

# 肉子 UCHIKO

Historic Townscape



## How to get to Uchiko?

Uchiko is a charming historic town and easily accessible via a 25-min train ride from Matsuyama. Enjoy a day out in this lovely town surrounded by abundant nature and be lost in its seasonal beauty!



Come to our Visitor Information Centre  
"A.runze"!



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🕒 9:00-17:30 (April to September)  
9:00-16:30 (October to March)  
🚫 Closed: Thursdays,  
December 29 - January 2

### Directions to Matsuyama

- ✈ From Tokyo - approx. 1h 30 min. via flight
- ✈ From Osaka - approx. 1h via flight
- 🚢 From Hiroshima - approx. 2h 40 min. via ferry
- 🚢 From Hiroshima - approx. 1h 20 min. via high-speed ferry
- 🚆 From Takamatsu - approx. 2h 30 min. via train
- 🚢🚆 From Beppu - approx. 3h 20 min. via ferry and train

## What to See



### Uchiko Volunteer Guides for Foreigners

We are the Uchiko Volunteer Guides for Foreigners. We guide mainly in English, but some members can speak French or German. We'd like to welcome you with our warm hospitality and teach you about Uchiko. We love our town very much and we're very proud of it. Why don't you come and share in the fun! And we're volunteers, so it's free!

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From the Edo period (1603-1867) to the Meiji period (1868-1912) the Yōkaichi & Gokoku Historic District Preservation Zone prospered as a manufacturing centre of vegetable wax. From the district's acquired fortune came the construction of many solid, elegant houses. The ground breaking preservation movement of the historic district in Uchiko began in 1972. In 1982, Uchiko became the first town in Shikoku to have one of Japan's designated Important Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings.



The Kamihaga residence was once the home of a wealthy merchant and member of the Haga family who made a fortune in the production of Japanese vegetable wax. It is a traditional Japanese house with a boiler room and tatami rooms that provide a glimpse into the lifestyle of former times.



This is a wooden theatre built in 1916 by patrons of the arts. Some 20 traditional theatres exist in Japan, but Uchiko-za is affectionately referred to as a "living theatre" because it is still used for performances and presentations today



The Tenjin Paper Factory has long produced washi using traditional techniques. Next door stands the factory's charming gift shop selling their unique handmade Japanese paper and crafts. With a reservation you can try making your own paper in the workshop, though this is limited to week days. From JR Uchiko Station approx. 5min. by car



Thirty water mills once operated in this area, but this number decreased with the passage of time. The restored hand-built watermills rumble in their unique way and are utilized in day-to-day life as instruments for milling rice into flour. From JR Uchiko Station approx. 25min. by car

☎ 0893-44-2771 🕒 9:00-16:30  
👤 adults 500 yen, children 250 yen

☎ 0893-44-2840 🕒 9:00-16:30  
👤 adults 400 yen, children 200 yen

🕒 9:00-16:30 (closed on Mondays if the Sunday is a national holiday)  
👤 free 📄 Paper making experience: 500 yen