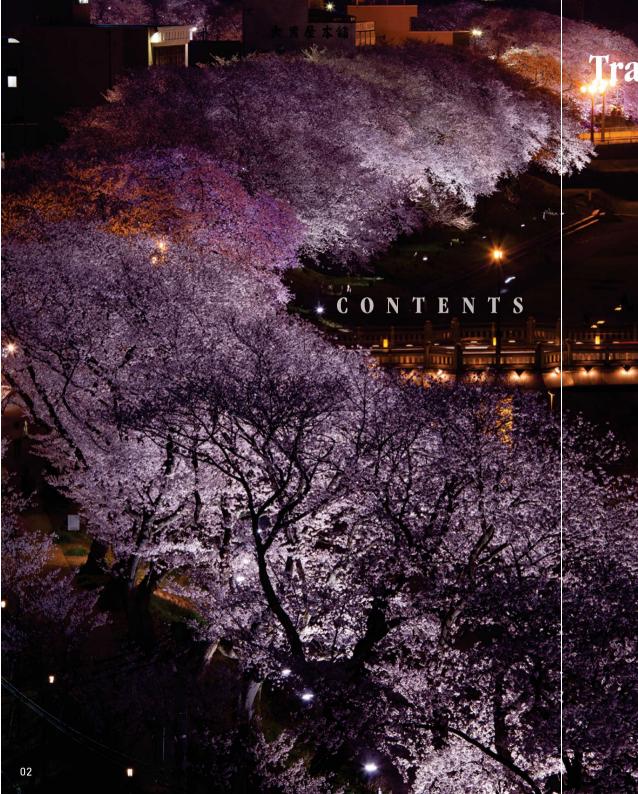


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With its many exquisite destinations,

Fukui will remain in your heart for years to come.

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Station or bus stop ——	\rightarrow	Fukui Sta. ▶ Eiheiji-guchi Sta.	Eiheiji-guchi Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Eiheiji (bus stop)	
Travel time and fare ——	\rightarrow	25 min. / ¥450	14 min. / ¥410	5 min.





By Train

The Hokuriku Shinkansen bullet train is scheduled to make its way to Fukui from March 16, 2024, shortening the trip from Tokyo to a mere 2 hours 51 minutes with no transfer.

Departing from:	To Tsuruga Sta.	To Echizen Takefu Sta.	JR Fukui Sta.	To Awaraonsen Sta.
Tokyo Sta. via Hokuriku Shinkansen	3hr., 10min	3hr., 05min	2hr., 51min	2hr., 50min
Tokyo Sta. via Tokaido Shinkansen	2hr., 55min	3hr., 20min	3hr., 30min	3hr., 35min
Nagoya Sta. via Tokaido Shinkansen	1hr., 05min	1hr., 30min	1hr., 40min	1hr., 50min
Nagoya Sta. via Limited Express Train	1hr., 40min	2hr., 05min	2hr., 15min	2hr., 25min
Osaka Sta. via Limited Express Train and Hokuriku Shinkansen	1hr., 20min	1hr., 40min	1hr., 50min	2hr.,

Travel times are approximate.



By Rental Car

Fukui prefecture rarely experiences heavy road traffic, making getting around by car smooth and pleasant. Car rentals are available at airports, so you can drive to Fukui from there.

Chubu Centrair International Airport: See the Access Plaza Information Counter for car rentals.

Kansai International Airport: See the Aero Plaza 1F Car Rental Counter for car rentals.

Komatsu Airport: See the 1F Car Rental for car rentals.

Car rentals also available near Fukui and Tsuruga Stations.



By Airplane

Komatsu Airport is the closest airport to Fukui. Flights available to and from Tokyo (Haneda), Sapporo, Fukuoka, and Naha Airports.

Direct shuttle bus service is available from Komatsu Airport to JR Fukui Station. The trip is approximately one hour (with nine trips per day).

You can also go to JR Komatsu Station and take a Limited Express train on the JR Hokuriku Main Line, as well.

Contact

All Nippon Airways (ANA): +81(570) 029-222

Japan Airlines (JAL) and Japan Transocean Air (JTA): +81(570) 025-071

lbex Airlines: +81(3) 6741-6688

Departing from:	Komatsu Airport				
Departing Ironi:	Flights/day:	Airline(s):	Travel time:		
Haneda	10	JAL (6 flights) & ANA (4 flights)	1 hr.		
Sapporo	1	ANA	1 hr., 35 min.		
Fukuoka	4	ORC/ANA	1 hr., 15 min.		
Naha	1	JTA	2 hr., 10 min.		

Operation Status as of February, 2023



By Highway Bus

From Tokyo

Departing from:	To Fukui Station:
Tokyo Sta. Yaesu South Exit	8 hr., 20 min.
Shinjuku Sta. New South Exit	7 hr., 40 min.

From Osaka

Departing from:	To Fukui Station:
Osaka Umeda	3 hr., 30 min.
Departing from:	To Obama Station:
Kintetsu Namba Sta. West Exit (OCAT Bldg.)	3 hr., 30 min.
Osaka Sta. & Higashi-Umeda Subway Sta.	3 hr., 5 min.

From Nagoya

Departing from:	To Fukui Station:
Meitetsu Bus Center	2 hr., 50 min.
JR Nagoya Station	2 hr., 40 min.

Contact:

For Tokyo, Osaka, or Nagoya to Fukui:

Fukutetsu Highway Bus Reservation Center: +81(778) 21–5489 Keifuku Bus Ticket Center: +81(776) 24–4890

For Tokyo to Fukui: JR Bus Kanto: +81(750) 048905

For Osaka to Fukui: Hankyu Bus Reservation Center: +81(6) 6866-3147

For Nagoya to Fukui: Meitetsu Bus Center: +81(52) 582-0489

For Osaka to Obama:

Fukutetsu Highway Bus Osaka Line Reservation Center: +81(770) 53-5489 Kintetsu Highway Bus Center: +81(6) 6772-1631



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use transit passes!

Katsuyama Sta. Kyoryu Hakubutsukan-mae

Yumeore Katsuyama-mad

Echizen-Õno Sta. 16

Kuzurvuko Sta.

Echizen Railway

5 min. Eiheiji–guchi Sta.

Katsuyama Eiheiji Line

Keifuku Bus Fukutetsu Bus

West JR Bus ••••• Community Bus

Direct Bus to Awara Onsen, Eiheiji Temple, Maruoka Castle

Find your II in Fukui Fukui Prefecture is home to many temples, and among them you'll find temples of the Soto and Rinzai sects. These sects belong to what is known as Zen Buddhism, which incorporates zazen seated meditation into its religious practices. Zazen is not beholden to any expectations or desires; it instead focuses on calming the mind and simply sitting. There are a number of temples within Fukui where you can try zazen for yourself and experience Zen culture firsthand. Photograph: Daianzen-ji Temple

The temple Steve Jobs dreamed of studying at

Eiheiji Temple of a Soto Sect

Established in 1244 by Dogen Zenji as the headquarters of the Soto sect of Buddhism. In the center of Eiheiji Temple, you'll find over 70 large and small structures that still remain around the temple's seven main buildings, where even today Buddhist monks, practice their severe religious austerities starting early each morning at Japan's largest Zen Buddhist training site. In addition to trying zazen seated meditation, visitors can also stay overnight or even for a multiple-day intensive zazen session. This overnight stay provides a taste of the Zen monk lifestyle, including Shojin-ryori Buddhist Cuisine.

Address: 5-15 Shihi, Eiheiji Town, Yoshida-gun Tel: +81(776) 63-3102 (general reception) Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed: Open daily Price: Visit ¥500 zazen:reservation reg'd overnight stay (reservation reg'd at least 2 weeks in advance) Please inquire for the price (reservation reg'd at least 2 weeks in advance)





Eiheiji Shin Zen no Yado "Hakujukan"

the foreigner who can experience Zen's Mind such as a Buddhist Cuisine by Eiheiji and to rying zazen seated medication. ps://www.hakujukan-eiheiji.jp/

access		
Echizen Railway Katsuyama Eiheiji Line	Keifuku Bus Eiheiji-Tojinbo Line or Eiheiji Line	†∱ Walk
Fukui Sta. Eiheiji-guchi Sta.	Eiheiji-guchi Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Eiheiji (bus stop)	
25 min. / ¥460	14 min. / ¥430	5 min.

