



WELCOME TO KAGAWA JAPAN

Visitors from distant lands, welcome to Kagawa!
Long ago, wonderful cultures and technologies
were brought to Japan by travelers from across the oceans.
Today, we eagerly await more world travelers with open hearts.



Historic Sites

Kagawa has plenty of naturally beautiful places of historical interest. Why don't you stroll through these Japanese shrines and temples in search of history? What historic events interest you?



Ritsurin Garden 栗林公園

Ritsurin garden is a traditionally landscaped garden constructed by a feudal lord, about 400 years ago. It has six ponds and 13 hills, and it is the largest garden designated as a national scenic spot in Japan.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: Sunrise to sunset (Varies with the season), 365 days a year
- Parking lot: Pay Parking
- Access: 10 minutes on foot from Kotoden Ritsurin Koen Station, 10 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange, or 30 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 087-833-7411



Zentsuji Temple

善通寺

The famous Japanese monk Kukai, also known as Kobodaishi, is said to have been born in Zentsuji City. The temple holds a treasure hall and a five-story pagoda. Under the Miedo (Founder's Hall) there is a long tunnel with a famous platform constructed for granting religious precepts to monks.

- Admission fee: Free (except treasure hall)
- Open: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (treasure hall)
- Parking lot: Pay Parking
- Access: 15 minutes on foot from JR Zentsuji Station, 5 minutes on foot from Zentsuji Interchange, or 50 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-62-0111



Ruins of Takamatsu Castle (Tamamo Garden)

高松城址 (玉藻公園)

Takamatsu Castle was one of the three greatest castles bordered by the ocean. Even now, the moat surrounding the ruins of Takamatsu Castle is filled with seawater. From the castle tower visitors can see the harbor, and inside the garden, they may find a karesansui (dry landscape) garden.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: Sunrise to sunset (varies with the season)
- Closed: December 29 to 31
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 5 minutes on foot from JR Takamatsu Station, 20 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 087-851-1521



Marugame Castle

丸亀城

Marugame Castle has a beautiful stonewall called "Ougi no Kobai" (the shape of a folding fan) and its castle tower is one of the 12 remaining original wooden towers in Japan.

- Admission fee: Free except castle tower
- Open: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (Castle tower)
- Closed: End of December to end of February (Castle tower)
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 15 minutes on foot from JR Marugame, 15 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange or Sakai Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Marugame City Industrial Section Tel. 0877-24-8816



Kanamaruza (Kabuki Theater)

金丸座

Kanamaruza, the oldest existing kabuki theater in Japan, has been designated as one of Japan's important cultural sites. Each spring, a play is performed here by popular kabuki actors. Visitors may go the backstage and see the trap cellar unless events are being held in the theater.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 365 days a year (Visitors may go backstage or see the trap cellar unless events are being held)
- Access: 20 minutes on foot from JR Kotohira Station, 15 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-73-3846

