



5 Shirahige-jinja Shrine (Japan Heritage)

The oldest shrine in Omi, famous for its great “torii” shrine gate that floats on Lake Biwa, the largest lake in Japan. A spectacular power spot where the god of longevity is enshrined and where there are many worshippers.

How to get to TAKASHIMA

Travel time from popular tourist spots in Kansai (by train)

- From Fushimi Inari Taisha Approx. 60 minutes (Minimum)
- From Universal Studios Japan Approx. 90 minutes (Minimum)
- From Todai-ji Temple Approx. 100 minutes (Minimum)
- From Himeji Castle Approx. 135 minutes (Minimum)



By car

- Kansai International Airport Hanwa • Kinki • Meishin Expressway Kyoto-Higashi IC Kosei Road Go north on Route 161 Approx. 130 minutes
- Kyoto Sta. Go north on Route 367 Approx. 100 minutes
- Chubu Centrai International Airport Chitahanto Road Nagoya • Meishin Expressway Maibara JCT Hokuriku Expressway Kinomoto IC R303 Go south on Route 161 Approx. 150 minutes
- Komatsu Airport Hokuriku Expressway Tsuruga IC Go south on Route 161 Approx. 120 minutes

By train(JR Railway)

- From Osaka Sta. Limited express Train Omi-Imazu Sta. Approx. 80 minutes
- From Kyoto Sta. Kosei Line Limited express Train Omi-Imazu Sta. Approx. 50 minutes
- From Kanazawa Sta. Hokuriku Main Line Limited express Thunderbird Omi-Imazu Sta. Approx. 110 minutes
- From Tokyo • Nagoya Sta. Tokaido Shinkansen Maibara Sta.
- From Maibara Sta. Hokuriku Main Line Omi-Shiotsu Sta. Kosei Line Omi-Imazu Sta. Approx. 60 minutes

For Sightseeing Inquiry

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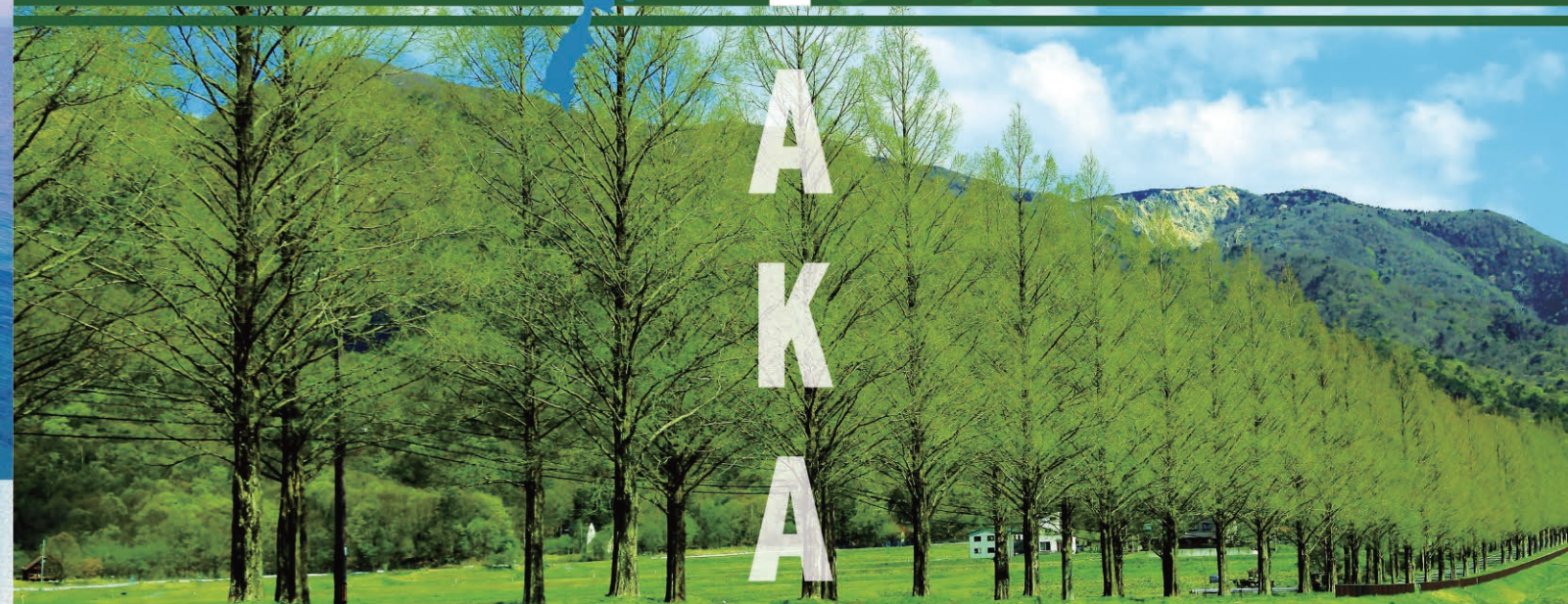
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Takashima-city Tourist Map