- 🔲) Direct bus/Express Eiheiii Liner
- A convenient express bus that provides direct service to Eiheiji Temple

- Travel time: Approx. 30 min. (JR Fukui Sta. East Exit to Eiheiji Temple)
- Fares: adults ¥750, children ¥380 Reservations: Not necessary
- Contact: +81(776) 66-2800 (Keifuku Limousine Bus Maruoka Office)

Final Resting place of the lord of the former Fukui Domain

Daianzenji Temple

This Rinzai sect temple was built in 1658, and was known as the family temple of the lords of the Fukui Domain during the feudal era. Today, it is preserved in the same condition as it was at the time. On the western side of the temple grounds, there is an iris garden famous for the beauty of the 10,000 flowers that bloom there in early summer.

Address: 21-4 Tanotani-cho, Fukui city Tel: +81(776) 59-1014 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.) Closed: Open daily Price: Visit ¥500

Zazen seated meditation ¥400 (2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.; reservation reg'd) Shoiin-rvori Buddhist Cuisine ¥2.500-6.000 (does not include taxes or temple visit fees) (Reservation reg'd 5 days in advance for groups of 10 or more)











Keifuku Bus Ayukawa Line	★ Walk
Fukui-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Daianjimon-mae (bus stop)	
20 min. / ¥420	20 min.

Via Ayukawa Line, Kawanishi Mikuni Line No. 10 or 11 or 15 bus (bus stop No. 3)



From the end of the 15th century to the end of the 16th century, Japan entered what was known as the "Warring States" era, as battles were fought all across Japan! Fukui was no exception: the remains of a castle town belonging to powerful samurai can be found here, and Japan's oldest castle tower can still be seen today in its original state. In Fukui, the Warring States era lives on in subtle ways.

Japan's only warring states-era castle town ruins

Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins

The Warring States-era warlords, the Asakura clan, ruled this area from 1471 to 1574; the remains of their castle town can still be seen today. These remains have been designated a special historic site, a site of special scenic beauty, and an important cultural property. The restored town scenery of samurai residences and townhouses was reconstructed using the foundation stones and stone fences just as they were found underground on the site. Visitors can also try on the types of samurai armor and helmets or kimonos that were worn during the Warring States era (¥500 per person, reservation req' d). At the nearby Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum, visitors can see a collection of about 1.7 million items that were excavated here, such as ceramics and metal items, and many of the items on display are nationally registered as important cultural

Address: 28-37 Kidonouchi-cho, Fukui city (restored town) 4-10 Abaka-cho, Fukui city (Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum) Tel: +81(776) 41-2330 (Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins)

+81(776) 41-2301 (Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum) Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [last admission 4:30 p.m.] Closed: Ruins open daily; restored town closed for new year holidays. museum closed for Mandays and new year holidays

Price: Restored town ¥330 for ¥820 for combined admission to the Ichiiodani Asakura Family Site Museum), Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum ¥700 (extra fees may apply for special exhibits)

Direct bus JR Fukui Sta. East Exit ▶ Bukeyashiki-mae (bus stop)

23 min. / ¥680 *The Asakura-Eiheiji direct bus goes all the way to Eiheiji ♦ Price: From the restored town to Eiheiji (one-way)/¥450 for adults, ¥230 for children

access.2

JR Etsumi-Hoku Line JR Fukui Sta. ▶ Ichijodani Sta. 15 min. / ¥240 25 min.

access.3

Keifuku Bus

Fukui-ekimae (bus stop) Bukeyashiki-mae (bus stop) 30 min. / ¥680

Via Ichijodani Togo Line: No. 62 bus (bus stop No. 5)

The oldest castle tower in Japan

Maruoka Castle

Built in 1576, Maruoka Castle(nationally designed as an important cultural property, and nicknamed the "Castle of the Mist")is one of the 12 original castle towers still standing in Japan, with the oldest architectural style among them. When the 400 or so cherry trees surrounding it come into bloom in spring, the castle practically "floats" fantastically on the



Address: 1-59 Kasumi-cho, Maruoka-cho, Sakai city Tel: +81(776) 66-0303 (Kasumigaio Park Management Office) Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.) Closed: Open daily

Price: Admission ¥450 for combined admission to Maruoka Castle. Maruoka Historical Museum.Letter Museum



Keifuku Bus Maruoka Line

Fukui-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Hon-Maruoka (bus stop)

40 min. / ¥670

Via Prefectural Hospital/Maruoka Line: No. 36 bus (bus stop No. 1). Via Maruoka Line: No. 31 or 32 bus (bus stop No. 2).

See gorgeous samurai dolls, armor, and helmets

Minato Tsuruga Yama Museum

The dazzling floats that take center stage every September during the Tsuruga Festival are exhibited here. In the theatre, visitors get to feel just as if they took part in the procession themselves. And the Edo-period (1603-1868) Noh masks, armors and helmets worn by the samurai dolls adorning the floats are not only there to look at; trying them on yourself is

also a lot of fun! The introduces history of Kitamaebune merchant ships and Otani Yoshitsugu. the former lord of Tsuruga Castle. The annex itself, as well as the festival floats. are registered Japan Heritage properties.

Address: 7-6 Aioi-cho, Tsuruga city

Tel: +81(770) 21-5570 Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, the following weekday), the day after each holiday, and new year holidays Price: Admission ¥300



(1) Community Bus Kaigan Line or (2) Tsuruga Excursion Line Bus

Tsuruga-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ (1)Yama Kaikan (bus stop) (2)Hakubutsukan Do-ri (bus stop)

(1) 12 min. / ¥200 (2) 5 min. / ¥200

Via Community Bus Kaigan Line: No. 5 bus (bus stop No. 4). Via Tsuruga Excursion Line Bus: Bus stop No. 3

A port town that flourished in the age of the Kitamae ship trade

Mikuni-Minato machi

Located right next to Mikuni Port, Mikuni-Minato machi flourished for centuries as the port of call for the Kitamae ships that would travel to destinations like Hokkaido or Osaka. With its latticed townhouses and families that trace back to the wealthy merchants of the day, you can enjoy the shamisen experience with powdered green tea, an experience making a lantern, and eat and waik.



Address: Kitahon-machi/Minamihon-machi/Shinmei, Mikuni-cho, Sakai city

Tel: +81(776) 82-8392 (Mikuni-Minato Townhouse Hall)



access	
Echizen Railway Mikuni Awara Line	★★ Walk
Fukui Sta. 🕨 Mikuni Sta.	
50 min. / ¥730	7 min.

This key point along the Mackerel Highway

Kumagawa-juku Historic Post Town

The road through Wakasa, the southern half of Fukui where Kumagawa-juku Historic Post Town is located, was once used to provide the then-capital city of Kyoto with a wide variety of seafood, earning it the nickname of the "Mackerel Highway." Kumagawa-juku Historic Post Townu thrived as a post town, and even today, the town features old-fashioned buildings like guard houses, and the old irrigation canal. The area was nationally selected as an important preservation district of historic buildings.



Address: Kumagawa, Wakasa Town Tel: +81(770) 45-0113 (Wakasa-Mikatagoko Tourism Association)



access	
💂 JR Obama Line	West JR Bus Wakae Line
JR Tsuruga Sta. > JR Kaminaka Sta.	Kaminaka Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Tachibana-cho (bus stop)
50 min. / ¥770	10 min. / ¥330

A Stroll through Days Long Past

A post town on the Hokkoku Highway

Imajo-shuku Historic Post Town

A post town Imajo-shuku once flourished as one of the leading post towns in Echizen.(1603–1868). Even today, vestiges of the old town remain in the townhouse- and house-lined road that stretches roughly a kilometer, the houses standing along the road like the teeth of a comb. The road itself is virtually unchanged from its past appearance, with old inn buildings and sake brewery buildings still standing.



Address: Imajo, Minami Echizen Town
Tel: +81(778) 45-0074 (Imajo, Minami Echizen Town Tourism
Association)



JR Hokuriku Main Line JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Imajō Sta. 37 min. / ¥590 5 min.

