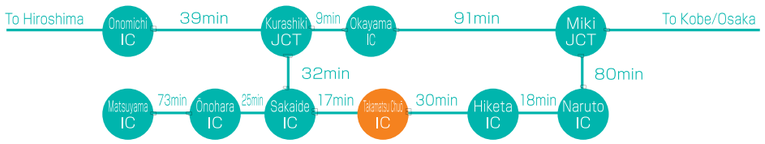
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Access to Takamatsu via Different Modes of Transportation

Time Required for Express & Toll Roads



JR·Bullet Train (Shinkansen) Access

Tokyo	Tokaido-Sanyo Bullet Train 3hrs 15m	Okayama	Seto-Ohashi Line (Rapid Train) 1hr	Takamatsu
Nagoya	Tokaido-Sanyo Bullet Train 1hr 40m			
Shin Osaka	Tokaido-Sanyo Bullet Train 45m			
Matsue	Hakubi Line 2hrs 30m			
Hakata	Kyushu-Sanyo Bullet Train 1hr 40m			

◆JR Shikoku Telephone Guidance Center
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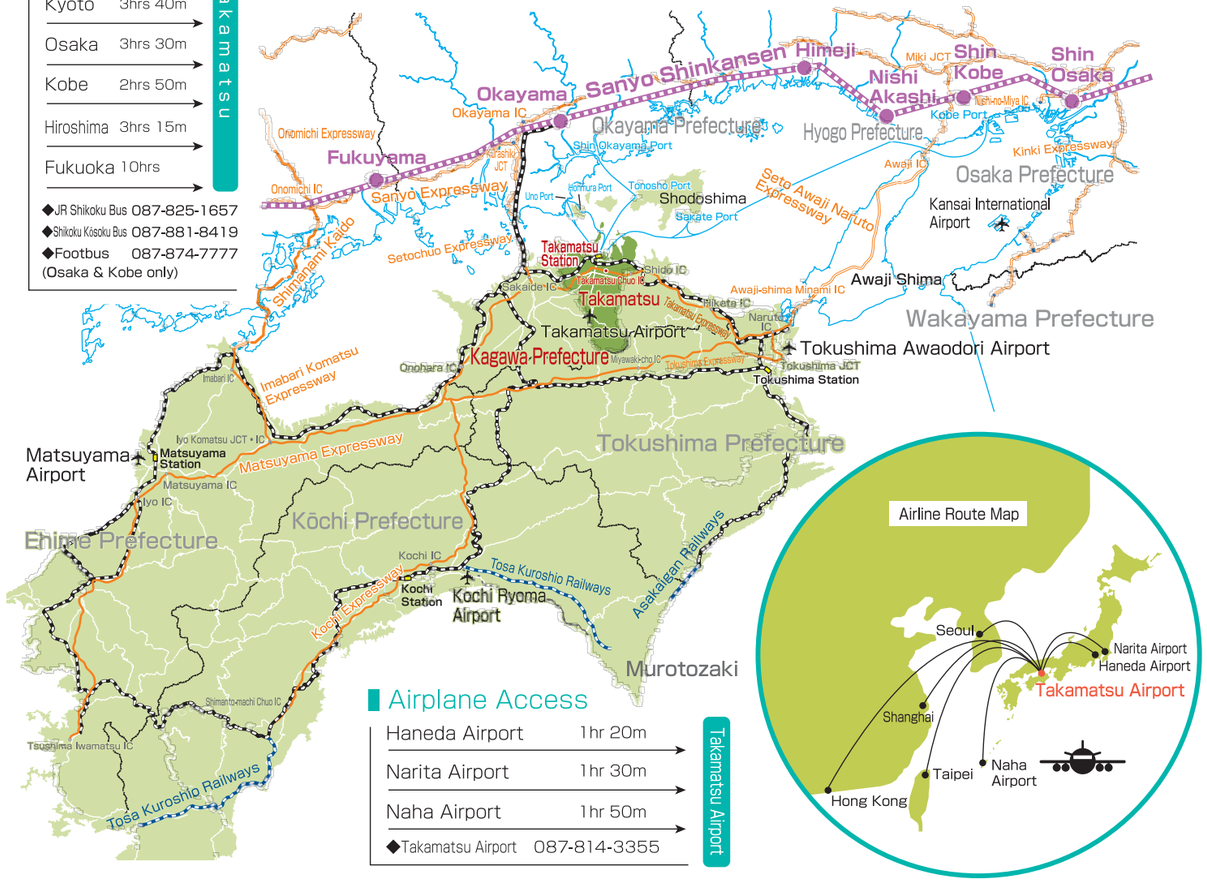
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Kobe	2hrs 50m	
Hiroshima	3hrs 15m	
Fukuoka	10hrs	

