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Tsuyama / Kakuzan Park

A spring event which takes place in Kakuzan Park, famous for its cherry blossoms. The park has over 1,000 cherry trees, and many visitors come to enjoy the blossoms. Night-time lighting with lanterns creates a truly wonderful experience.

2 Fuji Park (Fuji Wisteria Park)

Wake

Hanging in this park are around 150 examples of 100 varieties of purple, clustered wisterias gathered from all over Japan. Its 500m tunnel of flowers, filled with sweet scent, looks like a purple waterfall. The blossoming season of late April to early May draws large numbers of visitors.

3 Asahi River Sakura Road

Okayama / Along the Asahi River

This 1.3 km path of cherry blossoms stretches along the Asahi River on the east side of Okayama Korakuen. It is an amazing sight, with about 200 blooming cherry blossom trees filling the bank from late March to early April. In the evenings it is lit up, and there are many stalls selling food and drink, so it is highly recommended for spring sightseeing.

4 Rising sun over Mushiage Bay

Setouchi / Mushiage Bay

The beautiful scenery of the islands in the peaceful Seto Inland Sea attracts many visitors. The beauty of the sunrise and sunset is exceptional.

5 Seto Ohashi Bridge

Kurashiki / View from Mt. Wushuzan

Offering perhaps the most impressive views of the Seto Inland Sea National Park, Wushuzan is a natural refuge with many facilities for visitors. Today, the world's longest two-tiered bridge system spans this beautiful waterway, linking Honshu and Shikoku. The magnificent Seto Ohashi Bridge is aesthetically designed to harmonize with the natural beauty of the forested islands and surrounding sea.

6 Row of Cherry Blossom Trees (Koya River)

Takahashi / Koya River

The elegant road that runs along the Koya River boasts beautiful rows of cherry and willow trees.

7 Kibiji District

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Soja / Bichu Kokubunji Temple Area

The Kibi area was the center of the Kibi Kingdom in ancient times. There are many ruins and burial mounds that show us how the ancient kingdom prospered. There are also many places that are linked with the legend of Kibitsuhiko no Mikoto, believed to be the story on which Momotaro (the boy born from a peach in Okayama legend) was based. The pagoda of Bichu Kokubunji Temple, commissioned by Emperor Shomu, situated in the countryside is a symbol of the Kibi Road area.

8 Fukiya Furusato Village

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These streets have prospered from the local copper mine and pigment production, as seen in the red pigment on the roofs and walls of the traditional buildings.

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Okayama Barazushi

This local favorite makes full use of the blessings of sea and mountain found in Okayama and is served at sushi restaurants throughout Okayama City or Kurashiki City.

Fruits

Okayama, with its sunny climate and few days of rain, is one of the fruit baskets of Japan. White peaches, and Muscat and Pione grapes are some of the crops we are most proud of.

Jeans

Kojima is said to be the "birthplace of domestic jeans", having produced the first made-in-Japan jeans in 1965.

Bizen Pottery

This traditional art of ame and earth has a history stretching back a millennium. This beautiful pottery uses ancient techniques to form profound, kilned colors without use of pigment.

Masking Tape

This Japanese paper-style tape was originally used in industrial settings. Today, however, the various designs of this colorful masking tape make it a popular souvenir.



31 Okayama Castle



Known as Raven Castle for its majestic black walls. (The donjon was rebuilt after the end of World War II.)

32 Ohara Art Museum



This gallery is must see, with crafts, occidental and oriental art focused on clay works, and classical occidental and oriental pieces. View famous works by western masters such as Monet and El Greco.

33 Japanese Local Toy Museum



View our collection of around 10,000 pieces of simple, traditional toys gathered from across Japan in our display room that was once a granary.

34 Kojima Jeans Street



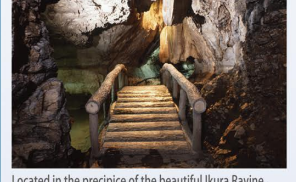
Kojima, a port city that faces Seto Ohashi Bridge, is a flourishing textile city famous for cotton production. In 1960's, it became the birthplace of Japan's domestically manufactured jeans. Visit the jeans makers that line the street and find something that matches your style.

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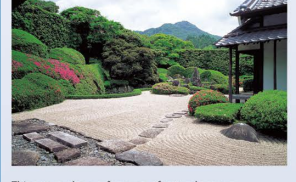
Displays about 700 manekineko (beckoning cat figurines) that have long been loved by the Japanese people. Paint and create your own unique manekineko.

36 Ikurado Cave



Located in the precincts of the beautiful Ikura Ravine, Ikurado is a cave that is 1.2 km long. At the cave entrance is a 50-meter tall waterfall that is full of impact. Another recommended cave is Makido, which is also in Niimi City.

37 Raikyūji Temple



This zen garden perfects use of natural scenery (established in the early 17th century) and is a nationally designated place of scenic beauty.



38 Bichu Matsuyama Castle



Tenshu (keep tower) remains as when it was built in 1683. On cold and clear mornings from late October to early December, a sea of clouds forms around the castle, giving an illusion that the tenshu is floating. It is often referred to as the "Castle in the Sky."

39 Yakage Honjin Former Ishii Residence



Yakage Honjin stands in shukubamachi, a post town that reminds of the Edo Period. Many kominka (old Japanese-style houses) have been renovated into new facilities. During an autumn festival, a group of about 80 people marches down the street to reproduce daimyo gyoretsu (feudal lord's procession).

40 Nagi Museum of Contemporary Art



This gallery combines the works into the building structure; designed by architect Arata Isozaki.

41 Ohaganishi no Tanada (Rice Terraces)



Covering an entire basin-like valley in a 400m high mountain range lies an unspoiled Japanese landscape of 850 terraced paddy fields.

42 Denchu Art Museum



This museum celebrates the achievements of Denchu Hirakushi, a renowned master of Japanese sculpture and recipient of the Order of Cultural Merit.

43 Tsuyama Railroad Educational Museum



Exhibited here are examples of 13 diesel trains, including some that run in many places around Japan, and also the unique diesel locomotive "DE50" #1, as well as a turntable.

44 Bisei Astronomical Observatory



One of the biggest open observatories in Japan, Bisei Observatory in Ibara City was selected as one of the best three sky viewing spots in the country. With the guidance of observatory staff, you can see many planets through the 101 cm telescope.

Map of Western Japan