Where the culture of old Kyoto lives on

日本遺産

Even today, traces of these post towns and port towns remain, perfect for relaxed wandering.

Obama Sancho-machi

the area's storied historic charm.

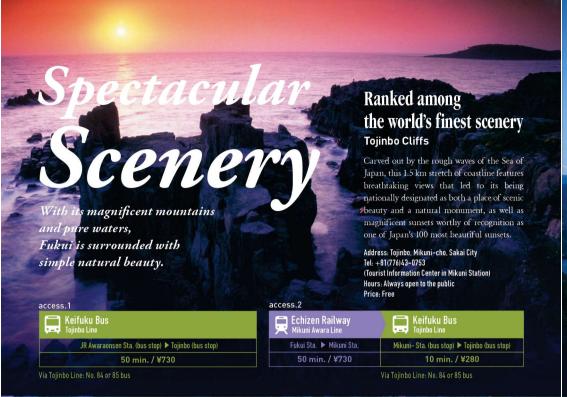
The town of Obama is located at one end of the Mackerel Highway, and once flourished through trade with the then-capital city of Kyoto. Along the highway you'll find old townhouses and geisha teahouses with wooden latticed exteriors, bay windows, and more in this area selected as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings.



Address: Obamakatori, Obama city
Tel: +81(770) 52-3844 (Obama Tourist information Center)



access	
□ JR Obama Line	抗 Walk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Kaminaka Sta.	
60 min. / ¥990	20 min.



The castle that floats among the clouds

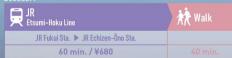
Echizen Ono Castle

From November to March, the Ono Basin occasionally becomes enveloped in clouds that cause Echizen Ono Castle to appear to "float" on them, leading to its nickname, the "Castle in the Sky." Beneath these clouds, you'll find a charming castle town known as the "Little Kyoto," perfect for walking around.

Address: 3-109 Shiro-machi, Ono city Tel: \pm 81(779) 65-1111 (Ono City Tourism and Exchange Division) Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Apr. to Sep.), 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Oct. & Nov.) Closed: Dec. 1 to Mar. 31

Price: Admission ¥300 NO charge helow the junior high school student

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Keifuku Bus Ono Line	於 Walk
Fukui Sta. (bus stop) 🕨 Õno–rokken (bus stop)	
60 min. / ¥1,040	30 min.

Via Ono Line: No. 55 or 59 bus (bus stop No. 5

Five waterside areas registered as Ramsar Sites

Mikatagoko

Consisting of Lake Mikata, Lake Suigetsu, Lake Suga, Lake Kugushi, and Lake Hiruga, the water and depths of each of the Mikata Five Lakes vary, making each a different shade of blue. The Rainbow Line (toll road) to the mountaintop park offers fantastic views of the dynamic scenery. Additionally, the layers of soil annually deposited at the bottom of Lake Suigetsu are among the world's best for researchers.

Address: 18-2-2 Kiyama, Wakasa Town
Tel: +81(770) 45-2678 (Rainbow Line)
Hours: Mountaintop park 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(may vary by season or weather)
Closed: All year round
mountaintop park admission
Y1,000 for adults. Parking fee Y500 (standard-size car, Y500 for children

access

JR
Obama Line

JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Mihama Sta.

JR Mihama Sta. ▶ Rainbow Line mountaintop park

22 min. / ¥330

¥5,000 and up (1 hr.)

*Heartful Sightseeing Taxi (reservation reg'd) +81(770) 32-1133 or +81(770) 32-6363

A mysterious arch formed by the rough waves
Tour of Sotomo (Scenic Coastline) Arch
These remarkably shaped rocks, tunnels, and
caves carved out by the choppy waters of the Sea



Selected as one of Japan's 34 Most Beautiful Places for the American cable news channel CNN's web feature in 2017.

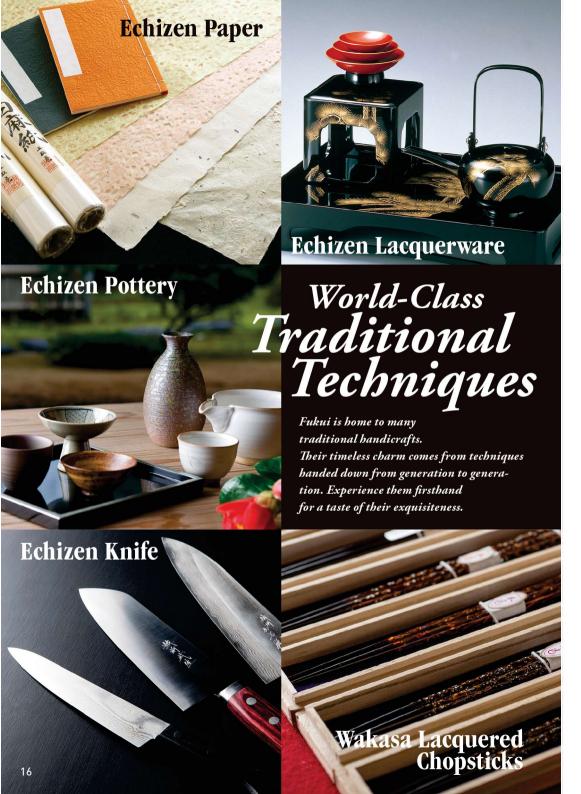
Address: 1-3-2 Kawasaki. Obama city
Tel: +81(770) 52-9111 (Wakasa Fisherman's Wharf)
Hours: Hourly departures starting at 9:00 a.m. (last trip leaves at 4:00 p.m.)
(cruises do not run during winter)
Closed: New year holidays Price: Ticket ¥2,200

JR Obama Line

JR Tsuruga Sta. ► JR Ohama Sta.

60 min. / ¥970

20 min.



Traditional Hands-on Experience No.1:

Echizen Paper

Papyrus House (Echizen Washi Village)

Papyrus House is a hands-on paper-making facility located within Echizen Washi Village. Here, visitors can make their own washi paper and then decorate it with pressed flowers, dyes, and more, making postcards, business cards, coasters, fans, lampshades, or other goods with their own hand-made paper. The Papyrus House shop also offers an incredible variety of items made with washi paper.

Address: 8-44 Shinzaike-cho, Echizen city Tel: +81(778) 42-1363 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (The shop is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Closed: Tuesday(open if Tuesdays is a holiday)and new year holidays. Price: Hands-on experiences ¥600~ and up



A paper-maker's house from the middle of the Edo era (1603-1868), brought here and rebuilt. Visitors can watch traditional paper makers use old-fashioned tools to make washi paper, as well as other steps of the process like preparing the materials needed in papermaking



Address: 9-21-2 Shinzaike-cho. Echizen city Tel: +81(778) 43-7800 Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Tuesdays (open if Tuesday is a holiday) and new year holidays Price: Admission ¥300

Paper & Culture Museum (Echizen Washi Village)

Visitors can learn all about the origins of Echizen Washi paper and its rich history at the museum. In addition to some 360 pieces representative of the local tradition, visitors will also come across unique wallpapers and tapestries.



