



City of Japan Heritages KURASHIKI CITY

Kurashiki City, which borders the Seto Inland Sea, has a population of approximately 480,000 people. The place flourished as a city of merchants in the Edo period and a city of spinning in the Meiji era. In recent years, it has grown into an industrial city and a city of culture and tourism. Boasting a mild climate typical of the Seto Inland Sea region and fertile land provided by the Takahashi River, the city enjoys thriving agricultural and fishing industries. In addition, the city has the largest number of Japanese Heritages at three. The Japanese government recognizes the historic attractions and features of regions as Japan Heritage stories. Come and enjoy the attractions of Kurashiki.

[Three Japan Heritage Stories of Kurashiki]

~ the textile town where Japan and the West are woven together ~

Kurashiki's textile industry developed on land created by a reclamation project. As the city grew into Japan's leading textile city, the traditional merchant houses and the Western-style buildings built after the Meiji period blended well with each other in the townscape.



~ Ports of call for of kitamaebune ships/Shipowners' village ~

Since Kurashiki was a port of call for kitamaebune ships, the port towns bustled with merchants bringing in herring meal used as fertilizer for cotton from Hokkaido. The current townscape and votive offerings made to the shrines tell you how prosperous Kurashiki was



Okayama, Birthplace of the Legend of Momotaro

~ A tale of ogre conquest handed down through ancient Kibi heritage ~

The northern part of Kurashiki City was once a powerful force comparable to Yamato Province and Izumo Province as part of Kibi Province. There remain various historic sites, including Tatetsuki Site, which appears in the ogre hunting folklore, and Yata Otsuka Burial Mound.



What is Japan Heritage?

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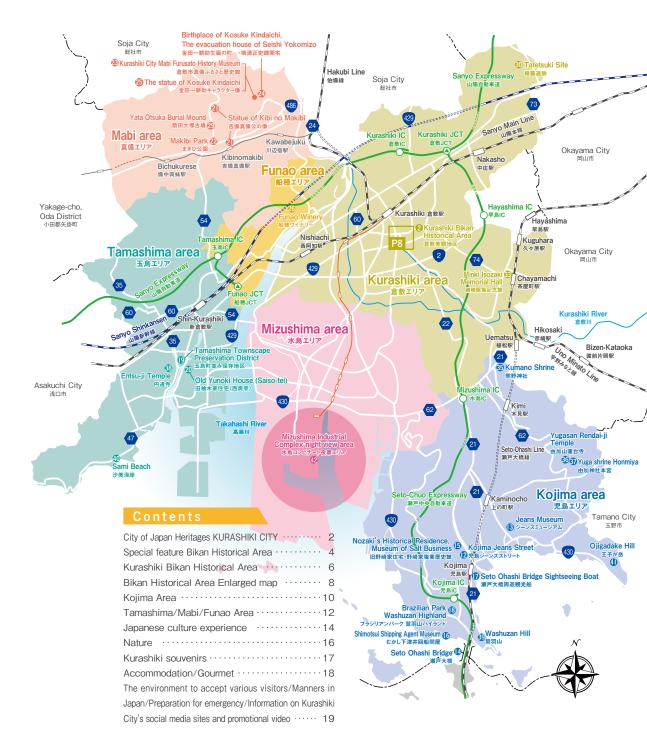
A certification given by the Japanese government to For more information on recognize stories that introduce Japanese culture and traditions through historic attractions and the features of regions. This program utilizes and introduces various tangible and intangible cultural properties.

