Welcome to Kagawa, Japan

Visitors from distant lands, welcome to Kagawa!

Long ago, wonderful cultures and technologies
were brought to Japan by travelers from across the oceans.

Today, we eagerly await more world travelers with open hearts.
Kagawa has plenty of naturally beautiful places of historical interest. Why don't you stroll through these Japanese shrines and temples in search of history? What historic events interest you?

Ritsurin Garden

Ritsurin garden is a traditionally landscaped garden constructed by a feudal lord, about 400 years ago. It has six ponds and 13 hills, and it is the largest garden designated as a national scenic spot in Japan.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: Sunrise to sunset (Varies with the season), 365 days a year
- Parking lot: Pay Parking
- Access: 10 minutes on foot from Kobodai Ritsurin Koen Station, 10 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange, or 30 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 087-833-7411

Ruins of Takamatsu Castle (Tamamo Garden)

Takamatsu Castle was one of the three greatest castles bordered by the ocean. Even now, the moat surrounding the ruins of Takamatsu Castle is filled with seawater. From the castle tower visitors can see the harbor, and inside the garden, they may find a karesansui (dry landscape) garden.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: Sunrise to sunset (Varies with the season)
- Closed: December 29 to 31
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 5 minutes on foot from JR Takamatsu Station, 20 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 087-851-1921

Marugame Castle

Marugame Castle has a beautiful stonewall called “Ougi no Kobari” (the shape of a folding fan) and its castle tower is one of the remaining original wooden towers in Japan.

- Admission fee: Free except castle tower
- Open: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (Castle tower)
- Closed: End of December to end of February (Castle tower)
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 15 minutes on foot from JR Marugame Station, 15 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange or Sakaido Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Marugame City Industrial Section Tel. 0877-24-8816

Kotobuki-gu Shrine

Kotobuki-gu shrine, which honors the spiritual guardian of seafarers, has been a place of faith since long ago. Even now, millions of worshippers visit the shrine every year. There are 785 stone steps to climb before you reach the main shrine, and both sides of the steps are lined with souvenir shops. Once you pass the main gate, you may see other historical buildings scattered over the grounds.

- Parking lot: Pay Parking
- Access: 15 minutes on foot from JR Kotobuki Station, 15 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-75-2121

Zentsuji Temple

The famous Japanese monk Kukai, also known as Kobo Daishi, is said to have been born in Zentsuji City. The temple holds a treasure hall and a five-storied pagoda, Under the Miedo (Founder’s Hall) there is a long tunnel with a famous platform constructed for granting religious precepts to monks.

- Admission fee: Free (except treasure hall)
- Open: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (treasure hall)
- Parking lot: Pay Parking
- Access: 15 minutes on foot from JR Zentsuji Station, 5 minutes on foot from Zentsuji Interchange, or 50 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-42-0111

Kanamaruza (Kabuki Theater)

Kanamaruza, the oldest existing kabuki theater in Japan, has been designated as one of Japan’s important cultural sites. Each spring, a play is performed here by popular kabuki actors. Visitors may go the backstage and see the trap cellar unless events are being held in the theater.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 365 days a year (Visitors may go backstage or see the trap cellar unless events are being held)
- Access: 20 minutes on foot from JR Kotohira Station, 15 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport

Nakazu Banshoen and Marugame Museum of Art

Nakazu Banshoen, a beach park constructed by a feudal lord, is known as one of the greatest seaside gardens in Japan. The Marugame Museum of Art is located inside the park, where some works of French Barbizon School painters are exhibited.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM, 365 days a year
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 5 minutes on foot from JR Marugame Station, 10 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange, or 45 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport

Megijima (Onigashima)

Megijima Island is often called Onigashima (Island of Ogres). Because the cave near the top of island is supposed to be the ogres olden.
Amusement Parks

Kagawa has a variety of amusement parks where visitors may have an enjoyable time.

