



Tojinbo Cliffs



Fukui Prefecture

Sightseeing Map

Nature

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Rainbow Line Summit Park



What's **New** in Fukui



W7 Series

**More Fun!
Easier to
Get Around!**

New Destinations

The Estate of a Wealthy
Trading Ship Owner



Nakamura Residence

Relax with a View of the Castle Tower



Maruoka Castle Machiyori Market
(Maruoka Castle Tourist Information Center)

Enjoy Nature through All Four Seasons



Roadside Oasis Four Season Terrace

Camping in a Starry Sky Preserve



Sora to Daichi



Easier Access



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Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Fukui & Tsuruga Stations

New Experiences

Guided Bus Tours



Happy Bus

Travel Time Becomes
Showtime!



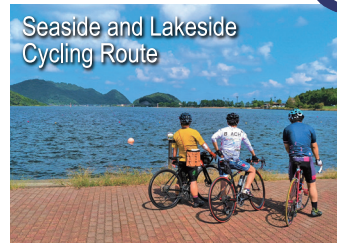
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into Dinosaur World!



Fukui Station Dinosaur Robots
Tyrannosaurus and More!

Seaside and Lakeside
Cycling Route



Wakasa Bay Cycling Route





So Much to Enjoy! Nature Destinations in Fukui!

Spectacular 360° View!

- Awara, Sakai & Fukui City Area
- Eiheiji, Katsuyama & Ono Area
- Sabae, Ikeda & Echizen Area
- Tsuruga, Wakasa & Obama Area



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● The Five Lakes of Mikata & Rainbow Line Summit Park

Enjoy a panoramic view of Wakasa Bay, the Five Lakes of Mikata — each in its own shade of blue — and mountains that are beautiful in any season. The park is a popular "lovers' sanctuary" for its elaborate terrace seating, featuring sofas and footbaths, as well as its café and rose garden.

📍 Rainbow Line ☎ 0770-47-1170

- 10 min drive from Wakasa-Mikata IC on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expwy.
- 15 min drive from Mikatagoko Smart IC on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expwy.



One of Japan's Three Great Daffodil Colonies

● Echizen Coast

This coastline is home to lots of remarkable rocky cliffs carved by nature, such as Kochomon. The daffodil fields on the coastline are nationally designated an Important Cultural Landscape, and the sunsets into the Sea of Japan are unforgettable.

📍 Echizen Town Tourism Federation ☎ 0778-37-1234

- 60 min drive from Tsuruga IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
- 45 min drive from Sabae IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.



One of Japan's 100 Finest Cherry Blossom Sites

● Cherry Blossoms along the Asuwa River (Asuwa River Embankment)

The Asuwa River runs through central Fukui City, and roughly 600 cherry blossoms line its bank for about 2.2 km. During cherry blossom season, there are also food stalls around, making it a popular place for locals and visitors to hang out and enjoy the scenery.

📍 Fukui City Tourism Promotion Division ☎ 0776-20-5346

- 15 min drive from Fukui IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
- 15 min walk from Fukui Sta.



One of Japan's 100 Finest Historic Parks

● Nishiyama Park

Enjoy cherry blossoms and azaleas in spring, as well as beautiful autumn colors. The park also features the Nishiyama Zoo — famous for its red pandas — as well as large grassy spaces, play equipment, and a Japanese garden. Located next to the Nishiyama Park Roadside Station.

📍 Sabae Tourism Association ☎ 0778-52-2323

- 5 min drive from Sabae IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
- Short walk from Nishiyama Koen Sta. on the Fukui Railway



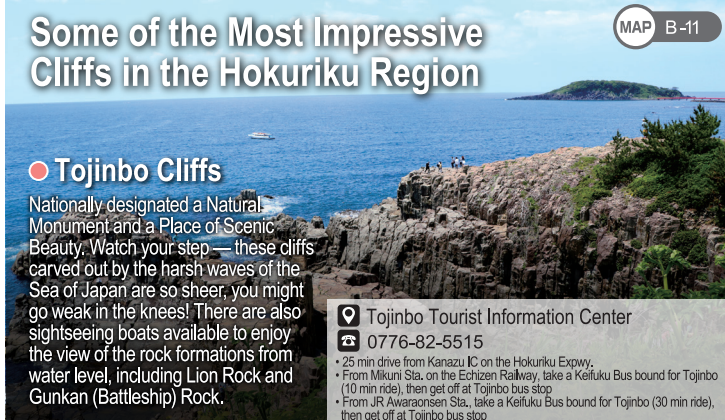
A Suspension Bridge Surrounded by Nature

● Kazura Bridge

A rare and unique suspension bridge made from kiwiberry vines that spans the Asuwa River, surrounded by a lush natural environment. Don't miss the thrill of the large gaps between the slats of the bridge, and the distinctive way it sways!

📍 ① Sobanosato ② Ikeda Rural Tourism Public Corporation ☎ 0778-44-6878 ② 0778-44-8060

- 35 min drive from Takefu IC or Sabae IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.



Some of the Most Impressive Cliffs in the Hokuriku Region

MAP B-11

● Tojinbo Cliffs

Nationally designated a Natural Monument and a Place of Scenic Beauty. Watch your step — these cliffs carved out by the harsh waves of the Sea of Japan are so sheer, you might go weak in the knees! There are also sightseeing boats available to enjoy the view of the rock formations from water level, including Lion Rock and Gunkan (Battleship) Rock.

📍 Tojinbo Tourist Information Center ☎ 0776-82-5515

- 25 min drive from Kanazawa IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
- From Mikuni Sta. on the Echizen Railway, take a Keifuku Bus bound for Tojinbo (10 min ride), then get off at Tojinbo bus stop
- From JR Awaraseni Sta., take a Keifuku Bus bound for Tojinbo (30 min ride), then get off at Tojinbo bus stop



One of Japan's 100 Finest Autumn Color Sites

● Lake Kuzuryu

The countless layers of maple leaves around Lake Kuzuryu are breathtaking in autumn. The lake is also a popular spot for canoeing and kayaking, surrounded by the

📍 Ono City Tourism and Exchange Division ☎ 0779-66-1111 (Main line)

- 20 min drive from Kuzuryu IC on the Chubu-Jukan Expwy.
- 20 min drive from Shirotori IC on the Tokai-Hokuriku Expwy.



