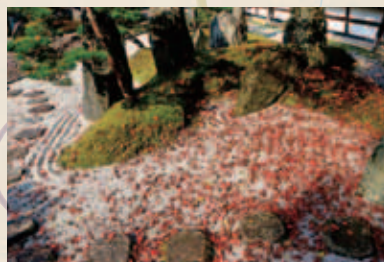
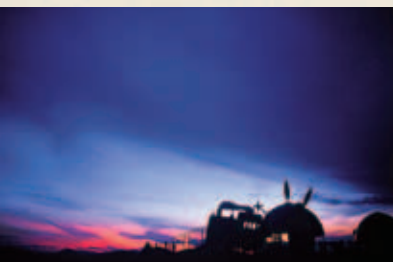
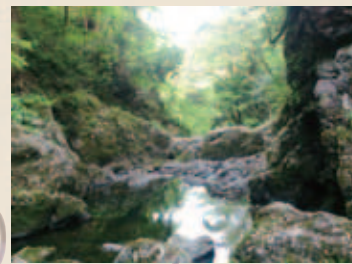
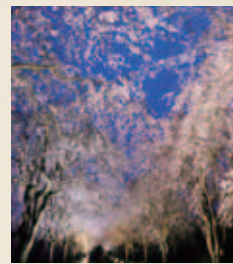


Town with a feeling of luck and prosperity.

Fukuchiyama



You can imagine how it was before settlement and see how it has grown



Fukuchiyama City, Kyoto pref.



Fukuchiyama - A castle town built by Akechi Mitsuhide. The town started out from nothing next to a river.

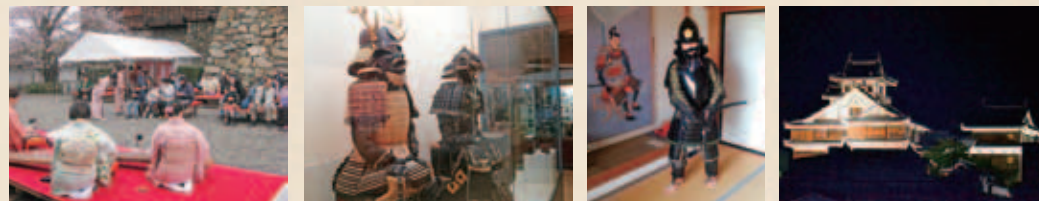
Akechi Mitsuhide - a military commander in the age of the warring states of Japanese history - attacked his lord Oda Nobunaga just before he unified the country. Most Japanese people think he was a rebel. But in Fukuchiyama, a different perspective is sometimes told.

Fukuchiyama Castle - The heart of Tamba built by Akechi Mitsuhide

Fukuchiyama Castle was built in around 1579 when Akechi Mitsuhide pacified the Tamba region by order of Nobunaga. It was constructed as a forefront base to take the Chugoku region. The fortress was located at the center of Fukuchiyama Basin surrounded by the Tamba Mountains, and behind, the Yuragawa and Hokawa Rivers served as natural moats, which were skillfully used to take advantage of the hills in the region. Mitsuhide developed the castle town on the riverside where prolonged war and floods devastated the region, and named it Fukuchiyama. He implemented the freer economic policy, and committed himself to the control of Yuragawa River. The good governance of Mitsuhide built the foundations for the Fukuchiyama you see today. Because of his contribution, he is still respected by the people in Fukuchiyama to this day. During the Edo period (1600-1867), this area flourished as a place with the castle town and the hub port of Yuragawa River.

In the Meiji era, Fukuchiyama Castle was ruined leaving only the stonewalls and some structures. In 1986, the castle tower was restored with the contribution of the city community. Since then, the castle tower has overlooked Fukuchiyama and has stood as a symbol for the city.

The castle tower is open to the public as a museum, exhibiting the history of Fukuchiyama and Akechi Mitsuhide.



Fukuchiyama Castle (Fukuchiyama Folk Museum)

[Admission] Adult ¥320, Child ¥100 [Closed] Tuesdays (Wed. if national holiday falls on Tues.) [Hours] 9:00-17:00
[Address] 5 Naiki, Fukuchiyama City [Inquiry] 0773-23-9564