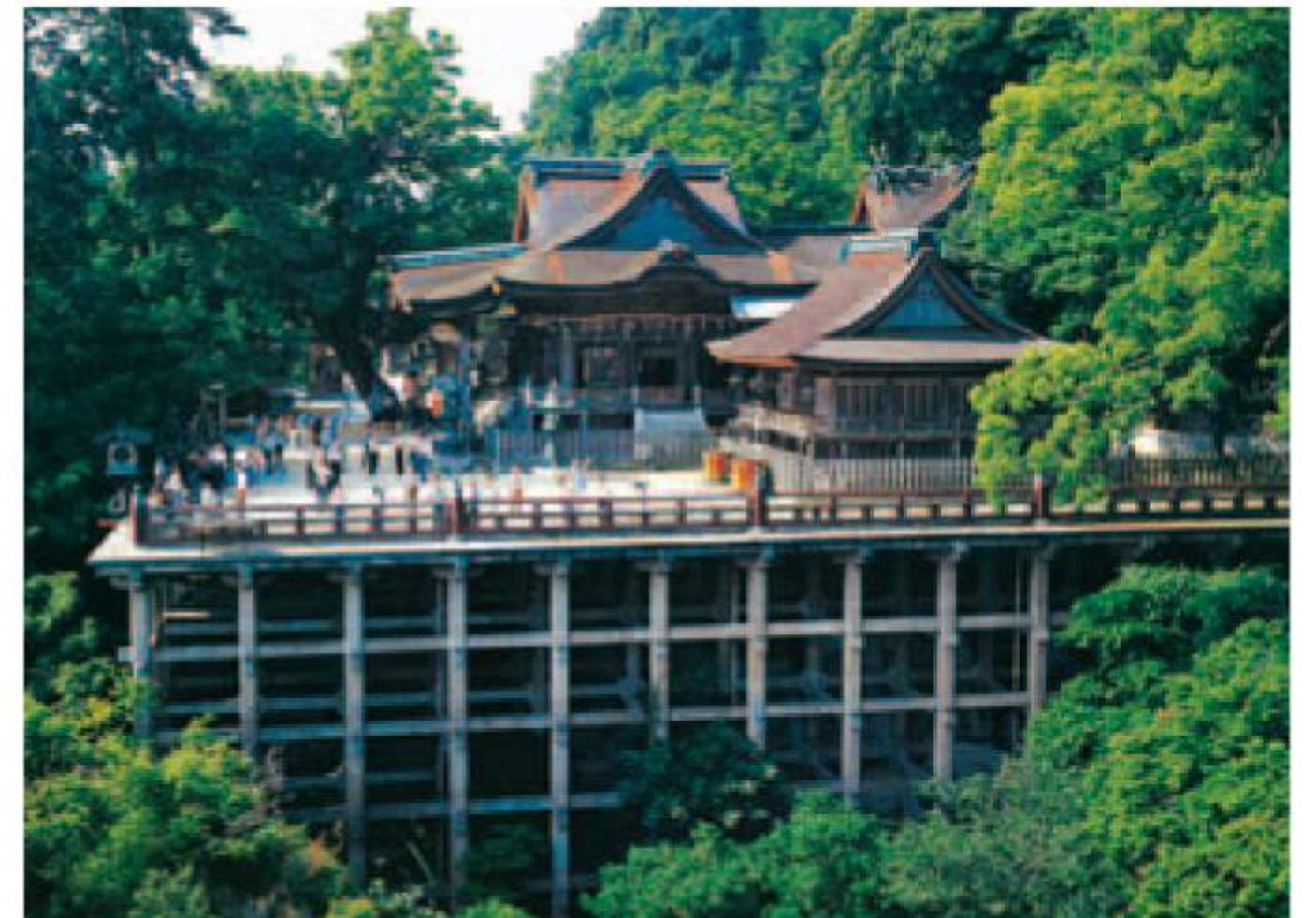


Nakazu Banshoen and Marugame Museum of Art

中津万象園・丸亀美術館

Nakazu Banshoen, a beach park constructed by a feudal lord, is known as one of the greatest seaside gardens in Japan. The Marugame Museum of Art is located inside the park, where some works of French Barbizon School painters are exhibited.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM, 365 days a year
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 5 minutes by car from JR Marugame Station, 10 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange, or 45 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-23-6326



Kotohira-gu Shrine

金刀比羅宮

Kotohira-gu shrine, which honors the spiritual guardian of seafarers, has been a place of faith since long ago. Even now, millions of worshippers visit the shrine every year. There are 785 stone steps to climb before you reach the main shrine, and both sides of the steps are lined with souvenir shops. Once you pass the main gate, you may see other historical buildings scattered over the grounds.

- Parking lot: Pay Parking
- Access: 15 minutes on foot from JR Kotohira Station, 15 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-75-2121

Megijima (Onigashima)

女木島 (鬼ヶ島)

Megijima Island is often called Onigashima (Island of Ogres). Because the cave near the top of island is supposed to be the ogres oldden.

- Access: 20 minutes by ferry from Takamatsu Port
- Inquiry: Takamatsu City Hall's Megi branch office Tel. 087-873-0101



Okuboji Temple

大窪寺

The Okuboji Temple is the last temple of the sacred Shikoku 88 temple pilgrimage.

- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 30 minutes by car from Kotoden Nagao Station, 30 minutes by car from Wakimachi Interchange or Shido Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0879-56-2278



Amusement Parks

Kagawa has a variety of amusement parks where visitors may have a enjoyable time.