A White Sand Beach That Glitters Like Crystals

● Suishohama Swimming Beach

Selected as one of Japan's 88 Finest Swimming Beaches for its fine white sand and beautiful clear water. There are few large buildings to be seen around, making it a perfect place to enjoy sunsets and starry night skies.

📍 Wakasa-Mihama Tourism Association ☎ 0770-32-0222

- 20 min drive from Wakasa-Mihama IC on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expwy.



A Beach with the World-Renowned Blue Flag Certification

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● Wakasa Wada Beach

Asia's first Blue Flag Beach, and selected as one of Japan's 100 Finest Sunset Spots. Experience the beautiful contrast between the white of the wide sandy beach, the blue of the sea, and the green of Mt. Aoba — the "Mt. Fuji of Wakasa" — off in the distance. The nearby campground makes this an excellent destination for lovers of outdoor activities.

📍 Wakasa-Wada Tourism Association ☎ 0770-72-0070

- 15 min drive from O-Takahama IC on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expwy.
- 15 min walk from Wakasa-Wada Sta.



One of Japan's Three Great Pine Groves

● Kehi no Matsubara Pine Grove

Beloved by visitors for the gorgeous contrast between the white sand and green pine needles, on red pine and black pine trees. Popular as a

📍 Tsuruga Tourism Information Center ☎ 0770-21-8686

- 15 min drive from Tsuruga IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
- 15 min drive from Tsuruga-minami Smart IC on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expwy.
- From Tsuruga Sta., take a Tsuruga Excursion Line Bus to Matsubara Kaigan bus stop



A Cold, Clear Stream Running through the Forest

● Uriwari no Taki Falls

Literally, "gourd-splitting falls" — this stream is cold enough all year round that it was said to split open gourds left under the waterfall. The sunlight filtering through the trees onto the water and the moss-covered rocks gives this grove a magical feeling. Selected as one of Japan's 100 Finest Springs.

📍 Wakasa Uriwari Meisui Park Management Association (Meisui no Sato) ☎ 0770-62-0186

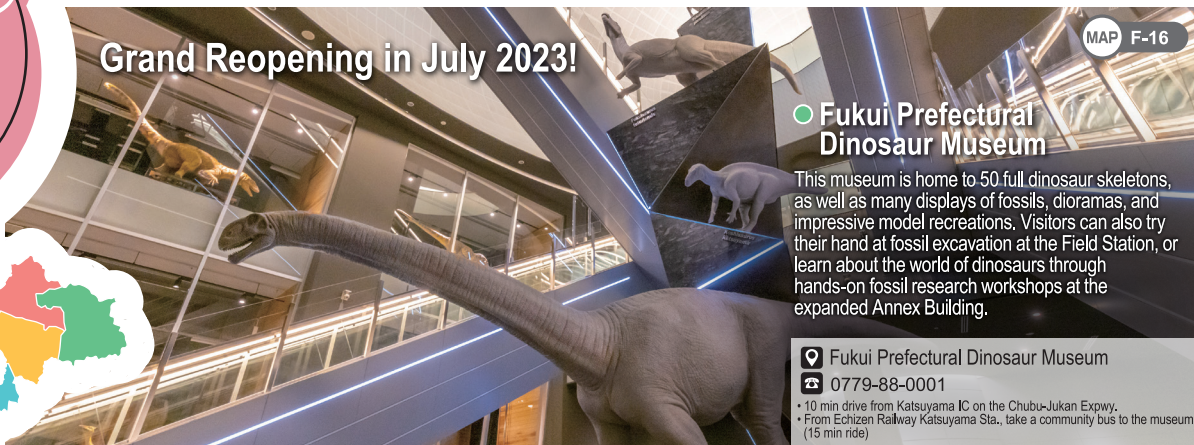
- 12 min drive from Wakasa-Kaminaka IC on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expwy.
- 15 min walk from Kaminaka Sta.





There's Plenty of Fun to Be Had in Fukui!

Grand Reopening in July 2023!



Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum

This museum is home to 50 full dinosaur skeletons, as well as many displays of fossils, dioramas, and impressive model recreations. Visitors can also try their hand at fossil excavation at the Field Station, or learn about the world of dinosaurs through hands-on fossil research workshops at the expanded Annex Building.

Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum

0779-88-0001

• 10 min drive from Katsuyama IC on the Chubu-Jukan Expwy.
• From Echizen Railway Katsuyama Sta., take a community bus to the museum (15 min ride)

Awara, Sakai & Fukui City Area

Eiheiji, Katsuyama & Ono Area

Sabae, Ikeda & Echizen Area

Tsuruga, Wakasa & Obama Area

Dolphins! Penguins! Giant Octopuses!

MAP A-12



Echizen Matsushima Aquarium

Plenty of delights await, including dolphin shows, penguin walks, Japan's first exhibition facility dedicated to giant octopuses, and the glass-topped Coral Sea tank, where visitors can feel like they're on top of the water.

Echizen Matsushima Aquarium

0776-81-2700

• 20 min drive from Kanazui IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
• From JR Awaraonsen Sta., take a Keifuku Bus bound for Tojinbo (30 min ride), then get off at Echizen Matsushima Sutokukan bus stop

One of Japan's Largest Water Parks

MAP B-13



Shibamasa World Amusement Park

Offering a full day of fun! Enjoy one of Japan's largest swimming pools, a walk-through dinosaur attraction, a pirate-themed amusement park, putter golf, and more!