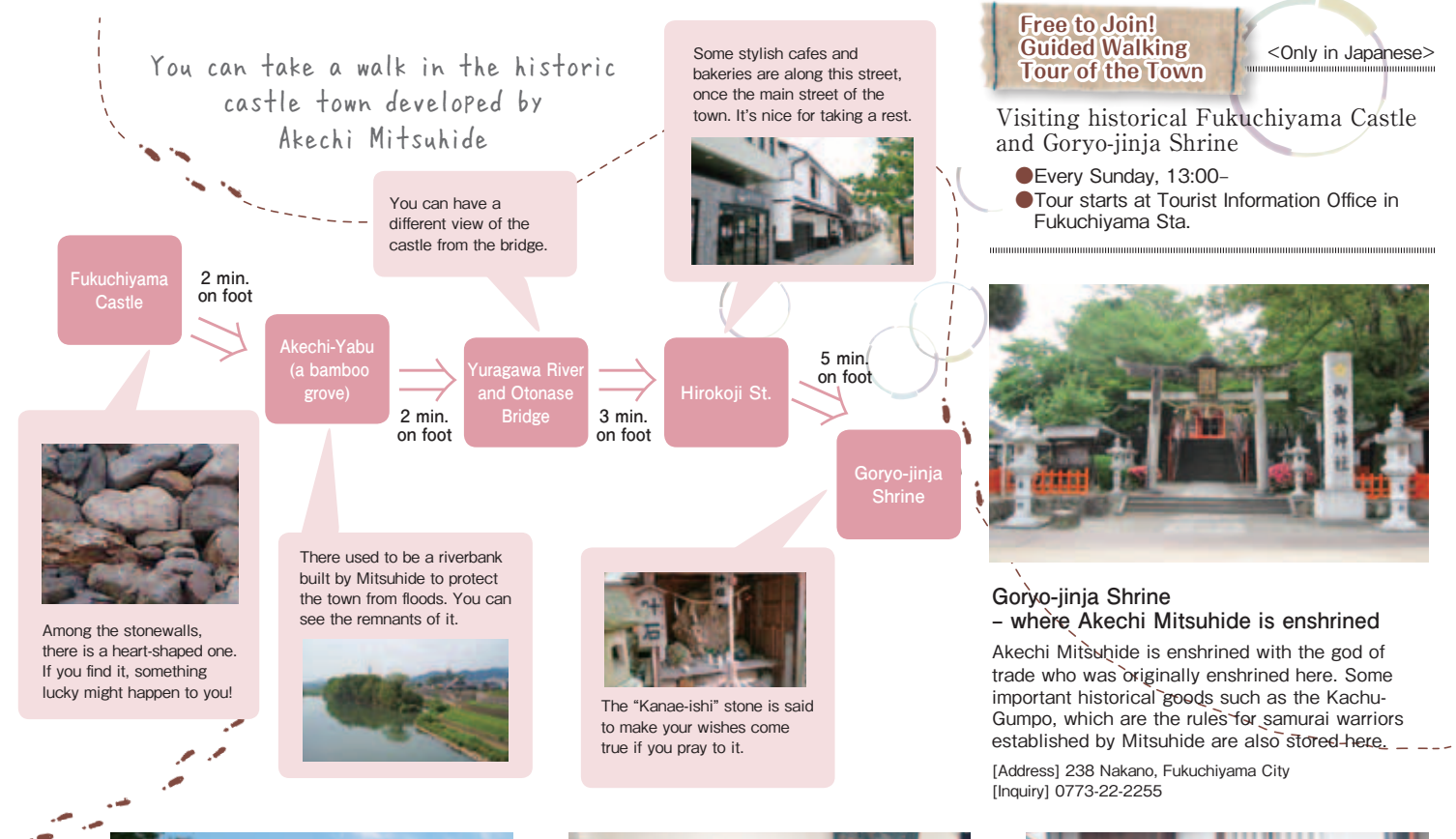
Portrait of Akechi Mitsuhide
(Owned by Hontokuji Temple)

Akechi Mitsuhide (1528? -1582)

A Japanese military commander, who worked as an important subordinate of Oda Nobunaga. As a lord, he is known for his good governance, also as a highly intelligent, wise person. He attacked and killed his lord, Oda Nobunaga in the rebellion at Honnoji Temple, and why he betrayed Nobunaga is one of the biggest mysteries in Japanese history.



From the castle tower, you can see most of the castle town and part of Yuragawa River. There was nothing but that river when Akechi Mitsuhide started developing the town. That is why we think it is a very special view of Fukuchiyama.



"Dokkoise" - sound of Fukuchiyama

Dokkoise is a phrase chanted during the traditional dance of the region called Fukuchiyama Odori. This phrase is said to have originated from the calls of people working to build Fukuchiyama Castle when they carried heavy stones and other building materials. The people of the town started out singing and dancing with the calls. And now the slow relaxing sound of Dokkoise brings Japanese people nostalgic feelings.



Goryo-jinja Shrine - where Akechi Mitsuhide is enshrined

Akechi Mitsuhide is enshrined with the god of trade who was originally enshrined here. Some important historical goods such as the Kachu-Gumpo, which are the rules for samurai warriors established by Mitsuhide are also stored here.

[Address] 238 Nakano, Fukuchiyama City
[Inquiry] 0773-22-2255



Sato Taisei Memorial Museum of Art

Art works by the Japanese-style painter Sato Taisei, who was awarded the Order of Culture, are exhibited in here in his hometown of Fukuchiyama. His works reflect the natural beauty of Japan.

[Address] 32-64 Aza-Okano, Fukuchiyama City
[Admission] Adult ¥210, Child ¥100
[Hours] 9:00-17:00
[Closed] Tuesdays (Wed. if national holiday falls on Tues.)
[Inquiry] 0773-23-2316



Tamba Fabric Museum

Old clothing styles of ordinary Tamba people are collected and exhibited here. You can see the change of lifestyle brought about by the modernization of Japan.

[Address] 10 Aza-Naiki, Fukuchiyama City
[Admission] Free [Hours] 9:00-17:00
[Closed] Tuesdays (Wed. if national holiday falls on Tues.)
[Inquiry] 0773-23-6070



Chisui (flood control) Museum

A historical Machiya house was turned into a museum to introduce the history of flood control and the traditional methods to prepare for floods. Machiya has a structure that is less vulnerable to floods.

[Address] 39 Shimoyanagi, Fukuchiyama City
[Admission] Free [Hours] 9:00-17:00
[Closed] Tuesdays (Wed. if national holiday falls on a Tues.)
[Inquiry] 0773-22-4200

The Vast Sea of Clouds An Ocean in the Sky

Mt.Oe

Mt.Oe has been awed since ancient times, and there are many legends about Oni (Japanese ogre) as the mountain area is believed to be their home. The mountain range is located between Tango and Tamba. The road connecting Kyoto and Tango runs through it, and it used to be a most difficult journey.

Mt.Oe consists of Mt.Senjogatake (832m) as its highest, Mt.Nabezuka (763m), Mt.Hatogamine (746m) and Mt.Akaishi (736m). From spring to summer, you can enjoy a panoramic view from the mountain; you may even see Wakasa Bay and the Tango Peninsula. In autumn, you can enjoy seeing the trees with leaves that have changed color and the beautiful sea of clouds, made from the mist from Yuragawa River and the mountains of Tamba.

Mt.Oe is also home to various plants from the north and south, designated as Tango-Amanohashidate-Mt.Oe Quasi-National Park in 2007.

Oni (Japanese ogre) Exchange Museum

You can learn about Oni in Japan and ogres around the world. The main exhibits include Onigawara (Japanese roof gargoyle), Oni masks, local performances about Oni. We can help you answer the question: What is an Oni?

[Admission] Adult ¥320, High school students ¥210,
Junior high and elementary school students ¥160
[Hours] 9:00-17:00 (Enter before 16:30)
[Closed] Mondays (Tue. if a holiday falls on Mon.)
[Address] 909 Busshoji, Oe-cho, Fukuchiyama City
[Inquiry] 0773-56-1996



5m. in height, 10t. in weight! The huge Onigawara welcomes you!



