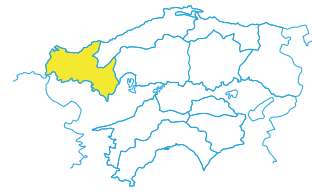


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Yuda Onsen



Yuda Onsen, which legend has it was discovered by a white fox, is a popular hot spring for beautiful skin. Visitors are welcome to use the hot spring's six foot baths at no charge.

■ Access: 10 minutes on foot from JR Yudaonsen Sta.
 ■ Location: Yuda Onsen, Yamaguchi
 ■ Contact: Yamaguchi City Tourism Division, +81-83-934-2810 Website: <http://yamaguchi-city.jp/>

Five-Storeyed Pagoda at Rurikoji Temple



Counted among Japan's three great pagodas for its beauty, the pagoda at Rurikoji Temple is Japan's tenth oldest existing open-air five-storeyed pagoda. The view of the temple illuminated at night is also an impressive sight.

■ Access: 15 minutes by community bus from JR Yamaguchi Sta. to "Kozankoen Gojyunoto-mae" bus stop ■ Location: 7-1 Kozan-cho, Yamaguchi ■ Contact: Yamaguchi City Tourism Division, +81-83-934-2810 Website: <http://yamaguchi-city.jp/>

Hagi Townscape



With white-walled houses and fences made from black boards, Hagi retains its castle town appearance so precisely that maps from the Edo Period can still be used today.

■ Access: 1 hour by non-stop bus from JR Shin-Yamaguchi Sta. to "Hagi / Meirin Center" bus stop ■ Location: Hagi, Yamaguchi ■ Contact: Hagi Tourism Association, +81-838-25-1750 Website: <http://www.hagishi.com/>

Karato Ichiba



The vibrant Karato Ichiba market includes stalls where visitors can sample and buy fresh seafood. Come and enjoy a chat with stall workers! On weekends, visitors can enjoy street stalls and a sushi buffet.

■ Access: 7 minutes by bus from JR Shimonoseki Sta. to "Karato" bus stop, and then 3 minutes on foot ■ Location: 5-50 Karato-cho, Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi ■ Contact: Karato Ichiba Trader's Union Cooperative, +81-83-231-0001 Shimonoseki City Industrial Promotion Section Market Distribution Division, +81-83-231-1440 (weekdays only) Website: <http://www.karatoichiba.com>

White-Walled Townscape in Yanai



Yanai features a flowing landscape of white-walled buildings and stone pavement. During night in summer, the eaves of the houses are lit up with goldfish-shaped lanterns. Visitors can also tour the residence of a wealthy Edo Era merchant.

■ Access: 10 minutes on foot from JR Yanai Sta. ■ Location: Yanaitsu, Yanai, Yamaguchi ■ Contact: Yanai Tourist Association, +81-820-23-3655 Website: <http://kankou-yanai.com/>

Iwakuni Castle



Located at an altitude of 200 m atop a hill, Iwakuni Castle is conveniently accessible by a ropeway. The view from the castle observatory presents visitors with the city of Iwakuni below. *Opening dates vary according to season.

■ Admission: General 260 yen, Students 120 yen (elementary) ■ Access: 20 minutes by bus from JR Iwakuni Sta. to "Kintaikyo" bus stop, 5 minutes on foot to Sanroku Sta., 3 minutes by ropeway to Sancho Sta., and then 5 minutes on foot ■ Location: 3 Yokoyama, Iwakuni, Yamaguchi ■ Contact: Iwakuni City Tourism Promotion Section, +81-827-29-5116 Website: <http://kankou.iwakuni-city.net/iwakunijyo.html>

Suo-Oshima Cycling



The 100 km long Suo-Oshima cycling course runs along the coastline of the island of Suo-Oshima in the Seto Inland Sea. The area's beautiful landscape makes this course a popular destination.

■ Access: 50 minutes by bus from JR Obatake Sta. to "Suo-Hirano" bus stop, and then 20 minutes on foot (to Sunshine Sazanseto) ■ Location: Suo-Oshima-cho, Yamaguchi ■ Contact: Suo-Oshima-cho Business and Industry Sightseeing Section, +81-820-79-1003 Website: <http://www.suoosshima.com/kanko/cycling.html>

Tsunoshima Island



With white sandy beaches and emerald green seas, Tsunoshima offers a beauty reminiscent of a tropical island. In summer, visitors can also enjoy swimming and marine sports.

■ Access: 30 minutes by bus from JR Kottoi Sta. to "Oyama ikoino-ie" bus stop ■ Location: Tsunoshima, Hohoku-cho, Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi ■ Contact: Hohokuchō Kankō Convention Association Tourist Information Center, +81-83-786-0234 Website: <https://shimonoseki.travel/english/index.html>

Kintaikyo Bridge



The rugged girder assembly technique used for the beautiful arches of the Kintaikyo Bridge has earned it a place as one of Japan's three most famous bridges. Visitors will enjoy the scenery around the bridge at any time of the year. *Bridge admission fees must be placed in the admission box outside business hours.

■ Admission: General 300 yen, Students 150 yen (elementary) ■ Access: 20 minutes by bus from JR Iwakuni Sta. to "Kintaikyo" bus stop ■ Location: 1 Iwakuni, Yamaguchi ■ Contact: Iwakuni City Tourism Promotion Section, +81-827-29-5116 Website: <http://kankou.iwakuni-city.net/kintaikyo.html>

Hofu Tenman-gu Shrine



Hofu Tenman-gu Shrine is Japan's first Tenman-gu shrine—a shrine dedicated to the deification of Sugawara no Michizane—and is considered one of Japan's three most important Tenman-gu shrines. The Gojinko-sai Festival (Hadakanbo (Half-Naked Man) Matsuri Festival) in autumn, which features a parade with several thousand people, is a spectacular event.

■ Access: 15 minutes on foot from JR Hofu Sta. ■ Location: 14-1 Matsuzaki-cho, Hofu, Yamaguchi ■ Contact: +81-835-23-7700 Website: <http://www.hofutenmangu.or.jp/>

Strawberry Picking, Suo-Oshima Wellness Village



At Suo-Oshima Wellness Village, visitors can pick and eat fresh strawberries. Special facilities for visitors in wheelchairs and for infants are also available. Strawberry-picking season begins in February and ends in early May with services provided on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays (The schedule may vary). Reservation and fee required.

■ Access: 25 minutes by bus from JR Obatake Sta. to "Oshima Yubinkyoku-mae" bus stop, and then 15 minutes on foot ■ Location: Wada, Nishiyashiro, Suo-Oshima-cho, Oshima, Yamaguchi ■ Contact: +81-90-1337-6165 Website: http://www.suoosshima.com/old/mikan_hakusyo/farm/genki_ichigo.html