WAKAYAMA CITY TOURISM GUIDE

If you here a trip planned to Japan, you ought to come to Wakayama.
Wakayama Castle

Selected as one of Japan’s 100 best castles, for its beautiful chalky white castle tower that stands over the center of the city. The castle tower also offers a spectacular view of the city.

Dress-up Experience
Try on old-fashioned outfits for feudal lords, princesses, ninjas, and more.

Tea Experience
Enjoy green tea and Japanese sweets in the scenic Momijidani Teien Garden’s teahouse.

Cherry Blossoms (late March to early April)
The castle boasts some 600 cherry blossom trees that bathe the grounds in pink each spring.

Fall Colors (late November to early December)
See the beautiful fall colors reflected in the garden pond below, or enjoy a spot on the castle grounds surrounded entirely by brightly colored leaves.

Access
7 min. bus ride or 20 min. walk from JR Wakayama Sta. (1.5 km)
5 min. bus ride or 10 min. walk from Nankai Wakayamashi Sta. (1 km)
Wakayama Marina City

This resort island offers great food, hot spring baths, a theme park, and a hotel, making it a great getaway. The Tuna Cutting Show, held daily at Kuroshio Ichiba Market, is a must-see.

Access
- 30 min. bus ride from JR Wakayama Sta. (9 km)
- 40 min. bus ride from Nankai Wakayama Sta. (10 km)

Porto Europa
A theme park with a medieval European atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy events like fireworks shows and more.

Kishu Kuroshio Onsen
Enjoy natural hot spring baths with breathtaking views out to the horizon.

Kuroshio Ichiba Market
Grab a bite to eat or do some shopping at this lively seafood marketplace. Visitors can even buy fresh seafood at the shops and grill it at a restaurant here.

Wakayama Marina City Hotel
Every guest room at this resort hotel has a view of the ocean.

Sushi-making Experience
Learn how to make authentic nigiri sushi from a professional sushi chef.

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Wakayama Electric Railway, Kishigawa Line

The world-famous cat stationmaster is waiting for you at Kishi Station, the last stop on this train line.

Access
-30 min. train ride from platform 9 of JR Wakayama Sta. to Kishi Sta., the last stop (12 km)

These adorable trains feature lots of cute designs inside and out. You might also catch the Toi Train or the Umeboshi Train!

Tama Café
This charming little rest area features a delightful cat motifs.

Strawberry-picking (at Kishigawa Kanko Ichigogari-en)
All the large, sweet strawberries you can eat! Open from early February through mid May.
Kada & Tomogashima Islands

The Tomogashima Islands are just a 20-minute boat ride from Kada Port. This uninhabited islands are known for its distinctive brick weapon batteries that have fallen into disuse and been reclaimed by nature.

Access
- 25 min. train ride from Nankai Wakayamashi Sta. to Kada Sta. (last stop, 10 km)

Kada Port
Kada originally grew and flourished as a fishing town, and is still famous for its incredibly fresh seafood dishes.

Hina Nagashi
This tradition is held every March 3 at Awashima-jinja Shrine.

Kada Townscape
The road from Kada Station is lined with many charming old Japanese-style buildings.

Medetai Train
This train features a tai, or sea bream, motif. Sea bream is a traditional symbol of celebrations in Japan — perhaps a ride will help bring you happiness as well.
Wakaura, Saikazaki, and Kimiidera

For over 1,200 years, this area's scenic beauty has been a beloved source of inspiration for poets. Historic temples and shrines dot the landscape all around the area, and the local culture, like the local scenery, has been preserved from generation to generation.

Access
- 20 min. bus ride from JR Wakayama Sta. (5 km)
- 25 min. bus ride from Nankai Wakayamashi Sta. (6 km)

Kimii-dera Temple
This historic temple was originally built in the year 770, and is famous for its 500 cherry blossom trees that bloom each spring.

Kishu Tosho-gu Shrine
The dazzling colors and fine details make this shrine's carvings a must-see.

Bando Teien Garden
This garden extends to the end of the cape, with beautiful panoramic views all around.