New Reoma World

ニューレオマワールド

New Reoma World is an amusement park full of dynamic attractions, such as a pavilion of toys, a zoo, souvenir shops, a hotel, and a hot spring.

- Admission fee/Opening hours/Closed period: Varies depending the facility
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 5 minutes by car from Kotoden Okada Station, 20 minutes by car from Sakaide Interchange, and 30 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Kagawa-ken Kanko Kaihatsu Co. Tel. 0877-86-5555



Olive Park

オリーブ公園

Shodoshima Island is home to Japan's first olive plantation. The Olive Garden, Herb Garden, Olive Memorial Museum, and Greek-style windmills in the Olive Park create a Mediterranean atmosphere.

- Admission fee: Free
- Open: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
- Closed: December 28 to 30
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 30 minutes by high-speed boat from Takamatsu Port to Tonosho Port and 30 minutes by car from Tonosho Port
- Inquiry: 0879-82-2200



National Sanuki Manno Park

国営さぬき満濃公園

This national man-made park is adjacent to Manno Pond, Japan's largest reservoir developed by Kobo Daishi (a famous Japanese monk also known as Kukai). Every season a wide variety of seasonal flowers fill the park's various garden.

- Admission fee: Charged
- Open: 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM (varies with the season)
- Closed: Every Tuesday (varies with the season), December 29 to January 1, and January 21 to 24
- Parking lot: Pay Parking
- Access: 15 minutes by car from JR Kotohira Station, 30 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange, or 45 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-79-1700



Nijushinohitomi Eigamura (Twenty-four Eyes Movie Village)

二十四の瞳映画村

The movie Nijushinohitomi (Twenty-four Eyes) was made here in 1986, and the film set has been preserved as the Twenty-four Eyes Movie Village. Visitors may enjoy a historic experience as if they traveled back in time to the early Showa period.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Closed: December 28 to 30
- Parking lot: Pay Parking
- Access: 40 minutes by high-speed boat from Takamatsu Port to Kusakabe Port, and 30 minutes by car from Kusakabe Port
- Inquiry: 0879-82-2455



Play Park Gold Tower

ゴールドタワー

From a height of 158 meters, visitors can enjoy a splendid 360° view of the Seto Inland Sea and the Sanuki plain. The site includes Gulliver's Travels, a playland where visitors may learn the mechanism of the human body, and Wan-wan Land where visitors may play with dogs.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 10:00 AM to 5:00 AM (next morning), 365 days a year
- Access: 8 minutes on foot from JR Utazu Station, 10 minutes by car from Sakaide Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Port
- Inquiry: 0877-49-7070



The New Yashima Aquarium

新屋島水族館

Atop Yashima Mountain, you can enjoy a close encounter with creatures of the sea, watch live performances of dolphins and seals, and spend a fun-filled day with family and friends.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 9:00AM to 5:00PM
- Access: 10 minutes by car from Kotoden Yashima Station, 30 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange
- Inquiry: 087-841-2678



Yashima

屋島

Yashima is a peninsula that resembles the shape of a roof and is known for its ancient battlefield where two great influential clans fought approximately 800 years ago. From the top of the mountain, you can look down and see a magnificent view of the Seto Inland Sea and an impressive view of Takamatsu's city lights. The Yashimaji Temple is located in Yashima, and Yashima also has an aquarium.

- Parking lot: Free, but there is a tollgate on the Yashima Drive way.
- Access: 6 minutes by car from Kotoden Yashima Station, 30 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange, or 50 minutes from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Yashima-sanjo Tourist Association Tel. 087-841-9443



The Yashimaji Temple

Scenic Beauty

The area's green islands, dark blue sea, quiet rural landscape, and beautiful mountains will enchant you.



Kankakei Gorge

寒霞溪

Kankakei Gorge is considered one of the three most beautiful valleys in Japan. It provides the scenic beauty of a unique-shaped rock cliff, which is several hundred meters high and decorated with fresh greenery, azaleas, and autumnal leaves. Visitors can take a five-minute ropeway to enjoy breathtaking views of the valley.

