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Shiga Prefecture is located roughly in the center of Japan. Shiga has the largest lake in Japan, Lake Biwa, and the lakeside has varied landscapes, in which scenes change with time and season. Among the various enjoyable trip styles, surely, you can find the trip that fits you perfectly.



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### The largest lake in Japan,

#### 1 Lake Biwa

Lake Biwa is the largest lake in Japan, with an area of approximately 670 km<sup>2</sup>, enough to fit Awaji Island. It accounts for 17% of the area of Shiga Prefecture.

#### How to enjoy Lake Biwa

The perimeter of Lake Biwa is about 235 km, corresponding approximately to the distance between Otsu City in Shiga Prefecture and Hamamatsu City in Shizuoka Prefecture (the distance between Washington D.C. and Philadelphia).

Lake Biwa is divided into the Eastern-Lake, Western-Lake, Southern-Lake and Northern-Lake areas, which have varied landscapes. You can enjoy a unique tour of Shiga by making a circuit of the lake by bicycle, car or train.

#### Lake Biwa cruise

Several tour-boat routes are available to enjoy views of Lake Biwa. In addition to the Lake Biwa Cruise based in Otsu Port, there are also the cruise from Hikone Port, Nagahama Port and Imazu Port which allows tourists to visit sights on historical Chikubu Island and the cruise from Hikone Port which allows the views of Takeshima Island. Seasonal changes in the scenery which you can enjoy from a ship are part of the appeal of traveling around Lake Biwa.

# The first of Shiga was found. 1



### The longest cable car line in Japan

#### 2 Sakamoto Cable Car

This cable-car system was opened in 1927, and currently has total trackage of 2,025 m. Riding the whole line which rises 480 meters in altitude between Sakamoto Cable Station, located the foot of the mountain, and Enryakuji Cable Station takes 11 min. The large windows of the European-style cable cars have views of Lake Biwa.

### The first-constructed castle keep in Japan

#### 4 Azuchi Castle Ruins

It is said that Azuchi Castle, constructed by the order of Oda Nobunaga, was a luxurious castle with a 5-roof and 7-floor keep tower. After the Honnouji Incident, this castle was burned down, so that only the stone walls remain in the ruins. The latest study shows that this castle was the first high-rise wooden building in Japan. Abundant historical data regarding Oda Nobunaga and Azuchi Castle is housed in Shiga Prefectural Azuchi Castle Archaeological Museum located in the corner of the Omi Fudoki-no-Oka Museum near Azuchi Castle. In addition, the original-scale replica of the 5th and 6th floors of the Azuchi Castle keep tower that was displayed at Seville Expo '92 is now displayed in the Nobunaga Museum.

### First-designated as a national important cultural landscape

#### 5 Omihachiman Water Channels

The water channel leading to the City of Omihachiman from the Lake Nishinoko has been closely connected to the lives of people of this region since the Sengoku period (around 1470). Based on the idea that the reed industry and landscape created in coexistence with the small Naiko should be maintained as a cultural property, Lake Nishinoko, the Chomeiji River, Hachiman Canal and the neighboring village were designated by the Japanese Government as the first national important cultural landscape in 2006.



### The world's deepest snow

#### 3 Mt. Ibuki

The snow record of 11.82 m, measured on Feb. 14, 1927, is recognized as the world's deepest snow in the recorded history of mountain meteorology. This mountain is the highest mountain of Shiga Prefecture (at an elevation of 1377 meters) and is a historical mountain described in the Kojiki (Record of Ancient Matters). Further, it was a holy site of mountain Buddhism in the Nara period (710-794). It is said that Oda Nobunaga directed a Portuguese missionary to open an herb garden on the slopes of Mt. Ibuki.

### DOUTAKUKUN

Birthplace Yasu City  
Date of birth 1988  
Job Public relations of "Dotaku Museum", opened in 1988 in Yasu City, where the largest bronze bell in Japan was excavated.  
Special skills Muscle training  
Hobby Curious about everything and adores kids.  
Favorite saying is "Oide Yasu (Come on, to Yasu)"



Here is another No. 1!

### The largest bronze bell in Japan

#### The smallest bronze bell in Japan



Shiga Pref. has the largest number of excavated bronze bells, bronzeware articles of the Yayoi period (500 BC to 300 AD). One of the bells excavated in Yasu City is 134.7 cu ft tall, which makes it the tallest bronze bell in Japan. Meanwhile, a small bronze bell of 3.3 cu ft that was excavated in Ritto City is the smallest bronze bell in Japan. Dotaku Museum in Yasu City displays bronze bells in detail and allows visitors to actually touch replicas of bronze bells.

# Best date spots to be visited by 2 people



**OUMIN**  
 Birthplace: Mt. Mkami  
 Date of birth: Feb. 1, 1997  
 Job: Acting as a communication bridge between the local community and JA Public relations of "Omi Fuji" regional goodies  
 Special skills: Pest control, OUMIN smile  
 Favorite food: Steamed rice and local specialties  
 Places where you can meet OUMIN: "JA Festival" that is held in Nov. every year, and farmer's market "OUMINCHI" at which OUMIN appears irregularly, JA-sponsored campaigns and Shiga Prefecture's agricultural product campaigns

# Legends of the lake and cultural properties associated with number 3 were found!

## Sazanami Road

On the Karasuma Peninsula protruding into Lake Biwa in the northern area of Kusatsu City, the landscape of reed plains, said to be an original landscape of Lake Biwa, is maintained. Bicycle rentals are available on the Karasuma Peninsula, allowing a couple to bike slowly while feeling the wind from Lake Biwa.

## Daiichi Nagisa Park (Moriyama City)

A scenic park near Biwako Ohashi Bridge. Fields are carpeted with sunflowers in summer, and in winter visitors enjoy seeing early rape blossoms contrast with grand mountain scenery with snowcapped summits.

## Sagawa Art Museum

This museum houses artistic productions of representative artists of Japan, such as Japanese-style painter Ikuo Hirayama, carver Churyo Sato; and the 15th Rakukichizaemon, a ceramist.

## Lake Biwa Museum

This is Japan's largest museum on the theme of "Lake and people". It displays the history of Lake Biwa and people's way of life around the lake, as well as freshwater organisms in Lake Biwa and around the world.

## Mizunomori garden (Susei Shokubutsu Koen Mizu no Mori)

A water botanical garden with a view of Lake Biwa in three directions, which makes visitors feel liberated. The theme of the garden is "Plants and people, and interactions between people and water". Visitors can enjoy the museum through the four seasons.

## Michi-no-Eki (rest station) "Kusatsu"

This is a casual, enjoyable station. The observatory is a good spot to view the Karasuma Peninsula, Lake Biwa and the mountains on the other side of the lake.

## Oku-Biwako

**Avenue of Metasequoia in Makino**  
 Five hundred Metasequoia trees stand alongside the 2.4 km-long road passing through fruit gardens in Makino Pic-land.

## Kaizuosaki

The landscape, with views of the steep mountains reflected on the surface of the lake, varies seasonally and is one of scenic wonderlands of Lake Biwa. Cherry trees in full bloom are particularly worth seeing.

## Oku-Biwako Parkway

The observatory at Tsuruzaki offers a spectacular view of Lake Biwa and Chikubu Island. Four-thousand cherry trees bloom in spring, and it is also a good spot for viewing autumn leaves.

## Kohoku Wild Bird Center

This center is located at the corner of Kohoku Waterfowl Park, which allows visitors to enjoy seasonal bird-watching using provided field scopes and binoculars.

## Satoyama and terraced-field agriculture

In Shiga Prefecture, surrounded on all four sides by mountains, the culture of coexisting with rich nature has been cultivated. The landscape of the lifestyle-oriented Satoyama is maintained and organized by local residents, who plan to conduct programs with natural themes such as charcoal burning and mushroom-picking, by making the best use of Satoyama's natural resources in each area. Japanese architectural scenes, such as terraced fields in Takashima City, are maintained all over Shiga Prefecture.

## Hidden places to be visited by 2 people

### - From "Kakurezato (Hidden place)" written by Shirasu Masako -

Shirasu Masako, an essayist (1910-1998), loved the climate and natural beauty of Shiga Prefecture, its harmony with nature and its traditions. She often visited Shiga and introduced it in her essays. In the travel essay Kakurezato (Hidden place) (a Kodansha Bungei paperback book) mainly about touring the Kinki District, eight stories in lyrical writing describe the lifestyle of the lakeside off-street areas, such as Ishidouji Temple and Ishibaji Temple which have been maintained and passed down continuously by village people.

### A Stone-construction culture in Kinugasayama area

In the Kinugasayama area between Azuchi-cho and Higashiomi City, there are many stone temples and shrines such as Oiso Shrine, Ishibaji Temple and Ishidouji Temple.

### Buddhist relief sculpture in Komasa ruined temple

There are 12 carved Buddhist statues around the Tathaga Triratna (3 m high) carved on the granite cliff of Mt. Konze.

## Nature Spots

### A Shiga Agricultural Park "Blumen Hugel Farm"

An agricultural-village tourist spot modeled on Bayern in the Middle Ages, which is filled with flowers in full bloom. Visitors can touch with animals such as cows, horses and goats.

### B Biwako Valley

A vast leisure and sports ground surrounded by the Mt. Hira range, Mt. Hourai and Mt. Uchimi, which is one of the leading ski resorts in the Kansai District in winter. Biwako Valley can be enjoyed by hiking, observing wild plant and field athletics from spring through autumn.

### Matchuaking



### Taga Shrine 4

Izanagi no Mikoto (a mythical male deity) and Izanami no Mikoto (a mythical female deity) are enshrined here. The history as the shrine is enough old to be written in Kojiki Records of Ancient Matters and is nationally-known as a shrine for matchuaking, longevity and well-being and safety. This shrine is commonly known as "Otogasan".



## One of the major "robe of feathers" legends Robe of Feathers Legend in Lake Yogo

There are many legends about the Robe of Feathers Legend around Lake Yogo. One legend has it that the robe of an angel who was bathing herself in Lake Yogo was hidden by a man called Kirihata Dayu. The angel married him and had a child. However, it is said that she found her robe and went back to heaven. The "Kinukake willow", over which she hung the robe while bathing, according to legends passed down, remains on the lakeside of Lake Yogo.

## One of 3 major Benzaitens (Goddesses of Music) in Japan Benzaiten of Hogenji Temple 1

The Benzaiten of Hogenji Temple on Chikubu Island is considered to be one of 3 major Benzaitens in Japan. The others are those of Itsukushima Shrine (Hiroshima) and Enoshima (Kanagawa). It is said that Priest Gyoki, who received the Imperial ordinance of Emperor Shomu, initially constructed it in the Nara period where Kobo Daishi also performed ascetic practices. Since the Middle Ages, this place has been visited by many worshippers as one of the Thirty-three Sacred Kannon Temples of Western Japan and the Benzaiten has been continuously worshipped.



## One of 3 major Ksitigarbhas Kinomoto jizo-in Temple (Joshinji Temple) 3

This Ksitigarbha originated from a story in which Priest Soren of the Nara period enshrined a Buddha statue that reached to Osaka Bay as a principal body. The huge 6m-high Ksitigarbha located in the precinct is a replica of the treasured Ksitigarbha. Legend has it that a frog that lived in this garden served the Ksitigarbha and blinded one of its own eyes to sacrifice itself for people. It is worshipped by many people as a god for healing eye trouble.

## Koto Sanzan (3 Eastern-Lake temples)

Common term for 3 old Tendai Buddhist temples located on the Suzuka mountain range. They are known as good spots for viewing autumn leaves.



1 Saimyoji Temple 2 Kongorinji Temple 3 Hyakusaiji Temple

## Konan Sanzan (3 Southern-Lake temples)

Common term for 3 old Tendai Buddhist temples that are in Konan City.



4 Jorakuji Temple (Nishidera) 5 Chojuji Temple (Higashidera) 6 Zensuiji Temple

## Thirty-three Sacred Kannon Temples of Western Japan

Common term for 33 holy grounds that dot the 6 prefectures of the Kinki region and Gifu Prefecture. The pilgrimage of these temples as amulet-offering points is said to be the oldest in Japan. There are 6 amulet-offering points within this prefecture.