Yosuien Garden
This Japanese garden is known for its ever-changing beauty throughout all four seasons.

Futagojima Islands
The spectacular sunsets behind these "twin islands" have captivated people for centuries.
Local Favorites  Wakayama Ramen / Green Soft / Fresh Seafood

Wakayama Ramen
The soul food of Wakayama! The pork bone broth is perfectly seasoned with soy sauce.

Green Soft
The world’s first matcha tea-flavored soft-serve ice cream.

Fresh Seafood
A variety of fresh seafood caught from local parts.

Onsen

“Tenku-no-yu Bath” at the National Park Resort Kyukamura Kishu Kada

“Manyo-no-yu Bath” at Manpa Resort

“Hiina-no-yu Bath” at Osakaya

This town is home to fourteen natural hot spring bath establishments, also offering open-air baths with a view of the ocean and more.

Wakayama City Map

Useful Links

my secret Wakayama
(Wakayama City sightseeing information)
http://www.mysecretwakayama.com/

WAKAYAMACITY.NET
(Information about restaurants, shops, and more in Wakayama City)
http://wakayamacity.net/en/

Visit Wakayama
(Wakayama Prefecture sightseeing information)
https://en.visitwakayama.jp/
To Wakayama City
1 hour from Osaka, 40min. from Kansai International Airport by bus or train.

- Shinkansen
- Kansai Electric Railway
- Wakayama Electric Railway
- Kansai Limousine Bus

To Kyushu
To Tokyo

SHIRAHAMA AREA
- Shirahama Onsen
- Engetsu Island

KUMANO AREA
- Nachi Waterfall
- Danjo Garan Sacred Temple Complex
- World Heritage

KOYASAN AREA
- World Heritage
- Engetsu Island

Kansai WIDE Area Pass
Get unlimited rides in Okayama, Takamatsu, Kinosaki-onsen, Amanohashidate, Tottori, Kii, Shirahama and Kii-Katsuura, in addition to the Kansai area!
Kansai Area Pass

Get unlimited rides on the Kansai-Airport Express “HARUKA” and local trains (incl. Rapid and Special Rapid services) with non-reserved seats, and West JR Bus in the area.

*Not valid on the Shinkansen or Limited Express trains other than the Kansai-Airport Express “HARUKA”, *Not valid on Tokaido Shinkansen (Shin-Osaka-Kyoto).

Purchasing abroad

1-day ¥2,200 (Children ¥1,100)
2-day ¥4,300 (Children ¥2,150)
3-day ¥5,300 (Children ¥2,650)
4-day ¥6,300 (Children ¥3,150)

Available Area

- All rapid and limited expresses in Japan and non-stop limited expresses outside
- Non-reserved trains and limited expresses in Japan
- Limited expresses outside Japan (only in and of Shinkansen)
- Local trains with express or bullet trains (All except highways, expressways, and limited expresses)

KANSAI THRU PASS

This ticket allows you to ride on subways, private railways and buses throughout the Kansai district. In addition to allowing you to visit Osaka, Kobe and Kyoto, it lets you visit Nara, Wakayama and Koyasan. Purchasing the economical KANSAI THRU PASS that comes in two types: 2-day and 3-day, will let you enjoy a more value-for-money holiday.

2-day ticket ¥4,000 (child ¥2,000)
3-day ticket ¥5,200 (child ¥2,600)

In detail http://www.surutto.com/tickets/kansai_thru_english.html

Wakayama Bus

One day pass

Ride as much as you want for one day including the Wakayama Bus Naga Route!
* Excludes the highway bus, limousine bus and community bus lines.
Includes coupons for special benefits, available at approx. 30 facilities along the bus routes. (Provided upon purchase)

Adult: ¥1,000
Child: ¥500

Wakayama Electric Railway Kishigawa Line

One day ticket

Adult: ¥780
Child: ¥390

One day pass

Wakayama Bus & Wakayama Electric Railway Kishigawa Line

Adult: ¥1,600
Child: ¥800

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