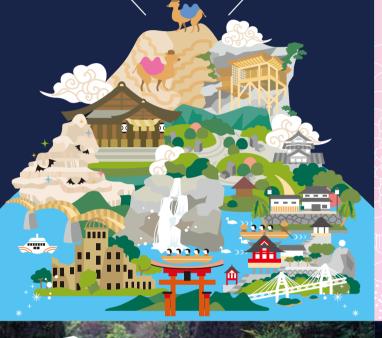
the Next Spots

Step out of Hiroshima City into other areas of the Chugoku region to explore Japan all to yourself.



Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter ^{倉敷} 美観地区 A Trip Back to Japan of Old MAP- 9

「日本」をさかのぼる旅 Look into 400 years of rich history

400年間の日本文化の蓄積が見える

Kurashiki, city of abundance, once prospered under the direct supervision of the Edo Shogunate. Walk along the main street, with its adjacent river, and you can catch glimpses of the

traditional culture cultivated by the citizens through generations of being merchants.

A day trip to the realm of nostalgia 懐古空間で1日たっぷり遊ぼう

Central Kurashiki is designated as a national preserved district where many historic buildings are still in use as galleries, shops and residences. Schedule a full day trip to Kurashiki to enjoy fine arts, listen to antique music boxes, and take a ride on a river boat.

Admission fees are required at the Kurashiki Archeological Museum, the Ohara Museum of Art, and some other facilities

Kurashiki River Boat Tour

Mar-Nov: 2nd Mon (unless it is a public holiday)

Feb: Weekdays, except for public holidays (Closed for the New Year's Holiday)

Bicycle Rental ee: 300 yen (one day) Hours: 9:00 – 16:30

All fees above are for one adult.

Kurashiki Kan Tourist Information Office 086-422-0542

Adachi Museum of Art 足立美術館 A Masterpiece Formed of a Japanese Garden 「日本庭園の最高峰」

A Garden and a Work of Art

"Gardens should be appreciated as a piece of artwork," Adachi Zenko, the museum founder, once remarked. The beautiful rock gardens, expanses of white gravel, well-manicure pines and moss along with the ponds are all a dynamic expression of its creator, Yokoyama Taikan. The garden displays the artist flourish of this master of Japanese paintings, and it has won the Best Japanese Garden by the US publication Journal of Japanese Gardening (JOJG) for ten years running.

1500 Artworks by Masters 巨匠たちの絵1500点

Japanese paintings, depicted with pigment paints unique to the culture, boast delicate expressions and colors different from Western oil paintings. Adachi Museum of Art houses approximately 1500 paintings and works of art, including an extensive collection of works by Yokoyama Taikan, one of the most distinctive figure in the Japanese painting.

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Adachi Museum of Art

<Discount for Foreigners> * presentation of passport is required.

 Adults: 2,200 yen ► 1,100 yen
 University Students: 1,700 yen ► 850 yen
 High School Students: 900 yen ► 450 yen
 Elementary & Junior High School Students: 400 yen ► 200 yen nurs: 9:00 – 17:30 (Apr – Sep) 9:00 – 17:00 (Oct – Mar) Open all year round

Japanese Tea Room Admission: 1,500 yen

Adachi Museum of Art 0854-28-7111

Onomichi / Shimanami Kaido 尾道: Cycling Across the Ocean MAP- 8 海の上を自転車で走る

Tour Along the Sea Road by Bicycle

自転車で海の道を走る The Shimanami Kaido Expressway was built for motorized vehicles, but has an extra lane for cyclist and pedestrians. With a total of 15 rental terminals covering the entire route, the "cycle road across the ocean" attracts many tourists. A slow ride across The Seto Inland Sea may take up to approximately 10 hours, but you can turn around any time.

Sparkling Ocean beyond Tiled Roofs 瓦屋根の向こうに瀬戸内海

In the City of Onomichi, myriads of temples and houses clinge to the mountain slopes. Climb up narrow, steep

passages between houses or hop on a ropeway gondola to visit Se

the Senkoji temple on the mountaintop, where the breathtaking view of the Seto Inland Sea unrolls beyond the rows of traditional tiled roofs.

