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NAGOYA and VICINITY



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Nagoya (名古屋), pop. 2,327,557 (as of Oct. 2019), the capital of Aichi Prefecture, is conveniently located in the very heart of central Japan, one of the nation's key industrial zones. The fourth largest city in Japan, Nagoya forms the core of industry and tourism in the district. Industry within the city originally centered around pottery-making. Today, however, the heavy and chemical industries predominate as well as the traditional light industries, producing cars, ships, rolling stock, machinery, plastics, cloisonné, ceramics, timepieces, toys, woodworks, musical instruments, and paper products. Historically, Nagoya was a typical castletown of feudal Japan built in the 16th century. Ieyasu Tokugawa (1542–1616), founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate, built the famous Nagoya Castle as a fortified resi-

dence for his son, whose descendants continued to reside there until the Meiji Restoration of 1868. Nagoya is also the birthplace of such great people in Japanese history as Nobunaga Oda (1534–1582) and Hideyoshi Toyotomi (1536–1598), who respectively united the whole of Japan under their influence. As a tourist center, Nagoya abounds in places of scenic and historic interests. Atsuta-jingu Shrine, Higashiyama Zoo and Gardens, Nagoya Port, Tokugawa Art Museum, Science Museum, Nittaiji Temple, and subway shopping arcades are favorite sightseeing spots. Nagoya is also a concentration point of traffic in the central Japan region. It is the junction of 4 principal JR Lines, namely, Shinkansen, Tokaido, Chuo and Kansai Lines. Nagoya is well provided with excellent private railway services operated.

Access:

By Train

From	To	By	Approx. Travel Time	Price
Tokyo	Nagoya	JR Shinkansen "Nozomi"	1 hr. 40 min.	¥11,300*
		JR Shinkansen "Hikari"	2 hrs.	¥11,090*
Kyoto		JR Shinkansen "Nozomi"	35 min.	¥5,910
		JR Shinkansen "Hikari"	45 min.	¥5,700
Shin-Osaka		JR Shinkansen "Nozomi"	55 min.	¥6,680
		JR Shinkansen "Hikari"	1 hr.	¥6,470
Central Japan Int'l Airport	Meitetsu-Nagoya	Meitetsu Line Airport Rapid Ltd. Exp. "μ-SKY"	30 min.	¥1,250

*Fare + express charge (with seat reservation, normal season).

By Bus

From	To	Approx. Travel Time	Price	Ticketing & Operator
Tokyo Sta.	Nagoya Sta.	6 hrs.	¥5,340	Japan Expressway Bus Net (JR Bus)
Shinjuku Sta.		6 hrs. 5min.		
Osaka Sta.		2 hrs. 50 min.	¥3,060	
Kyoto Sta.		2 hrs. 30 min.	¥2,600	Japan Expressway Bus Net (JR, Meitetsu & Kintetsu Buses)

By Air

From	To	Operated by	Approx. Travel Time	Access to Downtown
Fukuoka	Chubu* (Nagoya)	ANA, SFJ, IBX, JJP	1 hr.	[To Nagoya Sta.] - By Airport Bus 50 min. ¥1,300
New Chitose (Sapporo)		JAL, ANA, ADO, SKY, JJP, WAJ	1 hr.	

*Chubu Int'l Airport (Centrair).

Places of Interest:

Nagoya Castle (名古屋城), 10 min. by bus from Nagoya Sta. or 5 min. walk from Shiyakusho Sta. of the Subway Meijo Line, is an outstanding example of early modern castle architecture. Reduced to ashes during World War II, its main castle tower was rebuilt as a new five-storied ferroconcrete building in its original appearance in 1959. Since there are many pictures and blueprints of entire castle produced by the fire, the faithful reconstruction with wood of Hommaru main palace has been made successfully in 2018. Gorgeous Fusuma-e (paintings on sliding doors) and ceiling-panel paintings, faithfully reproduced from the originals, are must-see. The castle houses 1,047 pieces of original painting, designated as Important Cultural Properties, escaped from the fire. The main castle tower is also now under reconstruction, and the brand-new wooden tower with a pair of famous golden *Shachihoko* on the top is scheduled to open in 2022. Hours: 9:00–16:30. Closed: Dec. 29–Jan. 1. Admission: ¥500. <https://www.nagoyajo.city.nagoya.jp/en/>

