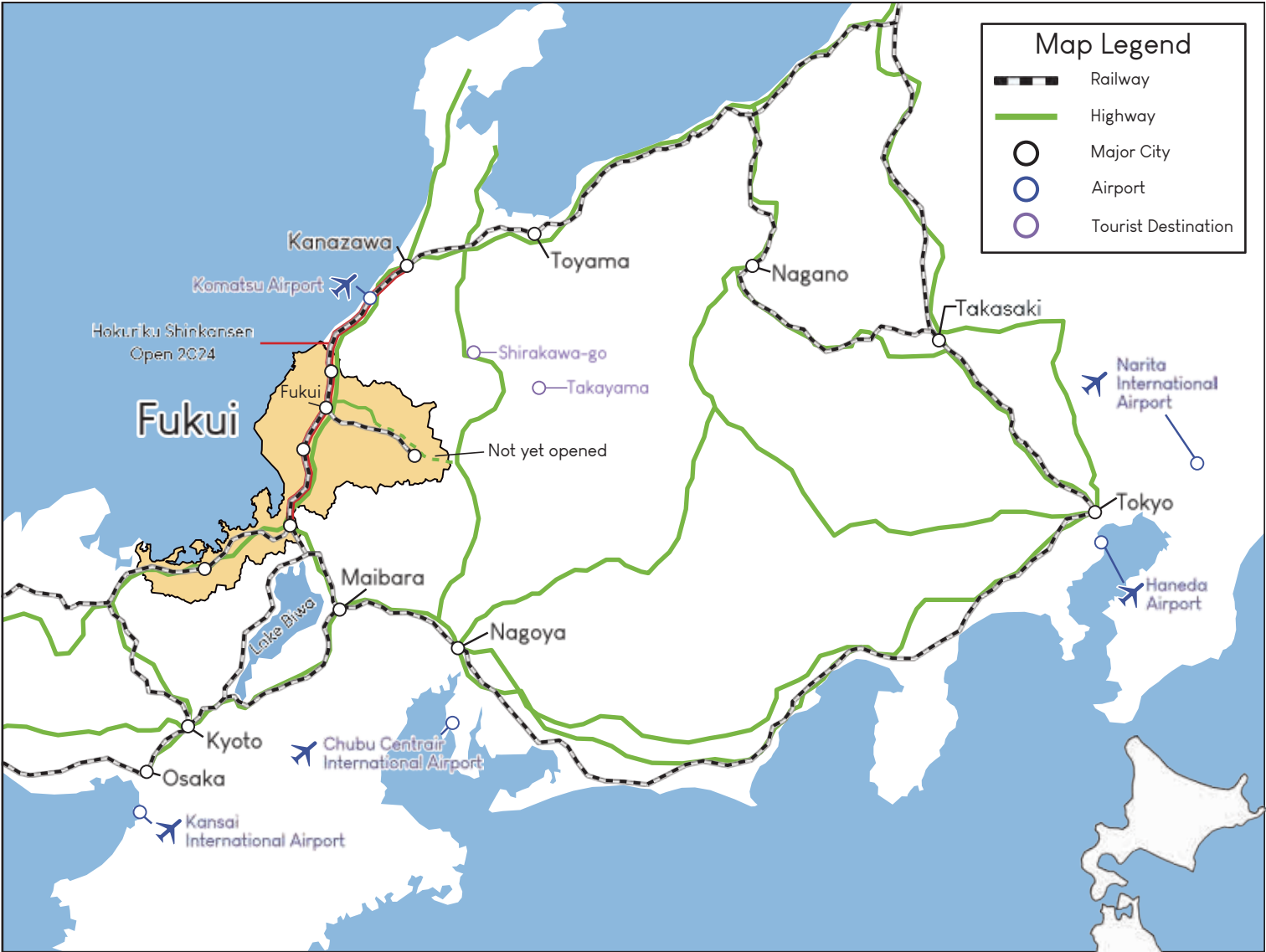


# Fukui Access



- From Tokyo**  
Airplane: About 2 hours (Airplane + Bus)  
Train: About 3 hours (Shinkansen)
- From Osaka**  
Train: About 2 hours (Shinkansen + Ltd. Express)
- From Nagoya**  
Train: About 2 hours 10 minutes (Shinkansen + Ltd. Express)  
or  
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## Easy Access to Popular Tourist Destinations

- To Kyoto**  
Train: About 1 hour 20 minutes (Shinkansen + Ltd. Express)  
Car: About 2 hours 30 minutes
- To Kanazawa**  
Train: About 40 minutes (Shinkansen)  
Car: About 1 hour 20 minutes
- To Shirakawa-go**  
Car: About 2 hours
- To Takayama**  
Train: About 3 hours (Shinkansen + Ltd. Express)



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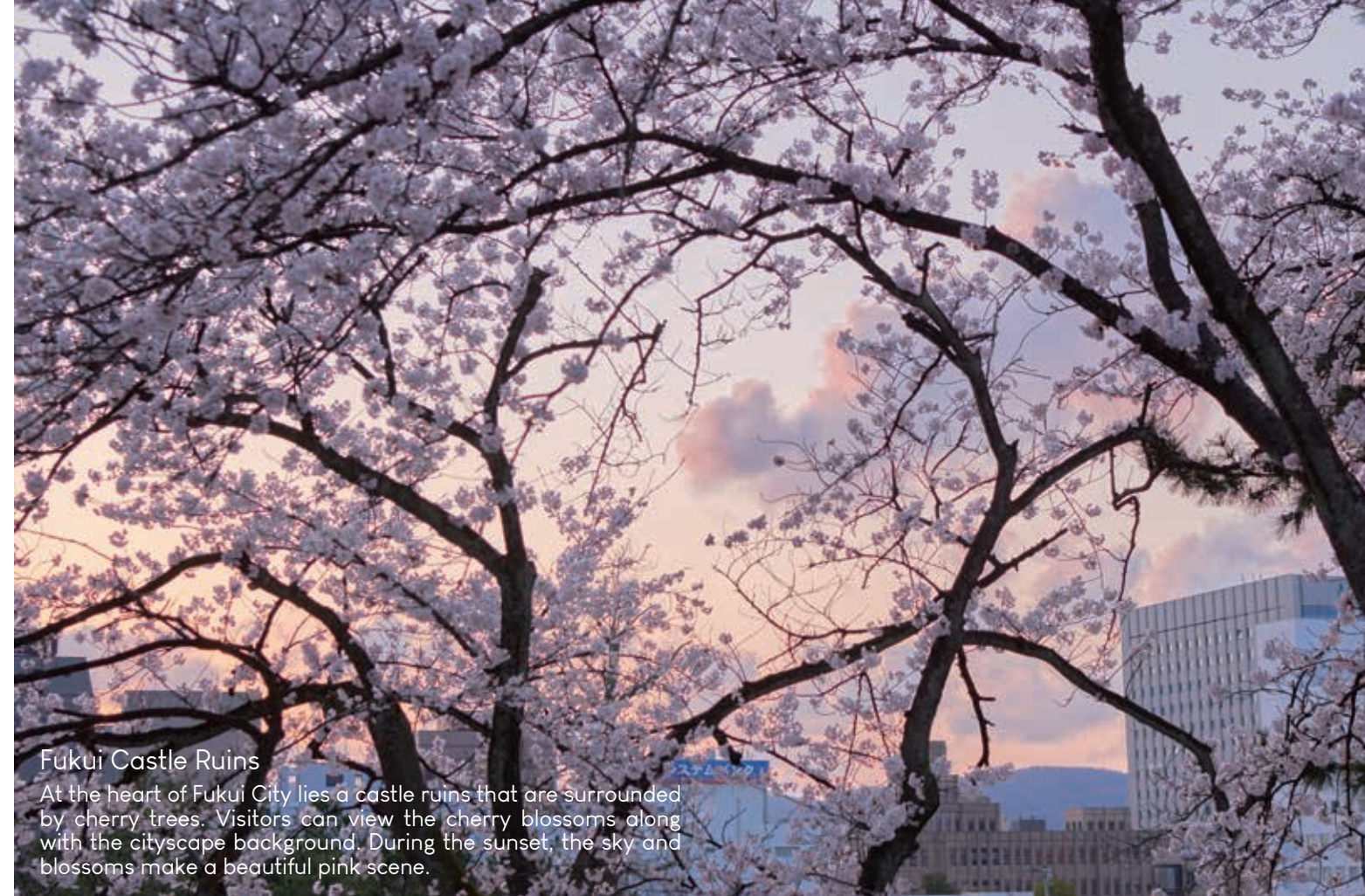
Travel somewhere *Off the Beaten Path*.





### Maruoka Castle

Just one of twelve castles that has kept its original *tenshu*, or castle keep. The castle is surrounded by over 400 cherry blossoms that bloom during April.



### Fukui Castle Ruins

At the heart of Fukui City lies a castle ruins that are surrounded by cherry trees. Visitors can view the cherry blossoms along with the cityscape background. During the sunset, the sky and blossoms make a beautiful pink scene.



## Fukui Cherry Trees

Cherry blossom season is one of the most popular times to visit Japan. Cherry trees are culturally important for the Japanese and so the season is one of the busiest times of the year.

Fukui is no exception as it sees large amounts of tourists during the cherry blossom season. On this page are a couple of the more unique cherry tree areas across Fukui that I consider to be special.



### Asuwa Shrine Weeping Cherry Tree

A 380-year-old cherry tree that has been taken care of by Asuwa Shrine for generations. The magnificent cherry tree has a beautiful dome shape that is rare with its branches spreading out evenly over 20 meters in every direction.