- The 12th Shohoji Temple (Iwamadera) 12 札所
- The 13th Ishiyamadera Temple 13 札所
- The 14th Onjoji Temple (Miedera) 14 札所
- The 30th Hogenji Temple 30 札所
- The 31st Chomeiji Temple 31 札所
- The 32nd Kannonshoji Temple 32 札所

# 400 years since the Edo period

During the Warring States Period (1467 to 1615) when it is said that "one who can rule Omi (former Shiga Prefecture) can rule the whole country", Omi was frequently war-torn. After that, Tokugawa Ieyasu established the Edo Shogunate and brought a time of peace. The Five Highways radiating from the Edo Nihonbashi bridge were improved. Among them, the Tokaido and Nakasendo roads were the most important for connecting Edo and Kyoto. Both of those roads go to Kyoto via Omi. Thus, a long culture has been fostered in Omi as a transportation crossroads.



**YOEMON-KUN**  
 Birthplace Takashima City  
 Age 9 years old  
 Job Public relations for recognition activities of Nakae Toju, called the "Saint of Omi"  
 Special skills Striving at the time. Propagating a sense of caring about everything.

## 2 Nakae Toju

Nakae Toju (1608-1648), a Confucianist in the early Edo period, built up the foundation of the Japanese doctrines of Yomeigaku. Because there was an old wisteria tree (Toju) at his house, he was called "Toju Sensei (Master)" and praised as the "Saint of Omi" after his death. In the Nakae Toju Memorial Museum located in Takashima City (his birthplace), his history can be tracked. In the Toju Shoin/Ryochi Museum, visitors can come in contact with his teachings and rest.



◀ Saint of Omi, Nakae Toju Memorial Museum

## Nakasendo road

One of the Five Highways improved in the Edo period, the Nakasendo road goes from the Edo Nihonbashi bridge to Kyoto via Omi through the Northern Kanto District and Chubu District. Sixty-nine major points along the road were developed into post-station towns. Also in Omi, there were Kashiwabara, Samegai, Barba, Torimoto, Takamiya, Echigawa, Musa and Moriyama along the Nakasendo road, and Kusatsu and Otsu after merging with the Tokaido road (10 post-station towns in total),



which have remained unchanged since olden times. Further, in Echigawa station, there is a unique artifact: "Bottle-work temari ball", in which an embroidered silk temari ball has been put in a glass bottle.

◀ Echigawa Bottle-Work Temari Ball Museum (Aisho Town)



◀ Nakasendo Kashiwabara-juku (Mabara City)

▼ Townscape of Omi merchants (Gokasho Kondo-cho, Higashiomi City)

## TABIMARU

Birthplace Kusatsu City  
 Date of birth August 24, 2001  
 Job Public relations of Kusatsu post-station and Kusatsu City  
 Special skills Making friends with many people.  
 Favorite thing Trips and Ubaga-mochi (rice cake)  
 Place where you can meet TABIMARU Kusatsu City sight-seeing event places



## Tokaido road

Tokaido, which was developed as an important road connecting Edo to Kyoto, passes from Ise into Omi, reaching Kyoto. Along the road, post-station towns called the "Fifty-three stages of Tokaido" were developed, and tourists enjoyed the unique local hospitality at each place. There are 5 post station towns in Omi: Tsuchiyama, Minakuchi, Ishibe, Kusatsu and Otsu. Among them, the 52nd post station Kusatsu, was crowded with many tourists, as this is the parting of the Tokaido and Nakasendo roads. The streets, lined with old houses like in the past, and the signposts are still maintained and the officially-appointed inn at which famous historical people such as Princess Kazunomiya, Siebold and Hijikata Toshizo stayed is designated as a national historic site. In the "Communicative Museum of Kusatsu Post-town and Ancient Highway", various aspects of the road and post station in the past are introduced. Further, at the "Tour experience corner" on the 2nd floor, visitors can experience the trip in the Edo period by trying a raincoat and leggings for a tour, and by carrying a palanquin.



▲ Pine trees along the old Tokaido road (Koka City)



## ISHIBEDON

Birthplace Ishibe-juku Tokaido, Konan City  
 Date of birth July 1993  
 Job Public relations of Ishibe-juku  
 Favorite food Grilled tofu and "nimeshi" (rice mixed with boiled greens)  
 Hobby Trip  
 Places where you can meet ISHIBEDON The "Konan City Tokaido road Ishibe-juku Festival" that is held in Oct. every year, and events in Konan City



▲ Communicative Museum of Kusatsu Post-town and Ancient Highway (Kusatsu City)

## 1 Hikone Castle

Hikone Castle was constructed on Tokugawa Ieyasu Shogun's orders as the II family's castle. This castle escaped the castle-removal policy of the Meiji period and retains the majestic style of 400 years ago. The 3-roof and 3-floor elegant keep tower is listed as one of the Great Four National Treasure Castles. It has views of the castle town in Hikone City and Lake Biwa from the top floor. This castle, which still presents a historic landscape such as a tower, stone walls and moats, continues to attract visitors seasonally.



## HIKONYAN

Birthplace Hikone Castle  
 Date of birth April 13, 2006  
 Job Public relations of Hikone City and "I Naosuke and Post-Opening 150 Year Festival"  
 Hobby Strolling around Hikone Castle  
 Places where you can meet HIKONYAN Plaza in front of the keep tower of Hikone Castle, Hikone Castle Museum and various events

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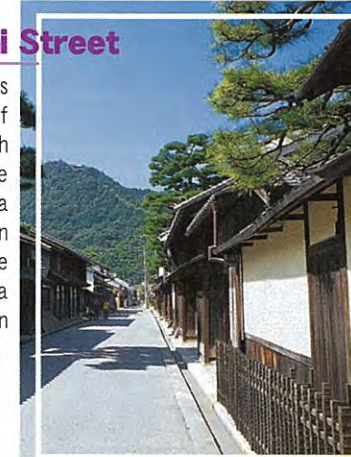
## Introduction of 5 great men related to Nagahama City Nagahama Five wise men museum

The great achievements of 5 forefathers of the Tane District of Nagahama City are introduced through exhibits and videos. The southern area is provided with the Enshu-style garden.

- So-o Kasho (831-918) Founder of Mt. Hiei's thousand day mountain training
- Kobori Enshu (1579-1647) A feudal lord in the early Edo period who was an all-around artist
- Kaiho Yusho (1533-1615) A painter in the Azuchi-Momoyama period who drew many pictures at Jyurakudai.
- Ono Kozan (1814-1910) One of three major poets in the Meiji period
- Katagiri Katsumoto (1556-1615) One of the Seven Spears of Shizugatake, he was a main feudal warlord of Hideyoshi's government

## Townscape of Omihachiman City Shinmachi Street

The townscape with many old-style merchant families was first designated as an Important Preservation District of Groups of Historic Buildings in Shiga Pref. The houses which were constructed between the late Edo period and the Meiji period were provided with a "Truss Post" serving as a fire-resisting wall on the roof and "Mkoshino Pine" that can be seen over the fence, making the street attractive. The former house (an important cultural property) of Nishikawa Riemon, one of the leading merchants in the town dealing in mosquito nets and tatami straw mats, is open to the public.



▲ Townscape of Omi merchants (Shinmachi Street in Omihachiman City)

## Townscape of Gokasho Kondo (Higashiomi City) House of Shigeru Tonomura

In the Gokasho Kondo district, located in the center of the town, the houses of many old merchant families can be seen. The houses standing in a row have warehouses surrounded by clapboard and white walls, and elegant gardens. The house where the writer Shigeru Tonomura was born was constructed in the late Edo period and the parlor where he wrote novels is open to the public.



## Ito Chubei Memorial House

Ito Chubei was the founder of two leading trading companies, Itochu Corporation and Marubeni Corporation. The house where he lived is open to the public as a memorial hall. The old house (the present memorial hall) of Ito Chubei, facing the old Nakasendo road, stands behind a boarded fence and a pine tree seen over the fence called "Mikoshino Pine and Black Fence".



▲ Ito Chubei Memorial House (Toyosato Town)

# Let's go 5 to the birthplace of Omi merchants!

Townscape recalling the flavor of the houses of Omi merchants



## Townscape of Hino Town Omi-Hino Merchants Museum

◀ Omi-Hino Merchants Museum (Hino Town)

The feudal warlord Gamo Ujisato's protection of commerce facilitated the activities of the Hino Merchants. The Omi-Hino Merchants Museum is an archive in the remodeled home of Yamanaka Hyeomon, who succeeded in business by setting up a shop in Shizuoka Prefecture. The representative Hino Merchant's home showing the rigors and modest life is handed down to the current age.





# Containers associated with "6"

**TAKUMI-PONZAN**  
 Birthplace Shigaraki Town, Koka City  
 Date of birth October 4, 1967  
 Job Ceramist  
 Hobby Insect collecting  
 Personal motto Bowing low but keeping expectations high  
 Place where you can meet TAKUMI-PONZAN Shigaraki ware festival that is held in Oct. every year, and various events

## 1 Shigaraki Pottery (One of the six old kilns in Japan)

Among the ancient Japanese pottery kilns, the representative 6 kilns, including postmedieval Seto pottery, Tokoname pottery, Bizen pottery, Echizen pottery, Tanba Tachikui pottery as well as Shigaraki pottery are collectively called "The six old kilns in Japan". Among them, Shigaraki pottery features a rustic texture with a taste for the simple and quiet created by high-quality potter's clay and baking flame, attracting

### Pottery-making experience

In Shigaraki with a history of 1260 years as a pottery-making village, visitors can enjoy the pottery-making experience in many areas of the town. The local ceramists instruct even beginners how to make pottery easily. There are many visitors who help to make the only Shigaraki pottery in the world.



### MIHO MUSEUM

This museum is designed on the theme of the harmony among nature, architecture and art works. Its unique feature is that 80% of the building is buried in the ground. Antiques originating from areas along the Silk Road from Egypt to China is displayed and seasonally-themed special exhibitions are held.



### The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park

This is a facility for transmitting general international art information to connect industry, life and art primarily regarding the world-famous Shigaraki pottery. In "the Museum of Contemporary Art", cross-industrial association meetings and symposiums are held. The museum is provided with a hall, restaurant and shop and is used as a base for young artists to create new works.

Here is another 6!

## Birthplace of wheel Eigenji Temple - Kiji-shi Craft Museum -



Upstream on the Echi River, Higashi City (formerly Eigenji Town) is known as the birthplace of woodturner in Japan. A woodturner is a craftsman who creates wooden bowls, trays or the like using a tool called a "wheel". In the precincts of Tsutsui Shrine in Hirutani Town is the Kiji-shi Craft Museum, which displays materials and tools to show the tradition and culture of woodturners and woodcraft products.

## 2 Kurokabe Square

Kurokabe Square is a center of Nagahama sightseeing. There are various facilities, and the Glass Art Gallery No. 1 Museum "Kurokabe Glass Museum" is close to it. At the museum, visitors can enjoy the world of glass art. No. 10 "Kurokabe Museum" allows display of glass works and "Kurokabe Glass Workshop" provides various classes such as experiencing handblowing glass.



### "Mubyotan Tour"

In six temples and shrines of Jinshoji Temple, Nagahama Hachimangu Shrine, Chizen-in Temple, Shana-in Temple, Houkoku Shrine and Sojji Temple associated with Toyotomi Hideyoshi, lucky bottle gourds are given. The gourds are connected with a bottle gourd served as a Hideyoshi's commander's battle standard. It is said that collecting six bottle gourds by visiting the 6 temples and shrines leads to perfect health.



### Townscape of Nagahama

Nagahama was improved to be a castle town of Nagahama Castle, constructed by Hashiba (Toyotomi) Hideyoshi in the Warring States Period and was developed as a temple town of Daisuji Temple and as a merchant town located on a key transportation point of the Hokkoku Kaido Road. Around the notice board set-up at the junction (Fudano-tsuj) where the Hokkoku Kaido Road intersects with Otomon Street, the Japanese-style buildings constructed between the Edo period and Meiji period have remained, giving an ancient atmosphere. They are utilized as cultural facilities, such as galleries and glass ateliers, and restaurants and souvenir stores to form the biggest visitor attraction in the Northern-Lake areas.