Shibamasa World Amusement Park

0776-81-2110

• 20 min drive from Kanazui IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
• Seasonal bus service available in summer from JR Awaraonsen Sta., as well as Awara-Yunomachi Sta. on the Echizen Railway

A Forest Museum at the Intersection of People, Nature, and Art

MAP B-15



Kanaz Forest of Creation

Discover contemporary art alongside nature in this lush, 20-hectare forest. In addition to the art museum, there are also studios where visitors can try working with glass, ceramics, and bamboo crafts, for a great way to immerse yourself in art all day long.

1 Kanaz Forest of Creation Art Museum
2 Glass Studio
3 Creative Studio (Ceramics & bamboo crafts)

0776-73-7800 0776-73-7801 0776-73-7802

• 5 min drive from Kanazui IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.

Fun in Winter... and Summer, Too!

MAP F-17



Skijam Katsuyama

One of Western Japan's largest snow resorts, offering plenty of variety on the slopes, as well as a lovely ski lodge and hot spring baths. There's also plenty to do in summer — enjoy grilling, paragliding, and hands-on workshops making things like candles!

Skijam Katsuyama

0779-87-6109

• 20 min drive from Katsuyama IC on the Chubu-Jukan Expwy.
• 60 min shuttle bus ride from the East Gate of Fukui Sta.

One of Japan's 100 Finest Hot Springs

MAP C-13

Awara Onsen

Fukui's leading hot spring town, long beloved in Western Japan. The 74 source springs here mean each *ryokan* inn's bath has its own unique character. There's more to enjoy with a stroll around town, too: Ashiyu is the Hokuriku region's largest public footbath, made entirely of *hinoki* cypress wood, and the nearby Yukemuri Yokochi features a collection of cozy restaurants offering a wide variety of dishes.

Awara-Yunomachi Sta. (Echizen Railway)
Tourist Information Center

0776-77-1877

• 15 min drive from Kanazui IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
• From JR Awaraonsen Sta., take a Keifuku Bus bound for Tojinbo (15 min ride), then get off at Awara-Yunomachi Sta. bus stop

Certified 4 Stars by the Japan Auto Camping Federation

MAP J-3



Akagurizaki Auto Campground

Enjoy grilling under a beautiful starry sky with a view of the gorgeous Wakasa Bay, and wake up to the sounds of the surf by the campground. Eighty spacious auto campsites are available.

Akagurizaki Auto Campground

0770-77-2800

• 30 min drive from Obama-nishi IC on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expwy.
• From JR Wakasa-Hongo Sta., take a Fukutetsu Bus bound for Oshima, then get off at Shiohama Kaisui Yokujo-mae bus stop and walk 10 min.

Learn about Japan's Food Culture from the Wakasa-Obama Region

MAP K-4



Miketsukuni Wakasa Obama Food Culture Museum

The museum's first floor teaches visitors about Japanese food from various perspectives, with a particular focus on the cultural climate and cuisine of Obama. The second floor features hands-on workshops where visitors can try traditional local crafts, such as polishing down Wakasa Lacquered Chopsticks to reveal their layered decorations.

Miketsukuni Wakasa Obama Food Culture Museum

0770-53-1000

• 10 min drive from Obama IC on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expwy.
• 5 min drive from Obama Sta.

One of Japan's Largest Adventure Forests

MAP J-14



Tree Picnic Adventure Ikeda (TPA Ikeda)

Get a birds'-eye view of the forest from above as you soar along the kilometer-long Mega Zipline, or take part in some of the many outdoor programs involving the trees and forest. (Reservations required for hands-on experiences, but not required for Co-Venture Park.)

Tree Picnic Adventure Ikeda

0778-44-7474

• 45 min drive from Fukui IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
• 35 min drive from Takefu IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.

The Sabae, Ikeda & Echizen Area: A Hub of Traditional Craft Artisans

Echizen Pottery

One of Japan's Six Ancient Kilns

MAP G-10

Echizen Washi Paper

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Echizen Lacquerware

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Echizen Pottery Village

Discover the wonder and beauty of Echizen Pottery through exhibits and hands-on workshops. The large Echizen Pottery Park is considered one of Japan's 100 Finest Urban Parks, and in autumn and winter, the park lights up for colorful evenings with countless

Fukui Prefectural Museum of Ceramics

0778-32-2174

• 30 min drive from Takefu IC or Sabae IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
• From Hapi-Line Takefu Sta., take a Fukutetsu Bus on the Takefu-Echizen Kaigan Line bound for Kareizaki (30 min ride), then get off at Togeimura-guchi bus stop

Echizen Washi Village

Echizen Forged Blades

MAP I-12

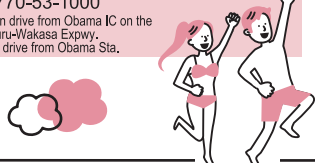
Sabae Glasses

MAP G-12

Takefu Knife Village

Megane Museum (Eyeglass Museum)

Places to Try Hands-On Traditional Craft Workshops!



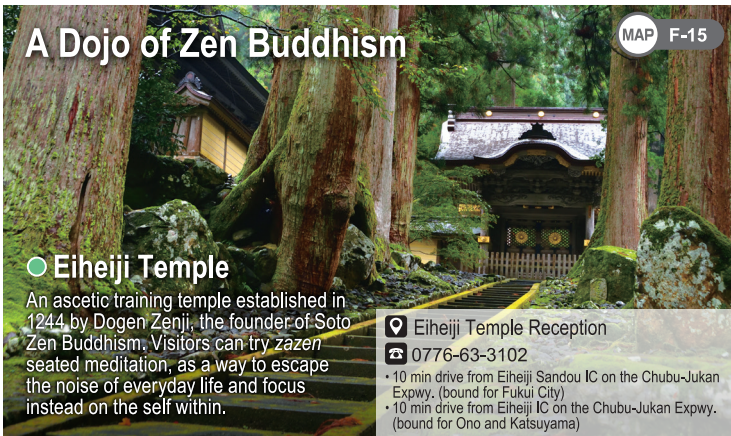


- Awara, Sakai & Fukui City Area
- Eiheiji, Katsuyama & Ono Area
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- Tsuruga, Wakasa & Obama Area



● Maruoka Castle
A Nationally Designated Important Cultural Property, and one of only twelve castles with extant castle towers nationwide. It was destroyed in the catastrophic 1948 Fukui earthquake, but through the passionate efforts of locals, it was miraculously rebuilt in less than seven years.