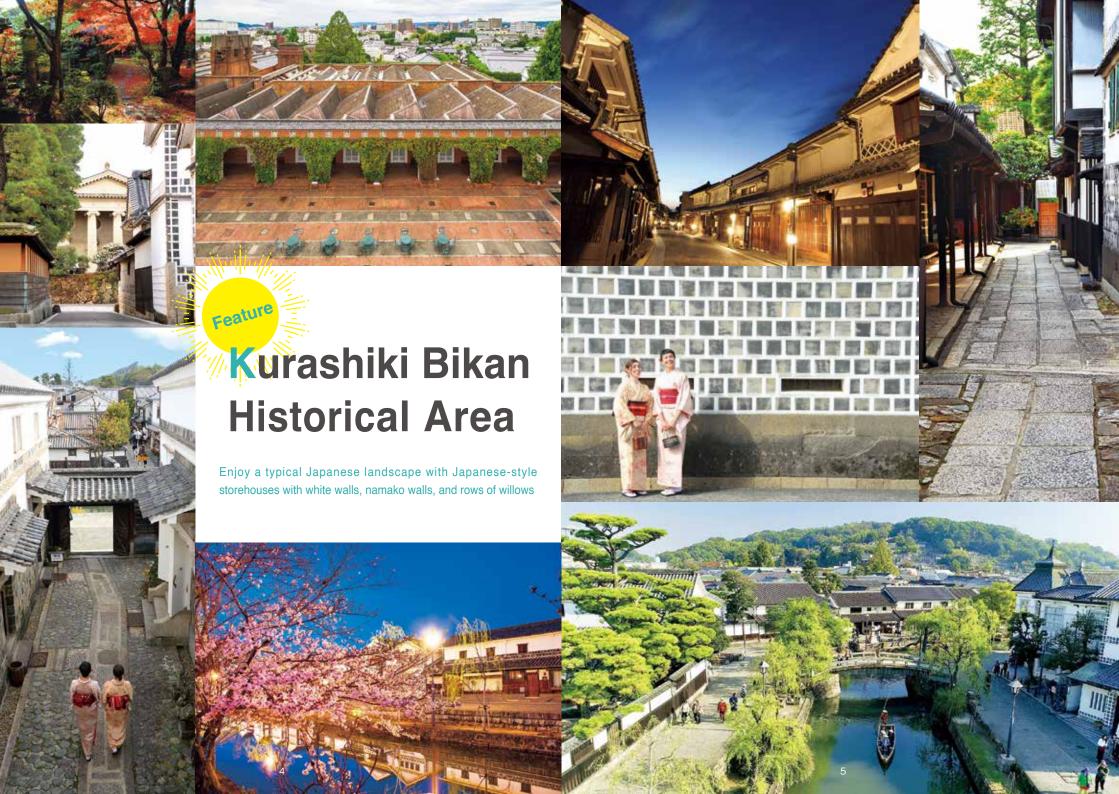
Kurashiki's Japan Heritage:











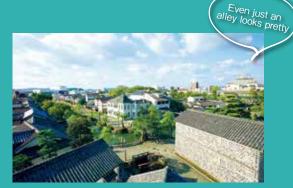


Bikan Historical

Area

Enjoy Japanese culture at your leisure

In the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area, visitors can eniov a quaint landscape with Japanese-style storehouses with white walls, namako walls, and rows of willows. The townscape with about 400-year-old traditional buildings and the retro-modern view along the Kurashiki River continue to attract people from around the world.



2Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area 倉敷美観地区

This area is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the prefecture and is lined with specialty shops, including canvas, jean, and Japanese sake shops and cafes made from renovated traditional wooden townhouses. This area also offers other attractions, such as riverboat rides and the museum of art, and visitors will never get bored strolling in this area all day.



SKurashiki-kan (Tourist Information Office)

倉敷館【観光案内所】

This is a Western-style wooden building built as Kurashiki Town Hall in 1917. The building can be used not only as a tourist information office but also as a free rest house with multipurpose restrooms, coin-operated lockers, and vending machines. It is equipped with a free water station from the perspective of the SDGs.

OPEN 9:00~18:00(*Opening hours are subject to change during the year-end and New Year holidays) CLOSED Open year-round FEE Free of charge

sitors can enjoy a erent side of the Kurashiki Haruyoi Akari Festival 倉敷春宵あかり This is the event that marks the coming of Area is lit up with gentle, warm lights (akari).

4 Punting Boat Rides on Kuashiki River くらしき川舟流し



The Kurashiki River once bustled with boats carrying goods. Visitors can enjoy the quaint atmosphere on a boat in a relaxed manner. Kurashiki-kan Tourist Information

OPEN 9:30~17:00 *Departure: Every 30 minutes

March to November: The second Monday / December to February: Operated only on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays (out of service during the year-end and New Year holidays)

FEE Adults 500 yen / Children (from 5 years old up to elementary

⑤Kurashiki Archaeological Museum 倉敷考古館

period. It not only exhibits over several-thousand-year-old stoneware and earthenware pieces discovered in the southern part of Okayama but also

Students (elementary school to junior high school) 300 years



6 Kurashiki Ivy Square 食敷アイビースクエア

The square is a complex completed by renovating the surrounded by striking red brick walls has a pottery studio and a hotel. Kurabo Memorial Hall introduces the history of the spinning industry.