The Three Legends of Defeating the Oni in Mt.Oe

Shuten Doji Slaying by samurai Minamoto no Yorimitsu

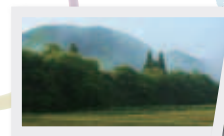
In the mid-Heian period, Shuten Doji (the Oni leader of Mt.Oe) was acting so badly in Kyoto. Minamoto no Yorimitsu and his retainers deceived the Oni by making him drunk and killed him. It was made into a Japanese folk story.

Prince Maroko and the Three Onis

In the era of Emperor Yomei, Prince Maroko (brother-in-law of Shotoku Taishi) attacked and killed the three Onis terrorizing Mt.Oe. The signs of relics related to the legend exist in and around this region.

Hikoimasu no Kimi and Kugamimi no Mikasa

This is the very first story of defeating Oni written in an ancient book. It is a story from the era of Emperor Sujin about how Hikoimasu no Kimi killed Kugamimi no Mikasa. It is considered that the story describes the conquest of the Tango region by the Yamato government.



Oni designed by Toru Narita, who created the famous Japanese TV character, Ultraman.



Oni's footprint

Sea of Clouds Scenic View:

Onitake-inari Jinja Shrine at the 8th station of Mt.Oe is highly recommended. You will be able to see the breathtaking scenery of a sea of clouds from autumn to early winter.

[Address] Kitabara, Oe-cho, Fukuchiyama City

[Photograph by Hitoshi Nakajima]



Best times for a good view of the sea of clouds

1. Early morning from late October to December
2. Morning after the day with clear weather during day time, which tends to result in radioactive cooling

Onis are all around Mt.Oe. Try and find as many as you can!



Futasegawa-Keiryu (a mountain stream)

The beautiful clear water and uniquely shaped rocks create dynamic breathtaking scenery season to season. The colored leaves of autumn are especially gorgeous. There are walking paths around, and from the suspension bridge, you can see the valley below you.

[Address] Busshoji, Oe-cho, Fukuchiyama City



Spectacular view from Shindoji Bridge





Yakuno Plateau brings a range of spectacular blessings from nature

Walking on the Plateau



Yakuno Basalt Rock Park

Inside the park is a field of volcanic rocks that formed when Mt. Takara erupted and lava flew over the area. The hexagonal columns of basalt rocks are lit up at night, creating a fantastic sight.

[Address] 98-1 Ogura, Yakuno-cho, Fukuchiyama City

It is said the Yakuno Plateau used to be a part of ocean a long time ago, and was formed when Mt. Takara, the only volcano in Kyoto, erupted some 300,000 to 400,000 years ago. The vegetables grown on the black soil of volcanic ash are popular for their good taste. The scenery of natural beauty changes from season to season, such as cherry blossoms in spring and colored leaves in autumn.

Nosho no Sato Yakuno roadside station

Fresh vegetable markets, restaurants, Japanese sweets shops are all together in one area. In the vegetable markets, you can buy juicy fresh vegetables grown in Yakuno and the restaurants serve locally grown food. It provides a great opportunity for shopping and relaxation.



In Miwa, you can see the original landscape of Japan.

Take a Walk in Satoyama

Hosono Pass

Many people have walked the pass in the past as it used to be an important point on Sanin-do Road (Kyo-kaido Road). Along the 2km earthen road, there are the remains of an old teahouse, spring water, etc.

[Area] Ubaranaka to Omi, Miwa-cho, Fukuchiyama City



Miwa-So (Inn)

A restaurant that serves the food harvested in the countryside, large public baths and sports facilities are all in one place. Local specialty goods are also available.

[Address] 4 Koaza-Gongen, Terao, Miwa-cho, Fukuchiyama City
[Closed] 3rd Tuesday of every month [Inquiry] 0773-58-2310

Kiyo-chan is Director of Miwa-So!



Weeping Cherry

A Journey of Four Seasons

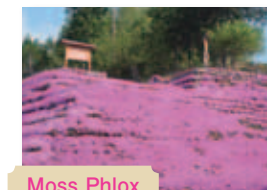
The Color of Four Seasons in Fukuchiyama

Colorful flowers and leaves in each season give you a sense of peace.

Kyoto Tree-planting Center

In every mid-April, Yae-beni-weeping cherry blossoms are full in bloom. The 25 cherry trees make a pink tunnel of cherry flowers approximately 80m long. The cherry trees are lit up at night, which provides a sight of magical beauty.

[Address] 1906 Hirano, Yakuno-cho, Fukuchiyama City
[Inquiry] 0773-38-0066



Moss Phlox
Moss phlox of Nagao



Japanese Wisteria
Sainokami no Fuji Park



Water Lily
Nozasa Water Lily Pond



Japanese Bush Clover
Yosenji Temple



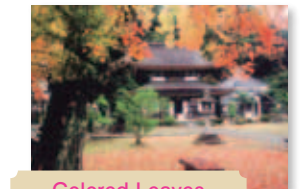
Tree Peony
Dogenji Temple



Chinese Fringetree
Raikoji Temple



Althea
Kyuhoji Temple



Colored Leaves
Tenneiji Temple



Hydrangea

Temple of Hydrangea - Kannonji Temple

This temple is very popular as the center of worship of Kannon (god of mercy) in the Tamba region. It was also chosen as the 1st temple of 24 listed temples with flowers in the Kansai area. About 10,000 hydrangeas are full in bloom from June to July.

[Address] 1067 Kannonji, Fukuchiyama City
[Hours] 9:00-17:00 [Closed] Open every day
[Admission] Adult ¥350 (charged only in Hydrangea season)
[Inquiry] 0773-27-1618



Colored leaves

Temple of Japanese Maple - Choanji Temple

This is an old temple at the foot of Mt. Himegami. The oldest statue of Yakushi-nyorai (Healing-Buddha) in Tamba is kept here. The Japanese maple leaves beautifully turn red in autumn.