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● Best time to see in winter / Around Jan. to Feb.

● Best time to see autumn leaves / late Nov. to early Dec.

1 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.

● Location / Makino Hiruguchi to Makino, Takashima City, Shiga Prefecture ● Access / Approx. 6 mins by bus from JR Makino Station





2 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.

Best time to visit / Early to mid-April



3 Sea of clouds and autumn leaves of Onyu Valley

Located on the border between Shiga and Fukui Prefectures, the scenery seen from the Onyu Pass attracts visitors.

Best time to see / Sea of clouds from Oct. to Nov. (early morning) , Autumn leaves late Oct.



4 Hakodateyama Ski Resort

One of the best ski resorts in the Kansai region with an altitude of 690m. With an 8-seat gondola, you can quickly reach the slopes that have an established reputation for abundant snow volume and good snow quality!

There are three other ski resorts in Takashima City.

Regular business period / Mid-December to late March



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.



Local tour guide licensed by Takashima city in Shiga Prefecture

Why don't you have a trip with the local tour guide to enjoy in Takashima area? Traveling with us, you will surely have a precious time in Takashima area.

We are looking forward to seeing you. [Mail : biwako@takashima-kanko.jp]



Japanese traditional experience

At Takashima Village you can experience dyeing and candle making.

In Adogawa-cho, where the Senkotsu (ribs of folding fans) industry is thriving, you can experience fan making.



Roadside stations

- Toju-no-sato Adogawa
- Makino Ossaka-toge
- Kutsuki-shin-honjin

Various Takashima crafts and ingredients are sold at each roadside station in the city.



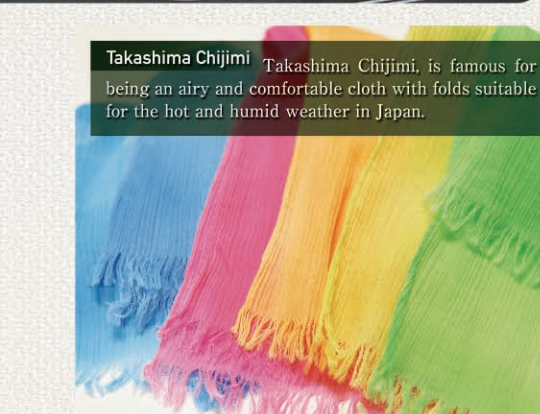
Takashima canvas

Takashima canvas has a long history back to the Edo period. The high quality of the materials is nurtured by the climate of Lake Biwa and the reliable manufacturing method.



Wa Rosoku

Wa Rosoku (Handmade Japanese Candles) are made from a very precious plant called the haze (Japanese endemic species). It makes little soot, and continues to burn beautifully with almost no wax hanging.



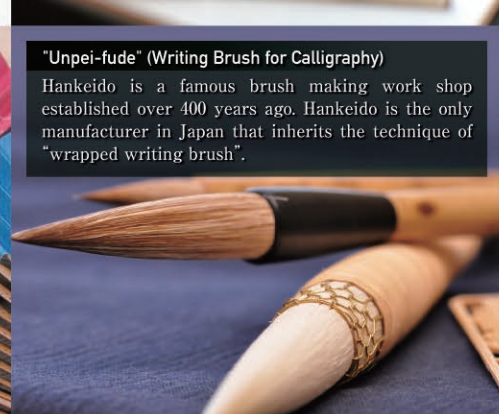
Takashima Chijimi

Takashima Chijimi, is famous for being an airy and comfortable cloth with folds suitable for the hot and humid weather in Japan.