Nagoya TV Tower (名古屋テレビ塔), 3 min. walk from Subway Sakae Sta. of the Meijo or Higashiyama Line, or Hisaya-Odori Sta. of the Meijo or Sakuradori Line, is a 180 m high steel tower erected on the 100 m wide boulevard. Now it is under the largest renovation project in its over 60-year history, and is scheduled to reopen in 2020.

Noritake Garden (ノリタケの森) 15 min. walk from Nagoya Sta. or 5 min. walk from Kamejima Sta. on Subway Higashiyama Line. Each stage of Noritake porcelain making can be seen, from the mixing of the clay to moulding, glazing, firing and painting. Noritake china has been exported to many countries since 1876. In the museum, a number of old Noritake are on display. Hours: 10:00–17:00 Closed: Mon. (Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & New Year's holiday Admission: ¥500 (for Craft Center and Noritake Museum).

*See p. 5 for admission and opening times.

The Tokugawa Art Museum (徳川美術館), 20 min. by bus from Nagoya Sta. or 10 min. walk from Ozone Sta. on JR Chuo Line, was built in 1935 on the site of the former Tokugawa mansion, is adjacent to Tokugawaen in Higashi Ward and near Tokugawaen Shindeki Bus Stop. It contains nearly 10,000 written documents of ancient emperors, suits of armor, helmets, swords, rare articles, writings and paintings of distinguished persons. Among these, 43 pieces of the **Genji Monogatari Emaki** (Picture Scrolls of the Tale of Genji) are registered as National Treasures. Photograph replicas & video programs are on display. Hours: 10:00–17:00. Closed: Mon. (or the following day after the holiday when Mon. falls on a national holiday). Admission: ¥1,400 (extra charge for special exhibits).
<http://www.tokugawa-art-museum.jp/en/>

Nagoya Science Museum (名古屋科学館) is a new facility housing “Brother Earth”, the largest planetarium in the world with the 35-meter-diameter dome. Check out four large-scale exhibitions featuring northern lights movie shown in a -30C and a 9 m tall manmade tornado. These attractions are very entertaining and are unique way to experience the power of nature. The building itself also showcases part of the nature exhibition being powered by solar system, green walls, the building structure and elevator systems with seismic proof engineering. Hours: 9:30–17:00. Closed: Mon. (or the following day after the holiday when Mon. falls on a national holiday) & 3rd Fri, year-end and New Year’s holidays. Admission: ¥800 (Exhibition & Planetarium), ¥400 (Exhibition only).