[Address] 577 Okunobe, Fukuchiyama City
[Hours] 9:00-16:30 [Closed] Open every day
[Admission] ¥300 [Inquiry] 0773-22-8768

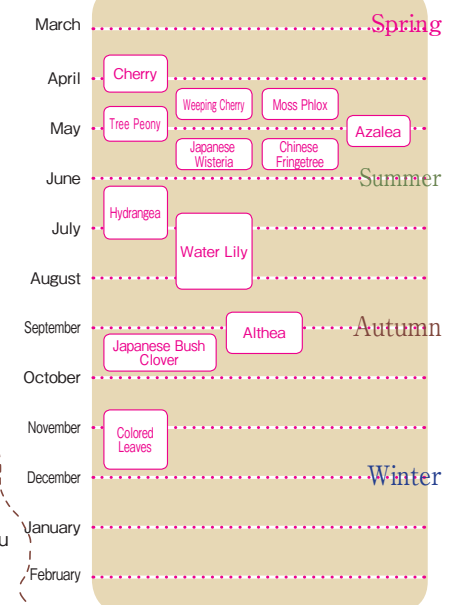


Fukuchiyama Botanical Gardens

In three different types of greenhouses, you can see cacti, tropical trees, orchids and more.

[Address] 377-1 Izaki, Fukuchiyama City (Inside Sandanike Park)
[Hours] 9:00-17:00 (Enter before 16:30)
[Closed] Wednesdays (Thurs. if holiday falls on Wed.)
[Admission] Adult ¥310, 4 y.o.-Junior high students ¥150
[Inquiry] 0773-22-6617

Flower Calendar



Visit Sacred Places

Three Shrines of Motoise Sansha

It is said Amaterasu Omikami, or the goddess of the sun, had visited and stayed in where Motoise Naiku Kotai-jinja Shrine is today. Amaterasu Omikami visited several places after that, and 54 years later, settled in Ise-jingu Shrine (one of the most prestigious shrines in Japan). The goddess of agriculture, Toyouke no Okami, who came down to the region originally, is enshrined at Motoise Geku Toyouke-daijinja Shrine. It is also said that Toyouke no Okami went down near the place where Amaterasu Omikami had settled. Since then, both shrines have "Moto-Ise" (formerly Ise) in their names. The two shrines plus Amanoiwato-jinja Shrine are called Motoise Sansha Shrines, or the three shrines where the goddesses stayed before they left for Ise, and considered sacred to this day.



Motoise Naiku Kotai-jinja Shrine

In the quiet forest is the main shrine, built in the style of shrine architecture based on that of Ise-jingu Shrine with a thatched roof; surrounded by a 2000-year-old Japanese cedar tree named Ryuto no Sugi, 2 subordinating shrines and 83 small shrines. The torii gate in front of the main shrine is made of logs with bark, in the ancient style.

[Address] 217 Naiku, Oe-cho, Fukuchiyama City
[Inquiry] 0773-56-1011



Motoise Geku Toyouke-daijinja Shrine

The goddess of agriculture, Toyouke no Okami, who came down to Tango, is enshrined here. As with Motoise Naiku Kotai-jinja Shrine, its torii gate is also made of logs with bark and near the main shrine has Ryuto no Sugi, a Japanese cedar tree which is said to be lit on fire by a dragon on the day before the beginning of spring according to the lunisolar calendar.

[Address] 60 Amadauchi, Oe-cho, Fukuchiyama City
[Inquiry] 0773-56-1560



Amanoiwato-jinja Shrine

The shrine sits at the foot of Mt.Himurogatake, a sacred mountain. Surrounded by the old native forest, and it is next to a stream with clear water. There is also a uniquely shaped rock named Mikura-iwa on which it is said to be used to sit on by various gods and goddesses. There is a very relaxing atmosphere around the shrine. The main shrine is located high on a rock, and you need to climb up the rock face along a chain to reach it.

[Address] 206-1 Busshoji, Oe-cho, Fukuchiyama City



Make your wish come true
A sacred place where the Sun sets Mt. Himurogatake

Some people say that Mt.Himurogatake is "Japan's Pyramid". Since ancient times, it has been prohibited to enter the mountain. It is said your wishes come true if you worship Mt.Himurogatake from Yohaijo, or the place to worship from a distance. The mountain is thought to have been the object of worship since ancient times. Mystically, the sun rises from between the two rocks called Meoto-iwa (Husband and wife rocks) in Ise and goes down on the highest point of the mountain on the day of the summer solstice.

Free to Join!
Guided Walking
Tour of the Town

<Only in Japanese>

The Mystery and Myths of Motoise-jinja Shrine

- Every Saturday, 13:00-
- Tour starts at Motoise Tourist Information Center



Goddess of Safe Childbirth

Obara-jinja Shrine

The Obara-jinja Shrine has been respected since ancient times as the place dedicated for the goddess of safe childbirth and plentiful harvests. It is said that the Kuki family, who ran the Ayabe feudal domain during the Edo period (1603-1868), visited the shrine whenever someone in the family became pregnant. A lot of people still visit the shrine today wishing for safe childbirth and continued health of children. The shrine was originally founded in the year 852. The magnificent shrine pavilion we can see today was rebuilt in 1796.

[Address] Obara, Miwa-cho, Fukuchiyama City
[Inquiry] 0773-58-4324



Look at the curve in the shrine!
These dragons look alive!



Obara-no-Ubuya
(House for Childbirth in Obara)

A Ubuya is a house where Japanese women delivered children. This Ubuya is located on the riverside area in front of Obara-jinja Shrine. Women used to come and stay here for seven days to deliver children when they reached full term. This tradition continued until quite recently, about 100 years ago. The entrance of the house is facing Obara-jinja Shrine. It is said that because of the blessings of the goddess of safe childbirth, all children are delivered safely here.