The Omi Folding Fan

The Omi Folding Fan is made with Takashima fan ribs. Takashima boasts of a domestic share of fan ribs over 90%. The Omi Folding Fan is produced by many craftsmen.



"Unpei-fude" (Writing Brush for Calligraphy)

Hankeido is a famous brush making work shop established over 400 years ago. Hankeido is the only manufacturer in Japan that inherits the technique of "wrapped writing brush".



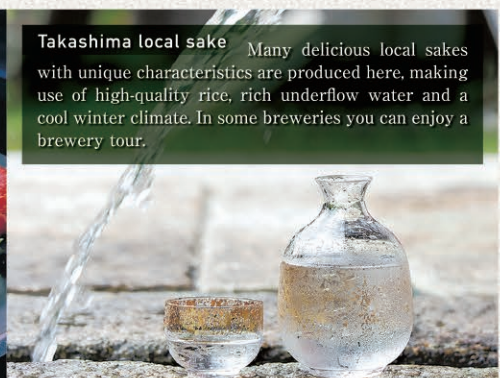
Omi beef

Omi beef, one of the three major Japanese-produced beefs, has been nurtured by blessed nature and craftsmanship. You can eat high-quality Omi beef in Takashima City.



Takashima Tonchan (chicken)

The seasoned chicken sprinkled with homemade sauce is called "Tonchan" and has been loved as a familiar soul food locally. Today, it is a representative of Takashima's local gourmet food, and is an essential ingredient especially for BBQ.



Takashima local sake

Many delicious local sakes with unique characteristics are produced here, making use of high-quality rice, rich underflow water and a cool winter climate. In some breweries you can enjoy a brewery tour.



Funa Zushi (Fish fermented with rice)

"Funazushi" (a kind of fermented sushi) is a famous preserved food of the area of Lake Biwa. It is made of a type of carp, a species native to Lake Biwa. It is popular as a food to accompany alcohol or Japanese tea.



Takashima Marugoto Department Store

Takashima's various crafts and ingredients are sold at Takashima Marugoto Department Store.



Ado Berry

Its fresh fruits are rare enough to be called "phantom fruits". You can enjoy sweets, desserts and drinks made using Ado Berry regardless of the season.

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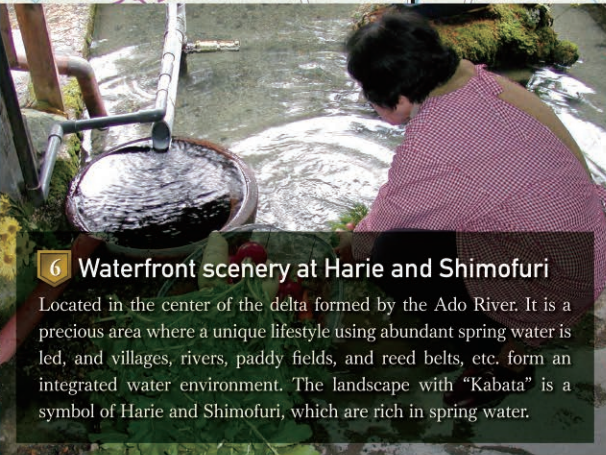


Japanese tangible and intangible cultural properties/assets, i.e. regional histories, traditions and customs, are passed down for generations through narratives. These stories, telling of the legacy of our culture and histories, have been designated as "Japan Heritage" by the Agency of Cultural Affairs.