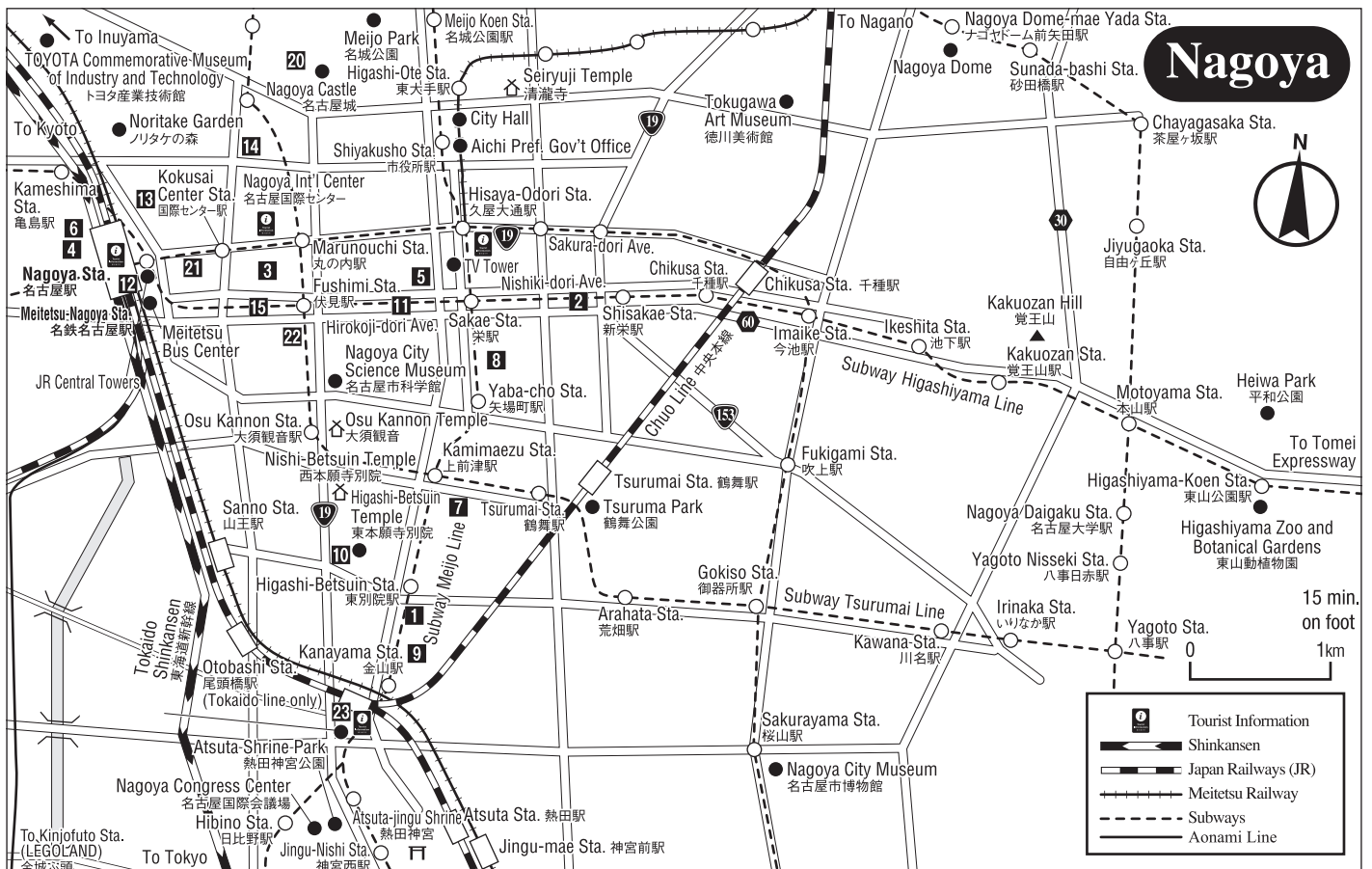
Atsuta-jingu Shrine (熱田神宮), founded in the 2nd century and rebuilt in 1935, is a 3 min. walk from Jingu-mae Sta. on the Meitetsu Line. It has been revered as the most important shrine in Japan along with Ise-jingu Shrine because of the **Kusanagi-no-Tsurugi** (lit. grass-mowing sword), part of the Three Regalia of the Emperor which also includes a mirror enshrined at Ise Jingu (the most sacred shrine in Japan) and Jewels treasured at the Imperial Palace.

TOYOTA Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology (トヨタ産業技術記念館), 3 min. walk from Sako Sta. on the Meitetsu Line, exhibits textile machinery, which was one of the core industries that helped build modern Japan, and the evolving world of automobile engineering that continues to drive the country’s development. The museum has a site area of 41,600 m² and an exhibition floor area of 10,750 m². This large space allows visitors to meet, learn about, and experience firsthand the spirit of making things. Hours: 9:30–17:00. Closed: Mon. (Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday), year-end and New Year’s holi-days Admission: ¥500.