Charms for Safe Childbirth
Koyasu-no-suna

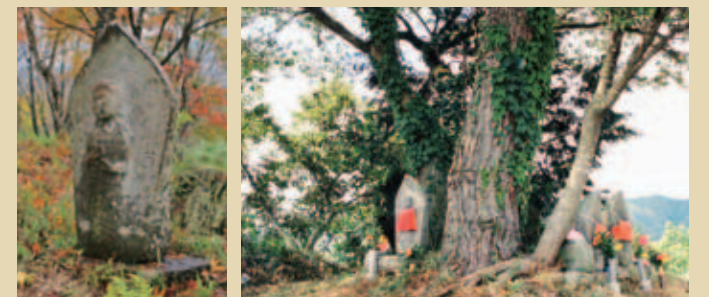
The sand from the earthen floor in Obara-no-Ubuya is called Koyasu-no-suna (the sand of easy childbirth). It is available at Obara-jinja Shrine as a good luck charm for safe childbirth.



Make a wish with every step

Pilgrimage to the 88 Stone Buddhas on Yakuno Plateau

The 88 stone images of the Buddha are located around the whole area of the Yakuno Plateau and Mt.Takara. The Buddha images were built during the Edo period (1603-1868) and modeled after the 88 sacred temples in the Shikoku area. Walking along the pilgrimage path resembles walking down the pathway of life...





Attractions

Sandanike Park

Inside the park there is a zoo, botanical gardens, science museum, gymnasium, tennis courts etc. You can enjoy various kinds of activities. The seasonal beauty of cherry blossoms and colored leaves are also worthwhile to see.



Fukuchiyama Zoo

In the zoo you can interact with various animals. The zoo mainly has small animals such as lesser pandas and lar gibbon. Enjoy a relaxing time with the animals.

[Address] 377-1 Izaki, Fukuchiyama City (Inside Sandanike Park)
[Hours] 9:00-17:00 (Enter before 16:30)
[Closed] Wednesdays (Thurs. if holiday falls on Wed.)
[Admission] Adult ¥200, 4 y.o.- Junior high students ¥100
[Inquiry] 0773-23-4497



Fukuchiyama Children's Science Museum

The museum provides an opportunity to learn science through hands-on learning methods. There is a science theater and a planetarium.

[Address] 377-1 Izaki, Fukuchiyama City (Inside Sandanike Park)
[Hours] 9:00-17:00 (Enter before 16:00)
[Closed] Wednesdays (Thurs. if holiday falls on Wed.)
[Admission] Adult ¥310, 4 y.o.-Junior high students ¥150
[Inquiry] 0773-23-6292

Experiences and Activities



Japanese paper making - Oe Washi (Japanese paper) Denshokan Museum

The traditional paper called Tango Futamata Washi is preserved in this museum. The Japanese paper was once produced a lot in this region. You can try making paper from locally grown Kozo trees. Experience the tradition of craftsmanship! Reservations are required for paper making workshops.

[Address] 1883 Futamata, Oe-cho, Fukuchiyama City
[Admission] Adult ¥200, High school students ¥150, Junior high and elementary students ¥100
Workshop fee: letter pad/small paper ¥800, large paper (certificate size) ¥1,000
[Hours] 10:00-16:00
[Closed] Open on Sat & Sun. plus national holidays
[Inquiry] 0773-56-2106



Lacquer Painting of Traditional Japanese Wood Products - Yakuno Tree and Lacquer Museum

"Tamba lacquer" has a history of some 1300 years. Yakuno is the only place in Kyoto prefecture that produces lacquer, and it has been an important specialty product of the region. You may feel like being a lacquer painter if you try their lacquer painting! Reservations are required for workshops.

[Address] 2199 Hirano, Yakuno-cho, Fukuchiyama City (Inside Noshino Sato Yakuno roadside station)
[Admission] Adult ¥320, Junior high school students and younger are Free (Workshop fee: ¥520 plus cost of material)
[Hours] 10:00-17:00
[Closed] Wednesdays (Thurs. if holiday falls on Wed.), Workshops are held on Wed & Thurs.
[Inquiry] 0773-38-9226



These are made of Tango Washi!



Onigawara making - Onigawara (Japanese gargoyle) workshop

You can try making Onigawara, or a Japanese roof gargoyle. In the workshop you will make one in a smaller size than that of the actual roof gargoyle, but using the same special clay used in making real Onigawara. Reservations are required for workshops.

[Address] 912-1 Busshoji, Oe-cho, Fukuchiyama City (Inside Mt.Oe Shuten Doiji no Sato)
[Admission] Workshop fee: ¥1,080- /tile
[Hours] 9:00-16:00
[Closed] Mondays (Tue. if holiday falls on Mon.) and the next day of a holiday
[Inquiry] 0773-56-0095

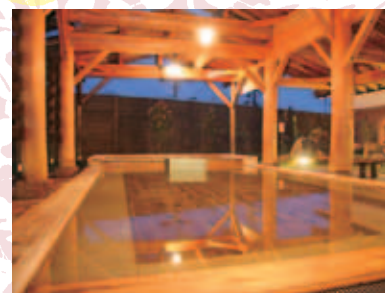


You can also make an Onigawara name plate!



Onsen - Hot springs

Refresh your body after a long day of exploring



Hotel Royal Hill Fukuchiyama & Spa "Fukusen Genyu"

[Address] 176 Koaza-Sawaiyama, Aza-Haze, Fukuchiyama City
[Admission] Adult ¥700, Child ¥350
[Hours] 6:30-10:00, 16:00-23:00
[Inquiry] 0773-27-5000



Fukuchiyama Onsen "Yoro no Yu"

[Address] 81-33 Koaza-yado, Aza-osada, Fukuchiyama City
[Admission] Adult ¥700, Elementary school students and younger ¥350, under 2 y.o. Free
[Hours] 10:00 - 23:00 (Enter before 22:30)
[Closed] Open every day
[Inquiry] 0773-27-6000



Yakuno Kogen Onsen "Hokkori Kan"

[Address] 2179 Hirano, Yakuno-cho, Fukuchiyama City (Inside Noshino Sato Yakuno roadside station)
[Admission] Adult ¥600, Junior high students and younger ¥300, under 3 y.o. Free
[Hours] 10:00 / 12:00 noon (on weekdays) -22:00 (Enter before 21:30)
[Closed] Wednesdays (Thurs. if holiday falls on Wed.)
[Inquiry] 0773-38-0001



Rice planting and harvesting - Tanada of Kewara

Tanada (Rice terrace) of Kewara in Oe-cho is selected as one of the Top 100 Tanadas in Japan. You can try rice planting in spring, and rice harvesting in autumn in this original landscape of Japan.