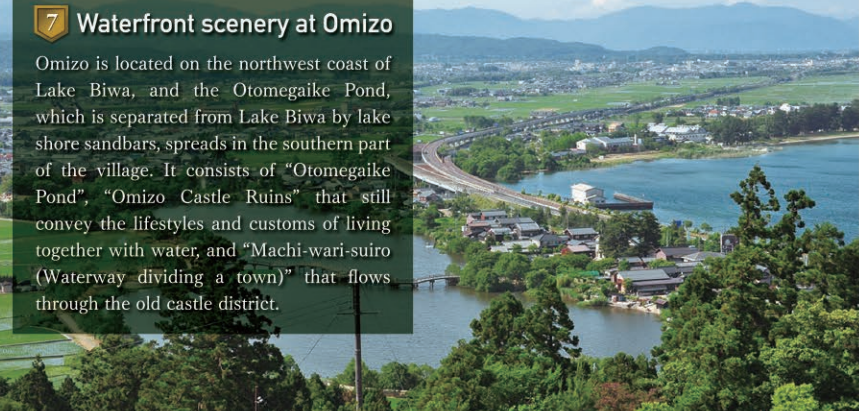
5 Shirahige-jinja Shrine Known for its vermilion "torii" shrine gate floating on Lake Biwa, it is also called "Itsukushima Shrine in Omi". It is said to have a history of about 2,000 years since its founding, and is famous as the oldest shrine in Omi. It is said that if you visit this shrine you can receive benefits such as, longevity, marriage, and conception.



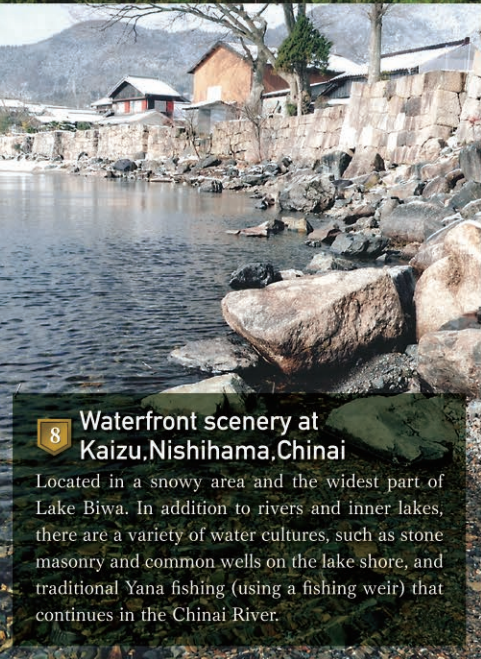
6 Waterfront scenery at Harie and Shimofuri Located in the center of the delta formed by the Aho River. It is a precious area where a unique lifestyle using abundant spring water is led, and villages, rivers, paddy fields, and reed belts, etc. form an integrated water environment. The landscape with "Kabata" is a symbol of Harie and Shimofuri, which are rich in spring water.



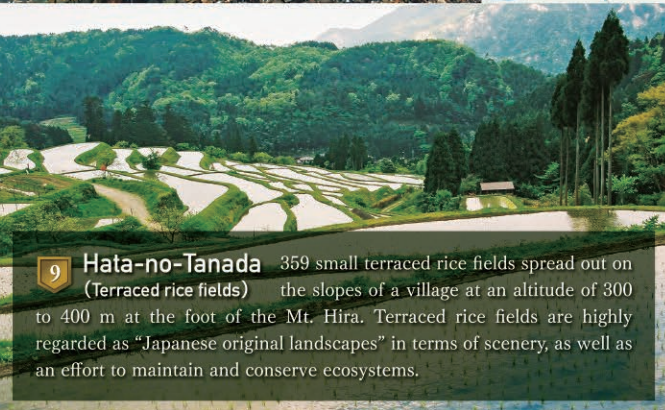
7 Waterfront scenery at Omizo Omizo is located on the northwest coast of Lake Biwa, and the Otomegaik Pond, which is separated from Lake Biwa by lake shore sandbars, spreads in the southern part of the village. It consists of "Otomegaik Pond", "Omizo Castle Ruins" that still convey the lifestyles and customs of living together with water, and "Machi-wari-suro (Watersway dividing a town)" that flows through the old castle district.



8 Waterfront scenery at Kaizu, Nishihama, Chinai Located in a snowy area and the widest part of Lake Biwa. In addition to rivers and inner lakes, there are a variety of water cultures, such as stone masonry and common wells on the lake shore, and traditional Yana fishing (using a fishing weir) that continues in the China River.