Higashiyama Zoo and Botanical Gardens (東山動植物園), 3 min, walk from Higashiyama-Koen Sta. on Subway Higashiyama Line, covers an area of about 84 ha. It stretches over green-wooded hills and contains skillfully designed zoological gardens, botanical gardens, children’s playgrounds and other attractions. In the zoo (20 ha.), no fences obstruct the visitor’s view of the animals. There are an amusement park and the pencil-shaped Higashiyama Sky Tower 134-m-high nearby. Hours: 9:00–16:50 (enter by 16:30). Closed: Mon. (Tue. when Mon. falls on a national holiday), year-end and New Year’s holi-days Admission: ¥500.

Sightseeing route bus “Me-guru” offers convenient access for major sightseeing spots in the city center. In addition, special deals are provided for its 1-day pass (¥500 / day) holders at famous local restaurants and major souvenir shops.

For further details, please visit:
<https://www.nagoya-info.jp/en/>



Numbers 1 – 25 correspond to those on the Accommodations list on page 4/5

Osu Kannon Temple (大須観音), was relocated from Osu Village, Mino Province to the current location by the Shogun Ieyasu Tokugawa in 1612. There is an antique market on the

18th and 28th of each month. The nearby Osu shopping arcade is also very popular.

SIDE TRIP TO THE VICINITY

The region along both sides of the Kiso River, Nagaragawa River and Ibi Rivers, which is designated as **the Kiso Sansen** (Three-river) **National Government Park** (国営木曾三川公園) with 13 areas extending over Aichi, Mie and Gifu prefectures, is known for its river and ravine beauty. **Inuyama City**, an old castletown with a population of 73,923, reached in 25 min. from Nagoya Sta. on the Meitetsu Inuyama Line, serves as a base for exploration of the region's numerous tourist attractions.

<http://kisosansenkoen.jp/e/index.html>

Places of Interest:

National Treasure Inuyama Castle (国宝犬山城), 15 min. walk from Inuyama-Yuen Sta. or 20 min. walk from Inuyama Sta. on the Meitetsu Inuyama Line, is Japan's oldest existing fortress, built in 1537. The four-storied donjon, a National Treasure, and the only remaining structure, stands on a cliff above the Kiso River. It is a fine example of ancient castle architecture, serving as a valuable reference for the study of this science. The observation platform of the donjon affords a grand view of the surrounding scenery. Hours: 9:00–17:00. Closed: Dec. 29–31 Admission: ¥550.

Japan Monkey Center is 5 min. by bus from the east exit of Inuyama Sta. The Japan Monkey Center Museum and Zoo for Nonhuman Primates, is a unique zoological park, specializing in primates, with many different species of monkeys, assembled from all over the world. An amusement park, Japan Monkey Park, neighbors the center. Hours: 10:00–17:00 (Hours of operation change every season. Occasionally closed several days.) Admission: ¥800 / ¥1,100 (Monkey Park).

Kiso River Cormorant Fishing (Ukai) (木曾川うかい) This traditional method of catching river smelt is demonstrated every night from Jun. through mid-Oct., except the after a heavy rainfall, on the Kiso River, by Inuyama Bridge near Inuyama-Yuen Sta. Fee: From ¥3,000 per person. It is also demonstrated in the daytime on Tue., Thu., Sat. & Sun. Fee: ¥5,000 (including lunch) per person. Reservation is required.