[Address] Kewara, Oe-cho, Fukuchiyama City
[Inquiry] 0773-56-1102 (Fukuchiyama Tourist Information, Oe branch)

Learn more about Fukuchiyama culture and history.



Okumo Museum

You can see a house built in the modern Japanese architectural style, which is a combination of Western and traditional Japanese architectural techniques. There is a restaurant that serves locally grown food. Appointment is required to look inside.

[Address] 1936 Kita-Ariji, Oe-cho, Fukuchiyama City
 [Admission] Adult ¥300
 [Hours] 9:00-17:00
 [Closed] Mondays (Tue. if holiday falls on Mon.)
 [Inquiry] 0773-57-0168



"Poppo Land" Fukuchiyama Railway Museum

Fukuchiyama has been an important point of railway transportation. The history of railway in Fukuchiyama and a diorama of the old Fukuchiyama railway station are exhibited in building 1, and a real steam train is exhibited in the building 2 of the museum.

[Address] 32 Shimoshin, Fukuchiyama City
 [Admission] Free
 [Hours] 10:00-17:30
 [Closed] Thursdays
 [Inquiry] 0773-23-5430



Ashida Hitoshi Museum

Fukuchiyama is the hometown of the 47th prime minister of Japan, Hitoshi Ashida, who led the country in the difficult time after the 2nd World War. His achievements are exhibited here, in this museum.

[Address] 36 Miya, Fukuchiyama City
 [Admission] Free
 [Hours] 9:00-17:00
 [Closed] Tuesdays (Wed. if holiday falls on Tue.)
 [Inquiry] 0773-27-9445



祭 Matsuri (Festivals)

Festivals are special days indeed in Fukuchiyama.



August

Dokkoise Matsuri (festival)

You can't talk about the summer in Fukuchiyama without "Fukuchiyama Odori", or the traditional local dance in Fukuchiyama. You will hear the chant, "Dokkoise", from anywhere in the town during the time of this festival. Around the middle of August you will see people, from young to old, men and women, dancing around.



April

Fukuchiyama Castle Festival

The festival is held around Fukuchiyama castle and Goryo-jinja Shrine. You can see the Mitsuhide Gyoretsu (a samurai procession), the parade of Fukuchiyama Odori (the traditional dance in Fukuchiyama) and more.



September

Motoise Hassaku Matsuri (festival)

This Matsuri originated in the ritual for rain at the Motoise Shrines. Today it is designated as one of the Traditional Festivals of Kyoto Pref. Yakko-dochu is a dynamic parade; people throw and pass the decorated special heavy spear (approximately 20kg) along the way. The festival is held on the 1st Sunday of September every year at both Motoise Naiku Kotai-jinja Shrine and Motoise Geku Toyouke-daijinja Shrine.



October

Nukata no Dashi Matsuri (festival)

This festival is held on the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of October every year in the Nukata region of Yakuno-cho. The unique "Tsukurimon" artworks are the decorated vegetables and plants expressing the scenes of folk stories, which are meant to bring a good harvest of crops. Another highlight of the festival is a parade with a 2-story structure Dashi (floats) of which the upper part rotates. This Matsuri is also designated as one of the Traditional Festivals of Kyoto Pref.



October

Mt. Oe Shuten Doji Matsuri (festival)

This Matsuri is an event related to Oni (Japanese ogre) at Oe-cho, where there are many legends of Oni. The parade of Oni and samurai warriors, local traditional performances related to Oni, Oni quizzes and others are held during the festival.



November

Fukuchiyama Marathon

Every year 10,000 participants run through the historic castle town developed by Akechi Mitsuhide, also along the grand Yuragawa River.

The Sweets in Fukuchiyama are so tasty!

Sweets

★Fukuchiyama's Tama-guri (Chestnuts) are used

★Fukuchiyama's Koshikari (Rice) is used

★Fukuchiyama's Tamba Da Inagon (Red Beans) are used

★Fukuchiyama's Kyo-Mizuna (Mustard Greens) are used

★Fukuchiyama's Panakoh is used

Travel on the Tango Kuromatsu train where you can enjoy the sweets inside the stylish train cars.

Do you know Fukuchiyama's specialty products?



Kyo-Mizuna(mustard greens), Murasakizukin(young black soy beans), Cucumber etc.



Green Tea in Fukuchiyama

This high-quality Japanese green tea is produced at the riverside area of Yuragawa.



Hoji Bamboo Shoots
 The excellent Hoji Bamboo Shoots are soft and mild, and their color is white.



Taste of Tamba - known as Tamba chestnuts, Tamba black soy beans, Tamba red beans



Why don't you try the local food in Fukuchiyama?

Usuyaki (Thin Okonomiyaki)