9 Hata-no-Tanada (Terraced rice fields) 359 small terraced rice fields spread out on the slopes of a village at an altitude of 300 to 400 m at the foot of the Mt. Hira. Terraced rice fields are highly regarded as "Japanese original landscapes" in terms of scenery, as well as an effort to maintain and conserve ecosystems.



10 Green Park Omoideonomori Kutsuki Onsen Tenku It originates in the legend of Tengu (long-nosed goblin), which was said to have run through the mountain fields of Kutsuki in the past. It is effective for neuralgia and fatigue recovery, and you can enjoy various hot springs such as Tengu's outdoor bath and a heated pool.



Kyoto Prefecture

Kyoto City

Legend	
	Expressway
	National road
	Central Divide / Takashima Trail
	Rental bicycle spots
	Bus stop
	Point of interest
	Tourist attraction
	Shrine
	Temple
	Campsite
	Roadside station
	Beach
	Ski run
	Hot spring
	Castle ruins

Rental Bicycle

Rental bicycles are convenient for getting around the city leisurely. (You can drop off your rental bicycle at the designated counters.)

Rental bicycle spots	Available times	Application reception times
① JR Makino Station Tourist Information Center	9:00~17:00	9:00~13:00
② JR Omi-Imazu Station Tourist Information Center		
③ JR Adogawa Station Tourist Information Center		
④ JR Omi-Takashima Station Tourist Information Center		

Rental fee 400yen~

*In case of drop-off, a separate drop-off fee of 300 yen is required.
*A deposit of 300 yen may be required.
*Since there are only a few sports bicycles, please make a reservation at least 2 days in advance.

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Makino Highland

Makino Highland can be enjoyed all season. You can enjoy camping, playing on the river, forest bathing while hiking, and playing in the snow in winter. There is also Makino Highland Onsen Sarasa.



Takashima City Makino Agricultural park Makino Pickland

You can experience picking of various seasonal fruits such as cherries, blueberries, grapes, and chestnuts. Cafes where you can admire the dawn redwoods are popular.



Biwako-Hakodateyama

You can easily reach the top of the mountain at an altitude of 690m with a gondola. The panoramic view of the magnificent Lake Biwa from the hill where you can see the Lake is popular. You can enjoy various attractions such as summer mountains, Kokia Park in autumn, and skiing in winter.



Accommodation

No.	Name	Number	No.	Name	Number
①	Okubiwako Makino Grand Park Hotel	0740-28-1111	⑪	Hifumikan	0740-27-0138
②	Reposer Makino	0740-27-2788	⑫	Hakodateyama Minshukumura	080-577-1515
③	Imazu Sun Bridge Hotel	0740-22-4444	⑬	Guest house Imazu	0740-20-1823
④	Hotel Kaito	0740-22-5111	⑭	Racine Home Harie	0740-20-4570
⑤	Greenpark Omoideonomori	0740-38-2770	⑮	Tojunoyado	0740-34-0210
⑥	Acty Plaza Biwa	0740-25-7111	⑯	Takashima Jinja	090-3059-3196
⑦	West Lake Hotel Kaitorou	0740-32-3131	⑰	Hata Rice Terrace Noka Minshuku	0740-37-0092
⑧	Villa Sansui	0740-20-5051	⑱	Forest Villa Yumesuzu	0740-27-2030
⑨	Ryori-ryokan Matsunamiso	0740-28-0206	⑲	Sansui Annex	0740-20-5051
⑩	Marumo Ryokan	0740-22-1915	⑳	Shanshui House	080-5306-7299
⑪	Toriito	0740-25-3377	㉑	Ashi-no-Mori with Onsen	080-5306-7299
⑫	Shirahamaso	0740-32-0451	㉒	STAGEX Takashima	0740-25-8212
⑬	Takarabune Onsen	0740-32-1293	㉓	Gulliver Village	0740-37-0744
⑭	Ebisuso	0740-34-0012	㉔	Okubiwako Shikitei	072-942-5445
⑮	Mikunikan Yamanoe	0740-27-1228	㉕	Kutsuki Forest	0740-38-8099