

Access by Car

- From the direction of Osaka/Kyoto — From Meishin Expressway Kyoto Higashi IC, approx. 80 mins.
- From Nagoya — Hokuriku Expressway, approx. 40 mins from Kinomoto IC.
- From Hokuriku — Hokuriku Expressway, approx. 50 mins from Tsuruga IC.

Access by JR Train

<To Takashima City (JR Omi Imazu Station)>

- From Kyoto Station — approx. 50 mins by Kosei Line (Special Rapid train)
- From Osaka Station — approx. 1 hr 20 mins on the Kosei Line (Special Rapid train).
- From Tsuruga Station — approx. 40 mins on the Hokuriku Line (Special Rapid train).

Rental Bicycle

by Biwako Takashima Tourism Association

<Rental / Return Locations>

- Tourist information Center inside JR Makino Station
- Tourist information Center inside JR Omi-imazu Station
- Biwako Takashima Tourism Association (in the Tourist Products Plaza) In front of JR Shin-Asahi Station
- Tourist information Center inside JR Omi-Takashima Station

<Rental Fees>

- Standard bicycle: \1000/day
Cross bike:\2000/day
- Standard and cross bikes can be returned At a different station (one-way return fee:\500)
- Electric-assist bicycle:\3000/day (Available for pick-up and return only at JR Shin-Asahi Station)



Takashima City Regional Licensed Guide Interpreter

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Would you like to explore the Takashima area with a local tour guide? Traveling together, you will undoubtedly have a memorable and precious time in the Takashima area. I'm looking forward to meeting you!

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Reservations & details
Rental Cycle Guide (official website)

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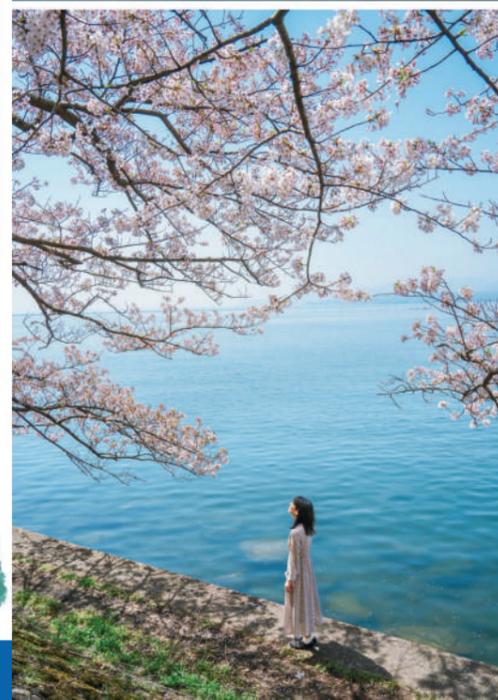


Biwako Takashima
Tourist Guide Website



NORTHERN LAKE BIWA TAKASHIMA CITY TOURIST GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE NORTHERN LAKE BIWA AREA,
WHERE YOU CAN DISCOVER THE WONDERFUL NATURE IN ALL SEASONS.



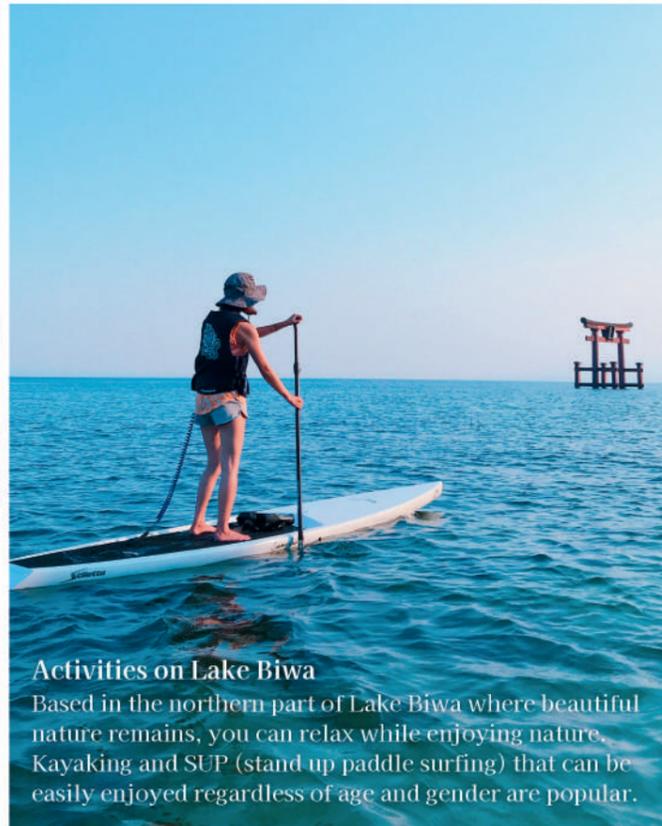
Takashima City, located northwest of Lake Biwa