Address: 11-12 Shinzaike-cho. Echizen city Tel: +81(778) 42-0016 Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Tuesdays (open if Tuesday is a holiday) and new year holidays Price: Admission ¥300 (includes admission to Udatsu Paper & Craft Museum)

JR Hokuriku Main Line	Fukutetsu Bus Nanetsu Line	
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Takefu Sta.	JR Takefu-ekimae (bus stop) Washi no Sato (bus stop)	Ī
20 min. / ¥330	30 min. / ¥510	Ī





Traditional Hands-on Experience No.2: Echizen Lacquerware

Echizen Lacquerware Hall

The Kawada area of Sabae, Fukui has 1,500 years of tradition as "Urushi no Sato," or the "lacquer village." At Echizen Lacquerware Hall, visitors can see artisans making lacquerware, or try it themselves. Hands-on courses where visitors can paint a picture onto lacquered bowls, hand mirrors, and more are also popular (reservation req'd 2-3 days in advance).



ddress: 40-1-2 Nishibukuro-cho, Sabae city el: +81(778) 65-2727 ours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: 4th Tuesday of each (open if Tuesday is a holiday and closed the following weekday) and new year holidays rice:Hands-on experiences ¥1.650-2.970 (reservation reg'd)



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JR Hokuriku Main Line	Tsutsuji Bus Community Bus Kawada Line
JR Fukui Sta. > JR Sabae Sta.	JR Sabae Sta. (bus stop) 🕨 Urushi no Sato Kaikan (bus stop)
15 min. / ¥240	30 min. / ¥100

Traditional Hands-on Experience No.4: Echizen Knife

Takefu Knife Village

With their exceptional quality, Echizen Forged Blades are beloved by chefs both within Japan and around the world. In addition to selling kitchen knives, sickles, and paper knives, Takefu Knife Village also serves as a knife-making workshop, where visitors can watch from the second floor as knife-makers forge and sharp-

en these incredible knives. Additionally, visitors can try making their own knife with the help of experienced artisans, and keychain-making workshops are also available for groups (reservation req' d)



Address: 22-91 Yokawa-cho, Echizen city Tel: +81(778) 27-7120 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: New year holidays Price: Make your own knife ¥20,000, make a keychain ¥600



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JR Hokuriku Main Line	Fukutetsu Bus Ikeda Line	於 Walk
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Takefu Sta.	JR Takefu-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Ajimano Jinja-mae (bus stop)	
20 min. / ¥330	22 min. / ¥460	2 min.

Traditional Hands-on Experience No.3: Echizen Pottery

Fukui Prefectural Museum of Ceramics & Echizen old kiln Museum

A museum at the Echizen Pottery Village, home of the Six Old Kilns of Japan, Echizen Pottery.

The Fukui Prefectural Museum of Ceramics provides exhibits, hands-on workshops, and more, offering visitors various ways to enjoy Echizen Pottery, including the opportunity to make their own unique Echizen Pottery.



Address: 120-61 Ozowara, Echizen Town Tel: +81(778) 32-2174 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.(last admission 4:30 p.m.) Closed: Mondays (open if Monday is a holiday) the day after each holiday, and new year holidays.

Price: Exhibit admission ¥300, hand-shaped pottery course ¥600, matcha green tea (incl. higashi Japanese candy) ¥300 (ceramics decoration hands-on workshop)



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JR Hokuriku Main Line	Fukutetsu Bus Takefu Echizen Kaigan Line	₹ Walk
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Takefu Sta.	JR Takefu-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Togeimura-guchi (bus stop)	
20 min. / ¥330	26 min. / ¥650	10 min.

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Fukui Railway Echizen Takefu Direction	Fukutetsu Bus Sabaura Line	★ Walk
Fukui Sta. ▶ Shinmei Sta.	Shinmei Sta. ▶ Togeimura-guchi (bus stop)	
35 min. / ¥380	30 min. / ¥720	10 min.

Traditional Hands-on Experience No.5: Wakasa Lacquered Chopsticks

Miketsukuni Wakasa Obama Food Culture Museum

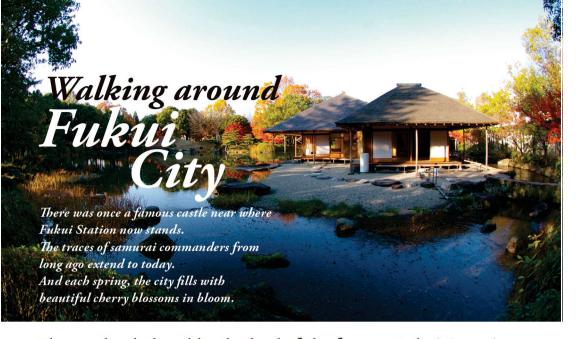
Wakasa Lacquered Chopsticks are boasting the top share of all lacquered chopsticks produced in Japan. Here, visitors can see demonstrations by traditional artisans, and try making their own lacquered chopsticks themselves, By polishing away the layers of clamshell and eggshell embedded in the lacquer, each pair of chopsticks ends up with its own unique design.



Address: 3-4 Kawasaki, Obama city Tel: +81(770) 53-1000 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (closes at 5:00 p.m. Nov. to end of

Closed: Wednesdays (open if Wednesday is a holiday) and Dec. 28 to Jan. 5 Price: Hands-on experiences ¥1,000

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□ JR Obama Line	★ Walk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Obama Sta.	
60 min. / ¥990	20 min.



The garden beloved by the lord of the former Fukui Domain

Scenic Spot Yokokan Garden

Once the second residence of the Matsudaira clan, the feudal lords of Fukui long ago. Its Shoin architecture and garden are considered valuable examples of famous gardens from the middle of the Edo era (1603–1868). In 1982, it was nationally designated as a place of scenic beauty, and the garden places highly each year in the Japanese Garden National Rankings of the American Journal of Japanese Gardening.

Address: 3-11-36 Hoei, Fukui city Tel: Weekdays: +81(776)20-5367 (Fukui City Culture Promotion Division)
Weekends and holidays: +81(776)21-0469 (Fukui City History Museum)
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (closes at 5:00 p.m. Nov. 6 to end of Feb.) Closed: New year holidays
Price: Admission Y220 (or Y350 for combined admission to the Fukui City History Museum)



The remains of the castle where the lord of the former Fukui Domain lived

Site of Fukui Castle

Built in 1601 by Yuki Hideyasu, the first feudal lord of Fukui. For some 270 years, this castle served as the scene of the Echizen Matsudaira clan's prosperity. The original castle

tower is said to have stood an impressive 37 meters tall before it was destroyed in a fire. The stone walls and one of the moats remain to this day, giving us a glimpse into the past, and the Orokabashi Bridge and Yamasatoguchi Gate were also recently restored.

Address: 3–17–1 Ote, Fukui city

See items connected to the lord of the former Fukui Domain

Fukui City History Museum

In addition to many exhibits about the feudal Fukui Domain and the Matsudaira clan, this museum features an outdoor exhibit showcasing a reproduction of Fukui Castle's outer moat and gate, as well as reproductions of various other historical items. The museum also has a hands-on history space, where visitors can try on clothing from the Edo era (1603–1868).

Address: 3-12-1 Hoei, Fukui city $\,$ Tel: +81(776) 21-0489 Hours: $9:\!00$ a.m. to $7:\!00$ p.m. (closes at $5:\!00$ p.m. Nov. 6 to end of Feb.)

Closed: Irregularly Price: Admission ¥220 (or ¥350 for combined admission to Yokokan Garden)



A charming part of town lined with generations-old restaurants

Hama-machi

This area along the Asuwa river flourished in the Edo era (1603-1868) as a busy downtown area and harbor.

Today, the area is still home to a classic atmosphere and a number of long-established restaurants and ryokan inns.

Address: Around Chuo 3-chome, Fukui city



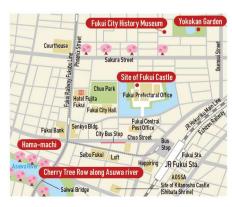


A veritable tunnel of cherry blossoms, over 2 km long

Cherry Tree Row along Asuwa river

The Asuwa river runs through the center of Fukui city. Along the riverbank, you'll find a 2.2-kilometer-long row of some 600 cherry blossom trees; the incredible scenery is even included in the list of the 100 best cherry tree viewing spots in Japan. The cherryblossom festival is held when the trees bloom, and the area becomes a popular destination for locals and travelers alike.

Blossom season: Early to mid April



Fuku-chari Bicycle Sharing

Fuku-chari is back as a bike sharing program from March 2023 You can now borrow and return bicycles at 10 different locations in



town using an app on your phone, making the process all the more convenient

Available 24 hours a day
Price: 1-time membership ¥110 (for the first 30 minutes),
and an additional ¥110 for every 30-minute extension
Monthly membership ¥1,650 (the first 30 minutes of every ride will be free),
and an additional ¥110 for every 30-minute extension
1-day pass ¥1,650 at the Fukui City Tourist Information Center,
and ¥1,430 at select convenience stores and online
Tel: +81(80)89%-699%(Fuku-chari Secretariat)

Details at https://fuku-chari.com/



See and experience life in the mid 20th century

Fukui Prefectural Museum of Cultural History

See exhibits about Fukui's history, from ancient times to today, such as dioramas of reconstructed buildings from the past.