Kankakei Ropeway

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (with minor changes, depending on the season), 365 days a year
- Access: 30 minutes by high-speed boat from Takamatsu Port to Tonosho Port and then 45 minutes by car from Tonosho Port

Sand Coin

銭形・砂絵

Visitors to the observatory on top of Mt. Kotohiki can see a gigantic sand coin created by the white sand of Ariake Beach. The coin measures 122 meters wide from east to west, 90 meters long from north to south, and 345 meters in perimeter. The view from the observatory includes the Seto Inland Sea and is particularly beautiful in the evening.

- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 25 minutes on foot from JR Kannonji Station, 15 minutes by car from Sanuki Toyonaka Interchange or Onohara Interchange, or 70 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Kannonji City Commerce, Industry, and Sightseeing Division Tel. 0875-23-3933

Shonai Peninsula

荘内半島

A wide variety of flowers adorn the slope of the Shonai Peninsula, which is famous for the old Japanese tale of Urashima Taro. The top of Mt. Shiude offers an unparalleled view of the Seto Inland Sea.

- Access: 20 minutes by car from JR Takuma Station, 40 minutes by car from Sanuki Toyonaka Interchange, or 70 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Mitoyo City Commerce, Industry, and Sightseeing Division Tel. 0875-62-1129



Tsuda no Matsubara

津田の松原

Tsuda no Matsubara is a scenic area of white sands and 3,000 green pines including a 600-year-old pine tree known as Shichifukujin Matsu (the Pine of the Seven Gods of Luck). The area has been selected as one of the 100 most beautiful spots in Japan.

- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 5 minutes on foot from JR Sanuki Tsuda Station, 5 minutes by car from Tsuda-Higashi Interchange, or 50 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Sanuki City Commerce, Industry, and Sightseeing Division Tel. 087-894-1114

Hot Springs

Kagawa has a number of hotels and Japanese-style inns with natural hot springs in the mountains, by the shore, and in town, where you can relax and relieve the stress of your travels. Shodoshima, Shionoe and Konpira's natural springs are among Kagawa's most famous hot springs.



Shodoshima Island Hot-springs

小豆島温泉郷



These hot-springs are located by a seaside resort. Visitors can relax comfortably while listening to the sound of the surf and admiring the beauty of the islands out to sea as the sky bursts into red and orange with the setting of the sun.

- Access: 60 minutes by ferry to the nearest port from Takamatsu Port
- Inquiry: Shodoshima Tourist Association Tel. 0879-62-5300



Goshikidai

五色台

Goshikidai is a lush region of five hills created by lava, named Akamine, Kimine, Kuromine, Aomine and Shiramine (Red, Yellow, Black, Blue and White Hills). Visitors can enjoy the magnificent landscape of the Seto Inland Sea from the observatory. The Shiromineji Temple, Negoroji Temple, and Sanuki-Goshikidai National Park Resort Village are located on the plateau.

- Access: 30 minutes by car from JR Takamatsu Station, 40 minutes by car from Sakaide Interchange, or 50 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: National Park Resort Village Sanuki-Goshikidai Tel. 0877-47-0231



The Shiromineji Temple

Shionoe Hot-spring Village



塩江温泉郷

It is said that Priest Gyoki discovered Shionoe Hot Spring approximately 1,300 years ago and that Kobo Daishi (a famous Japanese monk also known as Kukai) introduced this hot spring to society as a place of cure. Visitors can relax comfortably in the hot spring while enjoying the rich natural beauty of the mountains.

- Access: 30 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange or Wakimachi Interchange or 30 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Tourist Information Desk of Shionoe Hot Spring Tel. 087-893-1102

Konpira Hot-springs



こんぴら温泉郷

This village with many hot-springs is close to Konpira Shrine, where the spiritual guardian of seafarers is enshrined. Visitors can relax comfortably in this shrine town that has maintained the traditional atmosphere of the Edo period.