Takashima City of Shiga Prefecture is located in the northwestern part of Lake Biwa and is a treasure house of rich nature embracing woods, forests and the lake, producing about 1/3 of water flowing into Lake Biwa. Represented by Shirahige Shrine, this city has been preserving cultural streets certified as a Japanese heritage.



The Cherry Blossoms of Kaizu-Osaki

The Cherry Blossoms of Kaizu-Osaki, which has been selected as one of the "100 Best Sakura Spots in Japan". From old cherry trees over 80 years old to young trees that will be handed over to the next generation, there are approximately 800 brilliant Somei-yoshino cherry trees for 4km along the shore of Lake Biwa.



Activities on Lake Biwa

Based in the northern part of Lake Biwa where beautiful nature remains, you can relax while enjoying nature. Kayaking and SUP (stand up paddle surfing) that can be easily enjoyed regardless of age and gender are popular.



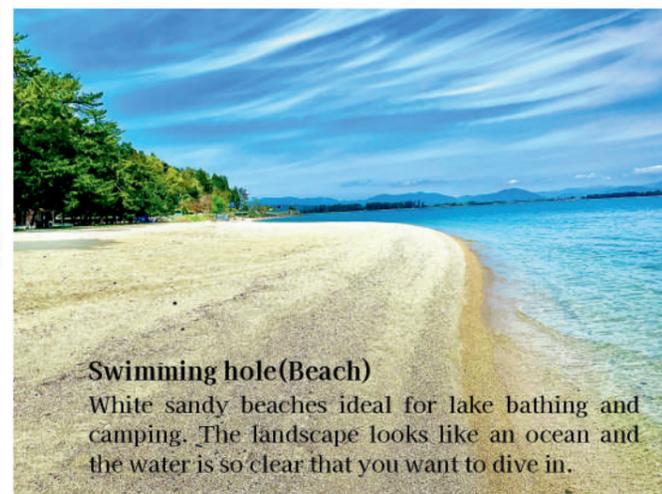
Shirahige Shrine

The oldest shrine in Omi, built over 2,000 years ago. It is also called "Itukushima of Omi". Selected as a Japanese heritage site, it is visited by many worshipers from both domestic and overseas.



Ski resort

There are four ski resorts in Takashima. Each of them has a well-equipped kids' area and other facilities, and is recommended for snow play and novice skiers.



Swimming hole(Beach)

White sandy beaches ideal for lake bathing and camping. The landscape looks like an ocean and the water is so clear that you want to dive in.



Avenue of Metasequoias

About 500 dawn redwoods are planted along the road that leads from Agricultural Park Makino Pickland to the Makino Highland over a length of 2.4km.

Tours You Can Experience in Takashima

Duration : Approximately 4 hours

Lake Biwa & Harié Water Village Tour



Discover the traditional waterside life of Harié, a village renowned for its crystal-clear spring water and unique water culture. An English-speaking professional guide will accompany you from JR Shin-Asahi Station. In the village, you will learn about the daily lives of local residents and their centuries-old relationship with water. Enjoy a peaceful and authentic experience while immersing yourself in the rhythms of rural Japan.

【Tour Highlights】

- Guided walking tour through Harié Village, exploring local life
- Visit to Kawashima Sake Brewery
- Accompanied by an English-speaking professional guide

【Itinerary】

JR Shin-Asahi Station – Harié Village – Kawashima Sake Brewery – JR Shin-Asahi Station

Duration : Approximately 4 hours

Shirahige Shrine & Japanese Kitchen Experience Tour



— Discover Everyday Japan Through Home Cooking —
Experience Japanese life through its spiritual traditions and everyday cuisine.

【Tour Highlights】

- Visit to Shirahige Shrine and insights into Japanese culture through the kitchen
- Hands-on cooking experience using seasonal ingredients together with a local home cook
- Accompanied by an English-speaking professional guide

【Itinerary】

JR Ōmi-Takashima Station – Shirahige Shrine – Ōmizo town walk – Japanese home cooking experience in a local kitchen – JR Ōmi-Takashima Station