New Reoma World
ニューレオマワールド
New Reoma World is an amusement park full of dynamic attractions, such as a pavilion of toys, a zoo, souvenir shops, a hotel, and a hot spring.
- Admission fee: Opened hours/Closed period: Varies depending the facility
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 5 minutes by car from JR Tokushima Station, 10 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange, or 45 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-73-3846

Olive Park
オリーブ公園
Shodoshima Island is home to Japan’s first olive plantation. The Olive Garden, Herb Garden, Olive Memorial Museum, and Greek-style windmills in the Olive Park create a Mediterranean atmosphere.
- Admission fee: Free
- Open: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
- Closed: December 26 to 30
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 30 minutes by high-speed boat from Takamatsu Port to Tonomi Port and 30 minutes by car from Tonomi Port
- Inquiry: 0879-82-2200

Nijushinohitomi Eigamura
( Twenty-four Eyes Movie Village )
二十四の瞳映画村
The movie Nijushinohitomi (Twenty-four Eyes) was made here in 1986, and the film set has been preserved as the Twenty-four Eyes Movie Village. Visitors may enjoy a historic experience as if they traveled back in time to the early Showa period.
- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Closed: December 26 to 30
- Parking lot: Pay Parking
- Access: 40 minutes by high-speed boat from Takamatsu Port to Kusakabe Port, and 30 minutes by car from Kusakabe Port
- Inquiry: 0879-82-2455

Play Park Gold Tower
ゴールドタワー
From a height of 158 meters, visitors can enjoy a splendid 360° view of the Seto Inland Sea and the Sanuki plain. The site includes Guinven’s Travels, a playland where visitors may learn the mechanism of the human body, and Wan-wan Land where visitors may play with dogs.
- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 10:00 AM to 5:00 AM (next morning), 365 days a year
- Access: 8 minutes on foot from JR Utsunomiya Station, 10 minutes by car from Sakaide Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Port
- Inquiry: 0877-49-7070

National Sanuki Manno Park
国営さぬき満濃公園
This national man-made park is adjacent to Manno Pond, Japan’s largest reservoir developed by Kobo Daishi (a famous Japanese monk also known as Kukai). Every season a wide variety of seasonal flowers fill the park’s various gardens.
- Admission fee: Free
- Open: 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM (varies with the season)
- Closed: Every Tuesday (varies with the season), December 20 to January 1, and January 21 to 24
- Parking lot: Pay Parking
- Access: 15 minutes by car from JR Kōtōhira Station, 30 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange, or 45 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-70-1700

The New Yashima Aquarium
新屋島水族館
Atop Yashima Mountain, you can enjoy a close encounter with creatures of the sea, watch live performances of dolphins and seals, and spend a fun-filled day with family and friends.
- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM
- Access: 10 minutes by car from Kōtōhira Station, 30 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange
- Inquiry: 087-841-2676

Megijima Island is often called Onigashima (Island of Ogres), because the cave near the top of island is supposed to be the ogres’ den.
- Access: 30 minutes by ferry from Takamatsu Port
- Inquiry: Takamatsu City Hall’s Megi branch office Tel. 0873-01-1010
Sunport Takamatsu
サノポート高松
Sunport Takamatsu is the new urban center in Kagawa Prefecture. It serves as a terminus for marine and land transportation routes and contains an international conference hall, a cultural art hall, restaurants, and shops. Furthermore, it has a 30-story symbol tower, which is the tallest tower on the island of Shikoku. The highest floor of this tower offers an unparalleled view of the Seto Inland Sea.
● Admission fee: Contact below
● Access: JR Takamatsu Station is next to Sunport Takamatsu, which is 20 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
● Inquiry: Regional Development Division, Kagawa Prefecture
Tel: 087-832-3380

Seto Ohashi Bridge
瀬戸大橋
The Seto Ohashi Bridge connects five islands with six sections of the bridge over the 9.4-km strait between Kagawa Prefecture and Okayama Prefecture. This bridge is the world’s longest bridge for vehicles and trains. The Seto Ohashi Bridge Commemorative Park and Commemorative Hall are located at the starting point of the bridge on the Kagawa side.

Seto Ohashi Bridge Commemorative Hall
● Admission fee: Free
● Open: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
● Closed: Every Monday (Tuesday if Monday falls on a holiday) and December 29 to December 31
● Parking lot: Free
● Access: 20 minutes by bus from JR Sakaide Station, 15 minutes by car from Sakaide Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
● Inquiry: 0877-45-2344

Art and Culture
Kagawa, which faces the Seto Inland Sea, is referred to as the Road to Culture in Japanese classical literature. Kagawa Prefecture welcomes visitors to enjoy its outstanding culture and art, which have been developed rapidly since ancient times.