📍 **Maruoka Castle Management Office**
☎ 0776-66-0303
• 5 min drive from Maruoka IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
• From Fukui Sta., take a Keifuku Bus on the Maruoka Line to Maruoka Castle bus stop (60 min ride)
Note: Large-scale renovation to the castle tower is scheduled to begin at the end of 2025.



● Eiheiji Temple
An ascetic training temple established in 1244 by Dogen Zenji, the founder of Soto Zen Buddhism. Visitors can try *zazen* seated meditation, as a way to escape the noise of everyday life and focus instead on the self within.



● Kehi Jingu Shrine
The guardian shrine of the old Hokuriku-do region (present-day Fukui, Ishikawa, Toyama, and Niigata Prefectures), dedicated to seven deities. The 11-meter-tall *torii* gate is designated an Important Cultural Property, and is considered one of the Three Great Wooden Torii Gates of Japan, alongside the ones at Kasuga Taisha Shrine in Nara and Itsukushima Shrine in Hiroshima.

📍 **Kehi Jingu Shrine Office** ☎ 0770-22-0794
• 10 min drive from Tsuruga IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
• 15 min drive from Tsuruga-minami Smart IC on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expwy.
• From Tsuruga Sta., take a Tsuruga Excursion Line Bus to Kehi Jingu or Otorii bus stop

Learn a Lot at Fascinating Historic Sites

The Ruins of a Warring-States-Period Castle Town



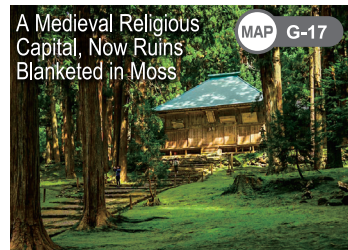
Don't miss the life-size reconstruction of the Asakura residence, the unearthed stone paving on display, and the huge diorama of the castle town. Enjoy learning all about the Asakura Family and their castle town in the Warring States period (mid 1400s to early 1600s).

📍 **Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum**
☎ 0776-41-7700
• 10 min drive from Fukui IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
• From Fukui Sta., take a Keifuku Bus on the Ichijodani-Togo Line to Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum bus stop (25 min ride)

● Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins

The former site of a castle town developed based on pre-planned designs by the Asakura Clan, who were warlords during the Warring States period. The family ruled Echizen from here for 103 years, across five generations.

📍 **Asakura Clan Ruins Preservation Association**
☎ 0776-41-2330
• 10 min drive from Fukui IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
• From Fukui Sta., take a Keifuku Bus on the Ichijodani-Togo Line to Asakura-kan-mae bus stop (30 min ride)



● Heisenji Hakusan Shrine
This was once a vast religious capital, built as a center for faith in Mt. Hakusan. Today, it is often nicknamed "moss temple" or "moss shrine" due to the layer of moss covering the grounds, which gives it an otherworldly feel. The approach to the shrine was selected as one of Japan's 100 Finest Paths.

📍 **Mahoroba (Heisenji Hakusan Shrine History Museum)**
☎ 0779-87-6001
• 15 min drive from Katsuyama IC on the Chubu-Jukan Expwy.
• From Katsuyama Sta. on the Echizen Railway, take a Dinogon community bus on the Hakusan Heisenji Shrine Line (runs weekends and holidays only) to Hakusan Heisenji Shrine bus stop (15 min ride), then walk 5 min.



● Echizen Ono Castle
Originally built for Kanamori Nagachika, a vassal of the first "great unifier of Japan," Oda Nobunaga. The exhibits inside include articles that belonged to the feudal lords who lived in the castle. When the weather conditions are just right, the castle can sometimes be surrounded by a "sea of clouds" in early mornings from October through late April.

📍 **Ono City Tourism and Exchange Division**
☎ 0779-66-1111 (Main line)
• 6 min drive from Ono IC on the Chubu-Jukan Expwy.
• 15 min walk from Echizen-Ono Sta. (to the start of the climb up)



● Okamoto & Otaki Shrines
Echizen Washi Village has 1,500 years of history as a center of paper production, and these shrines are dedicated to Kawakami Gozen, the legendary goddess said to have first revealed the secrets of making paper. The two shrines share "Japan's most complex roof" — a distinctive and beautifully layered cascade of curves and peaks.

📍 **Echizen Takefu Tourist Information Center**
☎ 0778-42-5257
• 10 min drive from Echizen-Takefu Sta. on the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line.
• 10 min drive from Takefu IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.



● Fukui Prefectural Varve Museum
The world's first museum dedicated to contrasting layers of sediment called varves. Learn about roughly 70,000 years of geological history — more than any other varves worldwide — from the bottom of Lake Suigetsu, one of the Five Lakes of Mikata. Winner of the second Japanese Association of Museums Award.

Step Back in Time with a Walkthrough History: Important Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings



● Imajo-shuku Historic Post-Town
A post town on the Hokkoku Kaido route that once connected Kyoto with the Hokuriku region. Even today, it still retains the rustic charm of its heyday — the alleys feel just like sets from period dramas, for a unique "time traveler" experience.

📍 **Minami-Echizen Town Imajo Tourism Association**
☎ 0778-45-0074
• 10 min drive from Imajo IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
• 13 min drive from Nanjo Smart IC on the Hokuriku Expwy.
• 5 min walk from Hapi-Line Imajo Sta.



● Obama Nishigumi
📍 **Wakasa-Obama Tourist Information Center**
☎ 0770-52-3844
• 15 min walk from Obama Sta.
• 10 min drive from Obama IC on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expwy.



