.
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.

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.

By Highway Bus
From Tokyo
You can go to JR Komatsu Station and take a Limited Express train on the JR Hokuriku Main Line, as well.

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.

Contact:
All Nippon Airways (ANA): (0570) 025-222
Japan Airlines (JAL) and Japan Transocean Air (JTA): (0570) 025-071
Ibex Airlines: (03) 6741-6688

Getting to Fukui

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From Osaka
You can also go to JR Komatsu Station and take a Limited Express train on the JR Hokuriku Main Line.

From Nagoya
Car rentals are also available near Fukui and Takefu Stations.

Contact:
For Tokyo, Osaka, or Nagoya to Fukui: Fukutetsu Highway Bus Reservation Center: (0778) 21-5489
Kintetsu Bus Ticket Center: (0778) 24-4890
For Tokyo to Fukui: JR Bus Kanto: (03) 3844-3649
For Osaka to Fukui: Hankyu Bus Reservation Center: (06) 6866-3147
For Nagoya to Fukui: Meitetsu Bus Center: (052) 582-0498
For Osaka to Obama: Fukutetsu Highway Bus Osaka Line Reservation Center: (0770) 53-5489
Kintetsu Highway Bus Center: (06) 6772-1831
Travel to Sightseeing Destinations around Fukui by Train and Bus!

Tourist Destinations and Transit Routes

See p. 31 to find out how to save money with unlimited-use transit passes!
The temple Steve Jobs dreamed of studying at Eiheiji Temple

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 some 180 or so unsui, or 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 Shihii, Eiheiji Town, Yoshida-gun
Tel: (0776) 63-3102 (general reception)
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Open daily
Price: Visit ¥500; zazen practice ¥1,000 (reservation req'd); overnight stay ¥8,000 (reservation req'd at least 2 weeks in advance)


Final Resting place of the lord of the former Fukui Domain

Daianzenji 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: (0776) 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 5 days in advance for groups of 10 or more)

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: Daianzenji Temple
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 historical 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 ($100 per person).

At the nearby Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museums, 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)
Tel: (0776) 41-2301 (Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins)
(0776) 41-2300 (Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum)
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)
Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, the following weekday), and holidays
Price: Admission ¥300 (extra fees may apply for special exhibits)

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: (0770) 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 ¥300

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 Yoshitugu, who was the lord of Tsuruga Castle.

Address: 7-6 Aioi-cho, Tsuruga city
Tel: (0770) 21-5570
Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (last admission 4:15 p.m.)
Closed: Mondays
Price: Admission ¥300

See gorgeous samurai dolls, armor, and helmets

The oldest castle tower in Japan
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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/Mizumicho-machi/Shiokmei, Mikuni-cho, Sakai city
Tel: (0776) 82-0552 (Mikuni-Minato Townhouse Hall)

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 Towns 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.

Address: Kumagawa, Wakasa Town
Tel: (0770) 45-0113 (Wakasa-Mikatagoko Tourism Association)

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: (0778) 45-0074 (Imajo, Minami Echizen Town Tourism Association)

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 yoseba 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: (0770) 53-1111 (Wakasa-Obama Tourism Association)
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 coastal 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: (0776) 82-5515 (Mikuni Tourism Association)
Hours: Always open to the public
Price: Free

The castle that floats among the clouds
Echizen Ono Castle

From November to March, 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,” perfect for walking around.

Address: 3-109 Shiro-machi, Ono city
Tel: (0779) 65-5520 (Ono City History Museum)
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Apr. to Sep.), 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Oct. & Nov.)
Closed: Dec. 1 to Mar. 31
Price: Admission ¥200

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 (full 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: (0770) 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

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 seven kilometers of the coast. Enjoy a leisurely pleasure cruise departing from Wakasa Fisherman’s Wharf for a refreshing yet breathtaking time.