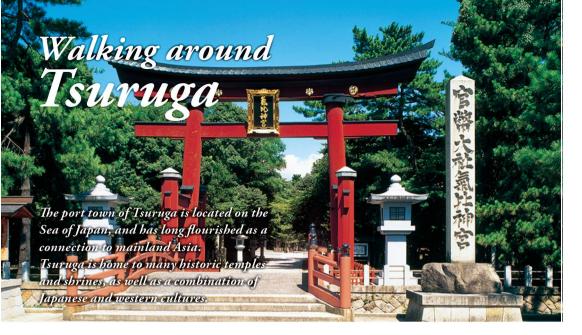
Address: 2-19-15 Omiya, Fukui city Tel. +81(776) 22-4675 Hours: 9-00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.) Closed: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. Dec. 28 to Jan. 2 Price: Admission 4100



Fukui-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Kenritsu-rekishihakubutsukan-mae (bus stop)

8 min. / ¥210

Via Owada Eco Line; No. 38 bus (bus stop No. 11) (as of spring of 2016) Via Owada Eco Line; No. 38 bus (bus stop No. 1)



The preeminent shrine of the region

Kehi Jingu Shrine

The vermilion-painted torii gate is known as one of the three largest wooden torii gates in Japan, and is nationally designated as an important cultural property. Within the shrine grounds, you'll find Chomeisui, a well said to be flowing with mystical energy in addition to pure water.

Address: 11-68 Akebono-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: +81(770) 22-0794 Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Open daily Price: Free



battlefield where Nobunaga, Hideyoshi, and Ieyasu once fought

Kanegasakigu Shrine

Located at the base of where Kanegasaki Castle once stood, this shrine is famous for its beautiful cherry blossoms. By the Hanakae festival held in April, known as the "shrine of love," where young men and women ask each other to exchange cherry blossom branches in the hopes of finding love.

Address: 1–1 Kanegasaki–cho, Tsuruga city Tel: +81(770) 22–0938 Hours: Always open to the public Closed: Open daily Price: Free



Designed in 1905 by an engineer from overseas and used at the time as a petroleum storehouse. On October 14, 2015 (the anniversary of Japan's first railway beginning operation), the warehouse was reborn as the Diorama Building to the north, showing scenes of the railway and the port, as well as the Restaurant Building to the south, where visitors

Tsuruga Aka Renga (Diorama and Restaurants)

can enjoy delicious food in the classic red brick atmosphere.

Address: 4-1 Kanegasaki-cho. Tsuruga city
Tel: +81(770) 47-6612 (Tsuruga Red Brick Warehouse office)
Hours: North building 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (last admission 5:00 p.m.); south building varies by restaurant

Closed: Wednesdays and new year holidays
Price: Diorama Building admission ¥400 for adults, ¥200 for children



Learn about the history of this port town that once connected Japan to Europe

Tsuruga Railway Museum (Former Tsuruga Port Station Building)

A reproduction of the Tsuruga Port Station building, the terminal station for the Europe-Asia International Express, which once connected to the Trans-Siberian Railway via sea routes to take travelers between Japan and Europe. Inside, visitors can see exhibits related to the railway, model trains, and more, all of which is introduced in an easy-to-understand manner using film and historical artifacts.

Address: 1-25 Minato-machi, Tsuruga city

Tel: +81(770) 21-0056 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Mondays (open if Mon. is a holiday and closed the following weekday) and new year holidays Price: Free



The port where the holders of "visas for life" came ashore

Port of Humanity Tsuruga Museum

In 1920, Sugihara Chiune, Japan's Vice-Consul in Kaunas, Lithuania, issued "visas for life" to Jews fleeing persecution by the Nazis. This museum explores their history in Tsuruga, where they come ashore in Japan, along with Polish orphans rescued in Siberia. The museum is scheduled to celebrate is grand reopening in November of 2020, as a new establishment.

Address: 2-3-1 Kanegasaki-cho. Tsuruga city Tel: +81(770) 37-1035 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Wednesdays (open if Wednesday is holiday and new year holidays) Price: Requested donation ¥100





Praised as one of Japan's most beautiful pine groves

Kehi no Matsubara (Pine Tree Park)

It's one of the three best Pine Tree Park in Japan and designated as a place of scenic beauty. The Japanese red and black pine trees grow thick here, and the green of the pines against the white of the beach, in front of the blue of the ocean, all comes together for incredibly beautiful views.

Address: Matsushima-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: +81(770) 21-8686 (Tsuruga Tourism Information Center)

access 20 min. walk from Tsuruga Municipal Museum



Learn about the prosperity of Tsuruga Port in the old-fashioned atmosphere of this former bank

Tsuruga Municipal Museum

This museum is built into the former Owada Bank headquarters building, (an important culyural property, built in 1927). The lavish architecture is emblematic of the prosperity Tsuruga Port experienced at the time, and features like the Hokuriku region's first elevator, marble counters, and more give visitors a sense of the city's wealth during the era.

Address: 7-8 Aioi-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: +81(770) 25-7033 Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed: Mondays (open if Mon. is a holiday and closed the following weekday), the day after each holiday, and new year holidays Price: Admission ¥300



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All of these destinations can easily be reached on foot, or via the Tsuruga Excursion Line Bus from bus stop No. 3 at Tsuruga Station.

More Tourist Destinations



Open-air baths and Japanese gardens

Awara Onsen (Hot Spring)

Fukui's finest hot spring town, boasting 140 years of history since its opening. The plaza in front of Awara-Yunomachi Station features a free public foot bath and a variety of small restaurants. At the Dento Geinokan (Traditional Performing Arts Hall), visitors can have a lesson from real geisha, and enjoy a taiko drum performance or traditional geisha games. You can also enjoy the songs and dances of geisha.

Reservations and enquiries

Geisha Transformation and entertainment information:

Address: 1-203, Onsen, Awara City Tel: +81(776)78-6767

Hours: (transformation) 9:00a.m. to 11:30p.m;1:00p.m. to 3:30 p.m

(entertainment) Starts:2:30 p.m.(approx.1hr):other times available by request (reservation reg'd) Price:(transformation) ¥13,000 (entertainment) For a group of up to 6 people ¥18,000 For 7 people or more, there will be an additional fee of ¥3,000 per person(includes tea and Japanese sweets) Reservations: (transformation) Reservation req'd at least 3 days in advance, max. 6 people per times (entertainment) Reservation req'd at least 3 days in advance, max. 25 people per times (min. 6)

Lunch and Suites coupon: Explore Awara on the cheap with this exclusive coupon With gourmet, an experience, bathing, a sack and hot spring egg making. Tel: +81(776)78-6767 Price:¥1,200

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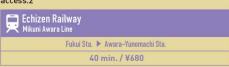


JR Awaraonsen Sta. (bus stop) Awara-Yunomachi Sta. (bus stop)

16 min. / ¥300

Via Tojinbo Line: No. 84 or 85 bus

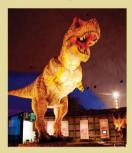
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Come face-to-face with these fearsome beasts

Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum

Located in Katsuvama, Fukui, the site of more dinosaur fossil discoveries than anywhere else in Japan. One of the world's three biggest dinosaur museums, This vast museum features displays of dinosaur skeletons and fossil specimens, as well as life-sized dioramas, making it a great destination for both kids and adults. While you're there, why not get on a shuttle bus from the museum and join a tour? Near the excavation site where dinosaur fossils have been found, you can try a hands-on "fossil excavation" experience. When dig out a fossil, the researcher will explain the fossil. (reservation required).







Address: 51-11 Terao, Muroko-cho, Katsuvama city Tel: +81(779) 88-0001 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.) Closed: New year holidays and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (open daily from late July to late August) Price: Admission ¥730



A direct shuttle bus is available from Katsuyama Station to the Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum

Rediscover yourself in the tranquility

National Historic Site Hakusan Heisenii Shrine Inside the Old Precincts

Opened in the year 717 as a base for faith in the sacred mountain Mt. Hakusan. Its wide-open grounds are virtually carpeted with moss.