● Kumagawa-juku Historic Post-Town
📍 **Kumagawa-juku History Museum**
☎ 0770-62-0330
• 12 min drive from Wakasa-Kaminaka IC on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expwy.
• From Kaminaka Sta., take a JR Bus bound for Omi-Imazu, then get off at Wakasa Kumagawa bus stop and walk 3 min.





Food

Delicious Fukui Favorites Made with the Finest Ingredients from Land and Sea



Fukui Is Full of Unforgettable Meals!



Echizen Gani Crab



Local Sake

Sake made from high-quality water and rice, for a delicious richness and clean finish. Sakes that use the local Sakahomare rice are especially great!



Atsu-age Fried Tofu

Fukui has led the country in tofu consumption for 62 years running!* Steam-fried *atsu-age* fried tofu — sometimes known as *abura-age* here — is crisp outside and fluffy inside, for a luxuriousness you might not associate with tofu!

* 2024 Family Income and Expenditure Survey by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications Statistics Bureau



Wakasa Beef

Premium local beef beloved for well over a century, with a melt-in-your-mouth tenderness and a clean, elegant aftertaste.



Kamisho Taro Root

Firm taro root that won't fall apart when stewed, with a distinctive starchiness and satisfying texture.



Echizen Gareai Flatfish

Savor thick, firm meat packed with flavor. The fish are carefully butchered by experts just before being shipped out, to ensure freshness.



Wakasa Guji Tilefish

Treasured as a luxurious ingredient at high-end restaurants in Kyoto and elsewhere. Commonly served "Wakasa-yaki" style: grilled with the scales still on.

Echizen Oroshi Soba Noodles



Fukui loves native varieties of buckwheat!



Seafood from the Former "Imperial Food Province" of Wakasa



Heshiko Fermented Mackerel

A traditional fermented food from the Wakasa region of southern Fukui, made by pickling mackerel and other seafood in salt and rice bran. Eat it on its own as-is or seared, or use it as a flavorful accent in other dishes.



Tsuruga Fugu & Wakasa Fugu Blowfish

Tiger blowfish with a firm and satisfying texture, raised in Wakasa Bay in Japan's northernmost fish farm.



An Early Summer and Winter Treat from the Wakasa Region

Wakasa Oysters



Exquisite Mackerel Raised on Sake Lees
Obama "Drunken" Mackerel
(Contact restaurants for information about availability.)



Premium Whitefish from Fukui with a Rich, Complex Flavor
Wakasa Mahata Sevenband Grouper

The Wakasa region of southern Fukui Prefecture was once an "imperial food province," in recognition of the foods here being of high enough quality to serve to the imperial court.



Fukui Ume Plums

Fukui's main variety of *ume* plums, Benisashi, are of such high quality that they are given as annual gifts to the imperial family. They are known for their small pits and thick flesh.



Grilled Mackerel Sushi

Sushi topped with a thick grilled mackerel fillet. The layer of *gari* pickled ginger and *shiso* leaf between the fish and the rice provides a refreshing accent for this delicious fatty fish.

Whether hot or cold, grilled mackerel is great for sushi!

Premium Ichihomare Rice from Fukui, the Birthplace of Koshihikari — Japan's Favorite Rice Variety



Sauce Katsu-Don Pork Cutlet Bowl



In Fukui, people just call it "katsu-don"!



Remember Your Visit with Delicious Souvenirs



Made with Kumagawa Kudzu Starch, One of the Three Great Kudzus of Japan

Kuzu Manju Red Bean Dumplings



A Treat Inspired by Fukui's Iconic Habutae-ori Silk Fabric
Habutae Mochi

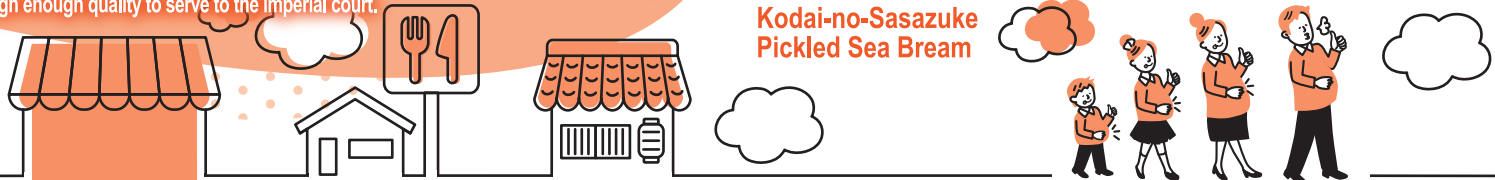


A Traditional Favorite from Wakasa and Obama
Wakasa-Obama Kodai-no-Sasazuke Pickled Sea Bream



A Refreshing Dessert Associated with Summer in Most of Japan — and Beloved in Winter in Fukui

Mizu-ykan Red Bean Jelly





Enjoy Fukui to the Fullest!

Three Example Itineraries

If you come to Fukui by public transportation, renting a car makes it much easier to get around!



Tsuruga, Wakasa & Obama Area Highlight Tour

MAP J-4

Sotomo (Scenic Coastline)

A 60-minute sightseeing cruise around the Sotomo scenic coastline in Wakasa Wan Quasi-National Park. (Not available Dec. to Feb.)



Take a break with Beni Cider!



15 min

Enjoy the Sky Terrace, all to yourself!

Clear days offer breathtaking views of the Five Lakes of Mikata and mountains!



MAP I-5

Rainbow Line Summit Park

Savor magnificent views of the Five Lakes of Mikata, and get pictures with plenty of photogenic spots!

40 min

MAP K-9

Kehi Jingu Shrine

The highest-ranked shrine in Echizen Province (now the northern part of Fukui Prefecture). Known affectionately by locals as "Kei-san." The shrine's torii gate is considered one of the Three Great Wooden Torii Gates of Japan.

