



### A Obama Machiya Stay

Stay in the town that brought food to the ancient capital. There are 8 newly renovated traditional-style houses. Relax in the whole house like a local.

**Obama Tourism Bureau**  
 ☎ 0770-56-3366  
 Sanchomachi Sanoya  
 13 Obama-katori, Obama, Fukui



## Stay as a local, Japanese-style

### B Kumagawa Historic Post Town Kanbei

Enjoy amazing regional dishes prepared by the locals in the former residence of Kanbei, a designated Japan Heritage Cultural Property.

#### Kumagawa Historic Post Town Omotenashi Association

30-3-1 Kumagawa, Wakasa Town, Mikata Kaminaka, Fukui  
 ☎ 080-6359-0808



### C Green Park Omoidenomori (Kutsuki Onsen Tenku)

You can enjoy ground golf and tennis, and after working up a sweat, you can relax in the hot springs. There are also lodges and bungalows for accommodation, as well as dining facilities.

**Green Park Omoidenomori**  
 341-3 Kase, Kutsuki, Takashima, Shiga  
 ☎ 0740-38-2770



**Makino Highland Onsen Sarasa** (hot spring and restaurant)  
 931-3 Makino, Makino-cho, Takashima  
 ☎ 0740-27-8126  
 Open: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 (Last admission: 8:30 p.m.)  
 Closed: 2nd & 4th Wed.,  
 (Closed every Wed. in winter season)

**Mikata "Kirara" Hot Spring** (hot spring and restaurant)  
 1-6-1 Chuo, Wakasa  
 ☎ 0770-45-1126  
 Open: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 (Last admission: 7:30 p.m.)  
 Closed: 1st Wed.

**Hama-no-Yu Bath House** (public bath and restaurant)  
 3-4 Kawasaki, Obama  
 ☎ 0770-53-4126  
 Open: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
 (Last admission: 10:30 p.m.)  
 Closed: 3rd Wed.

#### Water Road

- Omizo Castle Ruins & Otomegake Pond**  
Katsuno, Takashima
- Waterfront scenery at Omizo**  
Katsuno, Takashima
- Roadside Station Toju-no-sato Adogawa**  
1162-1 Aoyagi, Adogawa-cho, Takashima  
☎ 0740-32-8460
- Harie Shozu-no-sato (Waterfront Scenery at Harie)**  
372 Harie, Shin-Asahi-cho, Takashima  
☎ 0740-25-6566 (Tour reservations)
- Waterfront scenery at Kaizu, Nishihama, and Chinal**  
Kaizu, Nishihama, Chinal, Makino-cho, Takashima
- Kouchigawa Dam**  
71-4-1 Kumagawa, Wakasa  
☎ 0770-62-2081 (Dam office)
- Roadside Station Mikatagoko & Rainbow Line**  
122-31-1 Torihama, Wakasa  
☎ 0770-45-0113
- Wakasa Lakecruise**  
68-20 Umiyama, Wakasa  
☎ 0770-47-1127 Closed mid-Dec. to Feb
- Mikatagoko (Five Lakes of Mikata) & Rainbow Line**  
75-2-6 Hiruga, Mihama  
☎ 0770-47-1170
- Sotomo Scenic Coastline Cruise**  
1-3-2 Kawasaki, Obama  
☎ 0770-52-3111 Closed December to February, Tue
- Jinguji Temple**  
30-4 Jinguji, Obama  
☎ 0770-56-1911 Closed mid-Feb. to Mar.5
- Omizu-okuri Festival (Unose Riverside)**  
8-1-1, Shimonegori, Obama
- Uriwari-no-Taki (Uriwari Falls)**  
37-1-3 Tentokuji, Wakasa  
☎ 0770-62-0186 (Meisui-no-Sato Office)

#### Location List Sabakaido Road

- Koshoji Temple**  
374 Iwase, Kutsuki, Takashima
- Roadside Station Kutsuki-shin-honjin**  
777 Ichiba, Kutsuki, Takashima  
☎ 0740-38-2398
- Kutsuki Ichiba Street**  
Ichiba, Kutsuki, Takashima
- Roadside Station Wakasa Kumagawajuku**  
11-1-1 Kumagawa, Wakasa  
☎ 0770-62-9111
- Kumagawa Historic Post Town**  
Kumagawa, Wakasa
- Sabakaido Road Museum**  
Obama-hiromine, Obama
- Former Furukawayu Villa and Garden (GOSHON)**  
17-4-1 Kitashioya, Obama
- Miketsukuni Wakasa Obama Food Culture Museum**  
3-4 Kawasaki, Obama  
☎ 0770-53-1000
- Sancho-machi Street**  
Obama-katori, Obama-asuka, Obama