# Find "7" treasures!



## CHACHA-HIME

Birthplace Kohoku Town, Nagahama City  
 Date of birth October 5, 2008  
 Job Public relations of birthplace, Kohoku Town  
 Hobby Climbing a tree, horseback riding, waka poems, riding a golden chicken  
 Favorite food Bean jam, kusamochi (rice-flour dumplings mixed with mugwort), Odani-Castle apple  
 Place where you can meet CHACHA-HIME Various events at Kohoku Town

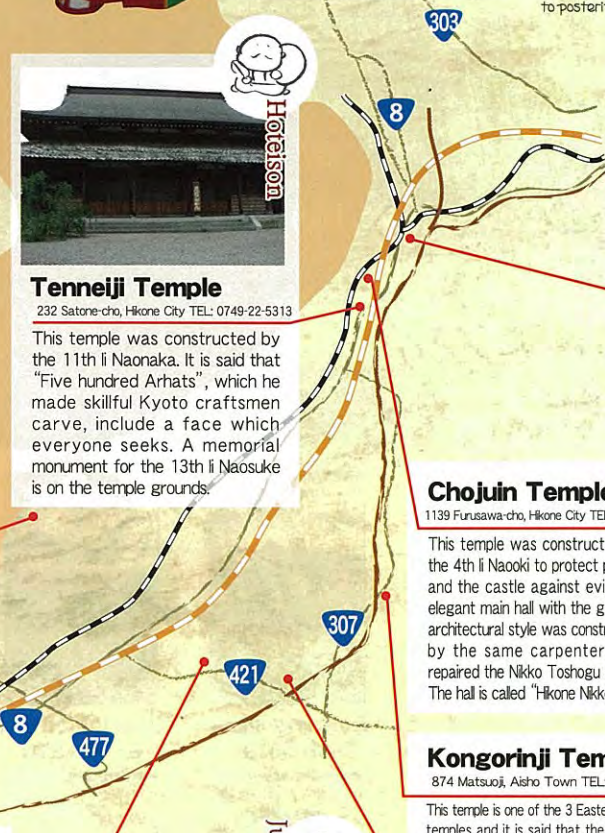
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## Seven Spears of Shizugatake

Shizugatake is located on the border between Kinokawa Town and Yogo Town. It was the battleground where Hashiba (Toyotomi) Hideyoshi battled with Shibata Katsule in 1583, after Oda Nobunaga was killed in the incident at Honnoji Temple. Seven Feudal warlords, Fukushima Masanori, Kato Kiyomasa, Kato Yoshiaki, Wakisaka Yasuharu, Hirano Nagayasu, Kasaya Takanori, and Karagiri Katsunoto, who made a spectacular showing as allies of Hideyoshi were called "Seven Spears of Shizugatake" and their heroic episodes have been handed down to posterity.

## Trip around Shiga to visit the Seven Deities of Good Fortune

The Seven Deities are Ebisuujin, Daikokuten, Benzaiten, Bishamonten, Fukurokuju, Jurojin and Hoteison. Several courses are offered in the area. "Omi Shichifukujin" tour is designed to visit temples located along the Omi Railway.



### Tenneiji Temple

232 Satone-cho, Hikone City TEL: 0749-22-5313  
 This temple was constructed by the 11th li Naonaka. It is said that "Five hundred Arhats", which he made skillful Kyoto craftsmen carve, include a face which everyone seeks. A memorial monument for the 13th li Naosuke is on the temple grounds.



### Chomeiji Temple

157 Chomeiji-cho, Omihachiman City TEL: 0748-33-0031  
 This temple is located on Mt. Chomeiji up more than 800 steps from the lakeside of Lake Biwa. It has been handed down that Takeuchi no Sukune prayed for longevity at this mountain and lived to be 300 years old, and Shotoku Taishi wished to share such good luck and founded this temple.



### Ichigami Shrine

15-4 Yokachi Honmachi, Higashiomi City TEL: 0748-22-0819  
 It has been handed down that Shotoku Taishi carved an idol to teach manners in commerce and the idol was enshrined in the womb of Ebisuujin as an object of worship. The grounds have a standing statue of Nukata no Okimi and a stone monument inscribed with the Man'yo tanka poem.



### Kofukuji Temple

112 Gochi-cho, Higashiomi City TEL: 0748-23-4500  
 Yakushi, Hoshu, Shaka and Amida, as well as Daichichi Nyorai in the main hall are called "Gochi Nyorai (the five dhyanai buddhas)" and this temple is known for being responsive to prayers for protection from asthma.



### "Yamabiko" spring water

"Yamabiko" spring water springs forth to form the headwaters of the Uso River. It threads its way through rocks, and forestry workers have relieved their thirst with its water from old times. This area was improved as a "faded water park" and selected as one of 100 Faded mineral waters by the Ministry of the Environment in 2008.



### Seiganji Temple

669 Mabara, Mabara City TEL: 0749-52-0463  
 Seiganji is a Zen temple said to have been founded by Kyogoku Doyo. The Sacred Avalokitesvara statue, which is the principal icon, is a Buddhist statue that is not available for public viewing. It is called "Oharakagono Kannon" "Hatazaono Kannon". The dry landscape (Karesansu) garden in the grounds is designated as a national scenic beauty spot.

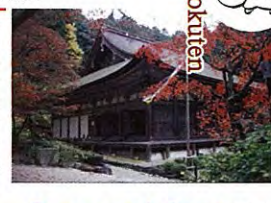
### Chojuin Temple

1139 Furusawa-cho, Hikone City TEL: 0749-22-2617  
 This temple was constructed by the 4th li Naoki to protect people and the castle against evil. The elegant main hall with the gongen architectural style was constructed by the same carpenter who repaired the Nikko Toshogu Shrine. The hall is called "Hikone Nikko".



### Kongorinji Temple

874 Matsuji, Aisho Town TEL: 0749-37-3211  
 This temple is one of the 3 Eastern-Lake temples and it is said that the temple was built by Priest Gyoki who received an imperial ordinance from the Emperor Shomu. The "Daikoku" in the main hall is Japanese-style architecture representing the Kamakura period. It escaped being burned by Oda Nobunaga, and is designated as a national treasure.



Here is another 7!

## Samegai Seven Spring-Water ponds

There are seven spring-water ponds in the area from Nakasando, Sauagai-juku to Shiga Prefectural Sauagai Trout Farm located at the foot of Mt. Ryusen. In the Tjzo River, originated from spring water. Ranunculus nipponicus var. subarsas is grown and small white flowers are in bloom riotously in summer. "Sauagai Waku-Waku Road" was selected as one of "100 Faded promenades" in 2002. It is the best course to stroll while enjoying the historical atmosphere of old post-stations and seasonal nature. At the "Sauagai-uzu-no-aki" in front of JR Sauagai St., visitors can enjoy a drink and meal based on spring water.



### Kabata

"Kabata" is a system to make the best use of clean spring water at each house for drinking water and kitchen work, and it is a traditional practice of the lake land. In the Harie District in Takashima City, Kabata using spring water called "Shozu" is maintained to hand down the classic water-based culture from generation to generation.



# 8 Eight Views at Lake Biwa and Eight Views at Omi



## Eight Views at Lake Biwa

Lake Biwa was designated as a Quasi National Park in 1950, which led to those Eight Views at Lake Biwa being selected. The conventional Eight Views at Omi were selected from the Southern-Lake area, however, the Eight Views at Lake Biwa were selected from all of Shiga Prefecture, allowing expansiveness and diverse landscapes to be introduced.



Misty rain

### Forests at Mt. Hiei

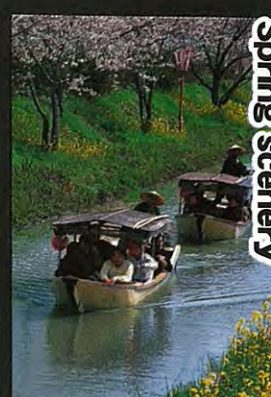
Heizan Enryakuji Temple is the head temple of Tendai Buddhism, and is registered as a World Heritage Site. Its several halls stand in a deep forest on Mt. Hiei, thick with ancient cedars. The calm appearance of the temple, encircled by the misty forest, has remained unchanged since olden times.



Evening sun

### Limpid stream at Seta and Ishiyama

Seta Karahashi Bridge lighted by the sunset glow is a representative landscape of Shiga Prefecture. The view of boats sailing up and down the river wrapped in the evening twilight is the only view selected for both the Eight Views at Lake Biwa and the Eight Views at Omi.



Spring scenery

### Water channel in Azuchi and Hachiman

The water channel spreading around Lake Nishinoko has been closely connected to the life of people of this region, and rich natural resources have been preserved. The "Water channel tour" is popular with tourists. Covered boats thread their way through the high reed field.



Moonlight

### Hikone Castle

Among the appearances of Hikone Castle changing with seasons, the view of the castle lit by moonlight is one of best scenes. The white-walled castle, wall stones of the inner moat, Genkyuen Garden as well as the keep tower (a national treasure) swimming in the light at night appear different from during daylight.



Fresh snow

### Overview of Mr. Sizugatake

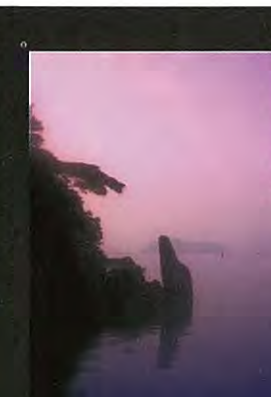
Mr. Sizugatake, known as a historic battlefield, offers spectacular views of Lake Yogo northward, Mt. Odani and Mt. Ibuki Sacred eastward, and Lake Biwa southward. Among them, the silvery landscape shows the most severe but beautiful winter view.



Fresh green

### Shade and shadow on Chikubu Island

Chikubu Island is located in the Northern-Lake area and is a religious island site which many worshippers have visited through the ages. The green island reflected on the surface of the blue water provides a relaxing scene.



Dawn fog

### Rocks at Kaizuosaki

Kaizuosaki, where many oddly-shaped rocks protrude from the lake, is one of the most famous scenic sites in Lake Biwa Quasi National Park. In the season when mist hangs just over the lake, a mysterious atmosphere prevails.



Cool breeze

### White shore at Omatsu Point

A white shore is located on the north of the mouth of the Hira River and it stretched in crescent-moon-like shape. The contrast between the blueness of the bright lake water, the whiteness of the shore and the greenness of a row of pine trees extends for approximately 3 km.

Here is another 8!

## Townscape of Omihachiman Vicinity of Omihachiman



In Omihachiman, the townscape with unchanged views are maintained, such as Hachiman moat and the houses of Omi merchants. Those nostalgic Japanese views have often been used as film locations. Further, neighboring Yokaichi of Higashioji City has a World Kite Museum where huge traditional kites of approx. 165 m<sup>2</sup> area are displayed.

## Huge kite of Yokaichi - World Kite Museum -



## Eight Views at Omi

Eight Views at Omi are scenic sites in the southern area of Lake Biwa, which is said to have been mentioned by Kono no Nobutada in the early Edo period in reference to the "Eight Views of Xiaoxiang" at Dongting Lake in Hunan Province of China. After these views were drawn by ukiyo-e artist Utagawa Hiroshige, they became known nationally. Although the surrounding views have changed, features attracting writers and artists of the past have been retained.

\* Utagawa Hiroshige, Eight Views of Omi (Publisher: Uoei) Otsu City Museum of History



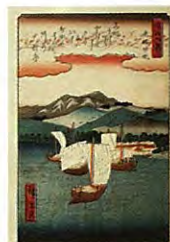
Autumn moon at Ishiyama



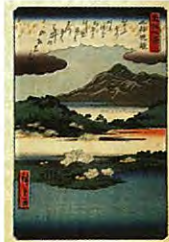
Evening glow at Seta



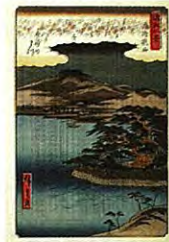
Clearing Storm at Awazu



Returning Boats at Yabase



Evening Bell at Mii Temple



Night Rain on Karasaki



Descending Geese at Katata



Evening Snow on Mount Hira



**OTSU HIKARU-KUN**  
 Birthplace Otsu City  
 Date of birth 12-year old (assumed)  
 Job Sightseeing campaigns of Otsu City  
 City  
 Hobby Plant viewing, playing Karuta

## Eight Views at Xiao Xiang

"Eight Views at Xiao Xiang" shows eight paintings of traditional scenes along the Xiang River in China. The Xiang River flows from south to north and meets the Xiao Rive in southern Hunan Province. Eight Views at Shosho has been one of the most beautiful landscapes since from olden times and has been admired by historic writers and artists.