10 min



Nihonkai Sakanamachi Seafood Market

One of the largest seafood markets along the Sea of Japan coast, echoing with the lively voices of sellers. Enjoy the "gourmet coastal road" of Fukui!

Delicious fresh seafood for sale!

MAP K-8



Grab some incredible seafood from Fukui!

Awara Onsen Overnight Stay Tour

MAP I-12

Make your own letter opener

Takefu Knife Village

Hammer a copper plate and file it down, to shape it as you like into your own one-of-a-kind letter opener. (Reservations required for hands-on workshop.)

10 min

Day 1

MAP H-12

Echizen Soba Village

Try your hand at making Echizen Oroshi Soba Noodles, a local Fukui favorite. Soba noodles are at their best when they're freshly made! (Reservations required for hands-on workshop.)

Enjoy the natural beauty of each season!

Autumn

Spring

MAP G-11

Nishiyama Park

This park offers lovely scenery in every season: cherry blossoms, azalea flowers, colorful maple leaves, or the graceful rope supports protecting trees from snow. There are also plenty of spots for the whole family to enjoy!

15 min

Many foods are available only here!



50 min

MAP G-11

Nishiyama Park Roadside Station

Take a break at this roadside station after a long stroll. Enjoy dishes and items made with local specialties!

Overnight Stay in Awara Onsen

Day 2

MAP B-11

Tojinbo Cliffs

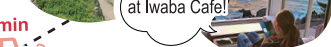
These dramatic rocky cliffs are undeniably stunning! The nearby shopping street offers fresh seafood and other delicious options to enjoy.

15 min

Spectacular Views!

Used as a filming location for Japanese suspense dramas!

Take a break at Iwaba Cafe!



50 min

Five paintings of other animals — carp, squirrel, and Chinese lions — are hidden among the many flowers and birds!



MAP F-15

Eiheiji Temple

Don't miss the Sanshokaku hall, featuring 230 exquisite paintings covering its ceiling! Five of these are said to grant wishes to those who find them — will you look for them too?

20 min

MAP G-13

Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins & Museum

Walk through a near-perfect recreation of a castle town street in its glory days — the next best thing to stepping back in time to the Warring States period.



All that remains of the Asakura clan of warlords!

Excitement for Everyone in the Katsuyama & Ono Area

The "castle in the sky," surrounded by a sea of clouds



MAP H-15

Echizen Ono Castle

A hilltop castle built on Mt. Kameyama in the Ono Basin, considered one of Japan's 200 Finest Castles. From October to late April, if the weather is just right early in the morning, you might be able to see the magical sight of the "castle in the sky" from the Inuyama Castle ruins!

Drop by for a little bit

MAP I-16

Echizen Ono Arashima no Sato Roadside Station

Inside are shops selling fresh vegetables, local products, and more, along with eating and drinking areas. Outside, visitors can try canoeing and rock climbing (not available during winter). One of the largest roadside stations in the prefecture.



Curry inspired by the Kuzuryu Dam!

30 min

Head to Katsuyama

A forest home to huge life-size dinosaurs!



MAP F-16

Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum & Katsuyama Dinosaur Forest Park

The Katsuyama Dinosaur Forest Park was developed in conjunction with the Prefectural Dinosaur Museum. Find over 80 life-size dinosaurs in this vast forest! Visitors can also try their hand at excavating fossils here, too.



10 min

Encounter countless Buddha statues

MAP G-17

Echizen Great Buddha

Katsuyama is home to a seated Buddha statue even larger than the Great Buddha of Nara. The hall's walls are covered in over a thousand more Buddha statues of various sizes, creating a unique and distinctive atmosphere.



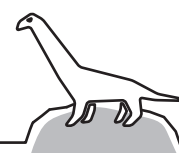
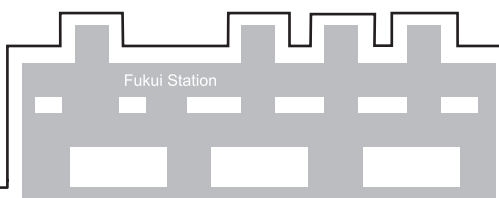
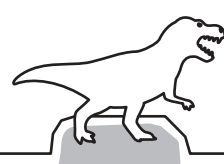
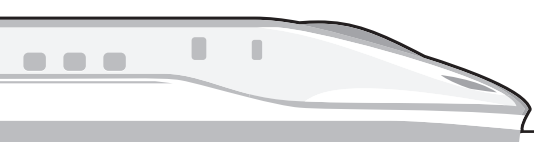
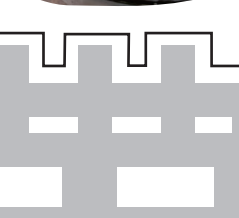
Capture mystical photos that feel like you're lost in another world!

Fukui comfort foods!



Dinner (Sauce Katsu-Don Pork Cutlet Bowl and Echizen Oroshi Soba Noodles)

Sauce katsu-don pork cutlet bowls are one of Fukui's most popular local dishes! The mouthwatering aroma of the Worcestershire-based sauce and the juicy meat come together for an unforgettable combination. Especially good with Echizen oroshi soba noodles as a meal set!



Festivals and Events in Fukui

Fun and exciting events held in Fukui's 17 cities and towns

Spring

Mar.

Echizen Crab Thanksgiving Festival (Echizen Town)
Saba-Kaido Day Project (Obama City)

Apr.