Higashiyama Kai Setouchi Museum
香川県立東山魁夷せとうち美術館
This art museum, which is located at the foot of the Seto Ohashi Bridge, possesses more than 270 works by Higashiyama Kai, one of the most famous Japanese painters of modern art.
● Admission fee: Contact below
● Open: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (open until 7:00 PM on every Friday from May to August)
● Closed: Every Monday (Tuesday if Monday falls on a holiday) and December 29 to January 3
● Parking lot: Free
● Access: 10 minutes by car from JR Sakaide Station, 15 minutes by car from Sakaide Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
● Inquiry: 0877-44-1333

Marugame Genichiro-Inokuma Museum of Contemporary Art
丸亀市猪熊弦一郎現代美術館
This art museum, which is located conveniently in front of the station, possesses more than 20,000 of Genichiro Inokuma’s works. Inokuma is a world-famous oil painter born in Kagawa.
● Admission fee: Contact below
● Open: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
● Closed: Exhibits changing periods only
● Parking lot: Pay Parking
● Access: One minute on foot from JR Marugame Station, 15 minutes by car from Zenitsu Interchange or Sakaide Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
● Inquiry: 0877-24-7755

Shikoku Mura (Rural Residence Museum)
四国村(四国民家博物館)
This museum, which is located at the foot of the Yoshima Plateau, exhibits old rural homes, which have either been reproduced or moved from around the four prefectures of Shikoku Island. There is also an art museum on the grounds where visitors can see photographs of Buddhist images from around the world.
● Admission fee: Contact below
● Open: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (closes at 4:30 PM between November and March), 365 days a year
● Parking lot: Free
● Access: Five minutes on foot from Kotoden Yoshima Station, 20 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
● Inquiry: 087-843-3111

Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum
石倉豊作庭園美術館

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Benesse House

Benesse House was designed by world famous architect Tadao Ando. It consists of a main building, which contains an art museum, a hotel, and an annex to the hotel. Many of the works exhibited here were created by contemporary artists specifically for this museum.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, 365 days a year
- Access: 60 minutes by ferry from Takamatsu Port to Miyaura Port and 20 minutes by bus from Miyaura Port
- Inquiry: 087-892-2030

Art House Project

Contemporary artists use old houses as their works in this project.
- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM (opens at 9:30 AM between July and September)
- Closed: Every Monday (Tuesday if Monday falls on a holiday)
- Access: 60 minutes by ferry from Takamatsu Port
- Inquiry: 087-892-2030

Chichu Art Museum

The Chichu Art Museum, a three floor underground museum, designed by world-famous architect, Tadao Ando. The museum innovates the traditional concept of art museums. This museum exhibits Claude Monet's late Water Lily series paintings, including as large as 2 x 6 meters. This is the largest work that exists in Asia.

- Admission fee: 2,000 yen
- Open: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (closed at 5:00 PM from October to February)
- Closed: Every Monday (Tuesday if Monday falls on a holiday) and from December 30 to January 3 (This schedule may change without notice.)
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 60 minutes by ferry from Takamatsu Port
- Inquiry: 087-892-3755 http://www.chichu.jp

Local Culinary Specialties and Folk Craft Articles

Kagawa is full of delicacies, including its simple and warm local cuisine. Its traditional handicrafts and local specialties are waiting for you.

Sanuki Udon Noodles

The udon noodle is the Sanuki area's most famous food specialty. Sanuki udon is characterized by its firm, pleasantly chewy texture, and once you taste it, you'll never forget it.

Handicrafts

The production of paper fans in Marugame makes up 90% of the total production of paper fans in all of Japan. Besides fans, Kagawa also produces plenty of crafts used in everyday life, such as bamboo products and zikkanburi, box and tableware coated with tannin derived from persimmons.

Furniture and Handicrafted Products

Kagawa's outstanding craftsmanship techniques produce excellent products, such as high-quality furniture coated with gold leaves or gloves manufactured in Higashikagawa City.

Sweets

In Kagawa, visitors may taste a variety of Japanese sweets and snacks unique to the area, such as rice crackers made from shrimp caught in the Seto Inland Sea.

Folk Craft Articles

There are more than 100 kinds of special souvenirs, the most famous of which include Takamatsu hariko (a paper-mache doll), Sanuki itobori (woodcarving), and kojishi (a small lion mascot).