◆JR Shikoku Bus 087-825-1657
◆Shikoku Kosoku Bus 087-881-8419
◆Footbus 087-874-7777
(Osaka & Kobe only)

Ferry

Kobe	4hrs	◆Jumbo Ferry	087-811-6688	Takamatsu

◆ Expressway
◆ Shinkansen line
◆ JR line



Airplane Access

Haneda Airport	1hr 20m	Takamatsu Airport
Narita Airport	1hr 30m	
Naha Airport	1hr 50m	

◆Takamatsu Airport 087-814-3355

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◆Kagawa & Takamatsu Tourist Information 087-826-0170
◆Takamatsu Convention and Visitors Bureau 087-822-7060
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www.art-takamatsu.com Filled with useful information about Takamatsu!

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Enjoy the Energetic and Creative City

TAKAMATSU

Marine Capital of the Seto Inland Sea

Come♪ Look♪ Play♪
There's so much to enjoy♪



This is Takamatsu!

高松ってこんなところ!

Allow us to introduce the specialties of Takamatsu, Shikoku!

Understanding the heart of Kagawa: the City of Takamatsu.

Takamatsu faces the quiet waves of the Seto Inland Sea and its many beautiful islands. It is blessed with a mild climate that shifts only slightly in temperature throughout the year. In the city, there is the world famous Japanese garden known as Ritsurin Garden, the many people who visit Yashima, looking out on the Seto Inland Sea, find the experience soothing, and there is an abundance of art and shopping to be enjoyed from the port area to the shopping arcade at the city center. Everything can be found in a compact space.



Takamatsu, Kagawa Prefecture

Let us introduce some of the good things about Takamatsu!



Whether you prefer the standard style, self -serve, or a noodle-making shop, choose the type that suits you best!

※Standard Shop—your order is brought to you.
※Self-Serve Shop—after ordering, you collect your food and clean-up after eating.
※Noodle-Making Shop—you prepare the bowl and the chopsticks, the dashi and the soy sauce, yourself. Some places also have no seats.

Here is the real taste of Sanuki!

\ Sanuki Udon /

It is said that over a thousand years ago, Kukai (Kobo Daishi) brought udon back from China, and it spread from then on. There is fierce competition among well-established udon shops in the city for their unique dried-sardine broth and the firm texture of their noodles.



A Harmony of Nature and Life
The Grand Sights of the Seto Inland Sea



Craftsmanship

\ Takamatsu Bonsai /

Regarded as "Home of Bonsai", Takamatsu boasts 80% of the domestic market share of bonsai pine trees. In the western part of Takamatsu, in the area of Kinashi and Kokubunji, the large-scale cultivation of pine bonsai sprawls across the countryside. Overseas, particularly in European countries, popularity is high even among the youth, and bonsai enthusiasts have visited in search of "Takamatsu Bonsai."

\ Kagawa Lacquerware /



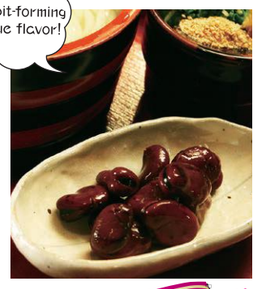
Kagawa lacquerware has been a basis of the development of the region's culture since the Matsudaira clan oversaw the Takamatsu domain in the Edo period, and is recommended for use in tea ceremonies, flower arranging, calligraphy, etc. The five techniques of kinma, zonsei, chou-shitsu, zoukoku-nuri, and gotou-nuri have been designated as national traditional crafts.