- Access: 5 minutes on foot from JR Kotohira Station, 15 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Kotohira Tourist Society Tel. 0877-75-3500





Sunport Takamatsu サンポート高松

Sunport Takamatsu is the a new urban center in Kagawa Prefecture. It serves as a terminus for marine and land transportation routes and contains an international conference hall, a cultural art hall, restaurants, and shops. Furthermore, it has a 30-story symbol tower, which is the tallest tower on the island of Shikoku. The highest floor of this tower offers an unparalleled view of the Seto Inland Sea.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Access: JR Takamatsu Station is next to Sunport Takamatsu, which is 20 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: Regional Development Division, Kagawa Prefecture Tel. 087-832-3380



Seto Ohashi Bridge 瀬戸大橋

The Seto Ohashi Bridge connects five islands with six sections of the bridge over the 9.4-km strait between Kagawa Prefecture and Okayama Prefecture. This bridge is the world's longest bridge for vehicles and trains. The Seto Ohashi Bridge Commemorative Park and Commemorative Hall are located at the starting point of the bridge on the Kagawa side.

Seto Ohashi Bridge Commemorative Hall

- Admission fee: Free
- Open: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Closed: Every Monday (Tuesday if Monday falls on a holiday) and December 29 to December 31
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 20 minutes by bus from JR Sakaide Station, 15 minutes by car from Sakaide Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-45-2344

Art and Culture

Kagawa, which faces the Seto Inland Sea, is referred to as the Road to Culture in Japanese classical literature.

Kagawa Prefecture welcomes visitors to enjoy its outstanding culture and art, which have been developed rapidly since ancient times.



Marugame Genichiro-Inokuma Museum of Contemporary Art

丸亀市猪熊弦一郎現代美術館

This art museum, which is located conveniently in front of the station, possesses more than 20,000 of Genichiro Inokuma's works. Inokuma is a world-famous oil painter born in Kagawa.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Closed: Exhibit changing periods only
- Parking lot: Pay Parking
- Access: One minute on foot from JR Marugame Station, 15 minutes by car from Zentsuji Interchange or Sakaide Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-24-7755



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Benesse House

ベネッセハウス

Benesse House was designed by world famous architect Tadao Ando. It consists of a main building, which contains an art museum, a hotel, and an annex to the hotel. Many of the works exhibited here were created by contemporary artists specifically for this museum.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, 365 days a year
- Access: 60 minutes by ferry from Takamatsu Port to Miyaura Port and 20 minutes by bus from Miyaura Port
- Inquiry: 087-892-2030



Shikoku Mura (Rural Residence Museum)

四国村(四国民家博物館)

This museum, which is located at the foot of the Yashima Plateau, exhibits old rural homes, which have either been reproduced or moved from around the four prefectures of Shikoku Island. There is also an art museum on the grounds where visitors can see photographs of Buddhist images from around the world.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (closes at 4:30 PM between November and March), 365 days a year
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: Five minutes on foot from Kotoden Yashima Station, 20 minutes by car from Takamatsu Central Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 087-843-3111



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Art House Project

家プロジェクト

Contemporary artists use old houses as their works in this project.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM (opens at 9:30 AM between July and September)
- Closed: Every Monday (Tuesday if Monday falls on a holiday)
- Access: 60 minutes by ferry from Takamatsu Port
- Inquiry: 087-892-2030



Higashiyama Kaii Setouchi Museum

香川県立東山魁夷せとうち美術館

This art museum, which is located at the foot of the Seto Ohashi Bridge, possesses more than 270 works by Higashiyama Kaii, one of the most famous Japanese painters of modern art.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (open until 7:00 PM every Friday from May to August)
- Closed: Every Monday (Tuesday if Monday falls on a holiday) and December 29 to January 3
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 10 minutes by car from JR Sakaide Station, 15 minutes by car from Sakaide Interchange, or 40 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 0877-44-1333



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Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum (Reservations Required)

イサム・ノグチ庭園美術館

This art museum is located in the production grounds of Aji Stone, where Isamu Noguchi, a 20th century sculptor, had his workshop and residence. Visitors may see more than 150 sculptures including the finished and unfinished works in his studio, along with his workshop and house, which he moved to the grounds.