Autumn moon over Lake Dongting



Evening glow at fishing village



Clearing Storm at village in mountain valley



Returning boats from faraway seashore



Evening bell at faraway temple



Night rain on the Xiao and Xiang Rivers



Descending geese on sandy plain



Evening snow on river

# It sticks to old. 9



## Garden at the Former Shurinji Temple (Ashikaga Garden)



## Former Hyakusanjusan Bank (Imazu Vories Museum)

A businessman, William Merrell Vories (1880 - 1964), who first visited Japan as an English teacher of Shiga Prefectural Commercial High School (present Prefectural Hachiman Commercial High School), was active as an architect and left 1600 or more excellent buildings all over Japan. This museum was opened in 2003, where Vories' buildings throughout Japan are introduced with panels and models. This building was designed as a bank (1923) and then used as the Imazu Town Library for 22 years from 1979. The Imazu Church and former Imazu Postal Office designed by Vories are also near here.

This garden was where the 12th and 13th Shoguns of the Muromachi Shogunate, Ashikaga Yoshiharu and Ashikaga Yoshiteru, were exiled from power. Due to continuous rebellions by feudal warlords, they looked to Mr. Kutsuki for support and stayed for several years. This garden was elaborately designed to comfort the Shogun in cooperation with neighboring feudal lords (daimyo). Shurinji Temple was moved to another place and Koshoji Temple, Mr. Kutsuki's family temple, was moved to this place in the Edo period. It has survived to the present.

## Former Shono Drug Store (Hino Machikado Museum)

This house is a store that the Shono Family constructed in the late Edo period and a big nameboard "Marbyokannougan" is a guide to it. At present, this house, with the appearance of a store and workplace of the past, is used as a tourist information center and a resting room. Special viewing windows called "sajiki-mado", by which traditional Hino houses are characterized, can be seen around here.



## Kubon Fall



This is the biggest waterfall in the Southern-Lake area. It is located at the foot of Mt. Konze. "Kubon" is Buddhist terminology for a method for dying peacefully and going to the "Pure Land of Auido Buddha. It is named after a "Waka poem" in the Edo period in which sound of a waterfall was likened to the music in the Pure Land of Auido Buddha. This fall consists of an upper fall, middle fall and lower fall (gate fall). Visitors can hike along the stream having a total length of approx. 100 m.

Here is another 9!

# Pack lake-land souvenirs into stacked boxes called

# “Jubako” 10 box

There is an object associated with “11”.

## Eleven-faced Kannon

There are many eleven-faced Kannon statues designated as national important cultural properties in Shiga Prefecture. In addition, as a local cultural property, eleven-faced Kannon statues have been handed down and maintained by temples and local residents. Among them is the eleven-faced Kannon statue (a national treasure) at Tokatsuki-cho, Doganji Temple (Kannon-do), which represents Japanese Buddhist art and continues to attract worshippers.



## Otsu-E (Otsu Paintings)

These were very popular paintings as a speciality at Otsu-juku of the Tokaido road in the Edo period. Among them, “Oni no Kan-Nenbutsu” and “Fuji musume” are very famous paintings which were drawn with strong lines and brilliant colors.

## Omi Beef

One of the 3 major Japanese Beef regions, along with Matsusaka Beef and Kobe Beef. In the Edo period, Omi Beef was presented to the Shogunate from Hikone Domain. The soft and savory flavor is the best match with Sukiyaki, steak, and Shabu-Shabu.



## Omi Rice

Shiga is a good rice-producing place with rich water and soil. Omi rice, raised by farmers with loving care and endless labor in the naturally abundant lake-land environment, is softly boiled.



## Duck Dishes

Duck dishes are typical winter dishes of the lake land. Duck hot pot and duck-suki (sukiyaki-style) cook in the soup, so that the mild and savory flavor of the prime wild duck seeps into the soup and warms the heart and body of everyone who partakes of it.

## Traditional Konnyaku

“Eigenji konnyaku” nurtured in the rich environment and “Red konnyaku” of Omihachiman that is very rare in the country, have a rustic and savory flavor that matches well with various cooking methods.



## Famous Confections

Famous confections originating from each region in Shiga Pref. are very suitable for souvenirs.

## Foods using fish of Lake Biwa

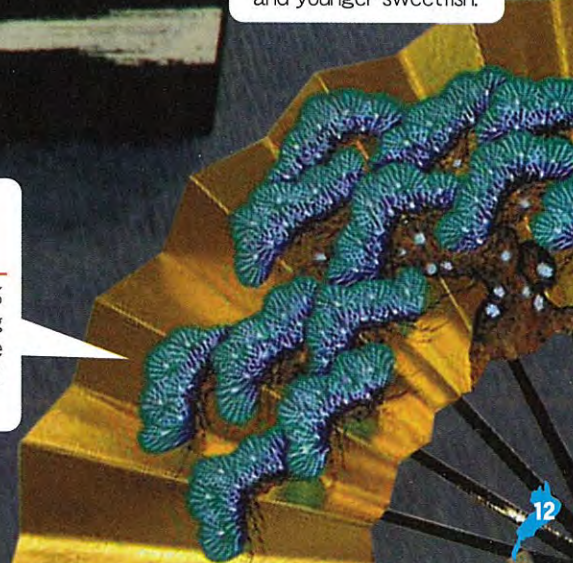
A unique cooking culture fostered by Lake Biwa uses fish in Lake Biwa such as minnows, isaza (a Lake Biwa endemic species), and younger sweetfish.

## Funa-Zushi (fermented sushi of salted crucian carp)

Funa-Zushi, known as a local dish, is said to be the origin of Sushi. This rare delicacy, dressed by fermenting *Carassius auratus grandoculis* (a Lake Biwa endemic species), varies depending each restaurant and household. This is used for a side dish with sake as it is or put into boiled rice soaked in hot tea.

## Omi Fans (folding fan)

Takashima City makes up about 90% of the national output in ribs for folding fans. “Omi fans” is an excellent article created by the experienced craftsmen of the lake-land.



The lake-land stacked boxes with rich nature and history are packed with many regional goodies such as foods from the land and lake, traditional tastes and products of skillful craftsmanship. They are all excellent articles perfect for your trip souvenir or a gift for family or friends.

## Locally-brewed Sake

Shiga is a good sake-making place as well as a good rice-producing place. There is a variety of sake brewed from water and Omi rice nurtured by the rich nature.

## Omi Tea

Omi tea nurtured in rich nature over a long history has the best taste, color and flavor. It is always highly ranked in nationwide fairs.



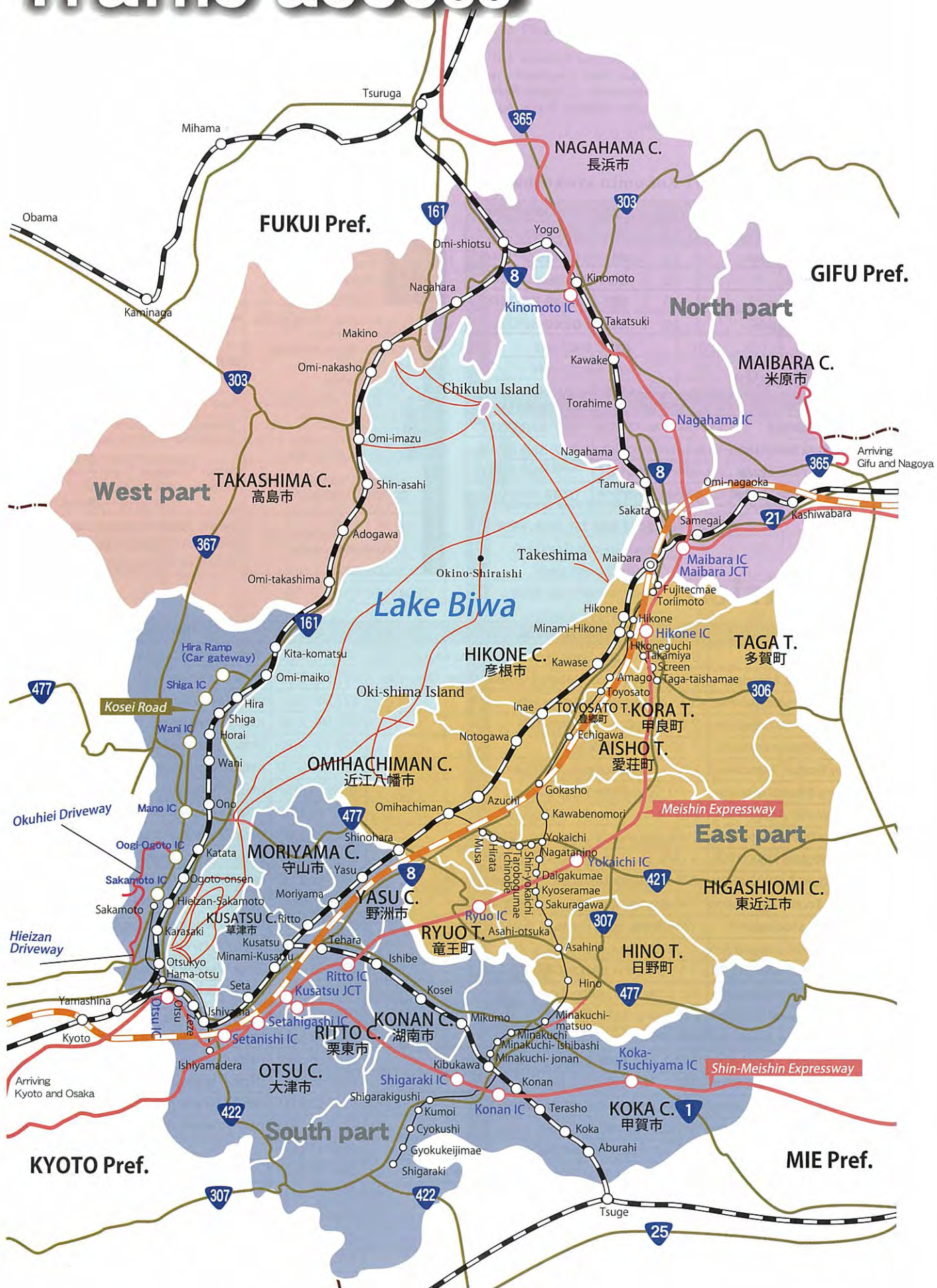
## Shigaraki Pottery

Shigaraki pottery was started in the Middle Ages and is one of the six old kilns in Japan. It has been developed as an essential container for tea ceremony. Plates and utensils, and flower vases with rustic taste continue to attract fans from across the country. Of course, Shiga leads in production amount of very famous raccoon-dog earthenware figurines.

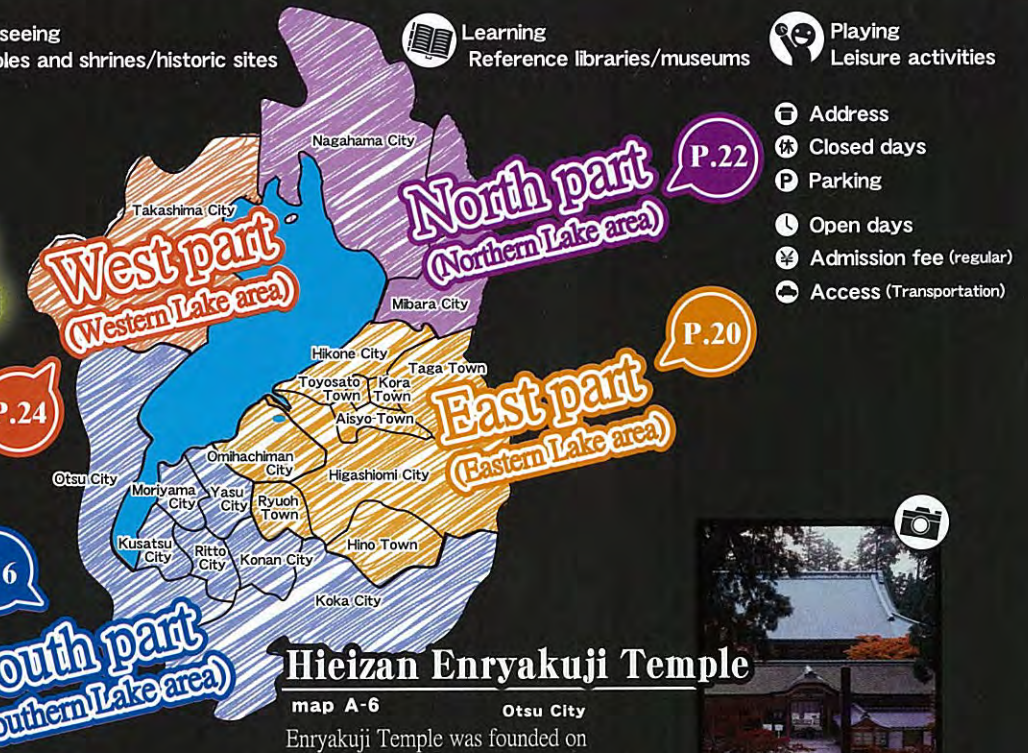




# Traffic access



# Journey to Shiga by area



- Sightseeing  
Temples and shrines/historic sites
- Learning  
Reference libraries/museums
- Playing  
Leisure activities
- Address
- Closed days
- Parking
- Open days
- Admission fee (regular)
- Access (Transportation)

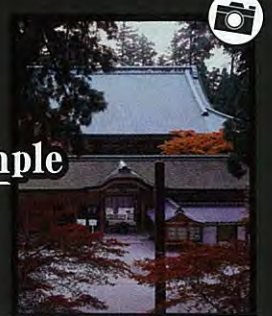
**South part (Southern Lake area)**

Enjoy the cultural heritage and resort spots along the lakeside.