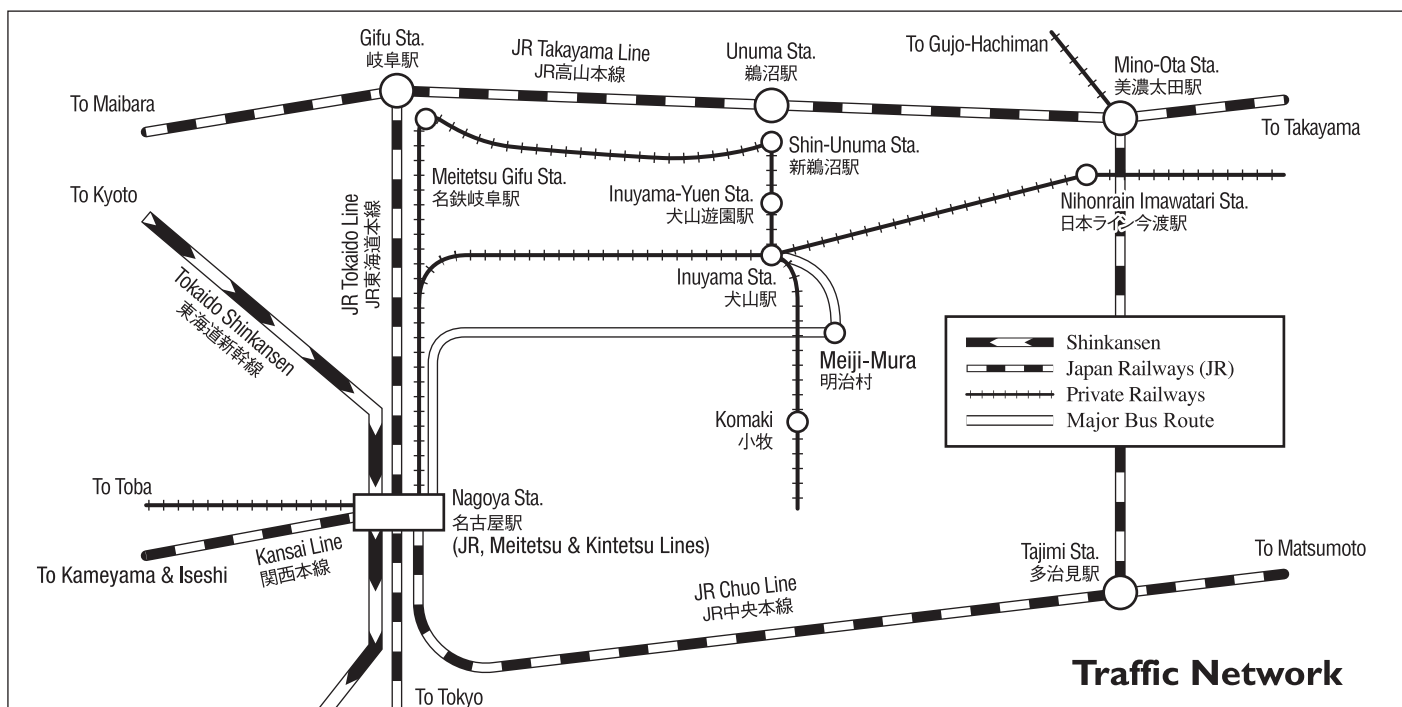
Kisogawa Kanko Tel. (0568)61-2727 (in JP)

Uraku-en Garden (有楽苑) is a traditional Japanese-style garden located on the premises of the Meitetsu Inuyama Hotel. The beautiful garden contains buildings of historic interest, such as the Jo-an Teahouse, a famous National Treasure. The teahouse was originally designed and constructed in 1618 by Urakusai Oda, a younger brother of the warlord Nobunaga Oda, during his secluded life as a priest in Kyoto. Urakusai was a great tea ceremony master and the founder of the Uraku-ryu school. The teahouse is open to the public once a month. 8 min. walk from Inuyama-Yuen Sta. on Meitetsu Inuyama Line.