Fukui Cherry Blossom Festival (Fukui City)
Itozaki no Hotokemai "Buddha Dance" (Fukui City)
Awara Onsen Spring Festival (Awara City)
Maruoka Castle Cherry Blossom Festival (Sakai City)

May

Mikuni Festival (Sakai City)
Mori no Art Market (Awara City)
Echizen Lacquerware Festival (Sabae City)
Sabae Azalea Festival (Sabae City)
Buddha's Birthday Festival (Eiheiji Town)
Festival of Spirits and Paper &
Echizen Washi Paper Market (Echizen City)

Omizu-Okuri Ritual

Fukui Cherry Blossom Festival

Omizu-Okuri "Water-Sending" Ritual (Obama City)
Fukui Sakura Marathon

Takeda no Sato Weeping Cherry Festival (Sakai City)
Echizen Pottery Village Weeping
Cherry Blossom Festival (Echizen Town)
Hanakae "Flower Exchange" Festival (Tsuruga City)

Ajimana Man'yo Festival (Echizen City)
Mihama Itsuki Hiroshi Marathon (Mihama Town)
Echizen Pottery Festival (Echizen Town)
Imajo Soba Festival (Minami-Echizen Town)
Wakasa Mikata-Goko Two-Day March
(Wakasa Town)

Summer

Jun.

Lily Festival (Sakai City)
Awara Kitagata Lakeside Iris Festival (Awara City)
Ikeda Grand Festival (Ikeda Town)

Jul.

Echizen Minato Fireworks (Echizen Town)
Kono Summer Festival (Minami-Echizen Town)
Asahi Festival (Echizen Town)

Aug.

Fukui Phoenix Festival (Fukui City)
Mikuni Fireworks Festival (Sakai City)
Awara Hot Water Festival (Awara City)
Eiheiji Floating Lantern Festival (Eiheiji Town)
Floating Lanterns and Fireworks Show (Tsuruga City)
Kennyo Ko Ceremony (Katsuyama City)
Ono Castle Festival (Ono City)

Otaiko Hibike

Mikuni Fireworks Festival

Lotus Festival (Minami-Echizen Town)

Kanazu Festival (Awara City)
Summer Festa Mihama (Mihama Town)

Autumn

Sep.

Cosmos Festival (Fukui City)
One Park Festival (Fukui City)
Megane (Glasses) Festival (Sabae City)
Echizen Fish Festival (Echizen Town)
Tsuruga Festival (Tsuruga City)

Oct.

Soba Festival in Miyama (Fukui City)
Maruoka Old Castle Festival (Sakai City)
Echizen Pottery Village Autumn Festival
(Echizen Town)
Takefu Chrysanthemum Doll Festival (Echizen City)
Kuzuryu Autumn Leaves Festival (Ono City)

Takefu Chrysanthemum Doll Festival

Tsuruga Festival

Miketsukuni Wakasa Obama Yosakoi Dance Festival
(Obama City)
Wakasa Ohi Super Fireworks Festival (Ohi Town)
Hoze Festival (Obama City)

Mihama Citizens' Regatta (Mihama Town)
Wakafes (Wakasa Town)
Obama Food Festival (Obama City)
Wakasa-Takahama Fugu Blowfish Festival
(Takahama Town)
Mikuni Minato Obi no Machi Nagashi (Sakai City)
Tojinbo Sunset (Sakai City)

Nov.

Echizen Crab Festival (Echizen Town)
Kengaku Karinte Festival (Awara City)
Mikuni-Minato Crab Festival (Sakai City)

Renew (Sabae City, Echizen City, and Echizen Town)
Ikeda Food Cultural Festival (Ikeda Town)

Winter

Dec.

Daffodil Festival (Fukui City, Echizen Town, and Minami-Echizen Town)
Eiheiji Temple New Year's Eve Bell Ringing and Illumination (Eiheiji Town)

Jan.

Daffodil Festival (Fukui City, Echizen Town,
and Minami-Echizen Town)
Echizen Manzai First Performance of the New Year
(Echizen City)

Feb.

Mutsuki Shinji Shinto Ceremony (Fukui City)
Mizuumi Dengaku and Noh Dances (Ikeda Town)

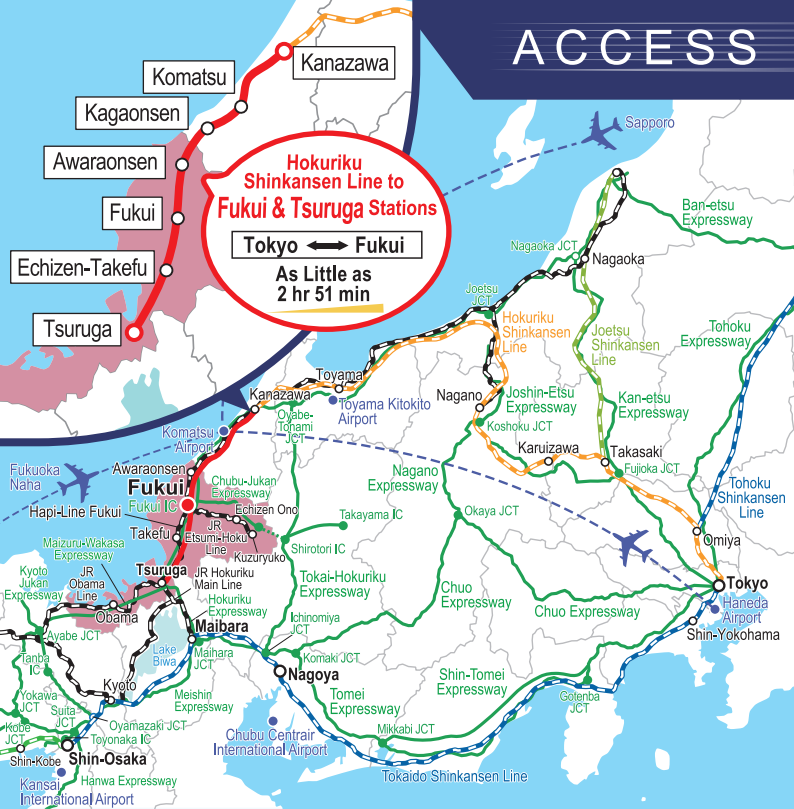
Hatsu-Uchi "First Hammering of the New Year"
Ceremony at Takefu Knife Village (Echizen City)
Ebisu Daikoku Tug-of-War (Tsuruga City)
Toshi-no-Ichi Market (Katsuyama City)
Underwater Tug-of-War in Hiruga (Mihama Town)

Katsuyama Sagicho Festival (Katsuyama City)
Echizen-Ono Winter Story Festival (Ono City)

Note: Events in each area are subject to cancellation or postponement due to weather conditions or other circumstances.
For the most up-to-date information, please check the official website or other sources.