\ Stonework (Aji Stone) /



Aji Stone is known as one of Japan's three great granites At the foot of Mt. Goken located in the eastern part of Takamatsu are the towns of Mure and Aji where the stone is quarried. It is referred to as "diamond granite," and is highly valued. The stone allows for fine workmanship, and while it is still used in gravestones, statues, stone lanterns, and stone mortar, in recent years it has also been widely used in lighting equipment and other miscellaneous goods.

A habit-forming unique flavor!



\ Shoyu Mame /

These fava beans are fragrantly roasted using a horoku (unglazed tile), and soaked in a sauce made of soy sauce and sugar. In Kagawa prefecture, this has long been a regional cuisine made in each household. Chew lightly and enjoy the texture as they break apart in your mouth.

\ An-Mochi Zoni /

This is our o-zoni!



An-mochi zoni is an integral part of New Year's cuisine of Takamatsu. Using white miso, these rice cakes are made with bean paste in them. The white miso is made from the new rice harvested in the fall, and is not only found in an-mochi zoni but is abundantly used in local cuisine unique to Kagawa, such as scallions with special sauce and pickled Japanese Spanish mackerel.

\ Wasanbon /

Little lovely sweets!



The fundamental seasonings of Japan in Kagawa prefecture. During the E boasted a top market share. Wasanb time that has been passed down to sugarcane broth squeezed from sugar flavor reflective of Sanuki's peaceful cl than ordinary sugar, it has a refreshing ese cooking are all here do period, Sanuki sugar on is a vestige from that today. Made from the cane, Wasanbon has a imate. More mineral-rich and pleasing flavor.

Takamatsu's Four Seasons

春 Spring

March ◆End of Mar.~first part of Apr.
Cherry Blossom Viewing
Ritsurin Garden & Tamamo Park

April ◆First part of Apr.
Shionoe Sakura Festival

May ◆Early in May
Takamatsu Music Blue Festival



★Seaonal Eats: Sanuki-no-mezame Asparagus, Fava Beans, Japanese Spanish Mackerel

夏 Summer

June ◆Mid-June
Shionoe Firefly Festival

July ◆Start of Aug.~end of Sep.
Mure Gempei Ishiakari Road

August ◆Aug. 12~14
Sanuki Takamatsu Festival



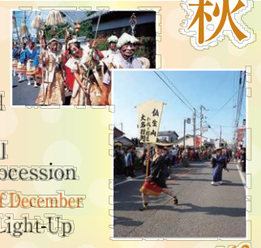
★Seasonal Eats: Shine Muscat, Madako (Octopus vulgaris), Conger-Eel

秋 Autumn

September ◆Second Sunday of September
Hyouge Festival

October ◆Early in October
Takamatsu Street Performance Festival
◆Mid-Oct., Sat & Sun
Takamatsu Fall Festival
Busshozan Daimyo's Procession

November ◆End of November ~ first part of December
Ritsurin Garden Autumn Light-Up



★Seasonal Eats: Figs, Persimmons, Sanuki Deubuku (Pufferfish)

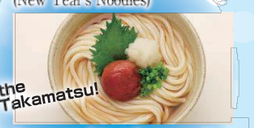
冬 Winter

December ◆All-Japan New Year's Udon Festival

January ◆January 1st, New Year's Day

February ◆End of January ~ first part of March
Ogijima Daffodil Walk

Toshiake Udon (New Year's Noodles)



This is it for the New Year in Takamatsu!

Compared to other noodles, udon is thick and long, which signifies good luck and longevity.

★Seasonal Eats: Obarabeniwase Oranges, Manba (leafy vegetable), Iidako (Octopus ocellatus), Sanuki Hime Strawberries, Olive Hamachi (Yellowtail)

Must See
Tourist Attractions!

Go sightseeing

Come!Look!Play!
Enjoy the recommended sightseeing spots of Takamatsu!