[Kurabo Memorial Hall]

OPEN 10:00~16:00 (Last admission: 15:45)

FEE Adults 300 yen / Students (elementary school to





⑦Ohara Museum of Art 大原美術館

As Japan's first private museum featuring Western art, the museum was established in 1930. The museum exhibits and stores famous Western paintings including the works of El Greco and Claude Monet, modern and

OPEN (From December to February) $9:00 \sim 15:00$

Mondays (open on public holidays and during summer vacation), year-end and New Year holidays

FEE *Main Building, Craft Art and Asian Art Galleries: Adults

2,000yen/ Students (elementary school- high school) 500 yen

Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area

Enlarged map

15 minutes walk from Kurashiki Station



8 Ohashi House 大橋家住宅

The Ohashi family, who made a fortune by developing new rice fields in the Edo period, built this townhouse in 1796. It still has a distinctive classic merchant townhouse look

OPEN 9:00~17:00

Fridays from December to February (open on public holidays), December 28 to January 3

FEE Adults 550 yen / Students (elementary school and junior high school) and 65 years of age and older 350 yen

Achi terasu Kurashiki



FEE Free of charge





Kurashiki Geibunkan 倉敷市芸文館

Kurashiki Nishi

倉敷西小学校

Elementary School

Kurashiki Higashi Elementary School 食敷東小学校





Wi-Fi is available for free!

楠戸家住宅

Free Wi-Fi is available to anyone in Kurashiki City. The Internet can be

Ohara House Katalyzer (Old Ohara House) 語らい座 大原本邸(旧大原家住宅)

The heads of the Ohara family that laid the foundation for the development of Kurashiki lived in this house for generations. The history of the Ohara family is introduced through the collections and modern exhibits.

OPEN 9:00~17:00

Mondays (excluding public holidays) * The entire house may sometimes be booked. FEE Adults 500 yen / Students (elementary school to high school) 400 yen



User Guide

抽針

オストメイト

Tourist Information Office 観光案内所

Art gallery/museum 美術館・博物館

Toilet for Ostomates

Evacuation shelter

Emergency power system 非常用電源装置

Toilet Bus stop トイレ バス停

Accommodation 宿泊施設

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①Yurin-so Villa 有隣荘

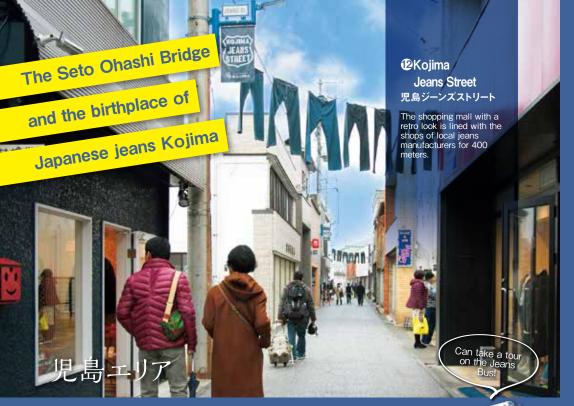
This is the former vacation house of the Ohara family built by Magozaburo Ohara. It is also called Midori Goten (green villa) due to its distinctive green tiled roof. *Visitors can look at the house only from the outside unless it is specially opened to the public.

Inoue House 井上家住宅

This house is about 300 years old and the oldest extant townhouse in Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area. It is designated a national important cultural property and was once owned by an old important family that led the town administration.

OPEN 10:00~17:00(Last admission: 16:30) Mondays (If a Monday falls on a public holiday, the next day)

FEE Adults 500 yen / Students (elementary school and junior high school) 300 yen



Kojima Area

Kojima is the first production area for Japanese jeans. How about looking for some jeans perfect for you in the town filled with jeans shops?

®Jeans Museum ジーンズミュージアム



This is Japan's first jeans museum. The history of jeans and their historical background are introduced using easy-to-understand panels and exhibits.

OPEN 9:00~18:00 QLOSED Open year-round, excluding the year-end and New Year holidays FEE Free of charge







@Seto Ohashi Bridge 瀬戸大橋

This is one of the bridges connecting Honshu and Shikoku over the beautiful Seto Inland Sea dotted with islands. This majestic bridge complex consists of some of the world's longest bridges, including suspension bridges, cable-staved bridges, and a truss bridge.

The bridge is lit up after sunset and has a whole different look from the daytime.