ACCESS



Travel Time from Major Metropolitan Areas*1

✈ By Air	🚌 By Highway Bus	🚆 By Train	🚗 By Car
Tokyo ➡ Fukui Haneda Airport 2 hr (1 hr flight + 1 hr bus ride)*2 Visiting Fukui by air involves taking a flight to Komatsu Airport, then taking a connecting bus to Fukui Station.	Tokyo ➡ Fukui Tokyo Sta. 8 hr 30 min Osaka ➡ Fukui Osaka Sta. 4 hr 30 min Nagoya ➡ Fukui JR Nagoya Sta. 2 hr 50 min Meitetsu Bus Center 3 hr	Tokyo ➡ Fukui Kagayaki Train on the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line 2 hr 51 min Hikari Train on the Tokaido Shinkansen Line (Transfers at Maibara & Tsuruga) 3 hr 30 min Osaka ➡ Fukui Thunderbird Limited Express (Transfer at Tsuruga) 1 hr 50 min Nagoya ➡ Fukui Hikari Train on the Tokaido Shinkansen Line (Transfers at Maibara & Tsuruga) 1 hr 40 min Shirasagi Limited Express (Transfer at Tsuruga) 2 hr 10 min	Tokyo ➡ Fukui Tomei → Meishin → Hokuriku Expwy. 5 hr 30 min Osaka ➡ Fukui Meishin → Hokuriku Expwy. 2 hr 40 min Nagoya ➡ Fukui Meishin → Hokuriku Expwy. 2 hr Tokai-Hokuriku Expwy. (via Shirotori IC) 2 hr 30 min

*1 Public transportation may not always be running, or may be running on a modified timetable, due to weather or other conditions. Make sure to check for the latest information before your trip.
 *2 From Komatsu Airport to Fukui Station.

Contact Information for Sightseeing

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Tourism Policy Division, Fukui Prefecture Exchange and Culture Department	☎(0776) 20-0380
Visitor Attraction Promotion Division, Fukui Prefecture Exchange and Culture Department	☎(0776) 20-0762
Fukui Prefectural Tourism Federation	☎(0776) 23-3677
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Awara, Sakai & Fukui City Area	
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Sakai City Tourism and Exchange Division	☎(0776) 50-3152
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Eiheiji, Katsuyama & Ono Area	
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Eiheiji Town Tourism and Products Association	☎(0776) 61-1188
Katsuyama City Commerce, Industry, and Culture Division	☎(0779) 88-8117
Katsuyama DMO	☎(0779) 87-1245
Ono City Tourism and Exchange Division	☎(0779) 66-1111
Echizen Ono Tourism Bureau	☎(0779) 65-5521

Sabae, Ikeda & Echizen Area	
Sabae City Transportation and Liveliness Creation Division	☎(0778) 53-2230
Sabae Tourism Association	☎(0778) 52-2323
Echizen City Tourism Promotion Division	☎(0778) 22-3007
Echizen Takefu Tourist Information Center	☎(0778) 42-5257
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Echizen Town Commerce, Industry, and Tourism Division	☎(0778) 34-8720
Echizen Town Tourism Federation	☎(0778) 37-1234
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Ikeda Rural Tourism Public Corporation	☎(0778) 44-8060
Minami-Echizen Town Tourism and Community Development Division	☎(0778) 47-8002
Minami-Echizen Town Tourism Federation	☎(0778) 47-3414
Minami-Echizen Town Nanjo Tourism Association	
Minami-Echizen Town Imajo Tourism Association	☎(0778) 45-0074
Minami-Echizen Town Kono Tourism Association	☎(0778) 48-2240
Tsuruga, Wakasa & Obama Area	
Tsuruga City Tourism Promotion Division	☎(0770) 22-8128
Minato Tsuruga Tourism Association	☎(0770) 20-0015
Tsuruga Tourism Information Center	☎(0770) 21-8686
Mihama Town Tourism Promotion Division	☎(0770) 32-6705
Wakasa-Mihama Tourism Association	☎(0770) 32-0222
Wakasa Town Tourism and Community Development Division	☎(0770) 45-9111
Wakasa-Mikatagoko Tourism Association	☎(0770) 45-0113
Obama City Culture and Tourism Division	☎(0770) 64-6021
Wakasa-Obama Tourism Association	☎(0770) 52-3845
Wakasa-Obama Tourist Information Center	☎(0770) 52-3844
Ohi Town Commerce, Industry, and Tourism Division	☎(0770) 77-4056
Ohi Town Tourism Association	☎(0770) 77-1734
Takahama Town Industrial Promotion Division	☎(0770) 72-7705
Wakasa-Takahama Tourism Association	☎(0770) 72-0338
Wakasa Bay Tourism Federation	☎(0770) 64-5640



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Tojinbo Cliffs	Eiheiji Temple
From Fukui Sta. → 45 min	From Fukui Sta. → 25 min
By Rental Car	By Rental Car
From Fukui Sta. → 1h 20 min	From Fukui Sta. → 30 min
By Public Transportation	By Public Transportation
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Fukui Sta. Walking Map

Enjoy delicious local favorites and souvenir shopping, fascinating history and natural beauty, and plenty of overnight lodging options, all within walking distance of Fukui Station!



Tsuruga Walking Map

Tsuruga is a charming port town with an old-fashioned atmosphere. Enjoy a walk around the traditional yet stylish historic scenery.



Wakasa Walking Map

Wakasa is a charming coastal town with a rich history. Enjoy a walk around the traditional yet stylish historic scenery.



Echizen-Kaga Kaigan Quasi-National Park

Enjoy the scenic views of the Sea of Japan and the surrounding mountains and forests.

Travel Times to Major Destinations