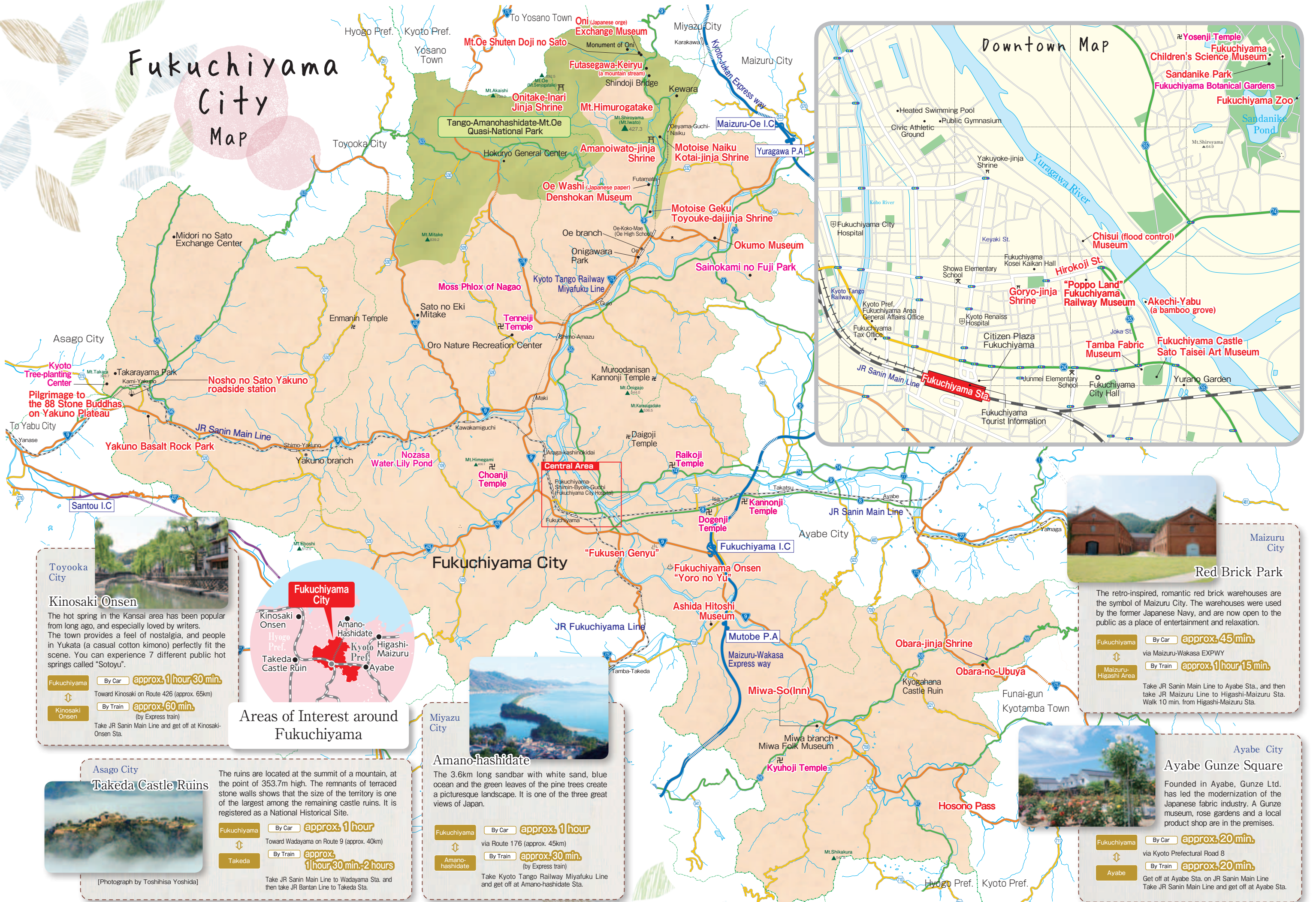
Fukuchiyama's Okonomiyaki, or Japanese salted pancakes, are thinner than those in other places. You can eat many because they are thin and light!

Gum Soba (A chewy fried noodle)



A firm and chewy brown noodle, uniquely called "Gum", or rubber.

Fukuchiyama City Map



Toyouka City

Kinosaki Onsen

The hot spring in the Kansai area has been popular from long ago, and especially loved by writers. The town provides a feel of nostalgia, and people in Yukata (a casual cotton kimono) perfectly fit the scene. You can experience 7 different public hot springs called "Sotoyu".

By Car approx. 1 hour 30 min.
Toward Kinosaki on Route 426 (approx. 65km)

By Train approx. 60 min.
(by Express train)
Take JR Sanin Main Line and get off at Kinosaki-Onsen Sta.

Areas of Interest around Fukuchiyama

Fukuchiyama City

Kinosaki Onsen, Amano-hashidate, Higashi-Maizuru, Ayabe, Takeda Castle Ruin

Asago City

Takeda Castle Ruins

The ruins are located at the summit of a mountain, at the point of 353.7m high. The remnants of terraced stone walls shows that the size of the territory is one of the largest among the remaining castle ruins. It is registered as a National Historical Site.

By Car approx. 1 hour
Toward Wadayama on Route 9 (approx. 40km)

By Train approx. 1 hour 30 min.-2 hours
(by Express train)
Take JR Sanin Main Line to Wadayama Sta. and then take JR Bantan Line to Takeda Sta.

[Photograph by Toshihisa Yoshida]

Miyazu City

Amano-hashidate

The 3.6km long sandbar with white sand, blue ocean and the green leaves of the pine trees create a picturesque landscape. It is one of the three great views of Japan.

By Car approx. 1 hour
via Route 176 (approx. 45km)

By Train approx. 30 min.
(by Express train)
Take Kyoto Tango Railway Miyafuku Line and get off at Amano-hashidate Sta.

Maizuru City

Red Brick Park

The retro-inspired, romantic red brick warehouses are the symbol of Maizuru City. The warehouses were used by the former Japanese Navy, and are now open to the public as a place of entertainment and relaxation.

By Car approx. 45 min.
via Maizuru-Wakasa EXPWY

By Train approx. 1 hour 15 min.
Take JR Sanin Main Line to Ayabe Sta., and then take JR Maizuru Line to Higashi-Maizuru Sta. Walk 10 min. from Higashi-Maizuru Sta.