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Bicycle Rental Fee: 500 yen (one day)

Hours: terminals adopt different operating hours. Open all year round Shimanami Kaido Toll Fee (bicycle)

Innoshima Bridge: 50 yen | Ikuchi Bridge: 50 yen | Tatara Bridge: 100 yen Omishima Bridge: 50 yen Hakata-Oshima Bridge: 50 yen Kurushima Kaikyo Bridge: 200 yer

Senkoji Mountain Ropeway Fee: 280 yen (one way)

Onomichi Tourist Information 0848-20-0005



Tottori Sand Dunes 鳥取砂丘 Fly Above the Ocean and the Dunes 海と砂浜の上を飛ぼう

Plenty to do across the Sandy Plains

Boasting sparkling white sand and blue water, Tottori Sand Dunes is also a renowned sports mecca. The soft, sandy ground provides a safe paraglider flight over the Sea of Japan even for novice pilots while it offers a great playground for sandboarders and those just looking to take a break.

Meet Sand Arts at a Museum



砂の彫刻に出会う美術館

The unique Sand Museum located near Tottori Sand artworks by using the Dune sand. Annually, artists around the world produce sculptures under the yearly

■ Enquiries on paragliding & hang-gliding activities (advance booking required)

Admission Fee: 600 yen Hours: 9:00 – 20:00 Only closed during display changes.

Tottori City International Support Center 0857-36-3767



theme. Thanks to some recent remodeling, the display area has now become weatherproof, allowing visitors to enjoy the artworks all year-round.

Kyoto Air Sports, Tottori Office (TotKyoto Air Sports TEL:075-593-7979

The Sand Museum

* All fees above are for one adul

Hagi Tourist Bureau A 3537-3 Tsubaki, Hagi City, Yamaguchi Pref.

■ 9:00 – 17:45(Mar – Nov), 9:00 – 17:00(Dec – Feb) Open all year round

? Tourist Information Centers □TEL △ADDRESS □INFO Tottori City International Support Center 10857-36-3767

Sakaiminato City Tourist Information Center 0859-47-0121

Matsue International Tourist Information Office 10852-21-4034 Aln front of Matsue Station 665 Asahi-machi, Matsue City, Shimane Pref

Adachi Museum of Art International Tourist Information Desk 10854-28-7111 △320 Furukawa-cho, Yasugi City, Shimane Pref.

19:00 – 17:30(Apr – Sep), 9:00 – 17:00(Oct – Mar) Open all year round

Momotaro Tourist Information Center **□**086-222-2912 Alchibangai Chika Rokugo-saki, Eki-Motomachi, Kita-ku, Okayama City

Kurashiki Ekimae Tourist Information Office 1086-424-1220

Kurashiki Kan Tourist Information Office 1086-422-0542

■ 9:30 – 18:00(Apr – Sep), 8:30 – 17:00(Oct – Mar) Open all year round

F South Exit, JR Hiroshima Station, 2-37 Matsubara-cho, Minami-ku, Hiroshima Cit

(Kamiyacho Underground Shopping Center "Shareo") 1082-243-5716

∆ Kamiyacho Underground Shopping Center "Shareo",

100 Motomachi-chikagai, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City
11:00 – 17:00 Closed on Jan I

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18:00 – 18:00 –

AIR Fukuyama Station, 30-1 Sannomaru-cho, Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Pref.

AJR Onomichi Station, I-I Higashigosyo-cho, Onomichi City, Hiroshima Pref.

Shin-Yamaguchi Station Tourist Information Center **1083-972-6373**

△2F JR Shin-Yamaguchi Station Shinkansen Gate, Ogori, Yamaguchi City
■9:00 – 18:00 Open all year round

2F Shinkansen Exit, JR Hiroshima Station, 2-37 Matsubara-cho, Minami-ku

1082-247-6738

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■ 9:00 – 17:00(Mar – Oct), 9:00 – 18:00(Nov – Feb) Open all year round Central Tottori International Tourism Support Center 10858-27-4073

AJR Tottori Station North Exit, 111-1 Higashi-Honji, Tottori City

A 2F PURPLE TOWN, 557-1 Yamane, Kurayoshi City, Tottori Pref. 10:00 – 19:00 PURPLE TOWN is closed for about 5 days a year

A2F JR Okayama Station, Eki-Motomachi Kita-ku, Okayama City

A 2F Kurashiki City Plaza, 1-7-2 Achi, Kurashiki City, Okayama Pref. 9:00 - 18:00(Nov - Mar), 9:00 - 19:00(Apr - Oct) Closed on Jan 1 - 3