## Hieizan Enryakuji Temple

**map A-6** Otsu City

Enryakuji Temple was founded on Mt. Hiei by Saicho in 788 as the head temple of the Tendai sect of Buddhism. It is registered as a World Cultural Heritage site in 1994. The huge site has clusters of buildings in three areas: To-do (East Pagoda), Sai-to (West Pagoda) and Yokawa. The grounds are filled with a solemn atmosphere as a training site of the Tendai sect of Buddhism.



- Sakamoto-Honmachi, Otsu City
- To-do: 270 cars (550 yen) (Parking for large vehicles is available.)
- 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM (Sai-to/Yokawa: until 4:00 PM, varies in winter)
- 20-min. walk from JR Hieizan Sakamoto Stn., or 10-min. walk from Keihan Sakamoto Stn., plus 10-min. walk from the terminal station of Sakamoto Cable
- TEL/077-578-0001

## Omi Jingu Shrine

**map A-6** Otsu City

In this shrine, Emperor Tenchi, who moved the capital to Otsu, was enshrined. The water clock stand and Omi Jingu Tokei Museum are located in the precincts in connection with the water clock created by him for the first time in Japan. A clock festival is held on June 10, the day called Time Day.



- Jingu-cho, Otsu City
- 200 cars (Parking for large vehicles is available.)
- 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Tokei Museum)
- Admission free (in the precincts), Tokei Museum: 300 yen
- 10-min. walk from Keihan Omi Jingu Stn., or 20-min. walk from JR Kosei Line Otsukyo Stn.
- TEL/077-522-3725

## Ishiyama-dera Temple

**map A-6** Otsu City

Ishiyama-dera was established around the middle of the 8th century (late Nara period) by priest Ryoben. It is said that the world's oldest novel, Genji Monogatari was begun here by Murasaki Shikibu. The famous white rocks that give the name to this "Stone Mountain Temple" are the mineral wollastonite. They have been designated as a national monument. Additionally, flowers perpetually fill the temple grounds, attracting visitors. This temple is famous as one of the best spots for viewing the bright moon. "Autumn moon at Ishiyama" has been selected as one of the Eight Views of Omi.



- Ishiyamadera, Otsu City
- 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (500 yen)
- 140 cars (Parking for large vehicles is available.)
- 10-min. walk from Keihan Ishiyamadera Stn., or bus from JR Biwaka Line Ishiyama Stn. and soon after getting off at Ishiyamadera-Sanmonmae bus stop
- TEL/077-537-0013

## Lake Biwa Cruise

**map B-6** Otsu City

The water excursion leaves Otsu Port aboard the "Michigan" paddlewheel boat. The boat has an early-American mood, and passengers can enjoy a panoramic 360° view of Lake Biwa.



- Hamaotsu, Otsu City
- 150 cars
- MICHIGAN 60 (60-min. course): 2,200 yen, MICHIGAN 90 (90-min. course): 2,700 yen
- Soon after getting off at Keihan Hamaotsu Stn., or 15-min. walk from JR Biwako Line Otsu Stn.
- TEL/077-524-5000 (BIWAKOKISEN)

## Mii-dera Temple (Onjoji Temple)

**map A-6** Otsu City

The name Miidera literally means "Three-Well Temple." It refers to three Emperors (Tenchi, Temmu and Jito) who as newborns bathed in the temple's well. "Mii" originally meant "sacred well". The temple bell is famous for one of the Omi Hakkei (Eight Views of Omi). This temple is also the head of the TENDAIJIMON sect and is the 14th amulet-offering point of the Sacred Kannon Temples of Western Japan.



- Onjoji-cho, Otsu City
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (500 yen)
- 300 cars (Parking for large vehicles is available.)
- 10-min. walk from Keihan Miidera Stn., 20-min. walk from JR Biwako Line Otsu Stn.
- TEL/077-522-2238

### Hiyoshi Taisha Shrine

map B-6 Otsu City

Hiyoshi Taisha Shrine is the head shrine of approximately 3800 Sanno shrines throughout Japan. The history of Hiyoshi Taisha is long. It is recorded in "Kojiki". There are many small shrines which are national treasures and important cultural properties in the vast grounds. Sanno Festival, held in spring every year, is very famous. This is also the best place in the lake land to enjoy the autumn leaves.



- Sakamoto, Otsu City
- ⌚ 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- ¥ 300 yen
- 🚗 20 cars (Parking for large vehicles is available.)
- 🚶 10-min. walk from Keihan Sakamoto Stn. or 20-min. walk from JR Kosei Line Hieizan Sakamoto Stn.

TEL/077-578-0009

### Takebe Taisha Shrine

map B-6 Otsu City

This shrine, called "Omi-ichinomiya," is where "Yamato Takeru no mikoto" is enshrined as an entity. In the late Heian period, when Minamoto Yoritomo was exiled to Izu, a prayer for the return of the Genji Family was conducted. Since then, many people have worshipped this shrine for good luck in battle. "Senkosai", held on Aug. 17 every year, is a sea-based festival originating from "Kairo Tosei" (seaway expedition against the eastward enemy) of "Yamato Takeru no mikoto".



- Jinryo, Otsu City
- 🚗 70 cars (Parking for large vehicles is available.)
- 🚶 Bus from JR Ishiyama Stn. and a short walk from Takebe-Taishamae bus stop, or 15-min. walk from Keihan Karahashimae Stn.

TEL/077-545-0038

### Ogoto Spa

map B-5 Otsu City

This spa is said to have been discovered by Saicho, the founder of the Tendai sect of Buddhism, and it has been used as a place of quiet in the Kansai District since old times. There is a simple alkaline spring and a dozen or more Japanese-style hotels line the street. This spring is effective for neuralgia, muscle ache and aching joints.



- Ogoto, Otsu City
- 🚶 Complimentary shuttle service is available from JR Ogoto Stn.

TEL/077-578-1650  
(Ogoto Spa Sightseeing Association)

### Lake Biwa Museum

map B-6 Kusatsu City

This "lake and people" themed hands-on museum is an enjoyable place to learn about Lake Biwa. Exhibition hall A introduces the history of Lake Biwa, exhibition halls B and C present the lifestyle and history of communities around the lake, and the tunnel aquarium showcases Lake Biwa's underwater life.



- Oroshimo-cho, Kusatsu City (P) 480 cars
- ⌚ 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Admission: Until 4:30 PM)
- 🗓 Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, the museum is open and is closed on the weekday following Monday.)
- ¥ 750 yen (High school and university students: 400 yen, elementary and junior high school students: free)
- 🚶 Soon after getting off at Hakubutsukan-mae bus stop from JR Kusatsu Stn.

TEL/077-568-4811

### Saikyoji Temple (Otsu City)

map B-5 Otsu City

This temple was founded by Shotoku Taishi and is the head of the Tendai Shinsei Sect. In connection with Akechi Mitsuhide, the Akechi Family's graveyard is in the precincts. The main hall made entirely of zelkova wood, and the reception hall which was moved from Fushimi-Momoyama Castle are well worth seeing. This temple is also famous for beautiful autumn leaves. In this season, visitors can also enjoy the temple's special "Chrysanthemum cuisine" (reservation required).



- Sakamoto, Otsu City
- ⌚ 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- ¥ 400 yen
- 🚗 50 cars (parking for large vehicles is available)
- 🚶 20-min. walk from Keihan Sakamoto Stn. or bus from JR Kosei Line Hieizan-Sakamoto Stn. and soon after getting off at Saikyoji bus stop

TEL/077-578-0013

### Ukimido Temple

map B-5 Otsu City

This temple is known for one of the Eight Views of Omi, Descending Geese at Katata "Katata no rakugan". It is said that priest Bshinsouzu Genshin founded this temple in hope of safety on the lake and salvation by Buddha and the Bodhisattvas. "Sho-kannon" is enshrined in Kannon Hall (Avalokitesvara), and is designated as an important cultural property (not open to the public).



- Honkatata, Otsu City
- ⌚ 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- ¥ 300 yen
- 🚗 25 cars
- 🚶 Bus from JR Katata Stn. and 5-min. walk from Katata Demachi bus stop (A bus to Ukimidomae is available on Saturdays and Sundays.)

TEL/077-572-0455

### Biwako Valley

map B-4 Otsu City

This vast leisure place spreading around Mt. Hourai is known for ski resorts in winter and camping and hiking can be enjoyed here from spring to autumn. Outdoor leisure is offered throughout the year.



- Otsu City
- 🚗 2000 cars
- 🚶 Bus from JR Shiga Stn. and ropeway from Biwako Valley bus stop.

TEL/077-592-1155

### Kusatsu Mizunomori Lotus Pond

map B-6 Kusatsu City

A rare botanical garden in Japan, which collects aquatic plants. This garden has the largest number of water lilies in Japan. The beautiful gardens, decorated not only with waterweeds but also with seasonal flowers, can be enjoyed. Buddhism's three major holy trees, including tropical water lily and sal, can be seen in blossom in the greenhouse even in winter.



- Oroshimo-cho, Kusatsu City
- ¥ 300 yen (P) 100 cars
- ⌚ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Admission: until 4:30 PM, varies in summer)
- 🗓 Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, the garden is open and is closed on the weekday following Monday), year-end and new-year.
- 🚶 Soon after getting off at Mizunomori bus stop from JR Kusatsu Stn.

TEL/077-568-2332

### JA Omi-Fuji Farmers Market Ohminchi

map B-6 Moriyama City

The largest-class farmer's market in Shiga Pref. where "safe, secure and fresh" agricultural foods and foods processed by local farmers with much labor and loving care can be purchased. The regional foods buffet (last order: 1:40 PM) and gelato corners are attached to the main market.



- Sumoto-cho, Moriyama City
- ⌚ 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- 🗓 Open throughout the year
- 🚗 144 cars
- 🚶 5-min. walk after getting off at Sumoto bus stop from JR Moriyama Stn.

TEL/077-585-8318

### Hyozu Taisha Shrine

map B-5 Yasu City

The traditional shrine founded in A.D. 717 is said to be sufficiently protected by the Tokugawa family. The craft works including the vermilion main gate said to be dedicated by Ashikaga Takauji are housed. There is a garden designated as a national scenic beauty in the precincts, attracting visitors during the foliage season.



- Gojo, Yasu City
- ⌚ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- ¥ 300 yen
- 🚗 50 cars
- 🚶 Soon after getting off at Hyozu Taisha-mae bus stop from JR Yasu Stn.

TEL/077-589-2072

### Chojuji Temple (Higashi-dera Temple)

map C-6 Konan City

Commonly known as one of the "3 old Tendai Buddhist temples" in Konan City. It is said that Priest Ryoben, who received the Imperial ordinance of Emperor Shomu, initially constructed it in the late Nara period. The main hall with a cypress bark roof in graceful inverse curves (a national treasure) is a must-see.



- Higashidera, Konan City
- ⌚ 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- ¥ 500 yen (Appointment necessary).
- 🚗 20 cars
- 🚶 Soon after getting off at Chojuji bus stop from JR Ishibe Stn.

TEL/0748-77-3813

### Zensuiji Temple

map C-6 Konan City

Commonly referred to as one of the "3 old Tendai Buddhist temples" in Konan City. The solemn and ponderous main hall with a palatial flavor escaped being burned during the war of Oda Nobunaga and is designated as a national treasure.