Address: Heisenii, Heisenji-cho, Katsuyama city Tel: +81(779) 88-1591 Hours: Always open to the public Closed: Open daily Price: Free

access



The Dinogon sightseeing bus will take you there from Katsuyama Sta. on Sat. Sun. and holidays from Apr. through Nov. [¥300 fare]



Enjoy a wonderland of snow

Skijam Katsuvama

Ski slopes perfect for beginners, experts, and everyone in between! Featuring comfortable facilities like restaurants, hot spring baths, and slopes for children.

Address: 170-70 Katsuyama city Tel: +81(779) 87-6109 Hours: Lifts operate 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (may vary by day or season) Closed: Open daily during the season Price: One-day lift pass ¥5,300

access

Keifuku Bus Direct bus to ski slopes (runs only during the season)Online reservation req'd

JR Fukui Sta. East Exit (bus stop) ▶ Skijam Katsuyama

60 min. / ¥2.000



Travel back in time to Fukui's Belle Epoque

Yumeore Katsuvama

Built in the 1900s as a textile weaving factory. Visitors can see the weaving equipment used during the factory's heyday, or try a hands-on hand-weaving experience.

Address: 1-7-40 Showa-machi, Katsuyama city Tel: +81(779) 87-1200

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Dec. 29 to Jan. 2

Price: Hand-weaving experience ¥600, silkworm cocoon craft experience ¥600; free admission access

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Echizen Railway Katsuyama Eiheiji Line	Katsuyama Gururin Community Bus (Twd. Dinosaur Museum, Mizu Basho, and Shakaihoken Hospital)
Fukui Sta. ▶ Katsuyama Sta.	Katsuyama-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Yumeore Katsuyama-mae (bus stop)

3 min. / ¥100 per ride



A Breathtaking Night Sky

Rokuroshi Plateau

55 min. / ¥770

At the Rokuroshi Plateau, visitors are treated to a starry sky once voted the most beautiful in Japan. For an optimum stargazing experience, we recommend using the giant astronomical telescope at the Fukui Nature Conservation Center.

There are many things to do around the plateau during the day, too! The Oku Echizen Dairy Farm, where you can try making your own dairy products from fresh milk, the outdoor mineral hot baths of Urarakan, and the pastoral landscape are all worth a visit!

JR Echizen-Hokuriku Line	Taxi
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Echizen-Ōno Sta.	JR Echizen-Ōno Sta. ▶ Rokuroshi Kohgen
60 min. / ¥680	20min.(one way) / approx. ¥5,000(one way)



Brilliant red trees cover the lakeside mountains in the fall

Lake Kuzuryu

Lake Kuzuryu, created by the Kuzuryu Dam, is surrounded by mountains for beautiful natural grandeur. Selected as one of the 100 best places in Japan to view the fall colors for the trees that change color here around mid-October each year.

Address: Nagano through Hakogase, Ono city
Tel: +81(779) 65-5521 (Ono City Tourism Association)

access

JR Etsumi-Hoku Line	Izumi Taxi: +81(779) 78-2022 (reservation reg'd)
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Kuzuryuko Sta.	Kuzuryuko Sta. ▶ Hakogasebashi
1 hr., 40 min. / ¥1,170	60 min. (round trip) / approx. ¥10,000 (round trip)

Bamboo handicrafts you can take home

Echizen Bamboo Doll Village

The only museum in Japan dedicated to bamboo dolls. In addition to seeing exhibits of dolls based on various themes, such as Kabuki, visitors can also try making their own.

Address: 63–1 Kamikumeda, Maruoka–cho, Sakai city
Tel: +81(776) 66–5666 Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Closed: Visit our website or call us to know when we are open
Price: Workshop admission ¥300 for generals, ¥150 for under 15 years old

access

Echizen Railway Katsuyama Eiheiji Line	Keifuku Bus Eiheiji-Tojinbo Line: No. 87 bus
Fukui Sta. ▶ Eiheiji-guchi Sta.	Eiheiji-guchi Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Echizen Ningyo Take no Sato (bus stop)
25 min. / ¥460	5 min. / ¥170



Learn about the history of this famous old port town

Sakai City Museum

A local museum where visitors can learn about the history and natural features of the town of Sakai city. A new and improved Sakai City Museum reopened on June 3, 2023.

Address: 4-2-1 Midorigaoka, Mikuni-cho, Sakai city Tel: +81(776) 82-5666

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission 4:30 p.m.) Closed: Wednesdays (open if Wed. is a holiday), Dec. 29 to Jan. 3 Price: Admission ¥300 for adults. ¥150 for elementary and junior high school students.

access

Echizen Railway Mikuni Awara Line	₹ Walk
Fukui Sta. ► Mikuni Sta.	
50 min. / ¥730	10 min.



Surround yourself with azaleas in bloom

Nishiyama Park

Famous for its 50,000 azaleas in spring and dramatic colors of its 1,600 maple trees in fall. The zoo located within the park is red pandas.

Address: 3-7-20 Sakura-machi, Sabae city

Tel: +81(778) 51-1001 (Sabae City Park Management Office) Hours: Zoo open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.: Closed: Zoo closed Mondays (open if Mon. is a holiday and closed the following weekday)
Price: Free

access

Fukui Railway Echizen Takefu Direction	統 Walk
Fukui Sta. ▶ Nishiyama koen Sta.	
45 min. / ¥380	15 min.



Make your own one-of-a-kind pair of glasses

Megane Museum (Eyeglass Museum)

Sabae, Fukui leads Japan in eyeglass production. The museum features a shop selling many varieties of glasses made in Sabae, as well as a workshop where visitors can make their own glasses.

Address: Megane Kaikan Bldg., 2-3-4 Shin-yokoe, Sabae city Tel:+81(778) 42-8311
Hours: Megane shop open 10:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Hands-on Workshop, Megane Museum and
Sabae Sweets open 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. MUSEUM CAFFE open 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.
Closed: Wednesdays, new year holidays Price: Make your own glasses frames ¥22,000 (reservation req'd)

R Hokuriku Main Line	†∱ Walk
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ JR Sabae Sta.	
15 min. / ¥240	10 min.



Forest of an adventure of the Japanese maximum level

Tree Picnic Adventure IKEDA

"The theme park of forest" which enjoys forest in the whole body, such as a Mega Zipline of about 1 kilometer roundtrip and height 60 meters. There is also suspension bridge "Kazura Bridge" made of natural crane at 5 minutes walk.

Address 28-16 Shipharalkeda Town Indelet-num Tel-#11779144-7474 Hours: 10-400 m. to 5-000 m.

Closed: Tuesday, December through mid January Open daily during 6W. Summer vacation.) Price: Maga Zipline ¥3,700 others (reservation priority

JR Hokuriku main Line	Rental Car
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ Takefu Sta.	
20 min. / ¥330	40 min.



Surrounded with 15 million white daffodils

Cape Echizen Daffodil Land

Located on a bluff facing the Sea of Japan, in winter, roughly 15 million daffodils bloom here.

Address: 27-1-2 Chigadaira, Echizen Town, Nyu-gun Tel: +81(778) 37-2501 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed: Thursdays (open daily from Nov. to Mar. while daffodils are in bloom)

於 Walk
20 min.



Offering seafood at the seaside

Echizen Roadside Station & Isaribi Echizen Onsen-Air Bath

With a restaurant offering fresh seasonal seafood, a souvenir shop, and a snow crab-themed museum, this one stop has plenty to offer. There is also a museum focused on Echizen Gani crab nearby.

Address: 71-335-1 Kuriya, Echizen Town, Nyu-qun Tel: +81(778) 37-2360 (Echizen Roadside Station/Isaribi) Hours: Roadside Station 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Isaribi 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (opens at 10:00 a.m. Sat., Sun., and holidays) Closed: Tuesdays (open if Tue. is a holiday and closed the following weekday). Open daily during Summer vacation. Closed the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of Nov.through March. Price: Isaribi bath ¥520 for adults

access

JR Hokuriku Main Line	Fukutetsu Bus Takefu Echizen Kaigan Line (Bound for Kareisaki)
JR Fukui Sta. ▶ Takefu Sta.	JR Takefu-ekimae ▶ Echizen Roadside Station
20 min. / ¥330	70 min. / ¥1,130

Experience a shipowner's dreams

Ukonke Museum (Kitamaebune Archives Center)

Located in the former residence of one of the five notable families that owned Kitamaebune merchant ships, the Ukonke Museum is now open to the public as the Kitamaebune Archives Center. In addition, it was certified as a Japanese heritage in 2017 as a shipowner village of Kitamaebune Shipyard Port.