Ritsurin Garden (near South Pond)

1

Place of Scenic Beauty Ritsurin Garden

The garden spreads out at the foot of Mt. Shiun, and is proudly among the largest cultural heritage gardens of Japan. In the garden that was built over the course of more than 100 years by the former lord of Takamatsu of the Matsudaira clan, there are 6 ponds and 13 artificial hills that have been skillfully positioned, and the ever-changing, rich beauty of the garden is referred to as "Ippo Ikkei" (one step, one view). At Ritsurin's South Pond, you can enjoy the elegant boat ride of a feudal lord.


Tsukimi Yagura, Mizute Gomon Gate ,
& Watari Yagura (Important Cultural Properties)

2

Takamatsu Castle Ruins Historic Site Tamomo Park

The park was built on the former grounds of Takamatsu Castle, one of Japan's three great seaside castles. The park was given the name Tamomo Park because Tamomo Castle is an old nickname for Takamatsu Castle. Seawater has been drawn into the original moat, and the feeding of red sea bream and boating can be enjoyed. Additionally, the park is full of attractions such as a collection of national cultural assets Including towers (yagura) and the Hunkaku.



3

Setonaikai National Park Historic Site Natural Monument Yashima

With its unique shape composed of a lava plateau, this has become one of the landmarks of Takamatsu. From Yashima you can look out on the islands floating in the Seto Inland Sea and Takamatsu City, and it was the first designated national park in Japan. A variety of interesting spots are scattered throughout, include the historic battlefield where the Gempei War was fought and the 84th temple of the 88 temples in the Shikoku Pilgrimage, Yashima-ji.


Gyoki no Yu (Gyoki's Hot Spring)

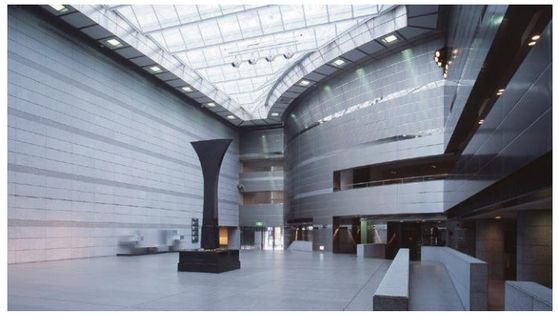
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Shionoe Onsen

Around 1300 years ago, this area was discovered by a distinguished priest named Gyoki. Kukai spread word of the location to others, and it is one of only 2 "People's Recreation Spas" in Shikoku, as designated by the Ministry of the Environment. This historic hot spring village surrounded by nature is dotted with a traditional Japanese inn, hotel, art museum, and so on, for you to enjoy and feel refreshed.

Top
Spots!

Go sightseeing





1

Takamatsu Art Museum

The museum is adjacent to Takamatsu's central shopping street, and located within walking distance of JR Takamatsu Station and the Kotoden Kawaramachi Station. The museum's collection is ever-expanding and includes "Contemporary Art in Postwar Japan", "World Art in the 20th Century and Beyond", and "Arts of Kagawa".



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Shikoku Mura

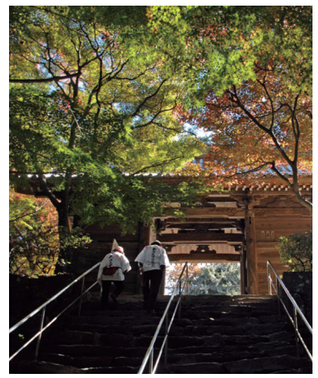
This is an open-air museum where you can walk and view old homes relocated here from all over Shikoku. With iconic views such as the cherry blossoms in spring, the changing of the leaves in fall…you can be surrounded by the flowers and nature of each season, and experience the lives of Shikoku's ancestors, rich with wisdom and ingenuity. In the village, an exhibition space designed by Tadao Ando, "Shikoku Mura Gallery," is also popular.