- Iwane, Konan City
- ⌚ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Dec. to Feb.: Until 4:00 PM)
- ¥ 500 yen
- 🚗 30 cars
- 🚶 20 min. by car from Meishin Expressway Ryuo Interchange, or 10-min. walk after getting off at Iwane bus stop from JR Kosei Stn.

TEL/0748-72-3730

### Sagawa Art Museum

map B-5 Moriyama City

The museum displays approximately 50 paintings in the "Silk Road series" by a very famous Japanese-style painter, Ikuo Hirayama, featuring such themes of introduction of Buddhism, approximately 50 sculptures by the carver Churyo Sato, including works titled "Hat/summer" and "Tree peony" from the early period to the present, and hand-molded earthenware by the ceramicist, the 15th Rakukichizaemon, titled "Yakinukikuroraku Chawan" and "Kuroraku Chawan" are displayed.



- Mizuho-cho, Moriyama City
- ¥ 1000 yen (P) 75 cars
- ⌚ 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Admission: Until 4:30 PM)
- 🗓 Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, the museum is open and is closed on the weekday following Monday), year-end and new-year.
- 🚶 Temporary closing: Exchange of exhibitions
- 🚶 Soon after getting off at Sagawa Art Museum Mae bus stop from JR Moriyama Stn. (Katata Stn.)

TEL/077-585-7800

### Mikami Shrine

map C-6 Yasu City

Mikami Mt. called "Omifuji" because of beautiful scenery, it is enshrined as an entity mountain, and "Amenomikagenokami" is also enshrined. The main hall is designated as a national treasure and the two-story gate and front shrine are designated as national important properties. The main hall, which seems like a Buddhist sanctum, is the Mikami style of building constructed in the Kamakura period.



- Mikami, Yasu City
- ⌚ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- 🚗 30 cars
- 🚶 Soon after getting off at Mikami Jinjamae from JR Yasu Stn.

TEL/077-587-0383

### Jorakuji Temple (Nishi-dera Temple)

map C-6 Konan City

One of 3 old Tendai Buddhist temples, "Konan Sanzan" located in Konan City was founded in the Nara period and is the No. 1 amulet-offering point of the Omi Thirty-three Sacred Kannon Temples of Western Japan. The main hall and the three-storied pagoda are designated as national treasures.



- Nishidera, Konan City
- ⌚ 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- ¥ 500 yen (Appointment necessary).
- 🚗 80 cars
- 🚶 15 min. by car from Meishin Expressway Ritto Interchange, or soon after getting off at Jorakuji bus stop from JR Ishibe Stn.

TEL/0748-77-3089

### Kokokujunibou-no-mori

map B-6 Konan City

The relaxation zone for mind and body including "Junibo Spa Yurara" as a core, which is equipped with multi-bath, birdie pool, family-use bath (when bathing assistance is necessary), a training room and a restaurant.



- Iwane, Konan City
- ⌚ 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM (Front desk: until 8:30 PM)
- 🗓 Tuesdays (if Tuesday is a holiday, the weekday following Tuesday)
- ¥ 700 yen
- 🚗 120 cars
- 🚶 15 min. by car from JR Kosei Stn.

TEL/0748-72-8211

### Minakuchi-kodomonori Nature Park

map D-6 Koka City

The vast park formed by making the use of valuable Satoyama's natural resources is provided with facilities such as a nature-themed museum "Nature Museum", workshop farm, insect plaza, flower forest and forest plaza, where visitors can experience natural activities.



Kitanaiki, Minakuchi-cho, Koka City  
 ⌚ 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Admission into Museum: Until 4:00 PM)  
 🚫 Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, the garden is open and is closed on the weekday following Monday), days following national holidays, year-end and new-year.  
 💰 Admission: Park: Free of charge, Museum: 200 yen  
 🚗 10 min. by car from JR Kbugawa Str.  
 🚗 50 cars TEL/0748-63-6712

### Koka Ninja Village

map D-7 Koka City

Stepping into this village makes visitors feel they have slipped back in time to the age when Ninja were active. In the vast site, the Ninja Museum, Trap House and Ninja Star Training Hall are provided, allowing visitors to experience the Ninja world.



Oki, Koka-cho, Koka City  
 ⌚ 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 🚫 Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, the village is open and is closed on the weekday following Monday), year-end and new-year.  
 💰 1,000 yen 🚗 80 cars  
 🚗 Complimentary shuttle service available from JR Koka Str. (Appointment necessary).  
 TEL/0748-88-5000

### Tarobogu Shrine

map D-5 Higashiomi City

This shrine, located on the mountainside, is said to be responsive to prayers for protection from evil, better luck and prosperous business. Tarobogu Tengu (long-nosed goblin) is an elder brother of Jirobou Tengu at Kyoto Kurama. There is also "Meoto Iwa (Rock of married couple)", where a liar will be caught while passing through.



Owaki-cho, Higashiomi City  
 🚶 15-min. walk from Omi Railway Tarobogumae Str.  
 🚗 26 cars  
 TEL/0748-23-1341

### Eigenji Temple

map E-5 Higashiomi City

The head temple of the Rinzaï Sect of Buddhism located along the gorge of the Echi River is famous for beautiful colored leaves. The tea ceremony that is held in May every year features women wearing the Japanese kimono against the fresh green background and the elegant time runs slowly.



Eigenji Takano-cho, Higashiomi City  
 💰 Admission: 500 yen  
 🚶 15-min. walk after getting off at Eigenji bus stop from Omi Railway Yokaichi Str.  
 🚗 200 cars  
 TEL/0748-27-0016

### Shiga-Koka Ninjutsu Yashiki

map C-7 Koka City

The house called "ninja yashiki", which was constructed in the Edo period (1688 -1703), has been conserved and opened to the public. The house is filled with an atmosphere that a ninja may be hidden somewhere. The house is equipped with tricks such as a trap in a hallway, rotating door and an underground passage which remain as it were, and these are explained in detail by the guide.



Ryuboushi, Konan-cho, Koka City  
 ⌚ 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
 🚫 Closed: Year-end and new-year  
 💰 600 yen  
 🚗 50 cars  
 🚗 20 min. by car from Shin-Meishin Expressway Shigaraki Interchange  
 TEL/0748-86-2179

### MIHO MUSEUM

map C-7 Koka City

This museum was designed by the world-famous architecture, Mr. I. M. Pei and constructed on the theme of harmony among environment, architecture and artworks. Approx. 2,000 antiques and tea utensils originating from areas along the Silk Road from Egypt to China are housed, and 250 pcs. of them are always displayed.



Tashiro, Shigaraki-cho, Koka City  
 💰 1,000 yen 🚗 170 cars  
 ⌚ 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Admission: until 4:00 PM)  
 🚫 Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, the museum is open and is closed on the weekday following Monday), closed in wintertime.  
 🚗 20 min. by car from Shigaraki Kogen Railway Shigaraki Str., 50 min. by bus from JR Ishiyama Str.  
 TEL/0748-82-3411

### Nishibori Eizaburo Memorial Explorer Museum

map D-5 Higashi Omi City

This museum was constructed to celebrate Nishibori Eizaburo, known as the captain of the primary Japanese Antarctica wintering party, and to honor the recent excellent Japanese explorers. This facility is provided with the Antarctica experience zone at -25°C, which is crowded with many students doing extra-curricular study.



Yokomizo-cho, Higashiomi City  
 ⌚ 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
 🚫 Closed: Mondays, days following national holidays, year-end and new-year.  
 💰 300 yen  
 🚶 Soon after getting off at Koto-shisho bus stop from Omi Railway Yokaichi Str.  
 TEL/0749-45-0011

### Michi-no-Eki (rest station) "Aito Marguerite Station"

map D-5 Higashiomi City

Michi-no-Eki (rest station) located on "Aino-machi Aito" (field filled with love) is provided with a direct retail store to sell fresh vegetables and fruits and "Rapy" to sell delicious gelato. This station is filled with flowers through the year and harvest events, flower picking and strawberry picking attract many visitors.



Imoto-cho, Higashi Omi City  
 🚗 100 cars  
 ⌚ Opening hours vary depending on facility and season.  
 🚫 Closed: Tuesdays, (if Tuesday is a holiday, the station is open on Tuesday and is closed on the weekday following Tuesday.)  
 🚶 7 min. by car from Yokaichi Interchange  
 TEL/0749-46-1110

### The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park

map C-7 Koka City

In the Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art, permanent exhibition and project exhibition for world's ceramic art works as well as Shigaraki ware are held. The Exhibition Hall of Industrial Ceramics is provided with a shop, restaurant, etc. It is used as a base for young artists to create new works.



Chokushi, Shigaraki-cho, Koka City  
 ⌚ 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM 🚗 250 cars  
 🚫 Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, the park is open and is closed on the weekday following Monday). (Only the museum is closed in winter season.)  
 💰 Charged: Only the museum  
 🚶 20-min. walk from Shigaraki Kogen Railway Shigaraki Str.  
 TEL/0748-83-0909

### Pottery-making Experience

map C-7 Koka City

In Shigaraki, with a history of 1260 years as a pottery-making village, visitors can enjoy shopping not only for raccoon-dog earthenware figurines but also for high-grade plates and utensils, and miscellaneous daily goods, and can experience pottery-making. (Experience fee: 1,500 yen or more (no holidays))



Around Shigaraki-cho, Koka City  
 TEL/0748-82-2345  
 (Shigaraki Town Tourist Association)

### Hyakusaiji Temple

map D-5 Higashiomi City

This temple is the oldest one of the 3 Tendai Buddhism temples or "Koto Sanzan" on the Suzuka mountain range. It is provided with a quaint garden for which the Suzuka mountain range is employed as a borrowed landscape. An observation platform allows visitors to view a rural scene under their eyes and mountains on the opposite bank in the distance.



Hyakusaiji-cho, Higashiomi City  
 ⌚ 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 💰 500 yen  
 🚗 80 cars  
 🚶 Soon after getting off at Hyakusaiji Horbomae bus stop from Omi Railway Yokaichi Str.  
 TEL/0749-46-1036

### Townscape of Omihachiman

map C-5 Omihachiman City

Around the former castle town of Hachimanyama Castle constructed by Toyotomi Hidetsugu, nephew of Toyotomi Hideyoshi, there are temples and shrines such as Himure Hachimangu Shrine, Hachiman moat, houses of Omi merchants, and the Kawara Museum that visitors can explore. These are also known as film locations.



Shinmachi, etc. in Omi Hachiman City  
 TEL/0748-33-6061  
 (Omihachiman Stn. North Gate Sightseeing Information Center)

Exploring the former castle town and Omi-merchant towns and appreciating nature in the agricultural park.



East part  
(Eastern-Lake part)

### Townscape of Gokasho

map D-5 Higashiomi City

"Tenbin no Sato" Gokasho is one of origins of Omi merchants. Many houses surrounded by clapboard and white walls are left. The novelist, Tonomura Shigeru's birthplace and Omi merchant's houses are open to the public, allowing visitors to learn the lifestyle of the time.



Gokasho Kondo-cho, Higashiomi City  
 🚶 5-min. walk after getting off at Iki-ki Kan bus stop from JR Notogawa Str.  
 TEL/0748-48-2100  
 (Higashiomi Tourist Association)

### Chomeiji Temple

map C-5 Omihachiman City

This temple is the 31st amulet-offering point of Thirty-three Sacred Kannon Temples of Western Japan and the precinct is provided with a main hall and three-storied pagoda, at which visitors arrive by climbing 808 stone steps. It is said that this temple was founded by Shotoku Taishi and is responsive to prayer's request for longevity.



Chomeiji-cho, Omihachiman City  
 ⌚ 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 🚗 50 cars  
 🚶 20-min. walk after getting off at Chomeiji bus stop from JR Omihachiman Str.  
 TEL/0748-33-0031

### Water Channel Tour

map C-5 Omihachiman City

A beautiful tour cruising Lake Nishinoko, which is connected to Lake Biwa, in a Japanese-style boat. Passengers can enjoy views along the water channel like a maze surrounded by reeds. Meals on the boat can also be ordered in advance.



Kitanocho-cho, Omihachiman City and 4 other places  
 🚗 Parking available  
 TEL/0748-33-6061  
 (Sightseeing information)

### Azuchi Castle keep tower, Nobunaga Museum

map C-5 Omihachiman City

The original-scale replica of the 5th and 6th floors of the Azuchi Castle keep tower was displayed at Seville Expo '92. After it was moved to Azuchi, the re-gilded appearance as well as the Kano school's gold-blue sliding door and wall paintings are displayed, showing the prosperity of Oda Nobunaga.