18:30 - 19:00 Closed on Dec 31 & Jan 1

■ 9:00 - 20:00 Open all year round **Okayama Tourist Information Office**

■ 9:00 – 18:00 Open all year round

A I-4-8 Chuo, Kurashiki City, Okayama Pref.
■ 9:00 — 18:00 Closed on Jan I — 3

(Rest House, Peace Memorial Park)

(JR Hiroshima Station · South Exit)

Miyajima Tourist Information

19:00 - 17:15 Closed on Dec 29 - Jan 3

Onomichi Tourist Information

9:00 - 18:00 Closed on Dec 29 - 31

19:00 - 18:00 Open all year round

Hiroshima City Tourist Information Center

Hiroshima City Tourist Information Center

(JR Hiroshima Station · Shinkansen Side)

19:00 - 12:30, 13:30 - 17:30 Open all year round

19:00 – 11:30, 12:30 – 17:30 Open all year round

Hiroshima City Tourist Information Center

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🖪 I 162-18 Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi City, Hiroshima Prei

215 Taisho-machi, Sakaiminato City, Tottori Pref.



Sandankyo Valley 三段峡 The Beauty of Changing Nature

自然がさまざまに姿を変える Ever-Changing Waters

変化する水の姿

The 13km ravine is one of the major canyons in Japan. The water runs through woods, splashes over rocks, ever changing in its shape and speed. Walk along the dancing stream to head for Hijiriko, a serene lake surrounded by mountains. A walk to Kurobuchi roughly takes 50 minutes, while it takes about 2.5 hours to reach Sandankyo.

Five Highlights

5つの見どころ

Along the walking course are five particularly popular spots.

Nidandaki (double-tiered falls), Sandandaki (triple-tiered falls) and Mitsudaki (triplet falls) are known for their picturesque falls are appre

beauty, while at Kurobuchi (black depth) and Sarutobi (monkey rock shapes, etc. flight), the stream comes to a short halt, and small boats carry passengers to cross it.

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Sarutobi Boat Crossing

Fee: 400 yen (round trip only) Season: From late Apr – late Nov (excluding the rainy season) Hours: 11:00 – 15:00 (Mon, Tue & Wed); 10:30 – 15:30 (Sat, Sun & public holidays) Closed Thu, Fri and during the rainy season.

Kurobuchi Boat Crossing

* All fees above are for one adult.

Akiota-cho Tourist Agency 0826-28-1800

ee: 500 yen (roundtrip) ; 300 yen (one way) Open season: late Apr-late Nov (excluding the rainy season) Hours: 8:00 - 16:30 Open all year round Sandankyo Valley is not accessible due to snow in winter.



Water-Made Sculptures in Akiyoshido 水が彫った秋芳洞の彫刻

地上と地下にひろがる自然の造形美

Under the plateau of Akiyoshidai lies the gigantic limestone cavern, Akiyoshido. A 1km walking path runs through the cave. Once you step inside, this breathtaking marvel of nature, created through years of work by the ground water, will captivate your eyes. A stroll along the entire course takes less than an hour.

Japan's Largest Karst Plateau 日本最大のカルスト台地



A long, long time ago, Akiyoshidai was born as a coral reef under a ropical sea. The vast grassland with oillars of limestone scattered all over makes for a truly bizarre sight. troll along the grassy paths to feel

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Akiyoshido Admission Fee: 1,200 yen Hours: 8:30 - 16:30

** Entrance after 16:30 is subject to additional charge of 100 yen. Open all year round

General Tourism Affairs Division, Mine City 0837-62-0304

Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine 出雲大社 Where Gods Gather from Across the Land 日本中の神様が集う社

The Gateway to the World of Myths 神話世界への入り口

Izumo is one of the main places in Japanese mythology, and Izumo Taisha lies at the heart of these myths. It enshrines Okuninushi-no-Okami, the founding god of the land of Japan, and the shrine's foundation is recorded in arguably the oldest Japanese history book. The world of mythology awaits you.

Meeting of Myriads of Gods 大勢の神様のミーティング Okuninushi-no-Okami is also known as the god

of En-musubi. En means all of the connections that bind people together. Once a year, gods from all over the country are believed to congre gate here at Izumo Taisha to discuss their "en". The shrine is even outfitted with accommodation facilities for gods.



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Hours: 6:00 - 20:00

While the shrine is open to visitors throughout the year, Great Heisei Relocation of Izumo Taisha.