3

The Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum Japan

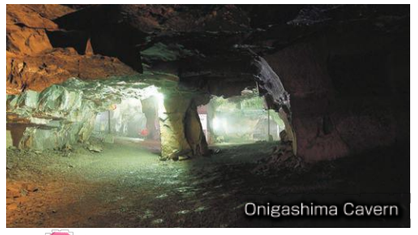
The studio of sculptor Isamu Noguchi is now open to the public as a museum. The atmosphere is just as Noguchi left it, with his home and garden and over 150 sculptures, including some left unfinished, along with various exhibits.
※ Reservations for tours need to be made in advance of admission.



6

The Shikoku Henro Pilgrimage

The hallowed grounds of the 88 temples in Shikoku are associated with Kukai (Kobo Daishi), and taking pilgrimage to these temples visited by him is known as the "Shikoku Pilgrimage" (Shikoku Henro)." In Takamatsu there are 5 temples—Kokubun-ji, Negoro-ji, Ichinomiya-ji, Yashima-ji, Yakuri-ji—that you can visit on foot or get to using public transportation. In April of 2015 it was certified as a part of Japan Heritage, and was assessed as a representative of Japanese pilgrimage culture.


Onigashima Cavern

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Megijima (Onigashima)

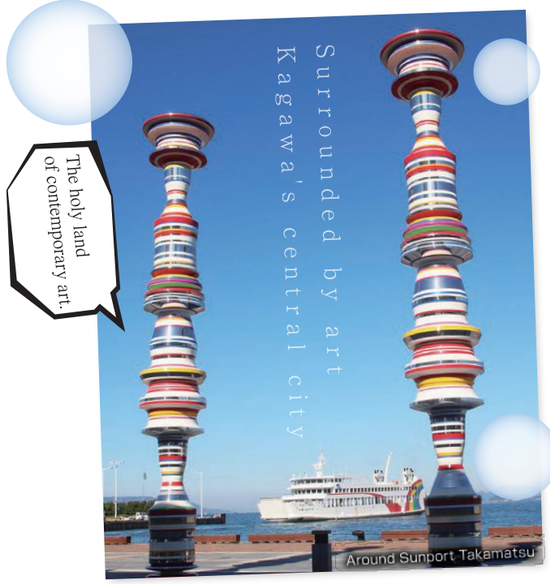
Megijima is located about 20 minutes by ferry from the Takamatsu Port. There are many things to see, from the legendary Onigashima cavern of ogres to the observation platform on Washigamine Summit where you can take in a 360 degree panoramic view of the Seto Inland Sea.


Ogijima's Daffodils & Lighthouse

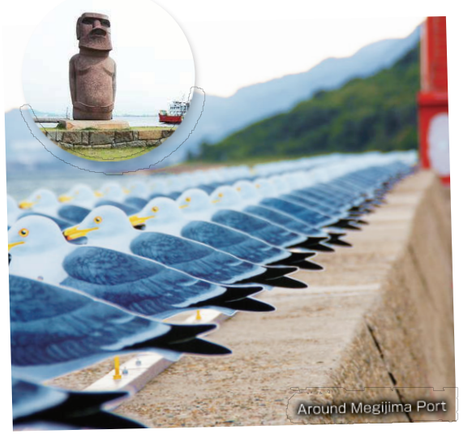
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Ogijima

Ogijima is located about 40 minutes from the Takamatsu Port by ferry. The Ogijima lighthouse (made of rare granite from Aji) and the 11 million daffodils that bloom in the township in late January to early March are famous throughout Japan.



The holy land of contemporary art
Around Sunport Takamatsu


Around Megijima Port

CITY OF ARTS

The Cities of Seto are Woven with Art

TAKAMATSU

Takamatsu is proud of its works of arts that not only people from Japan but from all over the world come to see, and see again, each year.