Kuwanomiji, Azuchi-cho, Omihachiman City  
 500 yen 300 cars  
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Admission: Until 4:30 PM)  
 Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, the castle is open and is closed on the weekday following Monday), days following national holidays (excl. Saturdays and Sundays), year-end and new-year  
 25-min. walk from JR Azuchi Stn.  
**TEL/0748-46-6512**

### Shiga Agricultural Park "Blumen Hugel Farm"

map D-6 Hino-cho

An agriculture and culture-themed park modeled on a German town in the Middle Ages. Stepping into this village allows visitors to enjoy the reproduced townscape, flower gardens, horses and goats out at feed, hearth-baked bread, handmade sausage and local beer.



Nishioji, Hino-cho  
 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
 (Until 5:00 PM in Nov.)  
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Winter season)  
 800 yen  
 3,000 cars  
 30 min. by car from Ryuo Interchange  
**TEL/0748-52-2611**

### Hikone Castle

map D-4 Hikone City

This castle as the domain of Hikone, where the Ii family lived. Ii Naosuke is a famous figure in the opening of Japan. It is one of 4 existing castles designated as a national treasure. In addition to the unique stone walls called "burdock piling" and three-storied pagoda with a beautiful curved roof, there are many attractions, such as the garden of the domain "Genkyuen".



Koriki-cho, Hikone City  
 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Closed: No holidays  
 600 yen  
 10-min. walk from JR Hikone Stn.  
 300 cars  
**TEL/0749-22-2742**

### Hikone Castle Museum

map D-4 Hikone City

The State Chamber, used as both a government office of the domain of Hikone and as an official residence of the domain lord, was restored to form this museum. Many artistic crafts, ancient documents, arms and armor, and the cultural library of the successive Ii family domain lords are displayed.



Koriki-cho, Hikone City  
 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
 (Admission: Until 4:30 PM)  
 Closed: Year end  
 500 yen  
 10-min. walk from JR Hikone Stn.  
 300 cars  
**TEL/0749-22-6100**

### Ruins of Azuchi Castle

map C-5 Omihachiman City

It is said that Azuchi Castle, constructed by Oda Nobunaga, was a luxurious castle with a keep tower. After the Honnouji Incident, this castle was burned down. However, the excavation research and restoration work show the conditions at that time.



Shimotoyura, Azuchi-cho, Omihachiman City  
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Opening time varies seasonally.)  
 Regular: 500 yen, elementary and junior high school students: 100 yen  
 25-min. walk from JR Azuchi Stn.  
**TEL/0748-46-4234**  
 (Azuchi-cho Sightseeing Information Center)

### Hands-on Exchange Agricultural Park "Agri Park Ryuo"

map C-6 Ryuo-cho

This park is home to a variety of orchard, which grow fruits, such as strawberries, cherries, peaches, grapes, pears and persimmons, where visitors can enjoy fresh tastes in nature. This park is also provided with a direct retail shop, bakery, barbecue using Omi beef, petting zoo, agricultural film library and a ground golf course as visitor attractions.



Yamanoue, Ryuo-cho,  
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Closed: Mondays  
 Admission: 200 yen (Library)  
 80 cars  
 Soon after getting off at Agri Park Ryuo-mae bus stop from JR Omihachiman Stn.  
**TEL/0748-57-1311**

### Yume Kyobashi Castle Road

map D-4 Hikone City

This is a townscape in which the streetscape of the Edo period has been reproduced. Leading from Kyobashi Bridge over the middle moat of Hikone Castle, souvenir shops, restaurants and theme museums stand in a row, allowing visitors to feel the atmosphere of a castle town at that time. Each shop is unique so that visitors want to visit from door to door.



Honmachi, Hikone City  
 Opening time varies depending on the shop.  
 Soon after getting off at Honmachi bus stop from JR Hikone Stn.  
 170 cars  
**TEL/0749-27-5501**  
 (Yume Kyobashi Akari-kan)

### Taga Taisha Shrine

map D-4 Taga-cho

Two parent deities of Amaterasu Omikami; the Sun Goddess ancestor of the Imperial Family enshrined as a deity at the Grand Shrine of Ise, are enshrined here. This shrine is commonly known as "Otagasan" and is nationally famous as a shrine for matchmaking and longevity. It is very crowded with many worshippers for New Year's prayers, spring's traditional major festival and summer's Manto-sai (Buddhist festival with lanterns).



Taga, Taga-cho  
 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
 10-min. walk from Omi Railway Tagataishamae Stn.  
 360 cars  
**TEL/0749-48-1101**

### Saimyoji Temple

map D-5 Kora-cho

One of old 3 Tendai Buddhism temples, or "Koto Sanzan", located on the Suzuka mountain range. The main hall and 3-storied pagoda are designated as a national treasure. This temple is known as one of the best viewing places for autumn leaves. In addition, long-blooming cherry which starts to bloom in autumn can be enjoyed. The garden, which is a national scenic beauty, is worth viewing.



Ikedera, Kora-cho  
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 500 yen  
 20 min. by car from Meishin Expressway Hikone Interchange  
 400 cars  
**TEL/0749-38-4008**

### Echigawa Bintemari Museum

map D-5 Aisho-cho

"Bottle-work temari ball" is a symbol of this town. Because the round and clear appearance is associated with "well-rounded (household harmony)" and "clear relationship between partners", these art works are appreciated as housewarming gifts and trousseau. The attractiveness of these mysterious and beautiful art works handed down in this district (Echigawa, Aisho-cho) is introduced in this museum.



Aisho-cho  
 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
 Closed: Mondays, Tuesdays, National holidays, etc.  
 Admission-free  
 7-min. walk from Omi Railway Echigawa Stn.  
 100 cars  
**TEL/0749-42-4114**

### Kurokabe Square

map D-3 Nagahama City

The streets around the black-lacquer walled Kurokabe Glass Museum, formally a bank in the Meiji period, is lined with more than 30 galleries and shops dealing with glass art.



Motohama-cho, Nagahama City  
 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
 (Nov. - Mar.: Until 5:00 PM)  
 Year end  
 Surrounding parking lots are available.  
 5-min. walk from JR Nagahama Stn.  
**TEL/0749-65-2330**  
 (Glass Art Gallery No. 1 Museum "Kurokabe Glass Museum")

### Keiunkan

(Nagahama Bonbaiten (Plum Tree Bonsai) Exhibition)

map D-3 Nagahama City

In the Keiunkan which was built as a rest house of the Emperor Meiji, the Nagahama Bonbaiten (Plum Tree Bonsai) Exhibition is held from Jan. 20 to Mar. 10 every year. Pretty flowers of ancient 400 year-old trees and a giant tree of 2 m or more height bloom during that period, announcing the arrival of spring in Nagahama.



Minato-cho, Nagahama City  
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Admission: Until 4:30 PM) (Feb: Open until 8:30 PM)  
 Closed: Dec. 1 to Jan. 19, Mar. 11 to Mar. 20  
 \* No holidays during Bonbaiten Exhibition  
 Municipal parking lots are available.  
 3-min. walk from JR Nagahama Stn.  
**TEL/0749-62-4111**  
 (Nagahama Sightseeing Promotion Division)

### Kongorinji Temple

map D-5 Aisho-cho

One of old 3 Tendai Buddhism temples, or "Koto Sanzan", located on the Suzuka mountain range. The main hall is a national treasure, and the 3-storied pagoda is an important cultural property, while the garden is a national scenic beauty. It attracts visitors and is also famous as one of the best viewing places for autumn leaves called "bloodstained red leaves".



Matsuodera, Aisho-cho  
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 500 yen  
 1-min. walk from Kongorinjimae bus stop from JR Inae Stn. (Only week days)  
 300 cars  
**TEL/0749-37-3211**

**North part**  
(Northern-Lake area)

**Oku-Biwako's landscape draws out the sentiments of travelers and outdoor leisure spots can be enjoyed on the foot of mountain.**

### Nagahama Castle Historical Museum

map D-3 Nagahama City

Nagahama Castle whose first lord was Toyotomi Hideyoshi, was rebuilt to house this museum, where people associated with Nagahama as well as Hideyoshi, and the history and culture of the northern-lake area and Nagahama are introduced. This museum is located in Hou Park, famous as a good spot for viewing cherry blossoms alongside Lake Biwa.



Koen-cho, Nagahama City  
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 (Admission: Until 4:30 PM)  
 Closed: Dec. 27 to Jan. 2  
 400 yen  
 8-min. walk from JR Nagahama Stn.  
 150 cars  
**TEL/0749-63-4611**

### Nagahama Railway Square

map D-3 Nagahama City

The oldest existing station building in Japan, the former Nagahama Station is maintained as it was. Visitors can learn the history of the railway here. In the adjacent Train Culture Pavilion, valuable books regarding railways are displayed, and in the Hokuriku Line Electrification Anniversary Hall, the historic train which played a most active part in the Hokuriku Line is displayed.



Kitafuna-cho, Nagahama City  
 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
 (Admission: Until 4:30 PM)  
 Closed: Dec. 29 to Jan. 3  
 300 yen  
 3-min. walk from JR Nagahama Stn. (Nagahama stn. West Parking)  
 190 cars  
**TEL/0749-63-4091**

## Chikubu Island

map C-3 Nagahama City

One of Eight Views at Lake Biwa. Since the Middle Ages, this island has been designated as one of 3 major Benzaitens (Goddesses of Music) in Japan and has been visited by many worshippers. The island has Hogonji Temple and Tsukubusuma Shrine, allowing the Momoyama culture to be handed down.



- Chikubujima, Hayazaki-cho, Nagahama City
- Admission: 400 yen
- 30 min. by ship from Nagahama Port.

TEL/0749-62-3390  
(Nagahama Port)  
0749-22-0619  
(Hikone Port)

## Samegai Trout Farm

map E-4 Maibara City

In the pond and river using the river's clear water, approx. 1.6 million rainbow trout are swimming. In the rearing pond, library and fish-learning hall, viewing of fishes and a fishing experience can be enjoyed. Further, delicious trout can be eaten in the restaurant.



- Kamiryu, Maibara City
- 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Varies depending on the season.)
- No holidays
- 450 yen
- 300 cars
- Soon after getting off at Samegai Yousonjo bus stop from JR Samegai Stn.

TEL/0749-54-2715

## Kita-Omi Resort

map D-2 Nagahama City

The spa and gourmet total relaxation zone equipped with a natural spa "Kita-Omi Spa". The natural spa is gentle to the skin and effective for nerve pain, muscle pain and recovery from exhaustion.



- Karakawa, Takatsuki-cho, Nagahama City
- 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- Closed: 3rd Tuesday
- 900 yen (Weekdays), 1,200 yen (Saturday/Sunday)
- Soon after getting off at Community Bus Yokoyama bus stop from JR Takatsuki-cho Stn.

TEL/0749-85-8888

## Woody Pal Yogo

map D-2 Nagahama City

In the vast site, the campground, rental cottages, tennis courts, putting green, and unique outdoor battle recreational facility scattered. The Mt. Akoyama Ski Resort is in front of it. Various activities can be enjoyed by prior appointment through the year.



- Nakanogo, Yogo-cho, Nagahama City
- 350 cars
- Tuesdays
- (No holidays: From July 20 to Aug. 31)
- 13 min. by car from Hokuiku Expressway Kinomoto Interchange, or soon after getting off at Yogo-cho town bus Woody Pal bus stop from JR Yogo stn.

TEL/0749-86-4145

## Mt. Ibuki

map E-3 Maibara City

This mountain is the highest in Shiga Prefecture (at an elevation of 1377 meters). Here, visitors can ski, climb the mountain and paraglide. From late-July to mid-Aug., the flower gardens around the peak are filled with subalpine plants in full-bloom.



- Ueno, Maibara City
- Soon after getting off at Ibuki-Tozanguchi bus stop from JR Ominagaoka Stn.
- Parking lot: Available

TEL/0749-58-2227  
(Maibara City Sightseeing Division)

## Doganji Temple Kannondo (Kogenji Temple)

map D-2 Nagahama City

The beautiful "Eleven-Faced Kannon Statue", which was described in the novels of Yasushi Inoue and Tsutomu Minakami, is said to have been created in the early Heian period and is designated as a national treasure. The Takatsuki Kannon-no-sato Historical Folk Museum is located in the immediate vicinity of the temple. Here, the Kannon statue and Kannon Bodhisattva are explained simply.