Address: 1-3-2 Kiyama, Wakasa Town
Tel: (0770) 45-2678 (Rainbow Line)
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

Selected as one of Japan’s 31 Most Beautiful Places for the American cable news channel CNN’s web feature in March of 2015.
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 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 Shinzaikicho, Echizen city
Tel: (0778) 42-1363
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed: New year holidays
Price: Hands-on experiences ¥500 and up

**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 Shinzaikicho, Echizen city
Tel: (0778) 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 (includes admission to Udaatsu Paper & Craft Museum)

**Paper & Culture Museum (Echizen Washi Village)**
Learn about different varieties of Echizen Washi paper and the techniques used to make paper, or learn about the long history of Echizen Washi paper. Visitors can also see Nihonga paintings that were painted on washi paper.

Address: 11-12 Shinzaikicho, Echizen city
Tel: (0778) 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)

[Temporarily closed for renovation starting in December of 2015]

**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.
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 keyfob or even a kitchen knife (reservation req'd at least 3 days in advance).

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: 44-1-2 Nishibukuro-cho, Sabae city
Tel: (0778) 46-5187
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)

**Fukui Prefectural Museum of Ceramics**

A museum at the Echizen Pottery Village, home of one of the Six Old Kilns of Japan, Echizen-yaki. 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-yaki clay (reservation req’d). At the tea garden, visitors can enjoy matcha green tea served in tea bowls made by Echizen-yaki potters.

Address: 120-61 Ozowara, Echizen Town
Tel: (0778) 32-2174
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, matcha green tea (incl. higashi Japanese candy) ¥300

**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: (0770) 53-1000
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 ¥700 and up

Traditional Hands-on Experience No.3: Echizen Pottery

Traditional Hands-on Experience No.4: Echizen Knife

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Address: 22-41 Takefu-cho, Echizen city
Tel: (0778) 27-7129
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Open daily
Price: Make a keyfob ¥600, make a small deba knife ¥3,000

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

Address: 22-41 Nakawacho, Echizen city
Tel: (0778) 27-7129
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Open daily
Price: Make a keyfob ¥600, make a small deba knife ¥3,000
**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.

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**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: (0776) 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)

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**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

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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: (0776) 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)

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**A charming part of town lined with generations-old restaurants**

**Hama-machi**

Address: 3-17-1 Ote, Fukui city

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**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 spring 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

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**Fuku-chari Bicycle Rental**

Visitors can rent Fuku-chari electric-assist bicycles at 13 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: (0776) 20-5387 or (080) 1951-4719  
(Bicycling Promotion Division, Fukui City Urban Strategy Department)
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: 44-1 Kanegasaki-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: (0770) 37-1035
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed: New year holidays
Price: Requested donation ¥100

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: 1-3 Kanegasaki-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: (0770) 22-9138
Hours: Always open to the public
Closed: Open daily
Price: Free

See the port and trains in one of Japan’s largest dioramamas

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: (0770) 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.

Address: 1-25 Minato-machi, Tsuruga city Tel: (0770) 21-0856
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: 4-4-1 Kanegasaki-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: (0770) 47-1526
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed: Closed (open if Mon. is a holiday and closed the following weekday), the day after each holiday, and new year holidays
Price: Admission ¥300

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: 7-9 Aioi-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: (0770) 25-7033
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed: Mondays
Price: Admission ¥300

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: (0770) 21-8686 (Tsuruga Tourism Information Center)
Access: 20 min. walk from Tsuruga Municipal Museum
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 have a lesson from real geisha, and enjoy a taiko drum performance or traditional geisha games.

Address: Onsen, Awara city
Tel: (0776) 77-2940 (Awara Onsen Ryokan Cooperative), (0776) 78-6767 (Awara City Tourism Association)
Hours: Varies by establishment
Closed: Varies by establishment
Price: Varies by establishment

Geisha entertainment information:
Tel: (0776) 78-4767
Hours: Starts 2:30 p.m. (approx. 1 hr.), other times available by request (reservation req’d)
Price: ¥1,000 (includes tea and Japanese sweets)
Reservations: Reservation req’d at least 3 days in advance, max. 25 people per day (min. 6)

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. 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 (reservation required).