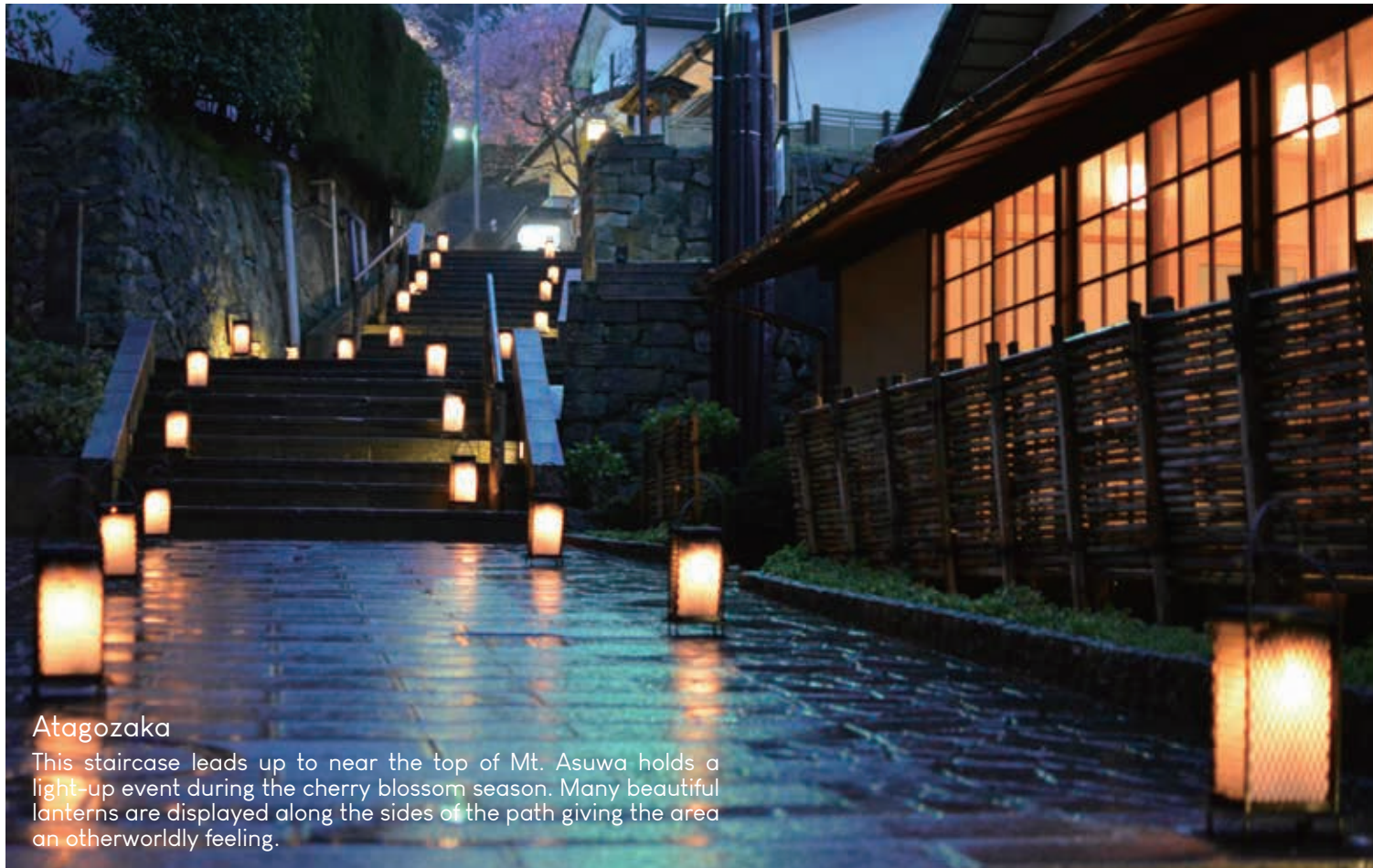
## Nighttime Scenery

Some areas of Fukui show a new appearance once illuminated in the darkness of the night. These areas can be enjoyed during special light-up events that occasionally take place. People can also have fun at night in the areas meant for nightlife such as Katamachi area located near Fukui Station.



### Cherry Blossom Light-Up

During the cherry blossom season, multiple cherry blossom areas offer light up events such as Asuwa River Cherry Tree Row. The lights reflecting off the beautiful trees give them a magical appearance.



### Atagozaka

This staircase leads up to near the top of Mt. Asuwa holds a light-up event during the cherry blossom season. Many beautiful lanterns are displayed along the sides of the path giving the area an otherworldly feeling.



### Yokokan Garden

An old Japanese garden located within the heart of Fukui City complete with a villa that guests may enter. A couple of times during each year, Yokokan Garden hosts a light-up event in which some of the areas are lit up for guests to enjoy. Yokokan Garden has been consistently ranked in the top 10 for over 10 years in a list of nearly 1,000 gardens created by an American magazine which specializes in Japanese gardens.

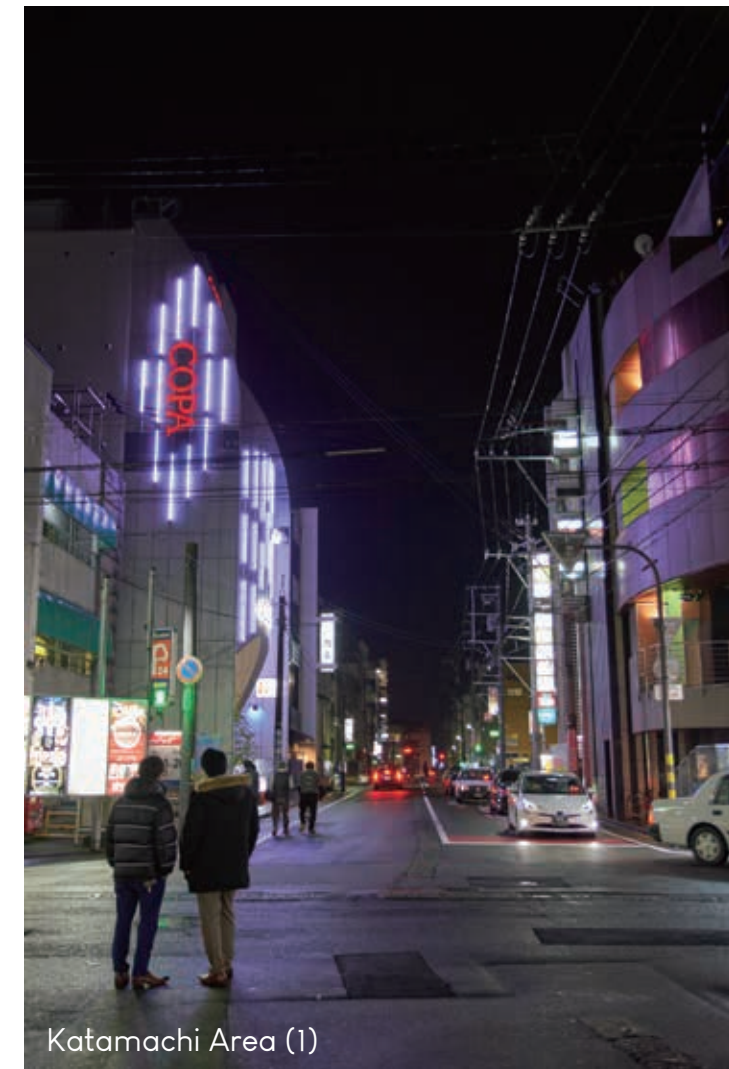
### Nightlife

The nightlife industry is large in Japan and Fukui is no exception. Fukui City's Katamachi (1) is a district where many restaurants, bars, clubs, and more can be found. The bright neon lights and abundance of stores gives the area a more urban feel than the rest of the city.

When visiting Awara Onsen, Yukemuri Yokocho (2) is the perfect place to stop for dinner. The area is made up of many yatai stalls offering delicious foods such as ramen and fried chicken made on site. The yatai stalls also are visually appealing with their glowing paper lanterns.



### Yukemuri Yokocho (2)



### Katamachi Area (1)



# Rich Greenery

Often when people think of rural Japan, they imagine lush green landscapes full of vast rice fields and forests. These sorts of areas exist all over Fukui and usually contain many hidden gems that are breathtaking and picturesque. I personally find these rural areas to be especially gorgeous because such greenery did not exist back in my homeland.

## Yamabushi Boulder

Also known as cat island, this boulder takes on the appearance of a cat's head due to the trees that surround it. The boulder is visually striking as nothing but fields around it.



## Fukui's Rice

When visiting the rural areas of Fukui, visitors are met with large plots of rice paddies. These paddies create beautiful scenery that is unique to Asia.

Fukui is particularly known for its delicious rice. Most of Japan's prefectures hold pride in their own brands of rice. Fukui often boasts a famous variety of rice named *Koshihikari* that was first developed in Fukui in 1956. With its delicious taste, luster, and texture, *Koshihikari* has become popular all over Japan. It is cultivated in around 36% of Japan's total rice paddies and is considered Japan's number one rice brand.

## Local Trains

Local trains such as the JR Kuzuryu Line pictured, often run through rural areas giving passengers a fantastic view of the countryside.



## Rural Scenery

Large fields of rice along with the backdrop of lush green mountains are a common sight in the rural areas of Japan. While these scenes aren't anything special for locals who see them every day, they are breathtakingly beautiful to a foreigner like me. While out visiting a location, I came across this pictured area by chance and was awe struck.





### A Sea of Bounty

The sea of Japan is abundant with fresh seafood which is evident through the many fishermen present along the coastline. During the morning hours the ports along the coast are bustling with activity.



### Tojinbo

Tojinbo is a seaside cliff located on the Echizen Coast. It was created through volcanic activity forming columnar joints of pyroxene andesite that give the cliffs its unique appearance. The road leading up to the cliffs is lined with many stores selling souvenirs, fresh seafood, ice cream, and more. There is also a boat tour visitors can take to view the cliffs from sea level giving a different perspective from that on land.

## Echizen Coastline

Numerous fisheries exist along the Echizen coastline as the Sea of Japan has plentiful resources. Visitors can often find many fishing boats anchored along the coast. Echizen coastline also features many unique rock formations and islands. Route 305 stretches along the coast making it a popular route for a drive. The coastline also has many fancy cafes, delicious restaurants, and interesting stores for people to enjoy.



### Beautiful Sunsets

Since the Echizen Coastline is located on the west side of Japan, gorgeous sunsets can be seen along the coast. Combined with landmarks such as the lighthouse at Suisen Land, they make for picturesque scenes.