®Nozaki's Historical Residence 旧野﨑家住宅·野﨑家塩業歴史館

This is the former residence of Buzaemon Nozaki who made a fortune in salt production about 200 years ago. There are the main house, earthen storehouse, and teahouse on the approximately 3,000-tsubo (approximately 9,917 m2) premises. The materials on salt production at that time and the furnishings are displayed in the renovated earthen storehouse.

OPEN 9:00~17:00 (*Last admission 16:30)

Mondays (If a Monday falls on a public holiday, the next day), December 25 to January 1 Adults 500 yen/ Students (elementary school and junior high school) 300 yen

©Shimotsui Shipping Agent Museum むかし下津井回船問屋

This is a museum in the restored building of the shipping agent of the Meiji era. Visitors can see what the merchant house back then looked like. The materials on Shimotsui are exhibited, and local specialties are also sold. There is also a restaurant where guests can choose between Japanese food and Italian food.

OPEN 9:00~17:00 (Last admission 16:30)

uesdays (If a Tuesday falls on a public holiday, the next day), December 29 to January 3



KURASHIKI COLUMN **Activities in Kojima Area**

©Seto Ohashi Bridge Sightseeing Boat 瀬戸大橋周遊観光船

Visitors can see the majestic Seto Ohashi Bridge feeling the fresh sea breeze, and looking at the large and small islands dotting the Seto Inland
Sea.



®Brazilian Park Washuzan Highland ブラジリアンパーク鷲羽山ハイランド

It is an amusement park where visitors can get on every ride as many times as they want by only paying the admission fee. Visitors can enjoy the thrill rides and a beautiful view of the Seto Inland Sea while on the Sky Cycle.





Tamashima/Mabi/Funao

Area

Places where visitors can enjoy the atmosphere of good old Japan and a quaint landscape



Tea culture of Tamashima 玉島の茶文化

As Tamashima flourished as a town with a commercial port, merchants used teahouses to interact with each other. In its heyday, the town had approximately 400 teahouses and was lined with tea utensil shops and Japanese confectionery shops. There still remain some of those shops.





@Old Yunoki House (Saiso-tei)

旧柚木家住宅(西爽亭)

This is the former house of the Yunoki family that served the Bichu Matsuyama domain lord. Its distinctive structure and appearance give a quaint look. In this house, Ataka Kumata, the chief retainer of the domain, committed suicide with a sword at the end of the Edo period to take full responsibility for the domain.

OPEN 9:00~17:00 CLOSED Mondays (If a Monday falls on a public holiday, the next day)
FEE Free of charge



②Statue of Kibi no Makibi 吉備真備公の像

Kibi no Makibi visited China twice in the Nara period and is reflected in his knowledge of politics and culture. He is said to have introduced the game of go to Japan and invented the katakana syllabary.



②Makibi Park まきび公園

This park was built in commemoration of the construction of the monument of Kibi no Makibi in China. In this park, there is a place where visitors can enjoy food and tea and buy local produce and craftworks.



Kurashiki City Mabi Furusato History Museum

倉敷市真備ふるさと歴史館

The museum exhibits materials concerning the lifestyle of villagers and the creative ideas for developing industries in the Edo period.

OPEN 10:00~16:00 CLOSED Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, December 28 to January 4 FEE Free of charge

②Birthplace of Kosuke Kindaichi 金田一耕助生誕の町

Mabi-cho, Kurashiki City, is the birthplace of Kosuke Kindaichi, the most famous fictional detective in Japan. Mabi-cho is not only the place in which the novel is set but also the location for the movies and TV dramas.



The evacuation house of Seishi Yokomizo

OPEN 10:00~16:00
CLOSED Mondays, Thursdays
Fridays, December
29 to January 3

FEE Free of charge

The most famous mystery character in Japan!

②The statue of Kosuke Kindaichi 金田一耕助キャラクター像

Kosuke Kindaichi is a fictional private detective who appears in a mystery novel by Seishi Yokomizo and one of the three most famous detectives in lange.





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②Funao Winery 船穂ワイナリー

Kurashiki City is one of the biggest producers of the queen of fruits, Muscat of Alexandria. Funao Winery produces wine using plenty of muscats produced in Funao-cho. Visitors can not only buy wine but can also learn the history of muscat cultivation, see how wine is produced, and taste the wine.

OPEN 9:00~17:00

CLOSED Year-end and New Year holidays (December 29 to January 3)



Kurashiki is not only filled with Japanese-style buildings but also infused with Japanese culture. Why don't you feel good old Japan by experiencing something very Japanese, such as the kimono experience?