#### Spiritual Road

- Shirahige Jinja Shrine**  
215 Ukawa, Takashima
- Imazu Port (Chikubu Island Cruise)**  
31 Imazu, Imazu-cho, Takashima  
☎ 0740-38-2398
- Osakiji Temple**  
128 Kaizu, Makino-cho, Takashima
- Roadside Station Makino Ossaka-toge**  
897-27 Kaizu, Makino-cho, Takashima  
☎ 0740-28-8081
- Ebisu Jinja Shrine**  
36-5 Sueno, Wakasa  
☎ 0770-62-0502
- Tentokuji Temple**  
38-3 Tentokuji, Wakasa  
☎ 0770-62-1038
- Myotsuji Temple**  
5-21 Monzen, Obama  
☎ 0770-57-1355
- Mantokuji Temple**  
74-23 Kanaya, Obama  
☎ 0770-56-2308
- Wakasa-Hiko & Wakasa-Hime Jinja Shrines**  
65-41 Onyu, 28-7 Ryuzen, Obama  
☎ 0770-56-1116
- Roadside Station Wakasa Obama**  
24-45-2 Wakuri, Obama  
☎ 0770-56-3000
- Hagaji Temple**  
83-5 Haga, Obama  
☎ 0770-52-4502

Beyond Kyoto to Shiga and Wakasa

Follow the path to Japan Heritage Sites

Shiga Pref. Takashima - Wakasa - Obama City

Fukui Pref. Obama City

# Soulful Road

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## A Heritage of Water in Living and Prayer

## Lake Biwa and Waterside Scenes

## Wakasa Province

## A Cultural Heritage Linking the Sea to the Ancient Capital

Access the travel audio guide here: <https://on-the-trip.net/areas/53?locale=en>

ON THE TRIP

### Japan Heritage

Natural spring water is revered for its ability to eliminate impurities and heal illness. With the spread of Buddhism in Japan, people came to believe widely in the Buddha of the "Pure Land of Water", also known as the Medicine Buddha, or Yakushi Nyorai. In Shiga Prefecture, many temples and shrines were built overlooking "Lake Biwa", which represents this "Pure Land of Water".

For centuries as people built waterways to channel the water running down from the mountains and used the spring water, they have observed a rule to not dirty the water, a rule handed down to the present day. In the lakeside communities and on the island in the lake, unique forms of culinary culture were developed, such as funa-zushi, a fermented form of sushi. The wetlands and waterside environment that provide a home to many wild creatures have been represented in many works of art and gardens.

Wakasa is known as "Mikeikuni", a region that brought food such as salt and seafood to the former capital of Kyoto since ancient times. Along these historic paths between the sea and capital, collectively called "Sabakaido (Mackerel Road)", there are ports, castle towns, and post towns that remain even today. Traditions, performing arts, and Buddhism have been exchanged widely around the region, creating a distinctly special culture. This heritage of bountiful nature, abundant food, and ancient festivals continue to be celebrated along the streets that convey the beauty of the past.

### Japan Heritage

- Shirahige-jinja Shrine
- Obama Machiya Stay
- Green Park Omoidenomori (Kutsuki Onsen Tenku)
- Makino Highland Onsen Sarasa
- Kumagawa Historic Post Town Kanbei
- Mikata "Kirara" Hot Spring
- Hama-no-Yu Bath House

## ACCESS

Area Map

Wide-Area Map

Legend:  
 - National road  
 - Expressway  
 - Shinkansen  
 - Railway (JR)

### From Kyoto

By Car	By JR	By Car	By JR & Bus	By Car	By JR & Bus
Go north on Kosei Road (R161)	Kyoto Sta. → Kosei line → Omi-Imazu Sta.	Go north on R367 - R303	Kyoto Sta. → Kosei line → Omi-Imazu Sta. → JR bus → Kaminaka Sta.	Go north on R367 - R303	Kyoto Sta. → Kosei line → Omi-Imazu Sta. → JR bus → Obama Sta.
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Takashima City (Shiga)    Wakasa Town (Fukui)    Obama City (Fukui)

QR Codes:  
 - Biwako Takashima Tourist Association (TEL: 0740-33-7101)  
 - Wakasa-mikatagoko Tourism Association (TEL: 0770-45-0113)  
 - Obama Tourist Information Center (TEL: 0770-52-3844)

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## Local Goods at Roadside Stations!