### Oshima Island

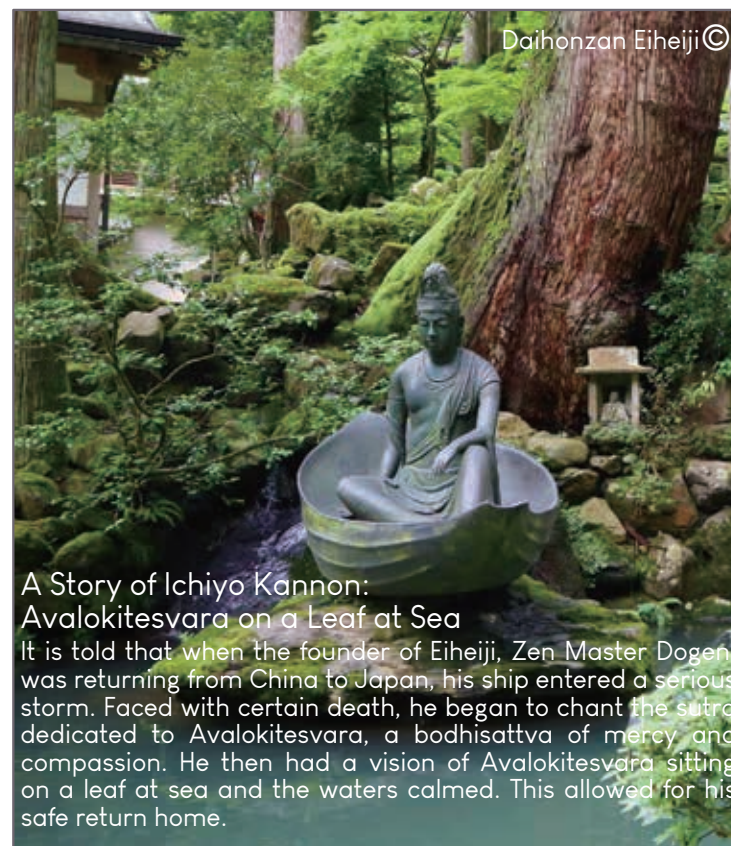
Located a few minutes' drive away from Tojinbo is Oshima Island, a small island connected by a vermillion bridge. The island is revered as a sacred spot by the locals. Visitors can explore the island and stroll through the route that laps around the island.





## Breathtaking & Tranquil

Fukui is home to a number of Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples, including one of the most well-known temples, Eiheiji. Many of these shrines and temples are filled with history having withstood the test of time. Come offer a prayer at a shrine or try zazen at a temple for a moment of peace.



### A Story of Ichijo Kannon: Avalokitesvara on a Leaf at Sea

It is told that when the founder of Eiheiji, Zen Master Dogen, was returning from China to Japan, his ship entered a serious storm. Faced with certain death, he began to chant the sutra dedicated to Avalokitesvara, a bodhisattva of mercy and compassion. He then had a vision of Avalokitesvara sitting on a leaf at sea and the waters calmed. This allowed for his safe return home.



### Heisenji Hakusan Shrine

Established over 1,300 years ago, this place first served as both a temple and a shrine until the decree to separate Shinto and Buddhism. During its prime, the area housed thousands of monks. Rich green moss makes this beautiful area a popular spot to visit.



### Daihonzan Eiheiji Temple

Founded in 1244, Eiheiji Temple is one of the largest monasteries in Japan and is one of the two head temples of the Soto school of Zen Buddhism. Eiheiji offers a Zen experience for visitors who would like to have a taste of Zen training. Notable Zen practices within this temple include zazen (sitting Zen) and chanting sutras like the ones pictured. Everyday activities such as eating and cleaning are also an important part of this temple's practices.



### Senjojiki Cemetery - Daianzenji Temple

The cemetery of the Matudaira Clan is located a short walk from the Daianzenji's main hall. It is built out of a special type of stone found in Fukui known as Shakudani stone. The floor of the cemetery is made from a total of 1,360 of these stones. The area is surrounded by forest and has a very sacred aura.



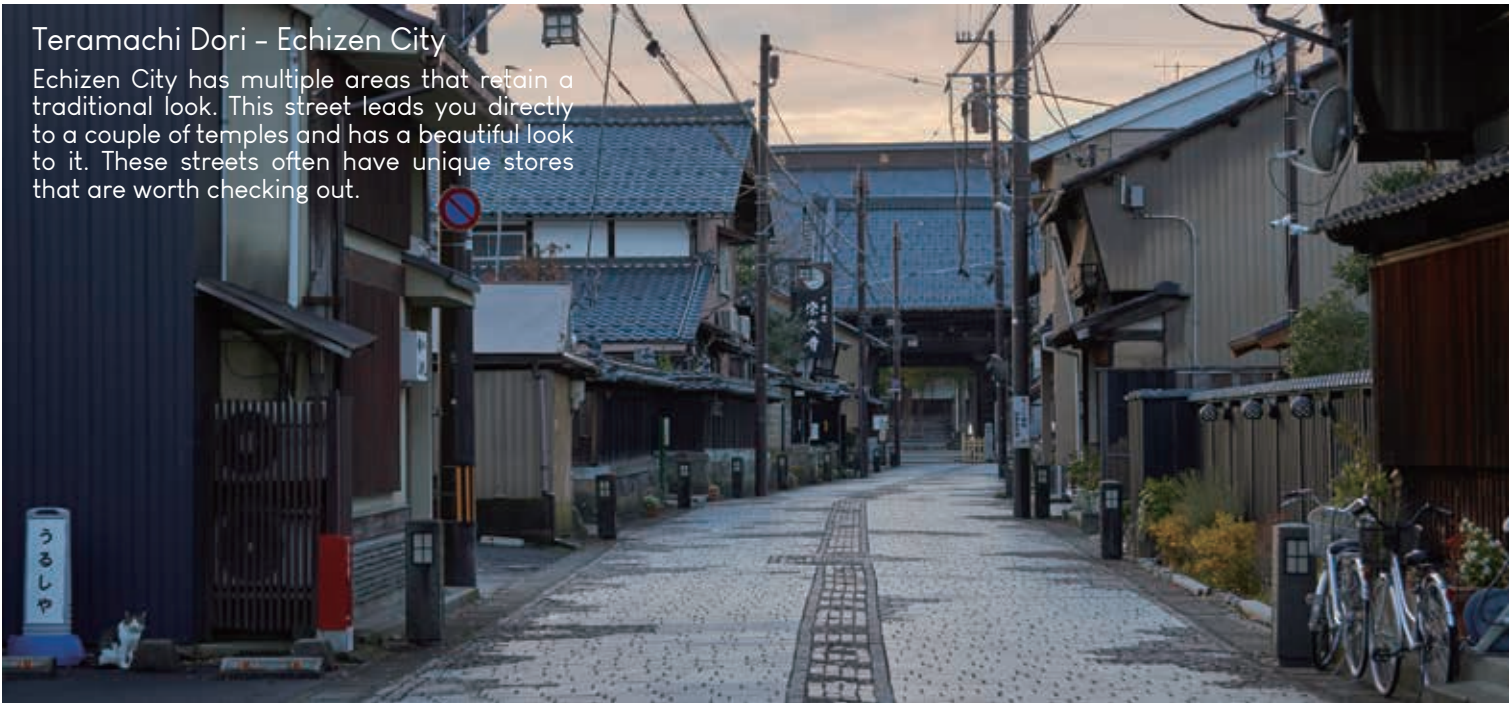
### Echizen Daibutsu

A massive Buddha that gives visitors a sense of awe. This Buddha statue is the largest sitting Buddha inside of a building in Japan. The spacious area also contains 1,281 smaller Buddha statues on the walls.



### Teramachi Dori - Echizen City

Echizen City has multiple areas that retain a traditional look. This street leads you directly to a couple of temples and has a beautiful look to it. These streets often have unique stores that are worth checking out.



### Teramachi Dori - Ono City

Ono's Teramachi Dori is unique as it is shared by 9 different sects of Buddhism through the 16 temples found here. Enjoy a stroll along the street looking at the different style of each temple.



### Kitamae Senshu Dori - Minami-Echizen Town

This old street has kept the appearance of the town back when merchant cargo ships known as *kitamae-bune* were prevalent across Japan. A wealthy ship owner family's house is located here which has been converted into a museum.



## Japanese Townscapes

Some areas of Fukui have managed to keep an old-fashioned look to them by maintaining buildings built using a traditional style. These areas are great tourist destinations for those who enjoy the historical appearance of Japan. They especially are great photo spots due to their unique aesthetics.



### Eiheiiji Monzen - Eiheiiji Town

The street in front of Eiheiiji Temple is lined with many traditional looking stores that sell food and souvenirs. The street can become very busy as Eiheiiji Temple is a popular travel destination within Japan.



### Mikuni Minato Kitamae Dori - Sakai City

A portion of Mikuni Minato's area will make you feel like you traveled back in time. Visitors can find an assortment of different attractions here such as traditional crafts, delicious restaurants, and souvenir stores.



# Food Culture

Fukui's local cuisines stem from the abundance of natural ingredients harvested locally. Due to Fukui being located next to the sea, fresh seafood is readily available in local restaurants. Fukui also boasts high production of crops such as rice and soba which is evident through the local specialties. Both Fukui's seafood and local soba dish were selected as #1 in a questionnaire about dishes across the country in 2021.

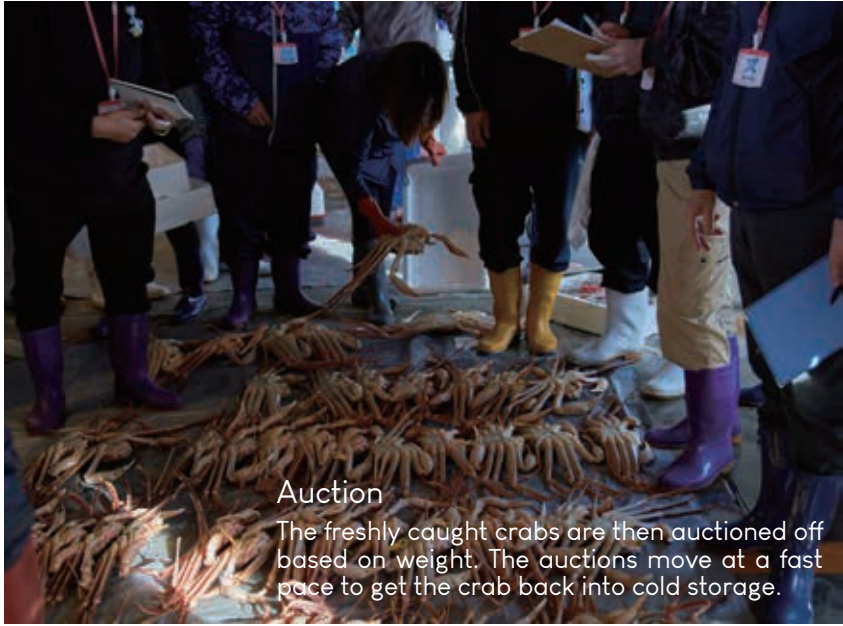


**Freshly Caught**  
A fisherman is placing freshly caught crabs into a large container for transportation. The crabs are kept in cold water to retain freshness.