2 Momotaro's Karakuri Museum 桃太郎のからくり博物館



cave full of ogres and also exhibits old documents on Momotaro and toys.

OPEN 10:00~17:00 CLOSE Open year-round FEE Adults 600 yen / Students (elementary school to high school) 400 yen / Children (5 years old and older) 100 yen





Kurashiki Museum of Folk-Craft **倉敷民藝館**

Okayama, birthplace of the legend of Momotaro





Japanese Toy and Doll Museum 日本郷土玩具館

around Japan from the Edo renovated rice granary built in the Edo period. It also has

OPEN 10:00~17:00 (LOSED January 1 , Random opening hours FEE Adults 500 yen, students 300 yen, elementary school students and younger: free

@UKIYO-E KURASHIKI/ KUNIYOSHI UKIYO-E KURASHIKI/国芳館

The inn overlooking the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area was renovated as the world's first museum that features Kuniyoshi Utagawa, one of Japan's leading ukiyo-e artists. The museum exhibits approximately 100 works, including his debut work and masterpieces.

OPEN $10:00\sim18:00$ FEE Adults 1,300 yen, students 1,000 yen (high school to



KURASHIKI COLUMN

Kinkanen



33 Minki Isozaki Memorial Hall 磯崎眠亀記念館

CLOSED Mondays FEE Free of charge



Japan's outstanding shrines and

temples



4 Achi Shrine

This shrine is located on the top of Mt. are also a noh stage and ancient garden in the precincts.



Yugasan Rendai-ji Temple 由加山蓮台寺

As a sacred mountain that wards off evil and a temple for prayer valued by the Okayama domain lords, Yugasan receives a stream of visitors. The historic old temple is renowned as the gongen (Shinto deity) of yoga.



阿智神社

Tsurugata, a scenic viewpoint overlooking the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area. There



TYuga shrine Honmiya 由加神社本宮

Yuga Shrine is known as one of Japan's three greatest gongens and the grand head temple of yakuyoke (warding off evil). It is a magnificent shrine with the great torii gate made of Bizen ware and the treasure found in the precincts.



Skumano Shrine 熊野神社

Kumano Shrine is an overwhelmingly magnificent shrine with six pavilions. The second pavilion is designated a national important cultural property, and the other pavilions are designated prefectural important cultural properties.



円通寺

Entsu-ji Temple in Mt. Hakka is a historic old temple that is said to have been founded by Gyoki in the Nara period. It is located at the center of Entsu-ji Park where visitors can enjoy seasonal flowers.



The beauty of the Seto Inland Sea dotted with islands 瀬戸内海の多島美

Kurashiki City has various scenic view of the beautiful Seto Inland Sea dotted with islands. There are a lot of view of Bisan Seto dotted with islands from Washuzan Hill and the beauty of Ojigadake Hill with strangely shaped rocks!

mind by experiencing beautiful nature.

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lature to the fullest!



Sami Beach 沙美海岸

be the oldest swimming area in Japan and every year. The beautiful beach has



The top of the hill stands 133 meters above sea level and commands a beautiful view of a little more than 50 big and small islands and the magnificent Seto Ohashi Bridge. Washuzan Hill is selected as one of the 100 Best Sunsets in Japan.

4のjigadake Hill 王子が岳

③Washuzan Hill 鷲羽山

Ojigadake Hill is a scenic viewpoint that commands a view of the beautiful Seto Inland Sea dotted with islands and a panoramic view of the magnificent Seto Ohashi Bridge. There is and azalea blossoms in spring, various activities are available, such as paragliding and hiking, and a relaxing time at a cafe.

42 Night view of Mizushima Industrial Complex

水島コンビナートの夜景







Candles キャンドル

In Japan, a large share of the candles for events such as weddings are



倉敷ギフト

Kurashiki souvenirs

Textile Goods 繊維製品

Cotton and rush have been cultivated in Kurashiki City for a long time. Today, school uniforms, jeans, and canvas are made by

Buy something special that can be bought only in Kurashiki as a souvenir



Kurashiki Hariko 倉敷はりこ

based in Kurashiki in 1869. These cute dolls that move in a





Kurashiki Glass

made using the glassblowing technique. Each product has a different look and feel. Their moderate thickness and



Accommodation •

Visitors cannot see all the tourist spots in Kurashiki City in one day. Let's enjoy more by staying in Kurashiki.