Address: 51-11 Terao, Muroko-cho, Katsuyama city
Tel: (0779) 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 ¥738

Rediscover yourself in the tranquility
Hakusan Heisenji Shrine

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: (0779) 88-1591
Hours: Always open to the public
Closed: Open daily
Price: Free

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: (0779) 87-4109
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
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: 1-7-48 Showa-machi, Katsuyama city  Tel: (0779) 66-5666 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

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: 3-7-28 Sakuramoto, Sabae city  Tel: (0778) 44-7755 (Kanmuri-so Inn)
Price: Free

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 there are many beautiful trees and natural grandeur. Selected as one of the 100 best places in Japan to view fall colors for the trees that change color here around mid-October each year.
Address: 10-23 Moto-machi, Ono city (Ono City Tourism Association)  Tel: (0779) 65-5521 (Ono City Tourism Association)
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

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 fall colors for the trees that change color here around mid-October each year.
Address: Mino-machi, Ono city (Ono City Tourism Association)  Tel: (0779) 65-5521 (Ono City Tourism Association)
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

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: (0776) 66-5666 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Dec. 31 to Feb. 4
Price: Workshop admission ¥300

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: (0778) 44-7755 (Kanmuri-so Inn)
Price: ¥300

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 Miderigakura, Mikuni-cho, Sakai city  Tel: (0776) 82-5444
Price: Admission ¥300
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: 27-2 Chigadaira, Echizen Town, Mys-gun Tel: (0778) 37-2901 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Closing at 4:00 p.m. in winter) Closed: Thursdays, holidays
Price: Admission ¥500

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 a snow crab-themed museum, this one stop has plenty to offer.
Address: 71-376-1 Yairiya, Echizen Town, Mys-gun Tel: (0778) 37-2008 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: Roadside Station open daily; Isaribi closed Tuesdays (opens if Fri. is a holiday and closed the following weekday) Price: Isaribi ¥510 for adults

Experience a shipowner’s dreams
Ukonke Museum (Kitamae Ships 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.
Address: 2-15 Kono, Minami-Echizen Town, Nanjo-gun Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed: Wednesdays, Dec. 29 to Jan. 3 Price: Admission ¥500

Feel the incredible primal energy
Wakasa Mikata Jomon Museum
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: (0770) 32-0050 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Last admission 4:00 p.m. Dec. to Mar., Last admission 3:30 p.m. before closing) Closed: Monday & Tuesday (if Mon. is a holiday), the day after each holiday, and New Year holidays Price: Admission ¥100

Cruise on five differently-colored lakes
Mikata Five Lakes Jet Cruise
A pleasure cruise on four of the five lakes of Mikata. The beautiful scenery changes with the seasons.
Address: 1-5 Hayase, Mihama Town, Mikata-gun Tel: (0770) 48-1142 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Last departure time; may vary by season), with departures on the hour Closed: Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 Price: Ticket ¥1,240

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 Wakasa-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: (0770) 24-3600 Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Closed: Irregularly

The famously cold pure-water spring
Wakasa Uriwari Meisui Park
Ururainotaki 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 Tenti, Wakasa Town Tel: (0770) 42-6814 Hours: Always open to the public Closed: Open daily Price: Free
Walk
Buses
Echizen Railway
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Fukui Railway
Trains
access
Keifuku Bus Weekend Pass
A one-day pass that allows a full day of unlimited use of the Fukui Railway, and ¥1,000 cash back on your accommodations! Can be used any day of the week.
◆ Price: ¥1,000 (available for purchase at manned Echizen Railway stations and on trains; purchase on first day of use)
◆ Contact: (0120) 840-508 (Echizen Railway Co., Ltd.)

Echizen Railway One-Day Pass
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: ¥1,400 for adults, ¥700 for children (available for purchase at manned Echizen Railway stations and on trains; can be purchased up to one month in advance)
◆ Contact: (0120) 840-508 (Echizen Railway Co., Ltd.)

Fukui Railway Weekend & Holiday One-Day Pass
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: ¥1,400 for adults, ¥700 for children (available for purchase at manned Fukui Railway stations and on trains; purchase on day of use)
◆ Contact: (0776) 54-0083 (Fukui Railway Co., Ltd.)