CONTEMPORARY ART


Ogijima Exchange Center


Kagawa Prefectural Office East Building


Takamatsu Airport

The Setouchi Triennale
(The Setouchi International Art Festival)

Held on the Islands of the Seto Inland Sea Once Every 3 Years Check out the festival

The art downtown makes Takamatsu a charming place. If you take a walk, you will find the works by great artists, such as Isamu Noguchi and Kenzō Tange, as well as artworks from the international contemporary art festival, the 'Setouchi Triennale,' offering photo opportunities around town.And on Megijima & Ogijima, thanks to the Setouchi Triennale, a number of new art locations of Takamatsu have sprung up that incorporate contemporary art while maintaing the history and beauty of the islands. Takamatsu is alive with contemporary art and the works of famous artists that has caught the attention of tourists who visit from all over the world.


Photography Location: Ritsurin Garden Model: Nao Osato

There's a bonsai fairy in Takamatsu.

The City of Takamatsu is the largest producer of pine bonsai trees in Japan.



Our 3 Recommended Routes for Tourists

★Here are 3 ways to enjoy the great places Takamatsu has to offer!

A　Become fluent in "Takamatsu" by visiting its famous locations!　◆Model Course Duration: 7hrs

This course lets you fill up on Takamatsu's attractions. The popular sightseeing destinations are gathered tightly around the port. Relax in the port city setting of Sunport,and experience the grandeur of the former ruling Matsudaira clan through Tamomo Park and Ritsuring Garden. You can also stroll the streets of Busshozan where buildings remain from the Edo period.

JR Takamatsu Station → 3min → Sunport Takamatsu Walk 60min → 3min → Tamamo Garden 60min → 15min → Takamatsu Central Shopping Street 60min → 20min (5min) → Ritsurin Garden 60min → 10min → Kotoden Ritsurin Koen Station → Kotoden → 10min → Kotoden Busshozan Station → 20min (Historic Road) → Hōrenji Temple 60min → 20min (Historic Road) → Kotoden Busshozan Station → Kotoden → 20min → Kotoden Takamatsu-Chuo Station

B　Experience firsthand the nature, culture, and history of Takamatsu...　◆Model Course Duration: 6hrs 30min

This course follows the certified Shikoku Scenic Byway, the "Gempei Roman Kaido." You will get to experience eastern Takamatsu, including the nature, history, and culture of Yashima, Mure, and Aji. You can tour a famous movie location, and the course is also suitable as a drive. Midway, you will stop by "Mure Gempei Ishiakari Road," and during a special part of the summer you can also enjoy a light-up event with illuminated stonework.

JR Takamatsu Station → 25min → JR Yashima Station → 20min → Yashima Mountaintop 120min → 20min → Kotoden Yashima Station → 5min → Kotoden Yakuri Station → Mure Gempei Ishiakari Road (Iochibata~Komadateiwa) 60min → Kotoden Bus Irori Ike Yoshi Kaerae → 10min → Kotoden Bus Aji Nokyo-mae → 3min → Junai-no-Seichi Aji Tourism and Exchange Center 30min → 5min → Ou-no-Shita Oki Breakwater 30min → 5min → Kotoden Bus Aji Gyokyo-mae → 50min → JR Takamatsu Station

C　A trip to see the art that unites the sea and the city...　◆Model Course Duration: 8hrs

As venues for the Setouchi Triennale, Megijima and Ogijima have been attracting attention from all over the country as new art spots. This course allows you to enjoy exciting new art while interacting with the life and culture of the islands that has existed for a long time and to experience the artwork in the city all on the same day.

JR Takamatsu Station → 5min → Takamatsu Port → 40min → Ogijima 140 min → 20min → Megijima 120 min → 20min → Takamatsu Port → 15min → Takamatsu Art Museum 60 min → 5min → Takamatsu Chuo Park 15 min → 5min → Kagawa Prefectural Office 15 min → 20min → JR Takamatsu Station



Main sightseeing spots from Takamatsu



Shimanami Kaido (Imabari) 2hrs by car

Dogo Onsen 3hrs by car



Katsurahama 2hrs by car

Great Seto Bridge 45min by car

Kompira Shrine 1hr by car

Akashi Kaikyo Bridge 2hrs by car



Shodoshima 1hr by ferry

Whirlpools of Naruto 1hr by car



Naoshima 1hr by ferry

Iya Valley 2hrs by car