## Echizen Gani Crab

These crabs are harvested a short distance off the Echizen coast during the fall and winter months. To have the crabs eaten fresh, they are auctioned off quickly after they are caught.

Known all across Japan due to their high quality, these popular crabs are highly sought after. They are often served in high end restaurants as they are considered a delicacy.



**Auction**  
The freshly caught crabs are then auctioned off based on weight. The auctions move at a fast pace to get the crab back into cold storage.



## Echizen Oroshi Soba Noodles

Fukui is well known for its delicious soba noodles which are often made fresh within the restaurants themselves. The healthy noodles are often served with grated radish and bonito flakes in delicious broth in a dish called oroshi soba which is loved by the locals.

Fukui's soba noodles have also been recognized nationwide with it ranking #1 in a questionnaire about soba throughout Japan in 2021 and 2022.

Some soba stores across Fukui also offer soba making experience. Making soba noodles from scratch requires many precise steps that can drastically change the flavor of the soba. Some chefs spend years perfecting the craft of making the noodles.



**Delicacy**  
Many high end restaurants and ryokan, Japanese styled inns, serve Echizen Gani Crab, also known as the "King of Delicious Seafood", during the crab season. For the Japanese people, crabs are a highly craved luxury food during winter.

Photo Courtesy of Echizen City Tourism Association

## Abundant Fresh Seafood

Due to Fukui's Echizen Coastline having a unique geography that allows fish to be caught close to shore, restaurants in Fukui are able to serve seafood that is super fresh. For raw seafood, freshness determines its taste so to the Japanese, this is a big deal. Even those who are not usually fans of raw seafood may change their minds from having a taste of what Fukui has to offer.



## Fukui Salmon

A brand of trout salmon raised in Fukui known for its beautiful red-orange colored flesh. Fukui Salmon is served in a variety of different ways both raw and cooked throughout Fukui. The delicious fish is a favorite among locals and has started gaining popularity in recent years.



# Traditional Crafts

Fukui features a plethora of different traditional crafts that continue to produce high quality products. These traditional crafts are kept alive through artisans who have spent years perfecting their skills. Special facilities exist for these crafts that show off what each is capable of producing. Each of these crafts can also be experienced by guests as workshops to make their items are offered.



**Echizen Bamboo Doll Village(Closed)**  
Skilled artisans make dolls using bamboo in this unique workshop. In this picture an artisan is cutting thin strands of bamboo 0.3 mm thick used for hair.



**Echizen Washi Village**  
Traditional Japanese paper is made from scratch using techniques that have been passed down for generations. The craft of Echizen Washi paper has over 1,500 years of history behind it. The entire process is labor intensive but results in high quality paper.



**Takefu Knife Village**  
Echizen knives have over 700 years of history behind them. This long history can be witnessed through the skilled blacksmiths that create high quality knives in this workshop. The facility is shared between multiple knife makers, with some being award winning knife making masters. Many top chefs use the knives crafted in Takefu due to the amazing quality. In fact, one of the knives here has gained such a large popularity in the culinary world that it has a waiting list of years to obtain.



**Megane Museum**  
Japan is one of the top three countries of eyeglass frame production in the world. In particular, Sabae City, where the museum is at, produces around 96% of Japan's eyeglass frames. Sabae was the first to succeed in creating titanium frames for glasses. The museum is dedicated to the history of eyeglasses and also has a shop that sells locally produced high quality glasses.







### Fukui Sakura Festival

A 2.2km long row of cherry blossoms line the southern bank of Asuwa River, located only a 10 minute walk from Fukui Station. This is one of the main areas featured during the Fukui Sakura Festival. During the festival, paper lanterns known as *bonbori* are displayed which are lit up during the night. Also during the festival, *yatai* stalls can be found on the lower bank filling the air with the delicious scents of festival foods like *yakitori*.



### Mikuni Festival

During May, Mikuni Festival is held in Sakai City. The festival is well known for its impressive 6.5 meter tall festival floats. It is said that the festival first started displaying floats around 260 years ago which shows the amount of history behind it. These kinds of festivals are steeped with culture and it is always a pleasure to attend.



Yoshinose River (1)

### Hanami (Flower Viewing)

During the cherry blossom season, people in Japan like to partake in a tradition called *hanami*. People will gather with friends and family for a picnic or simply to take a stroll to view cherry blossoms. Popular areas include rivers lined with cherry blossoms like Yoshinose River (1) or parks like Kakyo Park (2).

## Spring Events

The spring season is the best time to enjoy various events that Japan has to offer. Japan's cities will often host large events such as cherry blossom festivals. Enjoy the special sights along with delicious festival foods. These events are also usually rich with Japanese culture so they can be quite an experience for those visiting from another country.



Kakyo Park (2)



# Summer Fun

Fukui’s rural setting makes it perfect for outdoor activities due to the abundance of nature. The summer season offers lush greenery and clear skies that make some of the more natural areas of Fukui shine. These facts combined make summer the perfect time to enjoy outdoor activities, especially for someone like me who comes from a dry area with little greenery.



## Tree Picnic Adventure IKEDA

This facility features many fun outdoor activities such as zip lining, boating, and camping. The zip line stretches 500 meters over the lush green forest. Guests can also enjoy a nice meal by visiting the cafe on site or having a barbecue.

Another popular attraction of Tree Picnic Adventure Ikeda is its Adventure Park which is made up of a variety of obstacle courses that will test your balance. There are courses for both adults and children so that everyone can have a good time.



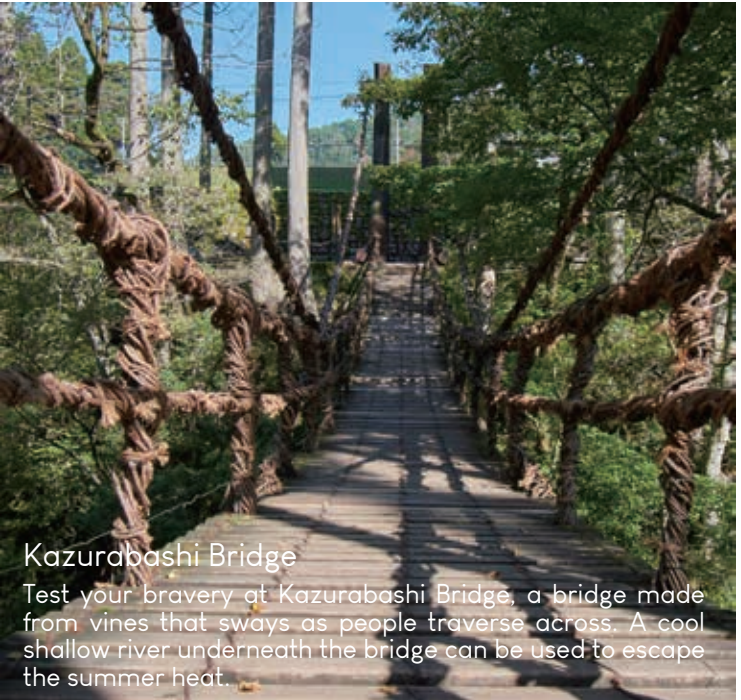
## Seaside

Fukui’s coast is popular during the summer due to its beaches, restaurants, and attractions. As seen in pages 9 and 10, Echizen Coast has rocky cliffs but there also exists sandy beaches for visitors to enjoy. The calm waves in many of the beaches are perfect for day of summer fun.



## Sunflowers

Japan’s image of summer often includes a sunflower. The flower can be found in many fields across Fukui including Starland Sakadani and Ikegami Park.



## Kazurabashi Bridge

Test your bravery at Kazurabashi Bridge, a bridge made from vines that sways as people traverse across. A cool shallow river underneath the bridge can be used to escape the summer heat.



## Hanahasu Park

The name of the park translated directly into “lotus park” as there are over 130 different types of lotus flowers present. A lotus festival is held at the park during the blooming season.





### Lake Kuzuryu

This massive freshwater lake lies on the edge of Fukui. It is a popular destination during the fall season due to the colorful foliage on the surrounding mountains.

## Autumn Leaves

In Japan autumn leaves are called *momiji* and are popular for their vibrant colors. Areas with an abundance of these colorful leaves see large amounts of tourists during the season. Among these spots, bodies of water and Japanese style gardens are especially popular for their beauty.



### Kyoyo Garden – Nishiyama Park

This garden is the embodiment of Japanese beauty with its Japanese style architecture, colorful koi fish, and beautiful autumn leaves. Visitors can enjoy a stroll along the many paths around the garden before stopping for a break here.



### Karikomi Pond

One of Fukui's most popular autumn destination. The pond reflects the surrounding fall trees giving it an almost artistic appearance. Alongside Mt. Sannomine in the background, the pond makes for the perfect photo spot.



# Winter Wonderland

Fukui often sees a nice amount of snowfall during the winter months. The snow brings out a wonderful appearance in many of the popular tourist destinations in Fukui. Winter also allows for activities such as snow sports and enjoying a hot bath during the cold weather.



**Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins**  
One of Fukui’s most well-known historical locations and serves as a popular tourist destination. In the winter, heavy snowfall gives the ruins a wonderful appearance.



**Ono Castle**  
This castle appears to float in the sky during special weather conditions giving it the nickname “Castle in the Sky”. This phenomenon is especially amazing with the snow as seen in this photo.

Photo Courtesy of Yoshiaki Kawabata

**Winter Sports**  
Due to the abundance of snow that falls on the mountains in Fukui, winter sports are easily accessible. Many ski resorts can be found in Fukui which includes the pictured Ski Jam Katsuyama. Enjoy the view of the surrounding landscape from on top of the slopes.



Photo Courtesy of Skijam Katsuyama



**Suisen (Daffodils)**  
Daffodils are the symbol flower of Fukui Prefecture and are found along the Echizen Coast. Recently, the Echizen daffodil fields were designated as “Important Cultural Landscape” by the national government. Visitors may enjoy the flowers in various facilities such as Suisen Dome and Suisen Land.

