



**Kintaikyo Bridge**  
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The combination of cherry blossoms and the scenic beauty of the Kintaikyo Bridge make for a beautiful sight. After dark, the gold color of the Kintaikyo Bridge is illuminated to create a truly mystical landscape.



**Ritsurin Garden** [Takamatsu City, Kagawa] >> P.23

The sight of the cherry blossoms against Ritsurin Garden's landscape is awe-inspiring, while the reflection of the cherry blossoms on the surface of the pond combined with the unique landscape of the park are truly awe-inspiring.



**Matsuyama Shiroyama Park**  
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Visitors are able to enjoy the cherry blossoms blooming in the background of Matsuyama Castle for an extended period as the early blooms are slowly replaced by trees with later blooms. The nighttime illumination of the castle and the cherry blossoms also create a fantastic sight.



**Himeji Castle**  
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The gentle soft pink shades of Himeji Castle's numerous cherry trees mix with the white walls of the castle to attract a large number of visitors every year.



**Mt. Bizan**  
[Tokushima City, Tokushima]

Come spring, the cherry blossoms in Mt. Bizan's summit park begin to bloom. The cherry blossom's splash of color fuses with the natural landscape of the summit for a magnificent scene that spreads across the mountain. ■ Access: 10 minutes on foot from JR Tokushima Sta. to Awa Odori Hall (5F, Bizan Ropeway Sanroku Sta.), and then 6 minutes to Mt. Bizan summit



**Senkoji Park** [Onomichi City, Hiroshima] >> P.18

In spring, Senkoji Park is filled with cherry trees, and at night, visitors can revel in the glow of paper lanterns illuminating the pink and white blossoms.

**Tsuyama Castle (Kakuzan Park)**  
[Tsuyama City, Okayama]

At Tsuyama Castle, the cherry blossoms bloom against the castle's towering stone walls, and as the trees reach full bloom, visitors will feel as if they are floating on a cloud of cherry trees. ■ Access: 15 minutes on foot from JR Tsuyama Sta.



**Okayama Korakuen Garden** [Okayama City, Okayama] >> P.15

In autumn, Okayama Korakuen Garden's "Chishio-no-mori Grove" is dyed a bright red as the Japanese maple trees begin to change color. The forest's change from green to yellow and then red is an impressive display of color. In late November, visitors can enjoy the garden in a different light as the trees are illuminated.



**Kankakei Gorge, Shodoshima**  
[Shodoshima-cho, Shozu District, Kagawa]

Kankakei Gorge is one of Japan's three most beautiful valleys. Riding along the ropeway gives travelers a unique view of the vast natural autumn foliage spreading throughout the valley. ■ Access: 1 hour by ferry from Takamatsu Port to Kusakabe Port, 15 minutes by bus from Kusakabe Port to "Koun-tei" bus stop, and then 5 minutes on the Kankakei Ropeway



**Garyusanso Mountain Villa** [Ozu City, Ehime] >> P.25

The view of the autumn foliage from the veranda of this quaint building allows visitors to experience the unique atmosphere of Japan.



**Momijidani Park, Miyajima**  
[Miyajima-cho, Hatsukaichi City, Hiroshima]

In autumn, Momijidani Park is painted with the colors of flames as some 700 maple and Japanese maple trees begin to change colors. ■ Access: 20 minutes on foot from Miyajima pier



**Shoshazan Engyoji Temple** [Himeji City, Hyogo] >> P.13

The shrine's approach offers visitors a prime location for admiring autumn foliage. The red hues of the Japanese maples and the yellow tints of the ginkgo trees contrast with each other beautifully.



**Kozan Park** [Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi] >> P.19

The autumn colors of the foliage surrounding Rurikoji Temple's five-storied pagoda—one of Japan's three most famous pagodas as well as a national treasure—provide visitors with a scene that exhibits both the traditional beauty and the natural beauty of Japan.



**Iya Valley** [Miyoshi City, Tokushima] >> P.22

In autumn, the Iya Valley turns red from the deepest reaches to the highest peaks. The autumn landscape seen from the Oku-Iya Niju Kazurabashi vine bridge, affectionately referred to as the "Couple's Bridge," is particularly remarkable.

Charms of Setouchi  
**Cherry Blossoms**

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**Autumn Foliage**