Address: 2-15 Kono, Minami-Echizen Town, Nanjo-gun Tel: +81(778) 48-2196 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed: Wednesdays, Dec. 29 to Jan. 3 Price: Admission ¥500 for Children of high school age and adults. ¥300 for Children of elementary and middle school age







Enjoy the best seafood from the Sea of Japan

Nihonkai Sakana Machi Seafood Market

A huge, bustling market full of shops selling fresh seafood straight from Tsuruga Port, and restaurants offering delicious items like sushi or bowls of rice generously topped with seafood.

Address: 1-1531 Wakaba-cho, Tsuruga city Tel: +81(770) 24-3800 Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed: Irregularly

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Tsuruga Excursion Line Bus	
Tsuruga-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Nihonkai Sakanamachi (bus stop)	
50 min. / ¥200	



Learn the secrets of this invincible castle

Wakasa Kuniyoshi Castle History Museum

Learn about the history of Kuniyoshi Castle, built 450 years ago, and the town of Sagaki built around it.

Address: 25-2 Sagaki, Mihama Town Tel: +81(770) 32-0050 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. to Mar.; last admission 30 min. before close)

Closed: Mondays (open if Mon. is a holiday), the day after each holiday, and new year holidays Price: Admission ¥100 for generals ¥50 for below junior high school students

☐ JR Obama Line	Mihama Community Bus Nyu Line "Blue Sky" bus (Mikata Hosp. → Nyu)	放Walk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Mihama Sta.	Mihama Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Sagaki (bus stop)	
20 min. / ¥330	8 min. / ¥300	3 min.



Lake Suigetsu: The Wold's Longest Varves

Varve Museum · Wakasa Mikata Jomon Museum

The museum exhibits the Lake Suigetsu Verves piled up continuously In the lakebed for 70,000 years. Enjoy the magnificent history of humanity and natural environment.

Address:122-12-1, Torihama. Wakasa Town Tel: +81(770)45-0456 Hours: 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Closed: Tuesdays Price: Admission ¥500 for adults, ¥200 for below the high school student. Admission: ¥700 for adults, ¥280, for below the high school student (for combined admission to Wakasa Mikata Jomon Museum)

access

JR Obama Line	Wakasa Town-operated Bus Tsunekami-Mikata Line
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Mikata Sta.	Mikata Sta.(bus stop) ▶ Jomon Roman Park(bus stop)
30 min. / ¥510	13 min. / ¥190



The famously cold pure-water spring

Wakasa Uriwari Meisui Park

Uriwarinotaki is considered one of Japan's hundred finest natural springs. The water that gushes out from between the rocks stays consistently cold year-round, regardless of the season.

Address: 37-1-3 Tentokuji, Wakasa Town Tel: +81(770) 62-0186(Meisui no sato) Hours: Always open to the public Closed: Open daily Price: Free

access

JR Obama Line	West JR Bus Jakko Line	★₩alk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Kaminaka Sta.	Kaminaka Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Tentokuji (bus stop)	
50 min. / ¥770	4 min. / ¥170	2 min.



Feel the Ocean Breeze on a Sea Kayak

Blue Park Ano

This facility offers visitors opportunities to enjoy not enjoy not only fishing, but also filleting and eating the fish they catch. Visitors can also try sea kayaking in the beautiful Wakasa bay.

Address: Ano. Obama Tel:+81(770)54-3611 (Minshuku Kawahara) Hours: 8:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. (reservation required from April to Novembe Price: Fishing 1-hour ¥3,800, Fishing & Filleting the Fish ¥3,850 etc. For inquiries about sea kayaking (Ano Paddlers Club) :+81(770)54-3046 access

JR Obama Line	Community Bus(Aiai Bus) Tagarasu Line	放Walk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Obama Sta.	JR Obama Sta.(bus stop) ▶ Anou (bus stop)	
60 min. / ¥990	14 min. / ¥200	3 min.



Make your own unique lacquered chopsticks

Hashi no Furusato-kan WAKASA (Wakasa Chopstick Pavilion)

With 3,000 different types of chopsticks on display, you're sure to find a style you like for sale. Visitors can also try making their own lacquered chopsticks.

Address: 8-1-3 Fukutani, Obama city Tel: +81(770) 52-1733 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closes at 4:00 p.m. on Sun. and holidays) Closed: Thursdays (open if Thu. is a holiday, or falls on Aug. 4 or 13—16) and new year holidays Price: Hands-on chopstick-making ¥1,100



JR Obama Line	Community Bus Tomari-Tagarasu Line	₩alk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Kaminaka Sta.	JR Obama Sta. (bus stop) ▶ Fukutani (bus stop)	
62 min. / ¥990	15 min. / ¥200	3 min.



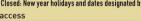
Learn about Wakasa, a treasure trove of traditional culture

Fukui Prefectural Wakasa History Museum

Learn about the historic Buddhist sculptures, festivals, performing arts, and other folk culture of the Wakasa region of southern Fukui, through easy-to-understand visual exhibits.

 $Address: 2-104\ Onyu,\ Obama\ city \qquad Tel: +81(770)\ 56-0525\\ Hours: 9.00\ a.m.\ to\ 5:00\ p.m.\ (last admission\ 4:30\ p.m.)\\ Closed: New year holidays and dates designated by the museum$

Price: Admission ¥310



□ JR Obama Line	☆☆ Walk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Higashi-Obama Sta.	
57 min. / ¥970	7 min.



Japanese literary history against a backdrop of bamboo

Jakushu Itteki Bunko

A cultural establishment opened by the Naoki Award-winning author and Ohi town native Mizukami Tsutomu. In addition to a library of over 20,000 books, the facility also features the Kurumaisu Theater.

Address: 33-2-1 Okata, Ohi Town Tel: +81(770) 77-2445 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed: Tuesdays (open if Tue. is a holiday and closed the following weekday) and Dec. 29 to Jan. 3 Price: Admission ¥300

access

JR Obama Line (Bound for Higashi-Maizuru)	Hongo Line Oujiho-Kono Line	₩alk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Wakasa-Hongõ Sta.	Hongo-ekimae (bus stop) ▶ Ohi Chugakko-mae (bus stop)	
85 min. / ¥1,170	10 min. / ¥100	5 min.



Have a fun and relaxing day at a beautiful beach

Wakasa-wada Beach

This popular beach was the first in Asia to acquire Blue Flag certification, an international environmental certification for beaches, and it attracts many visitors every year. Visitors can try sand-up paddleboardting (SUP) white viewing a sunset considered one of Japan's 100 finest. The beach house in open all year round, for visitors to enjoy the beach in any season.

Address: Wada, Takahama Town Tel: +81(770) 72-0070 (Wakasa-wada Tourism Association) access

JR Obama Line (Bound for Higashi-Maizuru)	★ † Walk
JR Tsuruga Sta. ▶ JR Wakasa-Wada Sta.	
94 min. / ¥1,340	10 min.



Save money traveling around Fukui with unlimited-use transit passes!

Unlimited-Use Transit Pass Information



■ Echizen Railway えちぜん鉄道

Echizen Railway Special Two-Day Pass

あわら温泉宿泊フリーきっぷ

Available only to overnight visitors to Awara Onsen!

A transit pass available only to overnight guests in Awara Onsen.

Get two days of unlimited use of the Echizen Railway, and ¥1,000 cash back on your accommodations! Can be used any day of the week.

- ◆ Price: ¥2,000 (available for purchase at manned Echizen Railway stations and on trains; purchase on first day of use)
- ◆ Contact: +81(120) 840-508 (Echizen Railway Co., Ltd.)

Echizen Railway One-Day Pass

A money-saving pass that allows a full day of unlimited use of the Echizen Railway.

◆ Valid: Sat., Sun., and holidays, as well as days designated by Echizen Railway

◆ Price: ¥1,000 for adults,
¥500 for children (available for purchase at manned Echizen Railway stations and on trains;
can be purchased up to one month in advance)

◆ Contact: +81(120) 840-508 (Echizen Railway Co., Ltd.)