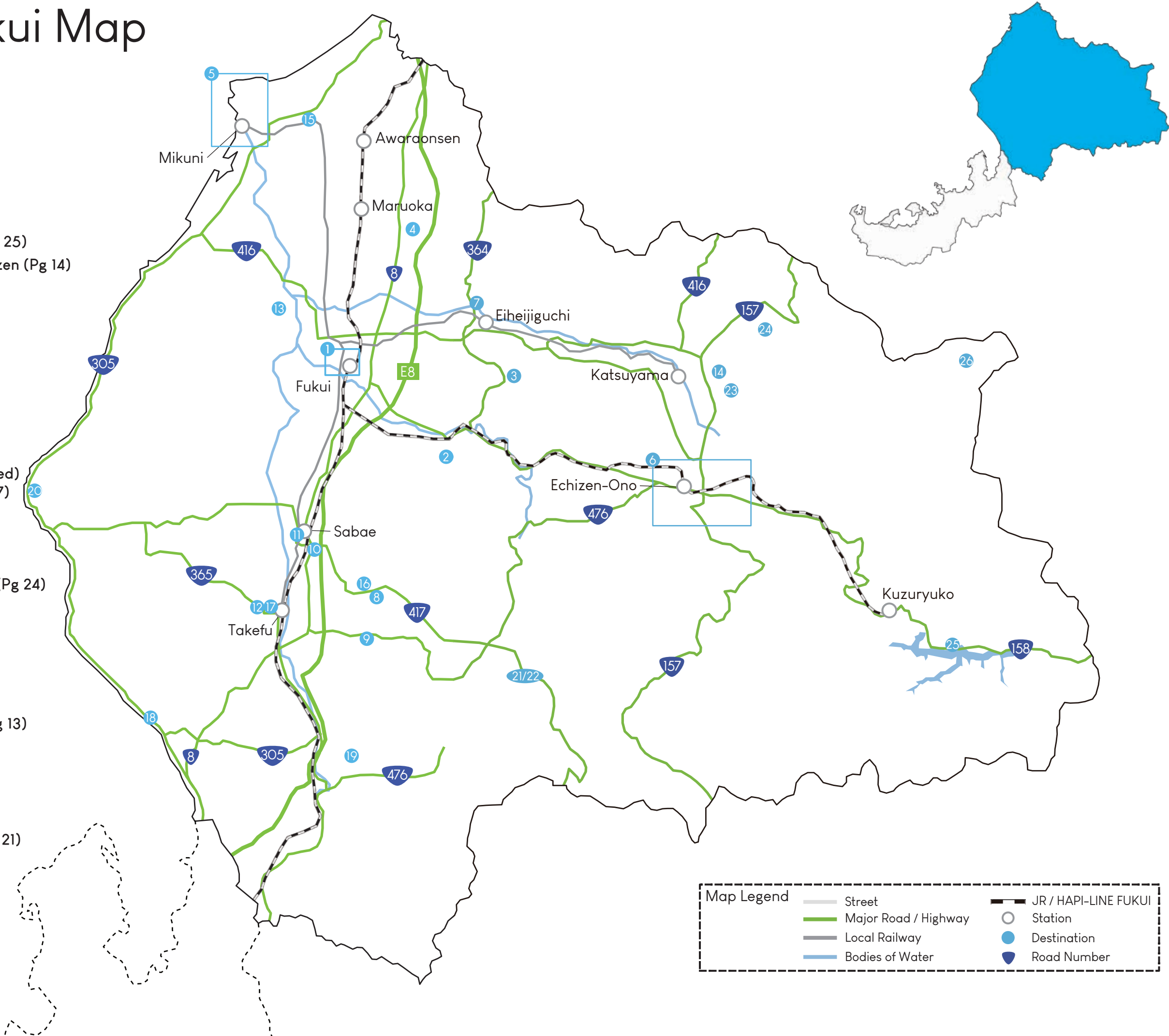


**Onsen (Hot Springs)**  
Relaxing in a hot spring during the cold winter weather is an experience everyone should try. These onsen can be found in many parts of Fukui with Awara City being the most well-known. Awara Onsen (the part of Awara City with natural hot spring sources) sees around 820,000 visitors annually and is one of the most popular hot spring resorts in the Hokuriku region.



# Northern Fukui Map

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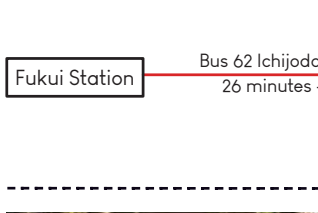
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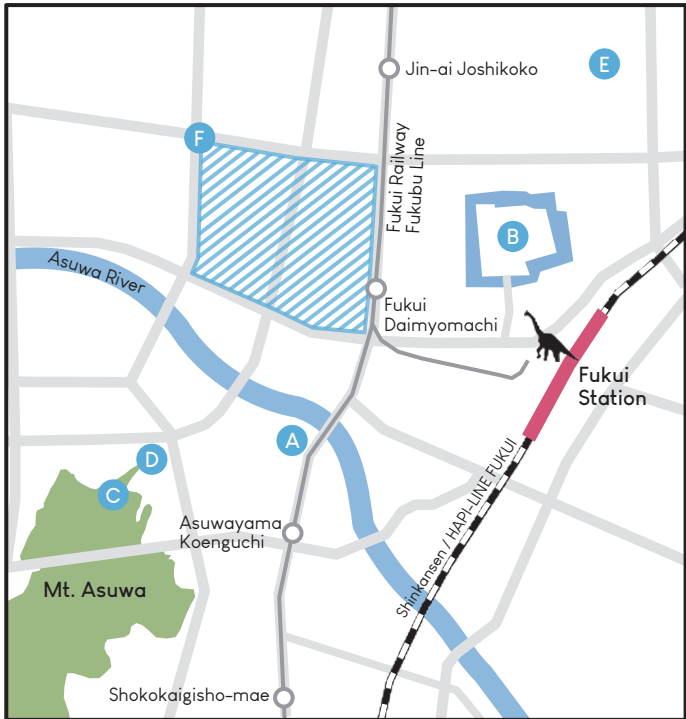
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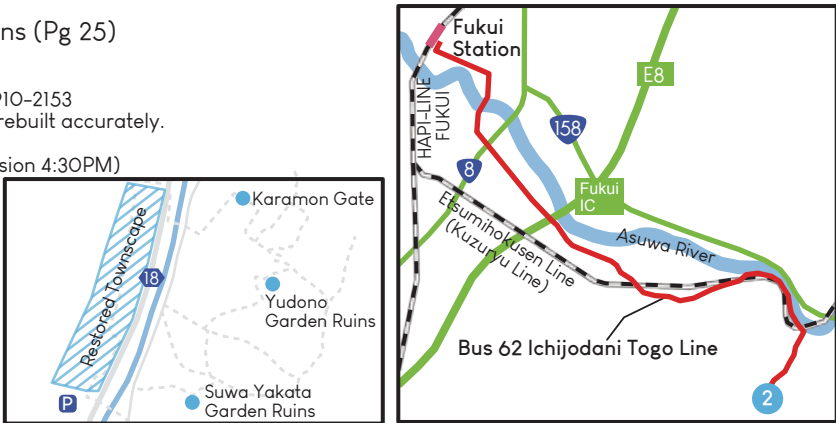
- A. Asuwa River (Pg 19)  
12 minute walk from Fukui Station  
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- B. Fukui Castle Ruins (Pg 4)  
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7 minute walk from Fukui Station
- C. Asuwa Shrine (Pg 4)  
Asuwa 1-8-25, Fukui City, 918-8007  
20 minute walk from Fukui Station
- D. Atagozaka (Pg 5)  
17 minute walk from Fukui Station  
\*Light up event during cherry blossom season
- E. Yokokan Garden (Pg 6)  
Hoei 3-11-36, Fukui City, 910-0004  
12 minute walk from Fukui Station  
\*Light up events during spring and autumn  
Admission Fee: 220 yen  
Hours: March ~ November ~ 9AM ~ 7PM  
November ~ February ~ 9AM ~ 5PM  
Closed 12/28-1/4
- F. Katamachi Area (Pg 6)  
10 minute walk from Fukui Station



## 2. Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins (Pg 25)

Restored Townscape  
Kidonouchicho 28-37, Fukui City, 910-2153  
A portion of the former town was rebuilt accurately.  
Admission Fee: 330 yen  
Hours: 9AM ~ 5PM (Last Admission 4:30PM)  
Closed 12/28 ~ 1/4

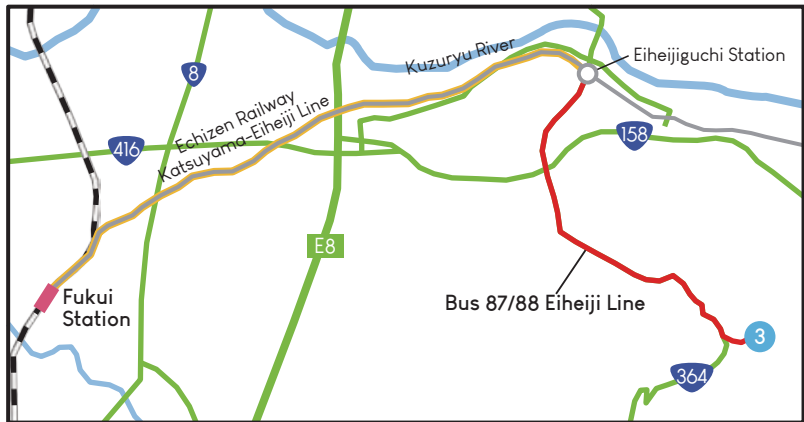
Fukui Station — Bus 62 Ichijodani Togo Line — 26 minutes ~ 680 yen — Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins



## 3. Eiheiji Temple (Pg 11) & Eiheiji Monzen (Pg 14)

Shihi 5-15, Eiheiji Town, 910-1228  
Admission Fee (Temple):  
- Adult ~ 500 yen  
- Elementary & Jr. High Students ~ 200 yen  
- Younger than Elementary ~ Free  
Hours: 8:30 AM ~ 4:30 PM  
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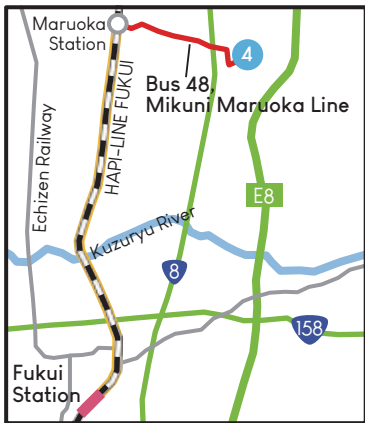
Fukui Station — Echizen Railway Katsuyama-Eiheiji Line — 25 minutes ~ 490 yen — Eiheiji Temple  
Eiheiji Liner Bus — 30 minutes ~ 750 yen