Shodoshima Somen Noodles

Shodoshima Island is famous for its traditional somen noodles, which are thin, soft, and very delicious.

Processed Agricultural and Marine Products

A wide variety of processed agricultural and marine products including olive products, products made with soy sauce and local brands of sake (Japanese rice wine) are popular in Kagawa.
Yashima

Yashima is a peninsula that resembles the shape of a roof and is known for its ancient battlefield where two great influential clans fought approximately 800 years ago. From the top of the mountain, you can look down and see a magnificent view of the Seto Inland Sea and an impressive view of Takamatsu’s city lights. The Yashimaji Temple is located in Yashima, and Yashima also has an aquarium.

- Parking lot: Free, but there is a tollgate on the Yashima Drive way.
- Access: 6 minutes by car from Kotohiki Yashima Station, 30 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange, or 50 minutes from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Yashima-sanjo Tourist Association
  Tel. 087-841-9443

Kankakei Gorge

Kankakei Gorge is considered one of the three most beautiful valleys in Japan. It provides the scenic beauty of a unique-shaped rock cliff, which is several hundred meters high and decorated with fresh greenery, azaleas, and autumnal leaves. Visitors can take a five-minute ropeway to enjoy breathtaking views of the valley.

Kankakei Ropeway

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (with minor changes, depending on the season), 365 days a year
- Access: 30 minutes by high-speed boat from Takamatsu Port to Tonosho Port and then 45 minutes by car from Tonosho Port

Sand Coin

Visitors to the observatory on top of Mt. Kotohiki can see a gigantic sand coin created by the white sand of Anako Beach. The coin measures 122 meters wide from east to west, 90 meters long from north to south, and 345 meters in perimeter. The view from the observatory includes the Seto Island Sea and is particularly beautiful in the evening.

- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 25 minutes on foot from JR Kannonji Station, 15 minutes by car from Sanuki Toyonaka Interchange or Onohara Interchange, or 70 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Kannonji City Commerce, Industry, and Sightseeing Division
  Tel. 0875-23-3933

Shonai Peninsula

A wide variety of flowers adorn the slope of the Shonai Peninsula, which is famous for the old Japanese tale of Urashima Taro. The top of Mt. Shiude offers an unparalleled view of the Seto Inland Sea.

- Access: 50 minutes by car from JR Takuma Station, 40 minutes by car from Sanuki Toyonaka Interchange, or 70 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Shonai City Commerce, Industry, and Sightseeing Division
  Tel. 0875-62-1129
Tsu no Matsubara

Tsu no Matsubara is a scenic area of white sands and 3,000 green pines, including a 600-year-old pine tree known as Shichifukuji Matsu (the Pine of the Seven Gods of Luck). The area has been selected as one of the 100 beautiful spots in Japan.

Spring

A crossroads of hotels and restaurants with natural hot springs can be found both by the shore, and in town, making travel and relaxation easier. Tsu no Matsubara has a history of 400 years, and Konpira’s natural springs are said to be the most famous hot springs in Japan.

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Access to Kagawa
(travel time)

**JR Marine Liner**
Okayama to Takamatsu (0:55)
JR Takamatsu Station Tourist Information Office Tel. 087-825-1701

**Car**
via the Seto Central Expressway and Route 11
Okayama to Takamatsu
Japan Road Traffic Information Center,
Shikoku Information Tel. 087-834-3400

**Bus**
Kansai International Airport to Takamatsu (3:32)
Shikoku Kosoku Bus Reservation Center Tel. 087-881-8419

**Airplane**
Tokyo to Takamatsu (1:10 to 1:15)
Seoul to Takamatsu (1:35 to 1:45)
Shanghai to Takamatsu (1:55)

All Nippon Airways (ANA) Tel. 0570-029-222
Japan Airlines (JAL) Tel. 06-6344-2355
Asiana Airlines Tel 087-826-3939
Spring Airlines Tel. 0570-666-168

**Ferry**
Kobe to Takamatsu (3:40)
Jumbo Ferry Tel. 087-851-3355

**Tourist Information Center**
Takamatsu Information Plaza Tel. 087-851-2009
Kagawa Prefecture Tourism Association Tel. 087-832-3377

**Sightseeing Information Website**
http://www.my-kagawa.jp/eg/