- Doganji, Takatsuki-cho, Nagahama City
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Temple: 300 yen, Museum: 300 yen
- 40 cars
- 5-min. walk from JR Takatsuki Stn.

TEL/0749-85-2632

## Kinomoto Jizo-in temple

map D-2 Nagahama City

The huge 6m-high Jizo is designated as one of 3 major Jizos. It is worshipped by many people from far as a god for healing eye trouble. In the "Jizo festival" that is held on Aug. 22 to 25, many open-air stalls stand side by side, which is very crowded with many visitors.



- Kinomoto, Kinomoto-cho, Nagahama City
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Garden tour: 300 yen
- 5 min. walk from JR Kinomoto stn.
- 20 cars

TEL/0749-82-2106

Allowing visitors to enjoy leisure on the highlands and along the lakeside fully without off-season.

## Biwako Kodomo no Kuni (Lake Biwa Children's Land)

map C-4 Takashima City

The vast green site is sufficiently equipped with playground equipment, explore waterway and unique bicycles which are popular with kids. In summer, swimming, camp and barbecue can be enjoyed on the lakeside.



- Kitafunaki, Adogawa-cho, Takashima City
- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- (Mar. 21 to Sept. 30: Until 7:00 PM)

- Closed: Every Monday and 2nd Tuesday, from Dec. to Feb., year end and New Year holidays
- Free of charge 200 cars (charged)
- 10-min. walk after getting off at Wakamiya jinja bus stop from JR Adogawa Stn.

TEL/0740-34-1392

## Michi-no-Eki (rest station) "Shin Asahi Windmill village"

map C-3 Takashima City

The large windmill with exotic charm is the symbol of this Michi-no-Eki (rest station). The Iris House is provided with "Greengrocer in the Windmill Village", restaurants, etc. Here, visitors can enjoy the dog run, swan boat, fish pond for minnows, and seasonal flowers.



- Warasono, Shinasahi-cho, Takashima City
- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Iris House)
- No holidays
- 300 cars
- 12 min. by bus or 15 min. by rental bicycle from JR Shinasahi Stn.

TEL/0740-25-6464

## Mt. Hakodate

map B-3 Takashima City

A splendid panoramic view of Lake Biwa can be enjoyed from the top (at approx. 547 meters elevation). There is a hiking course from the top of the mountain exploring the nearby lake and plains. The ski resort with a special slope for snowboarding attracts many skiers and snowboarders.



- Hiokimae, Imazu-cho, Takashima City
- Soon after getting off at Hakodateyama bus stop from JR Imazu Stn.
- 2000 cars

TEL/0740-22-2486  
(Hakodateyama Ski Resort)  
TEL/0740-22-2108  
(Biwako Takashima Tourist Association Imazu Branch)

## Shirahige Shrine

map B-4 Takashima City

This shrine is famous for the large vermilion-lacquered torii (gateway) standing in the lake and is responsive to prayer's request for longevity, matchmaking, having a baby, better luck and prosperous business. The main hall is designated as a national important cultural property.



- Ukawa, Takashima City
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- 5 min. by car from JR Omikashima Stn.
- 50 cars

TEL/0740-36-1555

## Omi Shirahama Swimming Beach

map C-4 Takashima City

The beautiful coastline of white sand and green pines extends for 1 km. It is fully equipped with a campground and has lodges and auto-camping sites. This place is known for the "Hot-Air Balloon Lake Biwa Crossing Race".



- Shimoogawa, Adogawa-cho, Takashima City
- 5 min. by car from JR Omikashima Stn.
- 100 cars

TEL/0740-32-0451  
(Omi Shirahama Sightseeing Association)

## Kutsuki Mountain Stream Fishing Center

map A-4 Takashima City

This center is provided with a fishpond that can be enjoyed even by children, and a nature-based mountain-stream fishing site where exciting fishing for mountain trout and cherry salmon can be enjoyed. Caught fishes can be eaten at the site.



- Kutsukigawa, Takashima City
- 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- No holidays
- 4,200 yen
- 100 cars
- 30 min. by car on Route 367 from Kutsuki Branch

TEL/0740-38-5034

## Kaizuosaki

map C-2 Takashima City

"Dawn fog/Rocks at Kaizuosaki" has been selected as one of the Eight Views at Lake Biwa. In spring, the cherry blossom tunnel extends for approx. 4 km along the lakeside and is crowded with many viewers every year.



- Kaizu, Makino-cho, Takashima-shi
- 30-min. walk after getting off at Kaizuosakiguchi bus stop or Kaizu 1-ku bus stop from JR Makino Stn.

TEL/0740-28-1188  
(Biwako Takashima Tourist Association Makino Branch)

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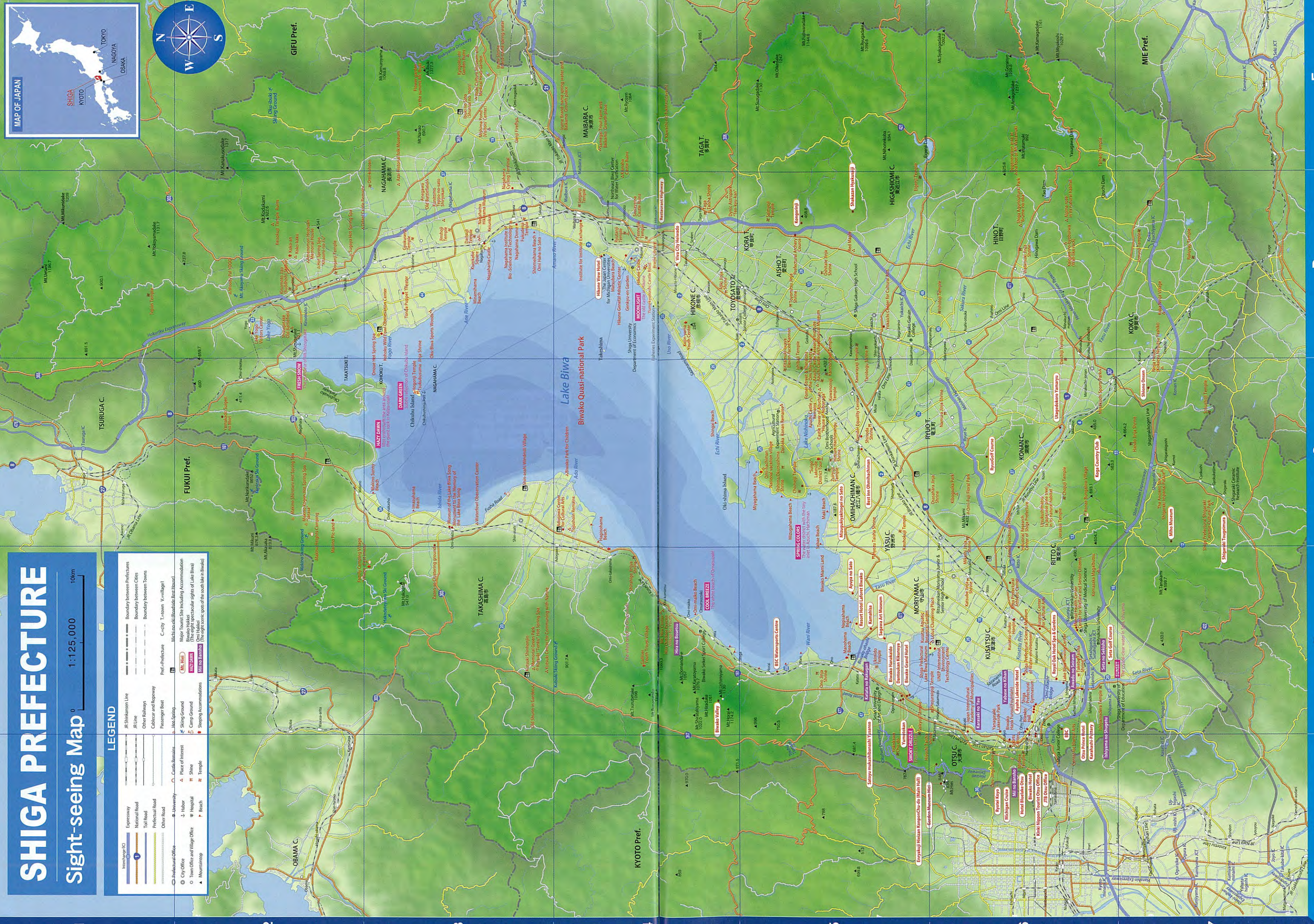
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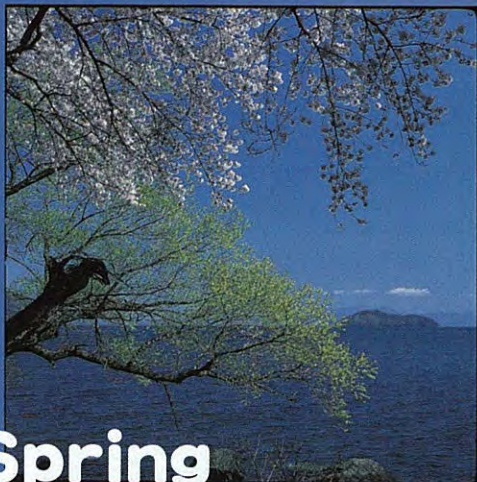
## LEGEND

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	Expressway		Boundary between Prefectures
	National Road		Boundary between Cities
	Toll Road		Boundary between Towns
	Prefectural Road		City/Town/Village
	Other Road		Passenger Boat
	University		JR Station
	Castle/Barracks		Mikasa-eki (Boarding Place)
	Place of Interest		Major Tourist Site (Including Accommodation)
	City Office		Biwako Hakken (The eight spectacular sights of Lake Biwa)
	Town Office and Village Office		FRESH SNOW (The eight scenic spots of the south lake in Biwako)
	Hospital		HAZY DAWN (The eight scenic spots of the north lake in Biwako)
	Beach		DARK GREEN (The eight scenic spots of the west lake in Biwako)
	Temple		MILK ROAD (The eight scenic spots of the east lake in Biwako)



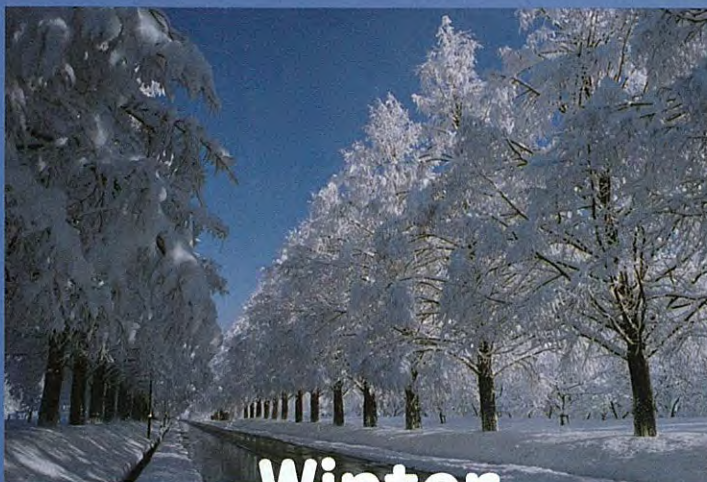
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## Spring

Cherry blossoms at Kaizuosaki



## Winter

Dawn redwood at Makino



## Summer

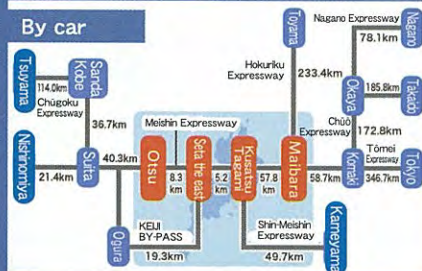
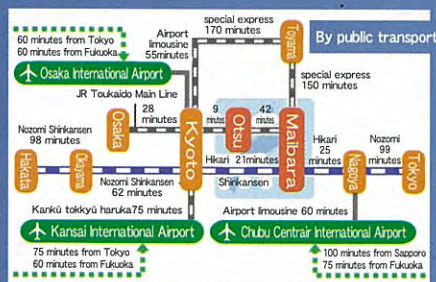
Ranunculus nipponicus var. submerses in the Jizo River at Samegai



## Autumn

Autumn eaves at Keisokuji Temple of Kinomoto

## Access to Shiga Prefecture



**Shiga**

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