## 4. Maruoka Castle (Pg 3)

Kasumicho 1-59, Sakai City, 910-0231  
Admission Fee (Castle Interior):  
- Adult ~ 450 yen  
- Children ~ 150 yen  
Hours: 8:30 AM ~ 5 PM (Last Admission 4:30 PM)

Fukui Station — HAPI-LINE FUKUI(Northbound) — 12 minutes ~ 240 yen — Maruoka Station  
Maruoka Station — Bus 48, Mikuni Maruoka Line — 17 minutes ~ 300 yen — Maruoka Castle  
Bus 31, 32 Maruoka Line / 36 Ken. Byoin Line / 39 Owada Maruoka Line — About 50 to 60 minutes ~ 670 yen



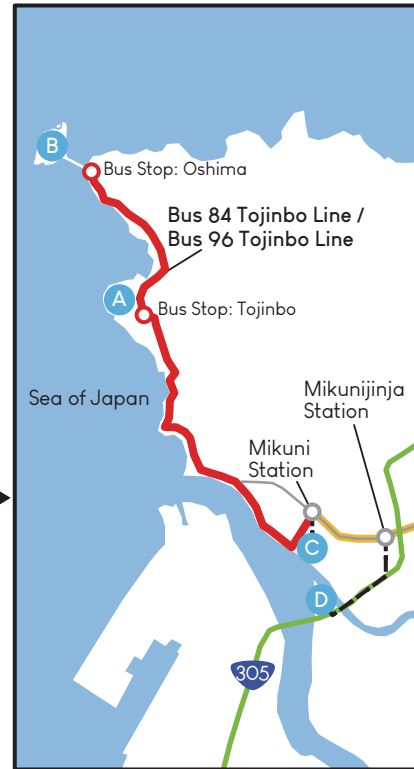
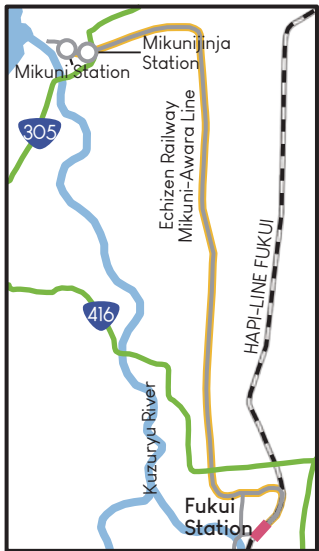
## 5. Mikuni Area

- A. Tojinbo (Pg 10)  
Mikunicho Anto 64-1, Sakai City, 913-0064  
\*The street leading up to the cliffs is lined with various stores, most close at 5PM.  
\*No free parking lots are available.



- B. Oshima Island (Pg 10)
- C. Mikuni Minato Kitamae Dori (Pg 14,20)  
\*Most shops along the street close at 5PM
- D. Shiomi Park (Pg 1-2)

- A. Fukui Station — Echizen Railway Mikuni Awarai Line — 47 minutes ~ 780 yen — Mikuni Station — Bus 84 Tojinbo Line / Bus 96 Tojinbo Line — 12 minutes ~ 280 yen — Tojinbo
- B. Fukui Station — Echizen Railway Mikuni Awarai Line — 47 minutes ~ 780 yen — Mikuni Station — Bus 84 Tojinbo Line / Bus 96 Tojinbo Line — 14 minutes ~ 360 yen — Oshima
- C. Fukui Station — Echizen Railway Mikuni Awarai Line — 47 minutes ~ 780 yen — Mikuni Station — Walk — 4 minutes — Mikuni Minato Kitamae Dori
- D. Fukui Station — Echizen Railway Mikuni Awarai Line — 47 minutes ~ 780 yen — Mikunijinja Station — Walk — 16 minutes — Shiomi Park



## 6. Ono Area

### A. Ono Castle (Pg 25)

Shiromachi 3-109, Ono City, 912-0087  
Admission Fee:  
- Adult ~ 300 yen  
- Jr. High Students & younger ~ Free  
Hours:  
April ~ September ~ 9AM ~ 5PM  
(Last admission 4:30PM)  
October ~ November ~ 9 AM ~ 4PM  
(Last admission 3:30PM)  
Closed December 1st to March 31st

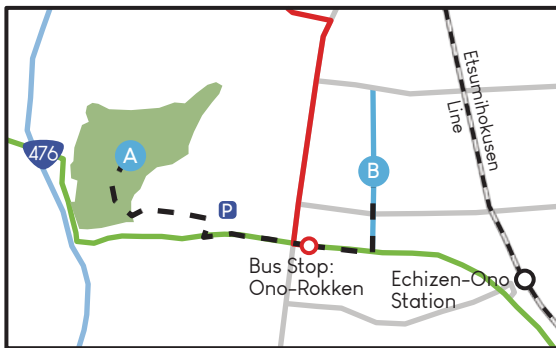
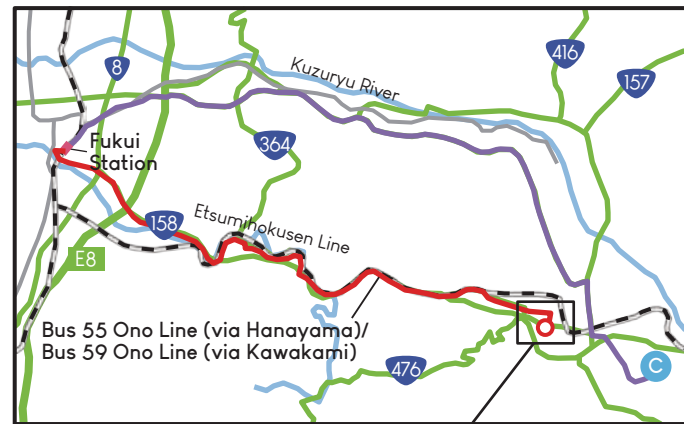


### B. Teramachi Dori (Pg 13)

### C. Yamabushi Boulder (Pg 7)

\*A rest area called Roadside Station Echizen Ono Arashima no Sato is located nearby.  
Warabyou 137-21-1, Ono City, 912-0823  
Hours: 9AM ~ 6PM

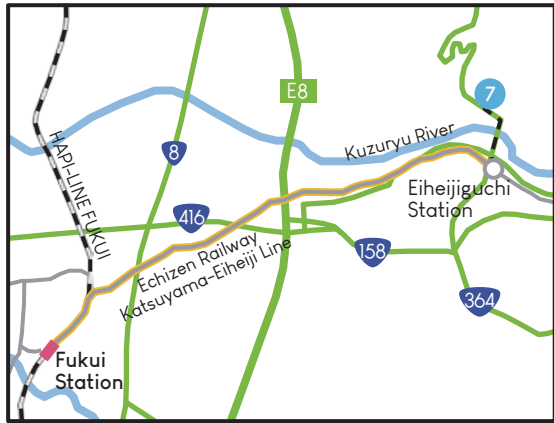
- A. Fukui Station — Bus 55 Ono Line (via Hanayama) / Bus 59 Ono Line (via Kawakami) — 58 minutes ~ 1,040 yen — Ono-Rokken — Walk — 10 minutes — Ono Castle
- B. Fukui Station — Bus 55 Ono Line (via Hanayama) / Bus 59 Ono Line (via Kawakami) — 58 minutes ~ 1,040 yen — Ono-Rokken — Walk — 10 minutes — Teramachi Dori
- C. Fukui Station — Drive — 50 minutes — Yamabushi Boulder





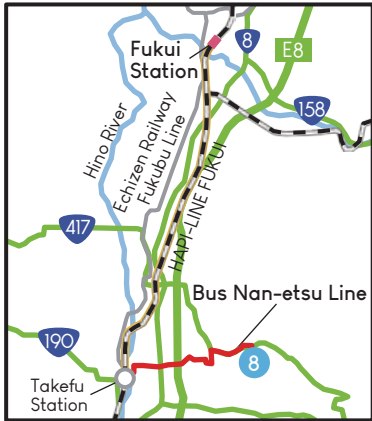


### 7. Echizen Bamboo Doll Village (Closed) (Pg 17)



### 8. Echizen Washi Village (Pg 17)

\*Three facilities make up Echizen Washi Village:  
Papyrus House, Udatsu Paper & Craft Museum, and Paper & Culture Museum Shinzaikecho 8-44, Echizen City, 915-0232  
Admission fee:  
Museums - Adults 300 yen, High school and younger free  
Papyrus House - Free  
Hours: Papyrus House - 9AM - 4PM (Closed Tuesdays & New Year's Holiday)  
Museum - 9:30AM - 5PM (Closed Tuesdays and New Year's Holiday)  
Last entry 4:30PM  
\*Washi making experience is available at Papyrus House. Prices vary on the item made with the cheapest being 500 yen.

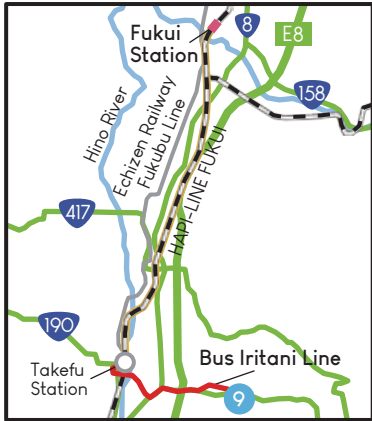


### 9. Takefu Knife Village (Pg 17-18)

Yokawacho 22-91, Echizen City, 915-0031  
Admission fee: Free  
Hours: 9AM - 5PM (Closed New Year's Holiday)

\*Knife making experiences are available. Requires scheduling ahead of time. Prices vary based on complexity of the item made. Example pricing:

Knife Sharpening Course	5,000 - 6,000 yen	1 hour	Sharpen a knife and take it home.
Knife Making Course	7,000 - 15,000 yen	3 - 6 hours	Smith a knife and take it home

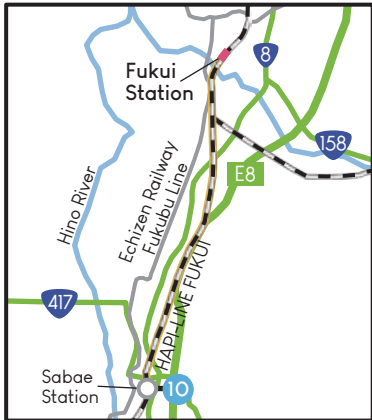
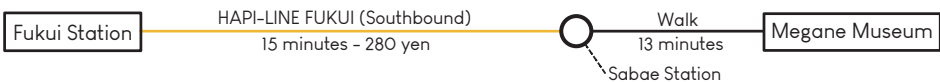


### 10. Megane Museum (Pg 17-18)

The Megane Museum consists of main eyeglasses shop, museum, workshop, sweets store, and a cafe.