### Famous Local Fermented and Preserved Foods

### Savory Mackerel

**Heshiko (Preserved Mackerel)**  
 A local Wakasa area specialty with a rich, salty taste. Give it a try!  
 ● Kutsuki-shin-honjin  
 ● Wakasa Kumagawajuku  
 ● Mikatagoko  
 ● Wakasa Obama, etc.

**Mackerel Sushi**  
 Savory mackerel made with local rice. Because every maker has a different taste, you are sure to find a favorite!  
 ● Kutsuki-shin-honjin  
 ● Wakasa Kumagawajuku  
 ● Wakasa Obama, etc.

**Osumitsu Vinegar Drinks**  
 Delicious with fruit juice, containing anti-aging and beautifying properties.  
 ● Wakasa Obama, etc.

**Fukui Plums** Small and juicy, 80% of Fukui Plums are made here in Wakasa Town.

**Honey Black Plum**  
 Fermented and aged for three months, it combines strong sourness with honey sweetness and leaves a hint of plum in the aftertaste.  
 ● Mikatagoko, etc.

**Local Sake**  
 5 breweries produce unique sake in Takashima City. There are many flavors to suit any taste.  
 ● Kutsuki-shin-honjin  
 ● Takashima Marugoto Department Store, etc.

## Discover Delicious Local Specialties

**Salt Custard Pudding**  
 Enjoyed with Obama's traditional salt, historically sent to the capital. A plain option is also available.  
 ● Wakasa Obama

**Dishes from Lake Biwa**  
 Try certified Japan Heritage Cultural Property fish dishes.  
 ● Toju-no-sato Adogawa, etc.

**Tenzaru**  
 Gaze over Lake Biwa from an outdoor terrace while eating soba noodles, made fresh everyday.  
 ● Makino Ossaka-toge

## Traditions Experiences

**Takashima Canvas**  
 Durable woven cloth products.  
 ● Kutsuki-shin-honjin  
 ● Takashima Marugoto Department Store

**Omi Hand Fans**  
 Takashima City is proud to produce more than 90% of fan frames in Japan.  
 ● Toju-no-sato Adogawa  
 ● Takashima Marugoto Department Store

**Chopsticks-making Experience**  
 Hand-make distinctive lacquered chopsticks with inlaid, colorful seashells.  
 ● Wakasa Kobo Studio (Food Culture Museum)  
 3-4 Kawasaki, Obama  
 ☎ 0770-53-1034  
 Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 (Dec. to Feb.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)  
 Closed: Wed., New Year holidays

## Roadside Station List

- Makino Ossaka-toge**  
897-27 Kaizu, Makino-cho, Takashima  
☎ 0740-28-8081  
Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Closed: Tue., New Year holidays  
(Open during peak season.)
- Wakasa Obama**  
24-45-2 Wakuri, Obama  
☎ 0770-56-3000  
Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Closed: New Year holidays
- Toju-no-sato Adogawa**  
1162-1 Aoyagi, Adogawa-cho, Takashima  
☎ 0740-32-8460  
Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Closed: 2nd Wed., New Year's Day
- Mikatagoko**  
122-31-1 Torihama, Wakasa  
☎ 0770-45-0113  
Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Closed: 1st Tue., New Year holidays, No holidays in July & Aug.
- Kutsuki-shin-honjin**  
777 Ichiba, Kutsuki, Takashima  
☎ 0740-38-2398  
Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Closed: Tue., New Year holidays
- Wakasa Kumagawajuku**  
11-1-1 Kumagawa, Wakasa  
☎ 0770-62-9111  
Open: Mar. to Nov.: 9 a.m. to p.m.  
Dec. to Feb.: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Closed: 2nd Thu. in Mar. Jun., Sep., Dec., New Year holidays

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