



A cycling excursion to visit the Echizen Daibutsu, Sea of Clouds Special Viewing, and Katsuyama, Fukui

Concept

Freely visit famous Katsuyama sightseeing spots via e-bike
Echizen Daibutsu/Echitetsu Cafe

Katsuyama (Fukui)

Opened in 1914, Katsuyama Station is the last stop on the Echizen Railway Katsuyama-Eiheiji Line, and it is designated a national registered tangible cultural property as a Taisho-era building. The station building is a two-story timber frame structure with a hipped roof, and it is set apart by its retro facade and interior. Ride an e-bike from Katsuyama Station, freely visiting spots like the breathtaking Echizen Daibutsu at Daishizan Seidaiji Temple or a dinosaur museum that is irresistible for dinosaur lovers, and enjoy Katsuyama to the fullest. To round out your cycling excursion, we offer the famous Dinosaur Flan and your choice of drink at the Echitetsu Cafe inside the station.

Dinosaurs and Textiles Rich Nature Surrounds Katsuyama

Katsuyama is located in northeastern Fukui Prefecture, an area which possesses a rich natural environment and historical background. The Katsuyama Domain was established in the Edo period, and it developed as a castle town. The place name Katsuyama originates from the name “Kachiyama (Victory Mountain)” for Mt. Muroko, a stronghold of the Ikko-ikki rebellion forces, and it became the site of important battles in the Sengoku period.

Katsuyama is also renowned as one of Japan’s leading dinosaur fossil excavation areas, and it plays an important role in dinosaur research. Since the Meiji period, the textile industry has flourished, with silk habutai fabric and rayon manufacturing becoming the foundation of the local economy.

Daishizan Seidaiji Temple

Daishizan Seidaiji Temple is located in a rich natural environment where you can enjoy beautiful scenery that changes with the seasons. Particularly during the seasons for spring cherry blossoms and autumn leaves, it harmonizes with the surrounding landscape, offering visitors an extraordinary experience. In addition, the Echizen Daibutsu is an important symbol reflecting the local culture and history, and Buddhist teachings and local traditions remain vital. There are also many eateries and souvenir shops surrounding Daishizan Seidaiji Temple where visitors can enjoy local specialty products and gourmet cuisine, and the ability to enjoy the local flavors in between sightseeing is part of the appeal.



Daishizan Seidaiji Temple Echizen Daibutsu

The Echizen Daibutsu at Daishizan Seidaiji Temple is Japan's tallest indoor seated Buddha statue, standing 17 meters tall. This giant Buddha statue is modeled on the seated Buddha statue at the Longmen Grottoes in Henan, China, and it is distinguished by its breathtaking scale and majestic atmosphere. There are 1,281 stone and gold Buddha statues enshrined around the giant Buddha statue. These Buddha statues present visitors with a unique atmosphere, creating a calming space.



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Sea of Clouds Special Viewing

Between April and November, special viewings of the sea of clouds are held on the grounds twice daily (from 8:00AM to 9:00AM/4:00PM to 5:00PM) The sea of clouds engulfs the surroundings, and you can enjoy an experience just like being in a fantasy world. This special viewing is an extraordinary moment for visitors, and an unforgettable experience. Why not try capturing it in a photo as well?



Famous sightseeing spots
popular on social media like the Echizen Daibutsu
you can visit by e-bike from Katsuyama Station

- The Daishizan Seidaiji Temple Echizen Daibutsu is popular with overseas tourists as Japan's tallest indoor seated Buddha statue and a photogenic spot
- Katsuyama Castle Museum boasts Japan's tallest Tenshukaku-style building, and you can learn about Katsuyama's history and culture
- Heisenji Hakusan Shrine has a 1,300-year history, and the moss-covered grounds exude a mysterious atmosphere
- Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum is one of the world's three largest dinosaur museums
- Experience weaving while you learn the history of Katsuyama's textiles at Yume Ole Katsuyama

e-Bike Rental Plan

The following are all part of the set.

- 1-day e-bike rental
- 1 drink and Dinosaur Dig Flan at Echitetsu Cafe in Katsuyama Station
- Echizen Daibutsu Self-Guided Tour (includes admission ticket and a special Sea of Clouds temple seal stamp)