Shin-yokoe 2-3-4, Sabae City, 916-0042  
Admission fee: Free  
Hours: Eyeglasses Shop - 10AM - 7PM | Other areas - 10AM - 5PM |  
Cafe - 10AM - 4PM  
(Closed Wednesdays & New Year's Holiday)

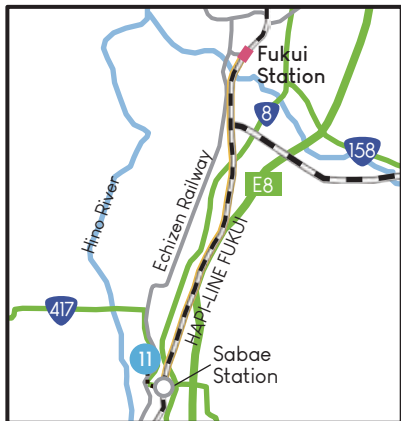
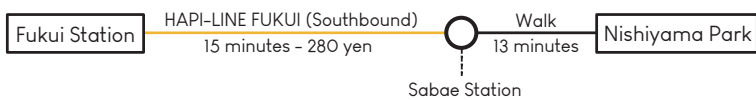
\*Glass making experience available. Requires scheduling ahead of time. Costs 22,000+ yen and takes 5 to 7 hours.



### 11. Nishiyama Park & Kyoyo Garden (Pg 24)

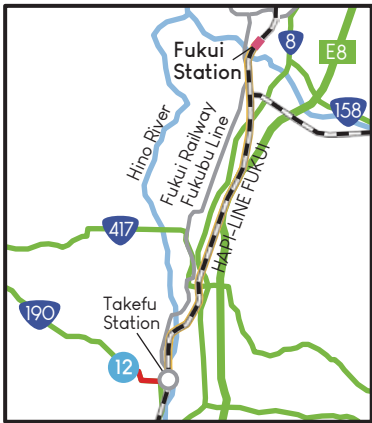
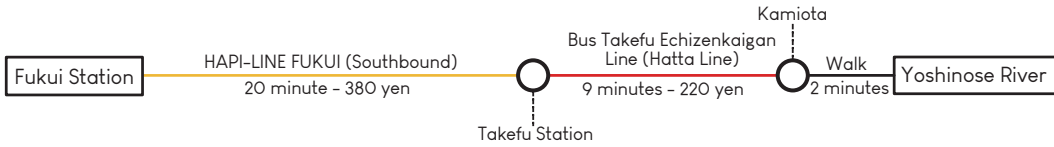
Nishiyama Park: Sakuramachi 3-8-10, Sabae City, 916-0027  
Kyoyo Garden: Chosenjicho 1-10, Sabae City, 916-0024

Inside Nishiyama Park: Nishiyama Zoo  
Sakuramachi 3-8-10, Sabae City, 916-0027  
Lesser pandas can be found here.  
Admission fee: Free  
Hours: 9AM - 4:30PM (Closed Mondays & New Year's Holiday)



### 12. Yoshinose River (Pg 20)

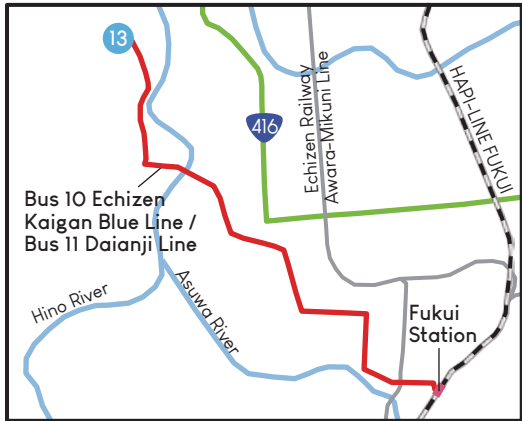
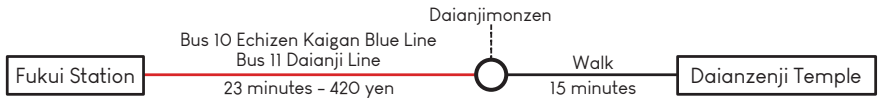
\*The entirety of the river stretches a long distance but this is the directions to the area that is meant for cherry blossom viewing. Many sections of the river does not have cherry blossoms.



### 13. Daienzenji Temple - Senjojiki Cemetary (Pg 12)

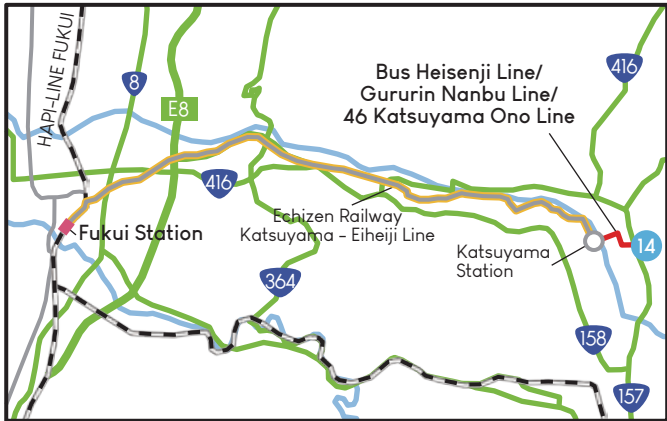
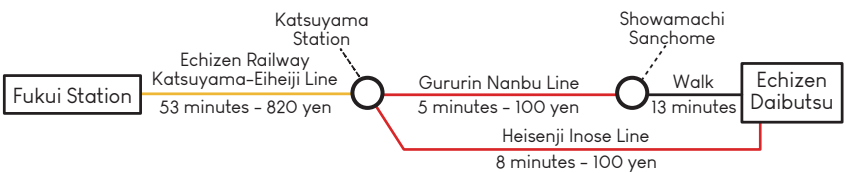
Tanotanicho 21-4, Fukui City, 910-0044  
Admission fee:  
-Adults - 500 yen  
-College / University Students - 400 yen  
-Jr. High / High School Students - 300 yen  
-Elementary School Students - 200 yen  
Hours: 9AM - 5PM (Last admission 4:30PM)

\*Senjojiki cemetery is a few minutes of hiking from the temple.



### 14. Echizen Daibutsu (Pg 12)

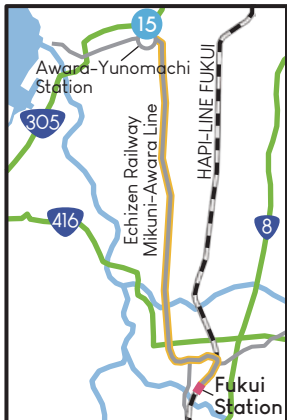
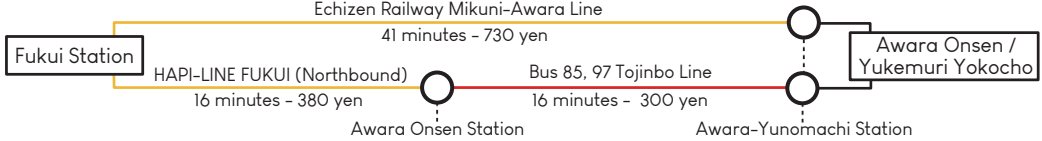
Katase 50-1-1, Katsuyama City, 911-0811  
Admission fee:  
- Adults - 500 yen  
- High School and younger - 300 yen  
- Toddler - Free  
Hours: 8AM - 5PM (Winter: 9AM - 4PM)



### 15. Awara Onsen / Yukemuri Yokocho (Pg 6)

\*Over 20 different facilities make up Awara Onsen. While most are ryokan, Japanese style inns, many offer hot spring bathing for a small fee without the need to stay.  
Ashiyu  
Onsen 1-203, Awara City, 910-4104  
A public foot hot spring is available for anyone to visit.  
Admission fee: Free  
Hours: 7AM - 11PM

Yukemuri Yokocho: Onsen 3-201, Awara City, 910-4104  
\*Yukemuri Yokocho stalls have different hours and closed days.

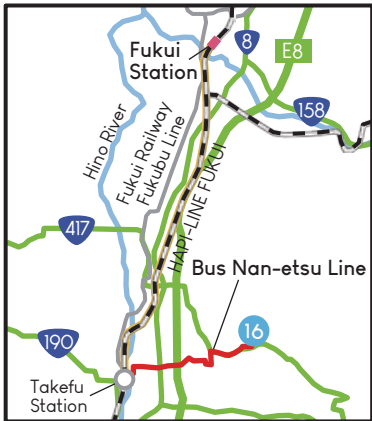
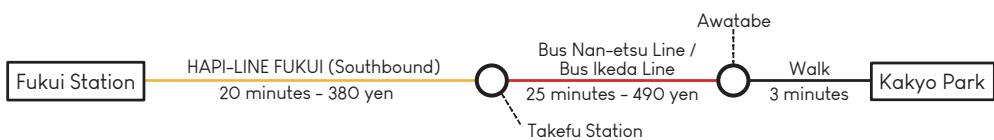


### 16. Kakyo Park (Pg 20)

Awatabecho 17, Echizen City, 915-0242

\*The park is also recommended for its fall leaves during Autumn. There is an observation deck (a short hike up the park) that overlooks the area.

\*If coming by car, parking space is limited and roads are narrow.