Ayabe City

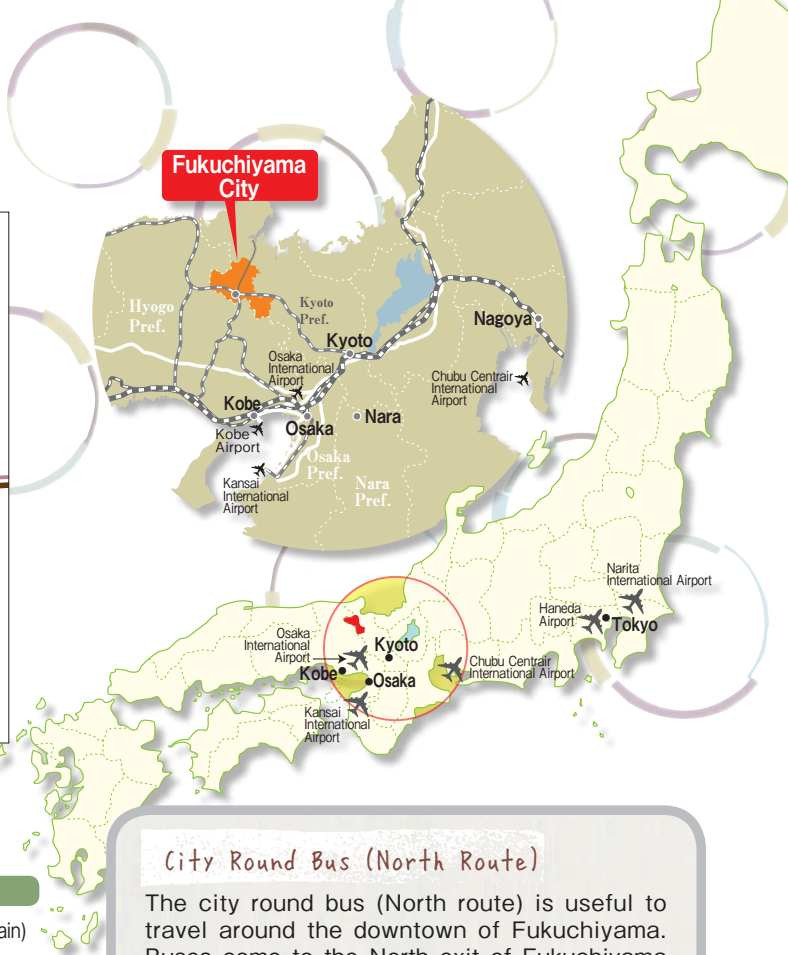
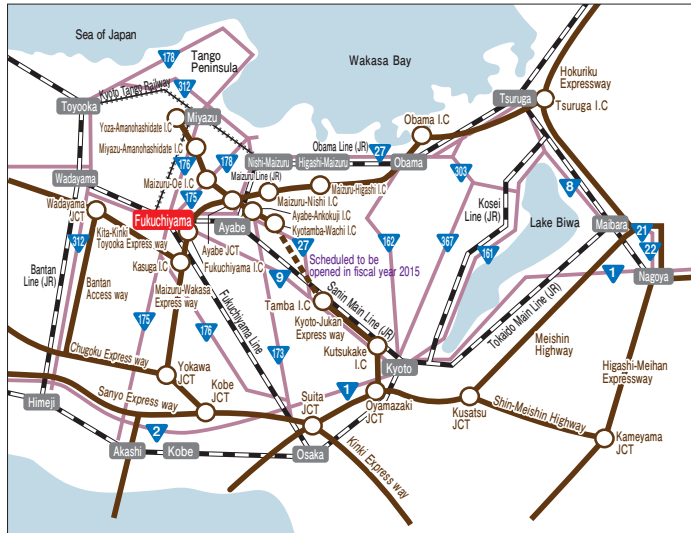
Ayabe Gunze Square

Founded in Ayabe, Gunze Ltd. has led the modernization of the Japanese fabric industry. A Gunze museum, rose gardens and a local product shop are in the premises.

By Car approx. 20 min.
via Kyoto Prefectural Road 8

By Train approx. 20 min.
Get off at Ayabe Sta. on JR Sanin Main Line Take JR Sanin Main Line and get off at Ayabe Sta.

ACCESS TO FUKUCHIYAMA



From Major Cities

By Car

- From Kyoto approx. 1 hour 45 min.
approx. 85km via Kyoto-Jukan EXPWY and Route 9
- From Osaka approx. 1 hour 30 min.
approx. 100km to Fukuchiyama I.C. via Chugoku EXPWY
- From Tsuruga approx. 1 hour 30 min.
approx. 110km via Maizuru-Wakasa EXPWY

By Train

- From Kyoto approx. 1 hour 15 min.
Take JR Sanin Main Line (Express train) and get off at Fukuchiyama Sta.
- From Osaka approx. 1 hour 30 min.
Take JR Fukuchiyama Line (Express train) and get off at Fukuchiyama Sta.

By Highway Bus

- From Osaka (Namba) **nonstop** approx. 1 hour 50 min.
- From Kobe (Sannomiya) **nonstop** approx. 1 hour 30 min.
- From Tokyo **nonstop** approx. 9 hour 30 min.

Transportation Contact Information

- **Railway** JR Fukuchiyama Station 0773-23-8632
Kyoto Tango Railway Fukuchiyama Station 0773-23-7115
- **Bus** Kyoto Kotsu 0773-22-6367
Tango Kairiku Kotsu 0772-42-0321
West Japan JR Bus 0771-86-1510
Kyoto Kotsu Highway Bus Reservation Center 0773-76-8800
- **Taxi** Nikko Taxi Fukuchiyama Office 0773-22-4111
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Fukufuku Taxi 0773-22-8822

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海の京都

The origins of Japanese culture, still present in the fields, mountains, and sea of Kyoto

Umi no Kyoto

(Discover your own Kyoto by the sea)

A unique culture has continued since the Jomon Period (some 10,000 years ago-). Another culture was introduced from the continent via the rough sea of the Sea of Japan. This is where the two cultures mixed, ancient civilizations blossomed and formed the settings of numerous myths and legends.

The Yuragawa River connects Kyoto and Osaka with the Sea of Japan. Fukuchiyama, with the port of Yuragawa River, once prospered as the center of trade and communication. Fukuchiyama is still an important junction for many people and goods, and is also the entrance of the North Kansai area today.

To start exploring the Kyoto by the sea, visit Fukuchiyama and find out the romantic *Umi no Kyoto*. Here, you can find the origins of Japanese culture.

Umi no Kyoto (Discover your own Kyoto by the sea)

www.uminokyoto.jp/

City Round Bus (North Route)

The city round bus (North route) is useful to travel around the downtown of Fukuchiyama. Buses come to the North exit of Fukuchiyama Sta. every 30 min.

One-day ticket: Adult ¥300, Child ¥150

Rent a Bicycle

You can also rent a bicycle at the following places.

- Fukuchiyama Tourist Information 0773-22-2228 ¥400/2h~
- Fukuchiyama Parking 0773-23-0266 ¥400/5h~