Keifuku Bus Weekend Pass
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 on train)

Tojinbo & Eiheiji Two-Day Pass
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 the information booth in front of Fukui Sta., at Maruoka Bus Terminal, at Awaraonsen Sta., and at the Sakai office
◆ Contact: (0776) 54-5171 (Keifuku Bus Fukui office)

Tojinbo Two-Day Pass
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◆ Price: ¥1,000 for adults, ¥500 for children (purchase on first day of use)
◆ For sale at Awaraonsen Sta. and the Sakai office
◆ Contact: (0776) 77-2046 (Keifuku Bus Sakai Office)

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: E-1-3 Fukutan, Obama city
Tel: (0776) 52-1733
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closes at 4:00 p.m. on Sun. and holidays)
Closed: Thursdays and on holidays, as well as days designated by Echizen Railway
◆ Valid: Sat., Sun., and holidays, as well as days designated by Echizen Railway
◆ Price: Admission ¥300
◆ Contact: (0120) 840-508 (Echizen Railway Co., Ltd.)

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: 2-164 Oou, Obama city
Tel: (0776) 54-0935
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)
Closed: New year holidays and dates designated by the museum
◆ 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 first day of use)
◆ Contact: (0776) 54-0083 (Fukui Railway Co., Ltd.)

Japanese literary history against a backdrop of bamboo
Jakushu Itteki Bunko
A cultural establishment founded by the Naoki Award-winning author and Ohi town native Mizukami Tsutomu. In addition to a library of over 20,000 books, the facility also features the Kurumaisu Theater.
◆ 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; purchase on first day of use)
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Tel: (0776) 52-1733
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closes at 4:00 p.m. on Sun. and holidays)
Closed: Thursdays (it is a holiday, or falls on Aug. 4 or 15-16 and new year holidays)
Price: Hands-on chopstick-making ¥324

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Closed: New year holidays and dates designated by the museum
Price: Admission ¥300

Wakasa-wada Beach
The most popular swimming beach in the Wakasa region of southern Fukui. The view of Mt. Aoba along with the clear, shallow sea water is beautiful enough that some call it “the Mt. Fuji of Wakasa.”
Price: Admission ¥300
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Address: Wada, Takahama Town
Tel: (0778) 21-0700
Price: ¥1,400 for adults, ¥700 for children
(available for purchase at manned Fukui Railway stations and on trains)

Have a fun and relaxing day at a beautiful beach
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Tel: (0778) 21-0700
Price: ¥1,400 for adults, ¥700 for children
(available for purchase at manned Fukui Railway stations and on trains)

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
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: ¥1,000 (available for purchase at manned Echizen Railway stations and on trains; purchase on first day of use)
◆ Contact: (0120) 840-508 (Echizen Railway Co., Ltd.)

Keifuku Bus 京福バス
Keifuku Bus Weekend Pass
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, ¥200 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 information booth in front of Fukui Sta., at Maruoka Bus Terminal, at Awaraonsen Sta., at the Sakai office, and at the Osato information booth
◆ Contact: (0776) 54-5171 (Keifuku Bus Fukui office)

Keifuku Bus Sakai Office
Address: 2-164 Oou, Obama city
Tel: (0776) 54-0935
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.)
Closed: Thursdays
Price: ¥1,000 (available for purchase at manned Echizen Railway stations and on trains; purchase on first day of use)
Price: ¥1,200 for adults, ¥600 for children
(available for purchase at manned Echizen Railway stations and on trains)

Tojinbo & Eiheiji Two-Day Pass
Explore both the Tojinbo and Eiheiji areas with just one pass! Allows unlimited rides within the designated areas for two days.
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Make sure you read this!

How to Ride

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 bus 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.

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.

Getting off

Get off at the front door.

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

For Community Buses...
Pay when you get on.

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).

Payment

For standard transit buses...
Pay when you get off.

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.

Buses & Trains

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.

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.

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