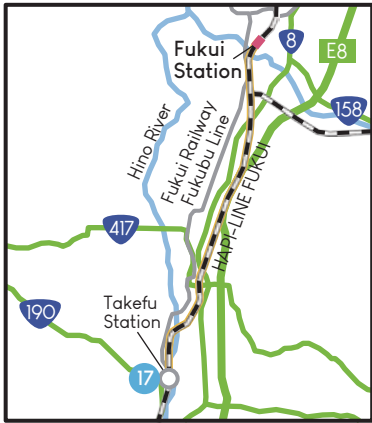
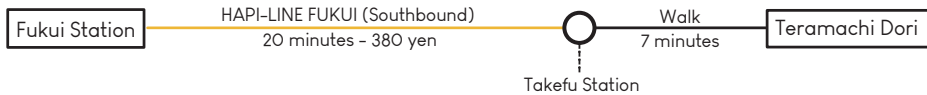






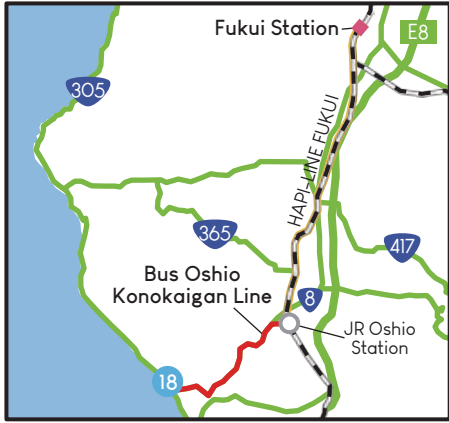
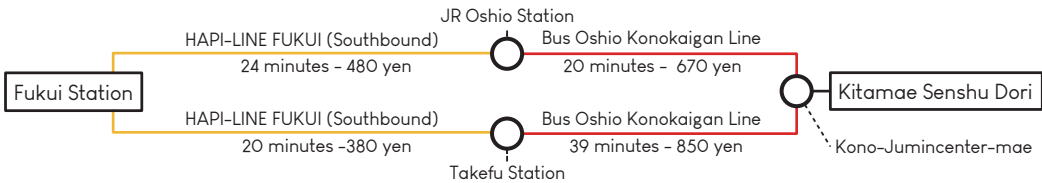
17. Echizen City - Teramachi Dori (Pg 13)

\*There are a few other areas around the station that have preserved a traditional townscape.



18. Kitamae Senshu Dori (Pg 13)

Kitamae Shipowner Ukon Family's Residence  
Kono 2-15, Minami-Echizen Town, 915-1111  
Once was the residence of a wealthy family of shipowners which now serves as a museum.  
Admission fee:  
-Adults - 500 yen  
-Elementary and Jr. High Students - 300 yen  
Hours: 9AM - 4PM (Closed Wednesdays & New Year Holidays)



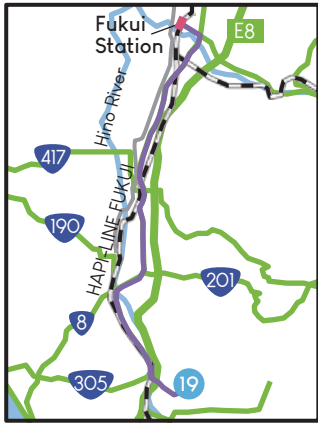
19. Hanahasu (Lotus flower) Park (Pg 22)

Nakagoya 64-41, Minamiechizen Town, 919-0214

\*The lotus flowers usually bloom July through August.

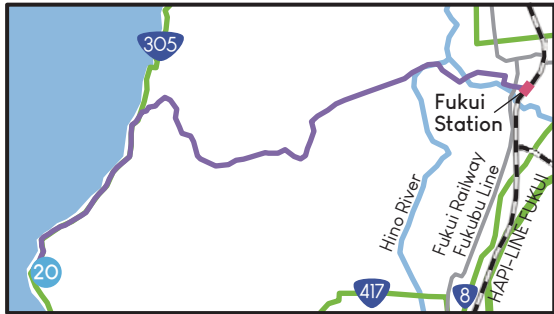
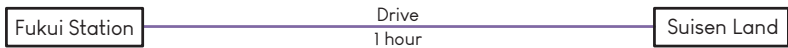
\*A lotus flower festival usually takes place during the blooming season. A free shuttle bus service is also available during the blooming season from JR Nanjo Station to Hanahasu Park.

\*Donation: 200 yen



20. Suisen Land (Pg 9)

Garden House  
Chigadaira 27-1-2, Echizen Town, 916-0303  
A facility that displays daffodil art and daffodil flowers all year long, also features a break area for guests.  
Admission fee: Free  
Hours: 9AM - 5PM (Closed Thursdays)



21. Kazurabashi Bridge (Pg 22)

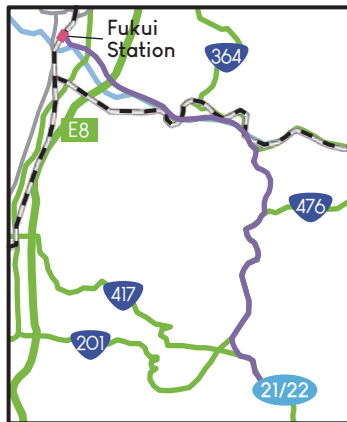
Doaisarao 14-5, Ikeda Town, 910-2524  
Admission fee:  
-Adults - 300 yen  
-Elementary and Jr. High Students - 200 yen  
-Toddler - Free  
Hours: 9AM - 5PM (Closed Mid-December - Mid-March)

22. Tree Picnic Adventure IKEDA (Pg 21)

Shizuhara 28-16, Ikeda Town, 910-2523

Please check the official website ([www.picnic.ikeda-kibou.com/en](http://www.picnic.ikeda-kibou.com/en)) for an up-to-date activities schedule and prices.

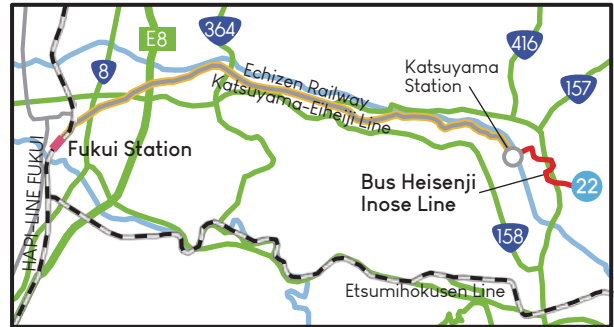
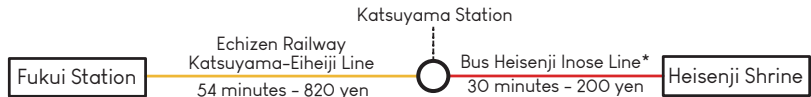
\* Adventure boat currently not available (2024). Please inquire at the facility for information.



23. Heisenji Hakusan Shrine (Pg 12)

Heisenjicho Heisenji 56, Katsuyama City, 911-0822  
Admission fee: Free

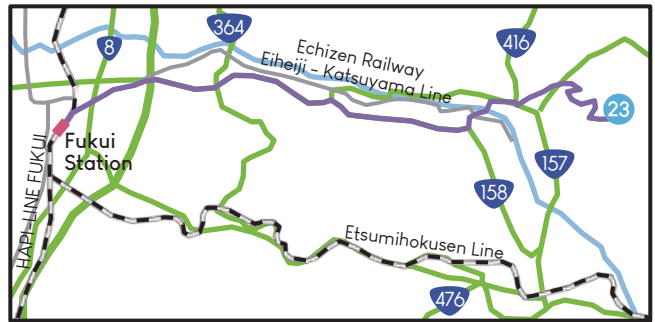
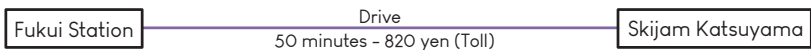
\*The bus only runs 4 times a day on weekends. Does not run during the winter. Taking a taxi is recommended. Remember to have a return plan.



24. Skijam Katsuyama (Pg 26)

170-70, Katsuyama City, 911-0000  
Hours: 8:30AM - 4:30PM

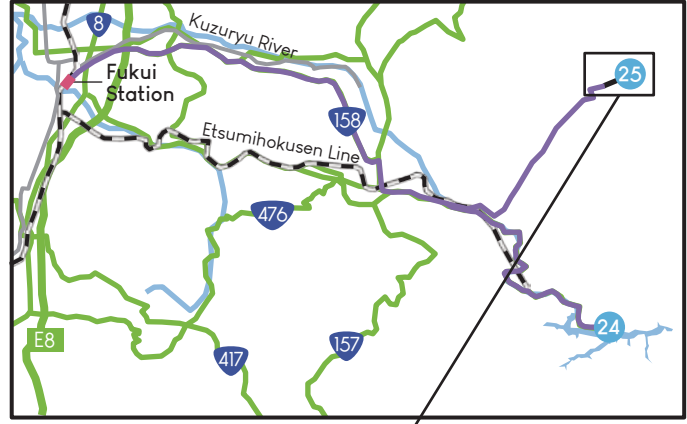
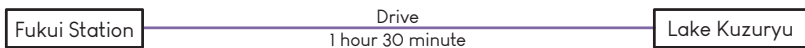
\*Will cost money for parking and season tickets. Rental services are available.



25. Lake Kuzuryu (Pg 23)

\*The lake has many viewing locations with one of the most popular spots being Kuzuryu Dam. Another well-known spot is Hakogase Bridge.

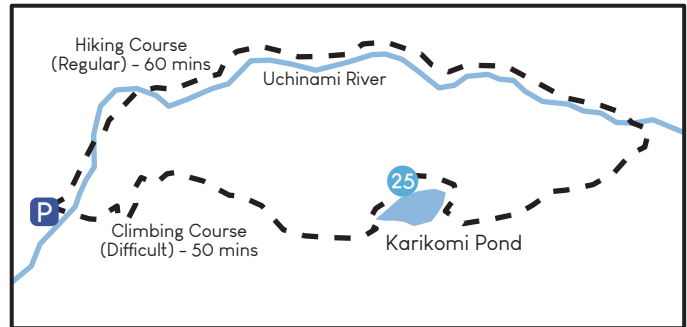
Kuzuryu Dam: Nagano 33, Ono City, 912-0214



26. Karikomi Pond (Pg 23-24)

\*From the parking lot there are two hiking courses to reach the pond. One is shorter but more difficult.

\*The road leading to the parking lot is narrow.



When I first arrived at Fukui, I had to take a bus from Komatsu Airport to Fukui Station. I recall enjoying the beautiful scenery that I had passed along the way. The vast fields of rice alongside the forested mountain backdrop was a scene unlike anything I had gotten to experience back in my home state of California.

With the help from many people across Fukui we made this guidebook in hopes of showing off the appeal of Japan's countryside. There is a certain charm to the rural areas of Japan that is hard to find elsewhere.

In order to make this guidebook, I had the opportunity to travel around to the various tourist spots within Fukui to photograph them. These areas were often in the rural areas away from the city center. From beautiful Japanese structures to natural wonders, it was an absolute joy every time. I tried my best to capture the beauty of each place through my photography but I feel like it wasn't possible to do so in one picture.

I felt as though many of these areas were hidden treasures as they aren't as widely well known as more popular destinations in Japan. To think that many more of these locations exist throughout all of Japan waiting to be discovered is exciting. It made me realize that if I were to travel once again, I would want to go *Off the Beaten Path*.



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