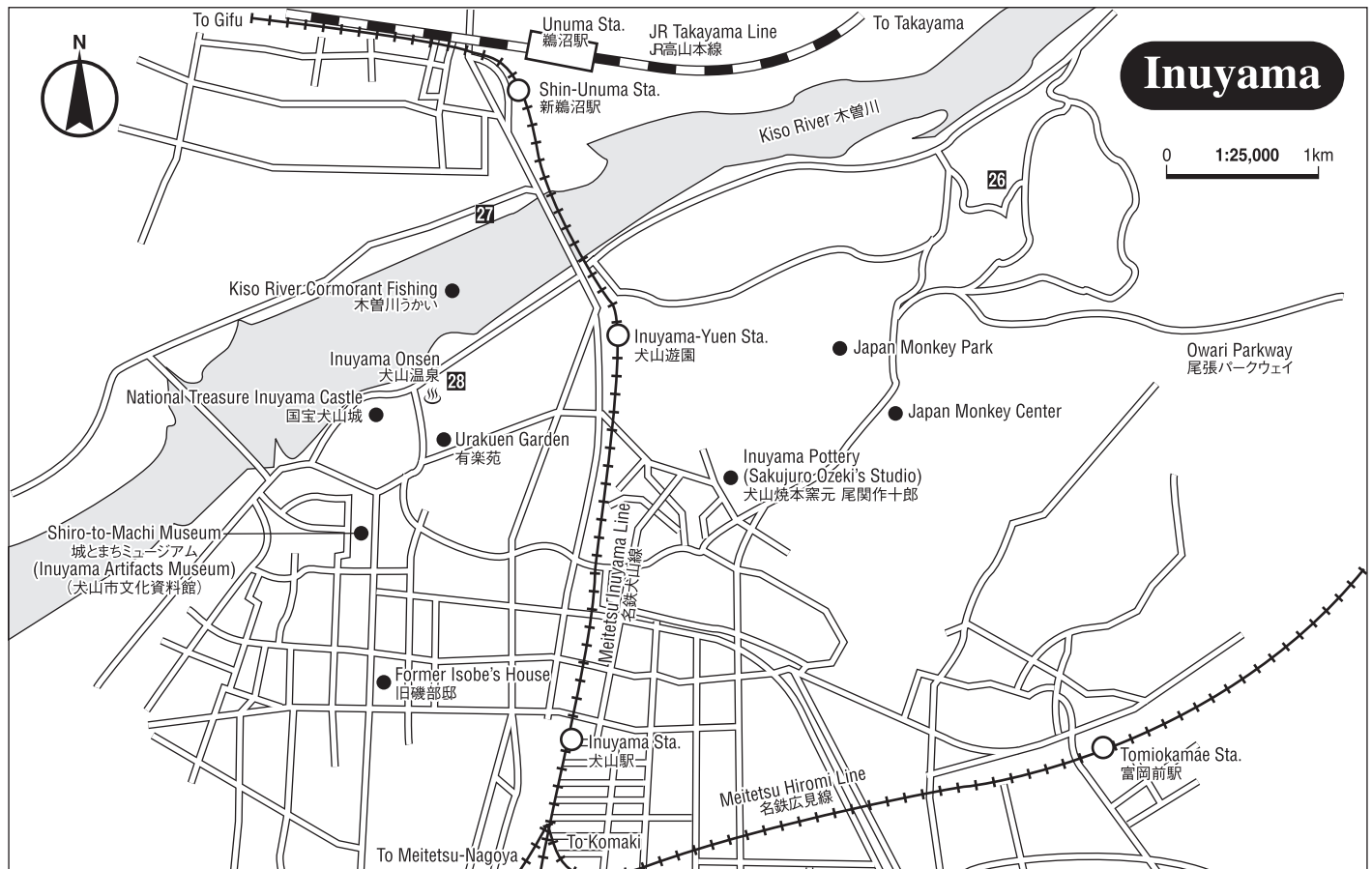
[Temporary Closure Notice] Japanese garden had been closed due to construction work of preservation and restoration. Period: Mar. 2019 to autumn of 2021

The Museum Meiji-Mura (博物館明治村), in southeast Inuyama City, is a unique museum village which preserves valuable monuments of the dawn of modern Japan. The village occupies an area of about 100 ha. over the rolling hills along the southern shores of Lake Iruka. The exhibits in the museum, more than 60 in number, are all genuine historic edifices from various parts of Japan which were dismantled, transported and reconstructed there with great ingenuity. The highlights include the Imperial Carriage of Emperor Meiji, the mansion of Tsugumichi Saigo, a distinguished statesman of the day, St. John's church and the old Imperial Hotel designed by famous American architect Frank Lloyd Wright in 1923. Some other artifacts and materials are also on display. The Meiji period (1868-1912) is the period when Japan awakened from its long isolation from the world and started its rapid progress toward national modernization. Hours: 9:30–17:00, –16:00 (Nov.), 10:00–16:00 (Dec.–Feb.), 10:00–17:00 (Aug.). Closed: Dec. 31 & every Mon. in Jan., Feb. & Dec. Admission: ¥1,700. Access: 30 min. by the Meitetsu Inuyama Line (express) to Inuyama from Meitetsu-Nagoya Sta., then change to Meitetsu Bus for Meiji-mura (20 min.).