- Admission fee: Contact below
- Open: 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 3:00 PM (visitors admitted three times a day) on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- Closed: Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, from August 12 to 17 and from December 28 to January 7
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 20 minutes on foot from Kotoden Yakuri Station, 20 minutes by car from Sanuki Miki Interchange, or 45 minutes by car from Takamatsu Airport
- Inquiry: 087-870-1500 <http://www.isamunoguchi.or.jp>



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Chichu Art Museum

地中美術館

The Chichu Art Museum, a three floor underground museum, designed by world-famous architect, Tadao Ando. The museum innovates the traditional concept of art museums. This museum exhibits Claude Monet's late Water Lily series paintings, including as large as 2 x 6 meters. This is the most largest work that exists in Asia.

- Admission fee: 2,000yen
- Open: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (closes at 5:00 PM from October to February)
- Closed: Every Monday (Tuesday if Monday falls on a holiday) and from December 30 to January 2. (This schedule may change without notice.)
- Parking lot: Free
- Access: 60 minutes by ferry from Takamatsu Port
- Inquir: 087-892-3755 <http://www.chichu.jp>

Local Culinary Specialties and Folk Craft Articles

Kagawa is full of delicacies, including its simple and warm local cuisine. Its traditional handicrafts and local specialties are waiting for you.



Sanuki Udon Noodles

讃岐うどん

The udon noodle is the Sanuki area's most famous food specialty. Sanuki udon is characterized by its firm, pleasantly chewy texture, and once you taste it, you'll never forget it.

Handicrafts

工芸品

The production of paper fans in Marugame makes up 90% of the total production of paper fans in all of Japan. Besides fans, Kagawa also produces plenty of crafts used in everyday life, such as bamboo products and Ikkanbari, box and tableware coated with tannin derived from persimmons.

Furniture and Handicrafted Products

家具・工芸製品

Kagawa's outstanding craftsmanship techniques produce excellent products, such as high-quality furniture coated with gold leaves or gloves manufactured in Higashikagawa City.



Sweets

お菓子

In Kagawa, visitors may taste a variety of Japanese sweets and snacks unique to the area, such as rice crackers made from shrimp caught in the Seto Inland Sea.

Folk Craft Articles

民芸品

There are more than 100 kinds of special souvenirs, the most famous of which include Takamatsu hariko (a papier-mache doll), Sanuki ittobori (woodcarving), and kojishi (a small-lion mascot).



Shodoshima Somen Noodles

小豆島そうめん

Shodoshima Island is famous for its traditional somen noodles, which are thin, soft, and very delicious.

Processed Agricultural and Marine Products

農水産加工品

A wide variety of processed agricultural and marine products including olive products, products made with soy sauce and local brands of sake (Japanese rice wine) are popular in Kagawa.



Access to Kagawa



Access from overseas

● By Airplane

Seoul (Incheon) to Takamatsu (Approx. 1 hr. 35min.)

-Asiana Airlines Tel: +81-3-5812-6600

Shanghai (Pudong) to Takamatsu (Approx. 1 hr. 55min.)

-Spring Airlines Tel: +86-21-95524

Taipei (Taoyuan) to Takamatsu (Approx. 2 hrs. 35min.)

-China Airlines Tel: +81-87-815-8701

Narita to Takamatsu (Dec.10th,2013~)