Hotels mostly Western-style shower rooms and bathtubs. f you would like to stay in a familiar



enjoy Japanese culture, choose a Japanese inn.

Japanese inns on the accommodation Japanese-style structures and facilities. Guests can enjoy their bathing facilities such as onsen and public baths. If you would like to

in Kurashiki City:



Gourmei

Introducing foods produced in the rich natural environment of Kurashiki City



White Peach 白桃 Kurashiki's white peaches are characterized by their elegant white color, sweet aroma, refreshing taste,



Muscat of Alexandria マスカットオブアレキサンドリア With its gem-like color and rich taste and aroma, Muscat of Alexandria is the finest muscat in every aspect. It is called the queen of fruits.



Bamboo shoots たけのこ Bamboo shoots produced in Kurashiki City are known for their sweet aroma and soft texture.



Tsurajima Burdock 連島ごぼう These burdocks are cultivated on the well-drained land on the site of the abandoned section of the Takahashi River. Their roots are known for being white on the skin and containing a small amount of lye.



Common octopi are caught around the Seto Ohashi Bridge. They are popular for their thickness and firm and juicy texture. You can enjoy them in different recipes, such as octopus rice and octopus shabu-shabu (Japanese hot pot).



Fujito manju is a saka manju, a sweet steamed bun stuffed with smooth sweet red bean paste and wrapped in a thin sheet of dough made from amazake and flour, which is made by the oldest manju store in Okayama that has been in business since 1184.



Bukkake udon ぶっかけうどん Bukkake udon is Kurashiki's specialty

that has won the competition of local udon for two years in a row and is highly recognized.



Kaeshizushi 返し寿司

Kaeshizushi is invented by commoners to hide expensive ingredients because they were prohibited from having luxuries. When a simple sushi is turned upside down, a sumptuous sushi appears.



Wines ワイン

In Kurashiki, excellent wines are made with time and care using high-quality grapes.

The environment to accept various visitors

Kurashiki City is promoting the development of an environment to accept various visitors, including foreign tourists, by introducing free Wi-Fi spots, building hospitality restrooms, and making various tools available in multiple languages.





https://www.kurashiki-tabi.jp/ryuiki/wifi/

Manners in Japan

Please follow the rules and have good manners in Japan.



Please dispose of garbage at the designated sites.



Please check in and check out at a



restrooms clean.



Please take off your shoes when you enter a house/room.



hot springs, please follow their rules.

Preparation for emergency

In case of emergency, please check necessary information on the applications in advance.



Kurashiki Visitor's Guide

JNTO Japan Visitor Hotline Q050-3816-2787

[Open 24/7]

Police: 2110

Fire : 119

Information on Kurashiki City's social media sites and promotional video

Introducing Kurashiki's attractions!



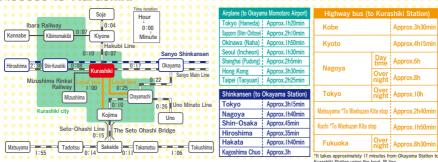


Kurashiki City JAPAN YouTube





Access to Kurashiki



Access to the nearby areas

From Kurashiki Station to Kojima: Approx.16 km Approximately a 1-hour ride on a local bus to JR Kojima Station Approximately a 1-minute train ride to (Riyapma Station on the JR Sanyo Main Line. Approximately a 25-minute train ride to Kijima Station from Ciayama Station on the JR Seto-Ohashi Line Approximately a 25-minute train ride to Kijima Station from Ciayama Station on the JR Seto-Ohashi Line From Kurashiki Station to Tamashima: Approx.9 km Approximately an 8-minutue train ride on the JR Sanyo Main Line to Shin-Kurashiki Approximately an 7-minute train ride to Kijima Station from Kiyone Station on the IR Hakubi Line. Approximately a 7-minute train ride to Kijima Station from Kiyone Station on the IR Hakubi Line. Approximately a 7-minute train ride to Kijima Station from Kiyone Station on the IR Hakubi Line. Approximately a 7-minute train ride to Kijima Station from Kiyone Station on the IR Hakubi Line. Approximately a 7-minute train ride to Kijima Station from Kiyone Station on the IR Hakubi Line. Approximately a 7-minute train ride to Kijima Station from Kiyone Station on the IR Sanyo Main Line to Shin-Kurashiki Station to Chayamachi: Station on the IR Sanyo Main Line to Shin-Kurashiki Station to Chayamachi: Approx.6 km

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