<http://www.meijimura.com/english/>



*See p. 5 for admission and opening times.



Numbers 26 – 28 correspond to those in the Accommodations list below

Annual Events:

First Sat. & Sun. of Apr. Inuyama Festival
 Jun. 5 Reisai (Annual Festival of Atsuta-jingu Shrine)
 Mid–Oct. Nagoya Festival (a 2-day festival)

Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)	Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)
Nagoya:				16 Daiichi Fuji Hotel (BH)	(052)452-1111	(052)452-1762	¥
1 Hotel Kiyoshi Nagoya (BH)	(052)321-5663	(052)322-6769	¥	17 Meitetsu New Grand Hotel (H)	(052)452-5511	(052)452-5893	¥¥
2 Toyoko Inn Nagoya Sakae (BH)	(052)934-1045	(052)934-1046	¥	18 HOTEL MYSTAYS Nagoya-sakae (BH)	(052)931-5811	(052)931-5808	¥
3 Nagoya RICH HOTEL Nishiki (BH)	(052)203-0211	(052)211-4434	¥	19 Cypress Garden Hotel (BH)	(052)679-1661	(052)679-1662	¥¥
4 Chisun Inn Nagoya (BH)	(052)452-3211	(052)452-3219	¥	20 Nagoya Castle (H)	(052)521-2121	(052)531-3313	¥¥¥
5 Nagoya Sakae Green Hotel (BH)	(052)951-8901	(052)951-5156	¥	21 Castle Plaza (H)	(052)582-2121	(052)582-8666	¥¥¥
6 SUPER HOTEL Nagoya-ekimae (BH)	(052)451-9000	(052)451-1999	¥	22 Hilton Nagoya (H)	(052)212-1111	(052)212-1225	¥¥¥
7 Ryokan Meiryu (R)	(052)331-8686	(052)321-6119	¥	23 ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel Grand Court Nagoya (H)	(052)683-4111	(052)683-4121	¥¥¥
8 The b Nagoya (BH)	(052)241-1500	(052)264-1732	¥	24 Nagoya Marriott Asocia Hotel (H)	(052)584-1111	(052)584-1112	¥¥¥
9 Nagoya Backpackers Hostel Ann (Y)	(052)253-7710	(052)253-7710	¥	25 Nagoya Tokyu Hotel (H)	(052)251-2411	(052)251-2422	¥¥¥
10 Ryokan Marutame (R)	(052)321-7130	(052)321-3626	¥	Inuyama:			
11 International Hotel Nagoya (H)	(052)961-3111	(052)962-5937	¥¥	26 Inuyama International YH	(0568)61-1111	(0568)61-2770	¥
12 Meitetsu Grand Hotel (H)	(052)582-2211	(052)582-2230	¥¥	27 Shunjuan Hasshokaku Mizunowo (R)	(058)385-4611	(058)385-4621	¥¥¥
13 Hotel Sunroute Plaza Nagoya (BH)	(052)571-2221	(052)571-2235	¥¥	28 Meitetsu Inuyama Hotel (H)	(0568)61-2211	(0568)62-5750	¥¥¥
14 Kyoya Ryokan (R)	(052)571-2588	(052)571-2580	¥¥				
15 Nagoya Kanko Hotel (H)	(052)231-7711	(052)231-7719	¥¥				

Remarks:**1 – 23** correspond to those on the maps on pages 2/5 and 4/5 Rate per person

H = Hotel

BH = Business Hotel

R = Ryokan

Y = Youth Hostel

Rate per person

¥¥¥ = more than 15,000 yen

¥¥ = 8,001 yen – 15,000 yen

¥ = 8,000 yen or less

*Standard basis rate (no meals, taxes included)

CENTRAL JAPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (CENTRAIR) & VICINITY

Chubu Centrair International Airport (Central Japan International Airport) is located on an artificial island in Ise Bay, south of Nagoya. The area of the airport is about 470 ha. and its runway is 3,500 m long.

