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Okayama Korakuen Garden, built some 300 years ago as a place of resting for domain lords, is one of Japan's three great gardens and belongs to the area's daimyo (domain lord). This garden has been awarded 3 stars by the Michelin Green Guide Japan. \*Opening hours vary according to season.

- Admission: General 400 yen, Seniors 140 yen (65 and older) Access: 15 minutes by bus from JR Okayama Sta. to "Korakuen-mae" bus stop
- Location: 1-5 Korakuen, Kita Ward, Okayama Contact: +81-86-272-1148 Website: http://okayama-korakuen.jp/english/

# Okayama Castle

Towering right next to Okayama Korakuen Garden is Okayama Castle, one of Japan's top 100 castles. The costume rental facilities, offering visitors the chance to experience the castle as a feudal lord or a princess, are popular destinations. \*Opening dates and hours vary according to season.

- Admission: General 300 yen, Students 120 yen (elementary and junior high) Access: 15 minutes by bus from JR Okayama Sta. to "Kencho-mae" bus stop Location: 2-3-1 Marunouchi, Kita Ward, Okayama
- Contact: Okayama Castle Office, +81-86-225-2096 Website: http://okayama-kanko.net/ujo/english/index.html

## Bizen Osafune Japanese Sword Museum









- Admission: General 500 yen, Students 300 yen (senior high and university)
- Access: 7 minutes by taxi from JR Osafune Sta.
- Location: 966 Osafune-cho, Setouchi, Okayama Contact: +81-869-66-7767
- Website: http://www.city.setouchi.lg.jp/token/

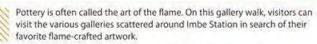
### Bizen Pottery Gallery Walk











- Access: Near JR Imbe Sta. Location: Imbe, Bizen, Okayama ■ Contact: Bizen Tourism Association, +81-869-72-1919





# Kurashiki

# Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area

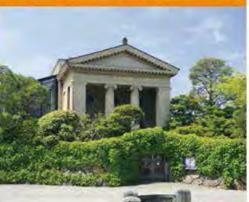
With the white 'Namako-kabe' walls (covered with square tiles joined with raised plaster) and latticed windows of townhouses lining the streets, the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area offers visitors a look at the charming beauty of traditional Japanese architecture, Rather than walking, the view from the Kurashiki Funenagashi riverboat cruise offers visitors a different perspective from which to enjoy the townscape.

■ Access: 10 minutes on foot from JR Kurashiki Sta. ■ Location: 1-4-8 Chuo Ward, Kurashiki, Okayama ■ Contact: Kurashikikan Tourist Information Center, +81-86-422-0542 Website: http://www.kurashiki-tabi.jp/for/en/

# Ohara Museum of Art 23 🛗 🍪







The Ohara Museum of Art, Japan's first museum of modern Western art, gives visitors the chance to paintings and artwork from world-famous artists including Picasso, El Greco, and Renoir. \*Opening dates and hours vary according to season.

- Admission: General 1,300 yen, Students 800 yen (university) / 500 yen (elementary, junior high, and senior high) Access: 15 minutes on foot from JR Kurashiki Sta.
- Location: 1-1-15 Chuo Ward, Kurashiki, Okayama ■ Contact: +81-86-422-0005
- Website: http://www.ohara.or.jp/en/

# Seto Ohashi Bridge Cruise 24 🖮 🏲



Witness the impressive magnificence of the Seto Ohashi Bridge up close while touring the many large and small islands dotting the Seto Inland Sea. These cruises are also a popular way to view the sun setting in the Seto Inland Sea and the night view of factories in the area. \*Cruises are available for groups of 3 or more. Service dates and hours vary according to season.

- Fare: General 1,550 yen, Students 780 yen (elementary) \*A separate fee is required for nighttime cruises.
- Access: 5 minutes on foot from JR Kojima Sta. (Kojima Sightseeing Port) ■ Location: 3-23 Kojima Ekimae, Kurashiki, Okayama ■ Contact: Seto Ohashi Sightseeing Boat Association, +81-86-473-6777 Website: https://www.kurashiki-tabi.jp/for/en/

# Fruit Picking





Try your hand at picking elegantly sweet Muscat and Pione grapes and white peaches. Enjoy as much fresh fruit as you'd like on the spot! \*Fruit picking is available from July to October. \*Reservation and fee required.

■ Access: 40 minutes by bus from JR Okayama Sta. to "Shimoichi" bus stop, and then 5 minutes on foot Location: 218-1 Kamiichi, Akaiwa, Okayama Tomomien Fruit Farm ■ Contact: +81-86-958-5444 Website: http://www.hakutou.jp/peach-picking/index\_en.html



Kojima is the birthplace of Japan's domestic jeans. With its many stores operated by jeans manufacturers, Jeans Street features numerous products with Made-in-Japan distinctiveness.

■ Access: 15 minutes on foot from JR Kojima Sta. ■ Location: Ajino, Kojima, Kurashiki, Okayama Contact: Kojima Jeans Street Cooperative Office, +81-86-441-9127 Website: http://jeans-street.com/

# Bitchu Matsuyama Castle 27 🛗 🟯







Located near a 430 m peak, Bitchu Matsuyama Castle is one of Japan's top 100 castles. The castle is famously known as the "Castle in the Sky," as it appears to be floating on a sea of clouds. \*Opening dates and times vary according to season.

Admission: General 300 yen, Students 150 yen (elementary and junior high) Access: 10 minutes by taxi from JR Bitchu-Takahashi Sta., and then 20 minutes on foot Location: 1 Uchisange, Takahashi, Okayama

■ Contact: Takahashi City Tourism Association, +81-866-21-0461

Website: http://takahasikanko.or.jp/