Tourism Promotion Division, Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor, Shimane Prefecture 0852-22-5579 (Available on weekdays from 8:30 – 17:15 only)

Mitokusan Nageiredo Temple =德山投入堂 Temple Tossed Up by a Holy Man from the Mountain's foot 聖人がふもとから投げた建物

A Miracle Awaits At the End of a Rocky Road



Nageiredo Temple is dedicated for shugensha (practitioners of asceticism). To visit, borrow a wagesa (a ringed strap for monks) at the mountain reception desk and climb up the steep mountain path for 40 to 50 minutes. All of sudden, you will reach the spot where you can get the clear view of a sheer cliff, on which Nageiredo Temple stands. Many feel awestruck by the miraculous sight.

The Seat of Buddha Upon a Sheer Cliff 断崖絶壁に建つ仏の座

In a hollow right in the middle of a vertically rising cliff, a small wooden temple stands. When or by whom it was built is unknown. A legend says it was Ennogyoja, the founder of shugendo (mountain asceticism), who tossed the entire building from the foot of mountain up on the present spot a thousand years ago. The building is a registered as a national treasure.

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Fee: 600 yen (including entrance to the mountain, worshipping, and entrance to the treasure house) Season: Apr - Nov (entry is prohibited in winter) Hours: 8:00 - 15:00 Open all year round (entry is prohibited during bad weather)

* Hikers are asked to enter the mountain in pairs or groups and equip themselves with suitable hiking gear that allows the freedom of both hands.

Central Tottori International Tourism Support Center 0858-27-4073

Kintaikyo Bridge 錦帯橋 Toughness and Beauty Blend in the Arched Wooden Bridge

強く美しい木のアーチ橋 Flood-Proof Bridge Structure

Japanese architecture could best be described as a "culture of wood," thus its bridges have been mainly wood-made until recently. Stone abutments are connected by the arching wood bridges. The outstanding cross-linking technology originated in the Edo era and continues to receive high praise to this day. The bridge is replaced regularly to maintain the skill and know-how.

The Combined Beauty of Castle, Bridge and River 城、橋、川、一体美 On the mountaintop on the west side of Kintaikyo Bridge is Iwakuni

Castle. The gentle flow of Nishiki River and the unique silhouette of the Kintaikyo Bridge create a picturesque view. A ropeway service is Kintaikyo Bridge available up to the top of mountain.

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* All fees above are for one adult.

洪水に負けない橋

Kintaikyo Bridge Fee: 300 yen (open daily for 24 hours) Gate hours: 8:00 - 17:00 (during peak season 18:00, till 19:00 in summer)

* When the toll gate is closed at night, please use the nighttime collection box.

Iwakuni Castle Fee: 260 yen Hours: 9:00 – 16:45 (entrance admitted until 16:30) Open all year round: Closed when the ropeway is not operating. Ropeway Ride Fare: 540 yen (roundtrip)

Open all year round: Operation is suspended on the last day of the month & at yearend (mid to end of December) for inspection. Combination Ticket (Kintaikyo Bridge + Iwakuni Castle + ropeway roundtrip): 930 yen Korakuen Garden 後楽園

The Garden of Comfort for Samurai Lords 藩主がくつろぐ庭 MAP- 10

Borrowed Landscape

1704). 14 years were spent to complete this private sanctuary of the local lord. One of the main concepts behind the landscaping works was "shakkei (borrowed landscape)". The meticulous layout makes neighboring Okayama Castle and faraway mountains look as if they are integral parts of the garden view.



(bending stream) pleases eyes with its timeless flow. kyokusui, a small canal bending softly in the middle of the garden. The water also runs through a rest house, Ryuten. Soak in this

Japanese mode of relaxation while being serenaded by the soothing stream.

8:00 – 17:00 (Oct I – Mar 19) * Entrance is permitted until 16:45. Open all year round *Opening hours are subject to change during special events. * All fees above are for one adult.

Kyokusui (bending stream) gardening is "water". Korakuen Garden, one of the three most beautiful parks in Japan, features

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Hours: 7:30 – 18:00 (Mar 20 – Sep 30) * Entrance is permitted until 17:45.

Momotaro Tourist Information Center 086-222-2912 Okayama Tourist Information Office

The garden epitomizes the samurai culture flourished in the genroku era (1688 –