Great convenience for transit passengers

- As international and domestic services are provided within the same single terminal, it is especially recommended for foreign passengers who transit from international to domestic flights or vice versa to find their way easily without any hustle.

Attractive commercial zone


- The airport has also attractive commercial zone “Sky Town” which has many unique shops and restaurants. One of attractive relaxation facilities is a first observation hot-bath inside an airport in Japan.

Quick and Easy Access

- 28 min. by Airport Rapid Limited Express “μ-SKY” from Nagoya Sta. on Meitetsu Line.
- 40 min. drive from downtown Nagoya.
- 45 min. by high-speed boat from Tsu City, Mie Pref., the opposite shore of Centrair.

Tokoname City (常滑市), which sits across the water from Centrair, has a long history of pottery production. Teapots made of orange-colored earthenware are especially popular among Japanese tourists. A short walk to the southeast of Tokoname Sta. (about 30 min. by train to from Meitetsu Nagoya Sta.) is an area dotted with old pottery kilns, factories and charming galleries. Walking along the winding, narrow paths, you’ll no doubt discover sections made of reused pottery implements and products.

INAX Live Museums is a complex of museums and workshops dedicated to the production of pottery, INAX is a major Japanese company that produces tiling, building materials and sanitary fixtures. **Kiln Plaza** holds one of the biggest kilns in Japan. It was once used for baking clay pipes. Old Japanese ceramic toilets are on display, as well as a number of terracotta works that decorated Western-style buildings in Japan until the beginning of 20th century. **The Tile Museum** exhibits a large number of beautiful tiles collected from all over the world. Inside the Permanent Exhibition Room, the museum has realistically reproduced a number of historic tiled spaces, including an awe-inspiring mosque ceiling. 5-min. bus ride on the Chita Bus from Tokoname Sta. to the INAX Live Museum-mae Bus Stop. Hours: 10:00–17:00. Closed: Wed. (National Holidays on Wed, in which case is open), Dec. 25 – Jan. 3. Admission: ¥700



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[Good to know] Admission and opening times at tourist attractions:

- Last entry to the most of attractions is 30 min. before the closing time.
- In general, if their weekly closing day (most are on Mon.) falls on a national holiday, they are open on the day and are closed on the following day after the holiday(s).
- Most are closed throughout / a part of New Year holiday period (especially Dec. 29–Jan. 3).
- Please visit the official website of each place / your nearest tourist information center for the updates.

JNTO TIC (Tourist Information Center)

TIC of Japan National Tourism Organization is your helping hand while in Japan. Its main services are providing travel information and free literature on Japan such as tourist spots, transportation, and suggesting tour itineraries, etc.

1F, Shin-Tokyo Bldg., 3-3-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 Tel. 03-3201-3331 (in Japan)
Open daily from 9:00 to 18:00 (Closed on Jan. 1)
<https://www.japan.travel/en/plan/tic/>

TOURIST INFORMATION in the area

Nagoya Station Tourist Information Center:
JR Nagoya Station, 1-1-4 Meieki, Nakamura-ku Nagoya city, Aichi
Hours: 8:30-19:00 (Closed: Dec. 29–Jan. 1) Tel. (052)541-4301

Kanayama Tourist Information Center (Kanayama Sta.):
Roop Kanayama 1F, 1-17-18 Kanayama, Naka-ku Nagoya city, Aichi
Hours: 9:00-19:00 (Closed: Dec. 29–Jan. 1) Tel. (052)323-0161

Oasis 21 i Center (Subway Sakae Sta.):
Oasis 21 B1F, 1-11-1 Higashisakura, Higashi-ku Nagoya city, Aichi
Hours: 10:00-20:00 (Closed: Jan. 1) Tel. (052) 963-5252

To find other Tourist Information Centers, visit <https://tic.jnto.go.jp/>



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JNTO Website
<https://www.japan.travel/en/plan/list-of-volunteer-guides/>

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