Fukui Railway 福井鉄道
Fukui Railway Weekend

If you're going somewhere with a ¥300 adult fare, it's cheaper than round-trip fares!

◆ Valid: Sat., Sun., and holidays, as well as days designated by Fukui Railway

◆ Price: ¥560 for adults, ¥280 for children (available for purchase at manned Fukui Railway stations and on trains; purchase on day of use) ◆ Contact: +81(778) 22-0617 (Fukui Railway Co., Ltd.)

一日フリーきっぷ

A one-day pass for both Fukui Railway and Echizen Railway is also available!

Get unlimited rides on both Fukui Railway and Echizen Railway trains for a full day Cheaper than buying passes for both.

 Price: ¥1,400 for adults, ¥700 for children (available for purchase at manned Fukui Railwa and Echizen Railway stations and on trains)



■ Keifuku Bus 京福バス

Keifuku Bus Weekend Pass

京福バス 休日フリーきっぷ

A one-day pass that allows a full day of unlimited use of standard Keifuku transit buses (including the Hoyahoya-go) on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

◆ Price: ¥1,000 for adults, ¥500 for kids (purchase on day of use) ◆ For sale on buses, at the Bus Ticket Center by the East Exit of Fukui Sta., at the information booth in front of Fukui Sta., at Maruoka Bus Terminal, at Awaraonsen Sta., at the Sakai office, and at the Ono information booth

◆ Contact: +81(776) 54-5171 (Keifuku Bus Fukui office)

Tojinbo & Eiheiji Two-Day Pass

東尋坊・永平寺2日フリーきっぷ

Explore both the Tojinbo and Eiheiji areas with just one pass! Allows unlimited rides within the designated areas for two days.

◆ Price: ¥2,300 for adults, ¥1,150 for children (purchase on first day of use) ◆ For sale at the Bus Ticket Center by the East Exit of Fukui Sta., at Awaraonsen Sta., and at the Sakai office ◆ Contact: +81(776) 77-2048 (Keifuku Bus Sakai Office)

Tojinbo Two-Day Pass

東尋坊2日フリーきっぷ

Perfect for sightseeing in the Tojinbo area! Allows unlimited rides within the designated area for two days.

- ◆ Price: ¥1,200 for adults, ¥600 for children (purchase on first day of use) ◆ For sale at Awaraonsen Sta. and the Sakai office
- ◆ Contact: +81(776) 77-2046 (Keifuku Bus Sakai Office)

How to Ride



Buses (Fukutetsu Buses, Keifuku Buses, and Community Buses)



Get on at the rear door.

If a bus has doors in the front and the rear, use the rear door to get on.



For standard transit buses...

Take a numbered ticket from the machine by the rear door when you get on. Standard transit buses fares vary by distance traveled. The number on your ticket shows where you boarded the bus, so be sure to take one when you get on.



Getting off

Press the button to request a stop.

When you're riding the bus, each stop will be announced when it's coming up next. If you want to get off, press one of the buttons by the windows after the stop you want is announced.



Get off at the front door.

If a bus has doors in the front and the rear, use the front door to get off.





For standard transit buses...

Pay when you get off.

Fares vary by where you get on and off. The front of the bus has a board that shows the fares, so pay the amount shown for the number that matches the number on your ticket. Put your ticket and your fare payment in cash into the fare collection machine next to the driver when you get off (the fare collection machine doesn't give change, so if you don't have exact change, be sure to use the change machine located inside the bus).





For Community Buses...

Pay when you get on.

Community Bus fares vary by bus, but they all have flat fares for their entire route. As a result, riders pay when getting on, into the fare collection machine on the bus.

Both types of bus are cash-only.
Prepaid IC transit cards cannot be used

Buses & Trains



Trains (Echizen Railway & Fukui Railway),



At manned stations...

Buy a ticket at the window.

Go to the ticket window at the station and buy a ticket to your destination.



Take a ticket from the machine on the train when you get on.

Your ticket shows where you boarded the train, so be sure to take one when you get on.







When riding Echizen Railway trains, most trains running during the daytime will have attendants on board. You can pay your train fare to the attendant.



At manned stations...

Pay any unpaid fares at the ticket gate.

At manned stations, you can get off the train using any of the doors. Give your prepaid ticket or your boarding ticket and fare to the ticket gate attendant.



At unmanned stations...

Pay any unpaid fares to the conductor.

At unmanned stations, only the front door of the train will open. Give your prepaid ticket or your boarding ticket and fare directly to the conductor when you get off.



Fukui Prefecture Event Calendar



Late Mar. to early Apr. Mac.25- Apr.9 Fukui Cherry BlossomFestival



Early Aug. Wakasa Ohi Super Fireworks Festival



Last Sat./Sun. of Feb. Katsuyama Sagicho Festival

April	
Maruoka Cherry Blossom Festival	Sakai City
Hanakae (Flower Exchange) Festival	Tsuruga City
Fukui Spring Festival (Echizen Historical Parade)	Fukui City
Takeda no Sato Weeping Cherry Festival	Sakai City
May	
Sabae Azalea Festival	Sabae City
Kawada Lacquerware and Echizen Lacquerware fest	tival Sabae City
Festival of Spirits and Paper	Echizen City
Mikuni Festival	Sakai City
Mihama ItsukiHiroshi Marathon	Mihama Town
Mini Shine Amual Fastival	Mihama Town
Wakasa Mikata-Goko Two-Day March	Wakasa Town
Imajo Soba Festival	Minami Echizen Town
Echizen Pottery Festival	Echizen Town
June	
Awara Kitagata Lakeside Iris Festival	Awara City
Glasses of the city Sabae Thanksgiving	Sabae City
Lily Festival	Sakai City
Lotus Festival	Minami Echizen Town
July	
Echizen Minato Fireworks	Echizen Town
Kono Summer Festival	MinamiEchizen Town
Asahi Festival	Echizen Town
Kanazu Festival	Awara City
August	
Fukui Phoenix Festival	Fukui City
Wakasa Ohi Super Fireworks Festival	Ohi Town
Awara Hot Water Festival	Awara City
Mikuni Fireworks Festival	Sakai City
Echizen City Summer Festival	Echizen City
Floating Lanterns and Fireworks Festival	Tsuruga City
Echizen Asakura Warring States Festival & Mantoya Candle Ill	umination Fukui City
Eiheiji Floating Lanterns	Eiheiji Town
Wakasa Marinpia Fireworks Festival	Obama City
Wakasa-Takahama Fireworks Festival	Takahama Town
Mihama Summer Festival	Mihama Town

September	
Kehi Shrine Festival (Tsuruga Festival)	Tsuruga City
Kaido Roman Imajo Juku Festival	Minami-Echizen Town
Hoze Matsuri (Festival)	Obama City
Awara Kangetsu no Yobe Fireworks	Awara City
Wada-de-Roji Festival	Takahama Town
October	
Takefu Chrysanthemum Doll Festival	Echizen City
WAKASAFES	Wakasa Town
Kumagawa Ippuku Jidaimura History Festival	Wakasa Town
Obama Food Festival	Obama City
Kuzuryu Autumn Leaves Festival	Ono City
Three Major Morning Market Products Festival	Ono City
Ohi Uminpia Festa	Ohi Town
Mihama Citizens' Regatta	Mihama Town
November	
Wakasa-Takahama Fugu Blowfish Festival	Takahama Town
Mikuni Onsen Crab Festival	Sakai City
Echizen Crab Festival	Echizen Town
Sabae Autumn Foliage Festival	Sabae City
Awara Togenkyo	Awara City
December	
Eiheiji Temple New Year's Ringing of the Temple Bell	Eiheiji Town
January	
Daffodil Festival Fukui City, Echizen Town, an	d Minami-Echizen Town
Aquatic Tug–of–War	Mihama Town
Katsuyama Toshi-no-Ichi Market	Katsuyama City
February	
Echizen-Ono Winter Story Festival	Ono City
Mizuumi Dengaku and Noh Dances	lkeda Town
Wakasa-Takahama Hina Doll Festival	Takahama Town
Katsuyama Sagicho Festival	Katsuyama City
March	
Omizuokuri Water-sending Ritual	Obama City
Ume Plum Blossom Festival	Wakasa Town

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