-Jet Star Japan Tel: +81-50-3163-8538

● Tourist Information Center

Takamatsu Information Plaza

-Tel: +81-87-851-2009

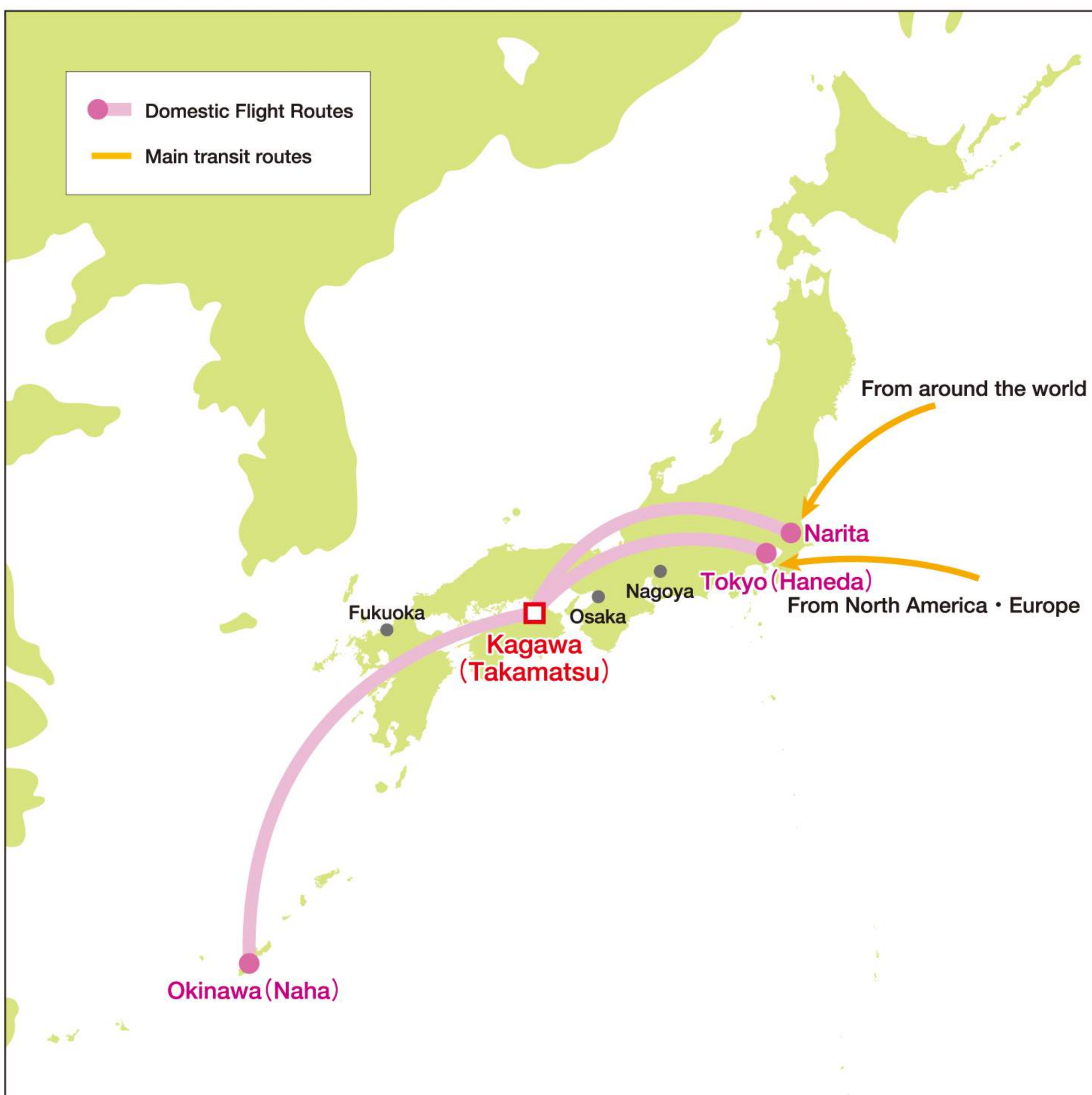
Kagawa Prefecture Tourism Association

-Tel: +81-87-832-3377

● Sightseeing Information Websites

<http://www.my-kagawa.jp/eg/>

<http://www.takamatsu-airport.com/en/>



Access from within Japan

● By Airplane

Tokyo (Haneda) to Takamatsu (Approx. 1 hr. 25min.)

-All Nippon Airways (ANA) Tel: +81-3-6741-1120

-Japan Airlines (JAL) Tel: +81-3-6733-3062

Okinawa (Naha) to Takamatsu (Approx. 1 hr. 50min.)

-All Nippon Airways (ANA) Tel: +81-3-6741-1120

Narita to Takamatsu (Dec.10th,2013~)

-Jet Star Japan Tel: +81-50-3163-8538

● By Rail

(Shinkansen&JR Marine Liner via Okayama)

Tokyo to Takamatsu (Approx. 4 hrs. 30min.)

Nagoya to Takamatsu (Approx. 2 hrs. 45min.)

Osaka to Takamatsu (Approx. 1 hr. 50min.)

Fukuoka to Takamatsu (Approx. 3 hrs.)