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Kibiji is the historical area 20 kilometers wide from east to west, ranging from the western suburb of Okayama City to Soja. While strolling the historic sites of Ancient Kibi Kingdom as well as Yamato, enjoy each season and feel the breeze of ancient time.

romantic histories

Bitchu Kokubunji Temple (Soja City)



Saijo Inari is a sacred place of a mixture of Buddhism and Shintoism on Mt. Ryuo-zan to the north of the site of Bicchu Takamatsujo Castle, which is famous for Hideyoshi's flooding of the castle, With a secret site Hachigiova at the top of the mountain and a grand main shrine at its foothills, it is

worshipped as the god of trade.

◆Approximately 35 minutes by bus from JR Okayama Station/5 minutes by taxi from Bitchu Takamatsu Station on JR Kibi Line



Takamatsujo Castle had a flooding attack by Hideyoshi Hashiba (Hideyoshi Toyotomi) who had an order from Nobunaga Oda, and broke down by the suicide of Muneharu Shimizu, the lord of the castle. The castle has a burial mound of the lord in the main enclosure and is now maintained as a historical park. A large number of materials are exhibited in the resource center of the park.

10-minute walk from Bitchu Takamatsu Station on JR Kibi Line

takes you back to ancient times



Places of interest around the area

be Ura's (Ogre's) residence in the past





Built in the late Edo period and reconstructed into a two-story house with clay-filled gambrel roofing and plaster painting after the Meiji period, Sennenji Fujita residence is a valuable piece of architecture to pass on the lifestyle of Ashimori

Profile of Okayama City

Okayama City is blessed with bountiful natural environment including mountains, plain regions, the two major rivers of the Asahi river and the Yoshii river, and Seto Inland Sea. Located at the cross-point of expressway network, it is a hub city to connect Chugoku and Shikoku regions. Okayama City made transition to a government designated city in April, 2009.

> Okayama has many sunny days in spring and fall, which is typical climate in Seto Inland Sea area, and also very mild throughout the year because Chugoku mountains block severe seasonal winds in winter.

The white peach and Muscat grapes, grown in the warm climate and fertile soil, are known to be the highest quality. The seafood such as Mamakari caught in the calm Seto Inland Sea has delicate and flavourful taste.

Okayama City was formed as the castle town of Okayama Castle constructed by Hideie Ukita approximately 400 years ago. Its western suburb used to be called "Kibi Kingdom", which was one of the most

With its accessibility as a cross-point of expressway networks, Okayama City holds large number of academic conferences, sports tournaments, and other various events every year. It continues to develop as a convention city which collects many people, products,

Convenient traffic network for traveling

Seto Ohashi Bridge linking the main island of Honshu with Shikoku, and the extended expressways make Okayama City very convenient for traveling. Efficient and comfortable trips can be enjoyed with Okayama as a base to any directions. If you travel a little further, you can find many attractive tourist spots. Take enough time, enjoy your trip, and make many wonderful memories.



Access to Okayama

For details, please contact each counter

196 minutes from Tokyo (by Nozomi) 34 minutes from Hiroshima (by Nozomi) 54 minutes from Takamatsu (by Marine Liner)

♦ Airpl	anes	**The number of flights may vary depending on the season. Please contact the airlines for details as below.		
Routes	Number of Flights	Amount of Time Required	Name of Airlines	Contact
From Tokyo	12 flights	75 minutes	ANA/JAL	ANA/0570-029-222 J A L/0570-025-071
From Sapporo	1 flight	135 minutes	AIR DO	03-6741-1122
From Okinawa	1 flight	115 minutes	Japan Transocean Air (JTA)	0570-025-071
From Seoul	1 flight	90 minutes	Korean Air	086-221-3311
Erom Shanghai	1 flight	115 minutes	China Eastern Airlines	086-233-5288



Surrounding Places of Interest Go a little further, then you will find plenty of attractive sightseeing soots

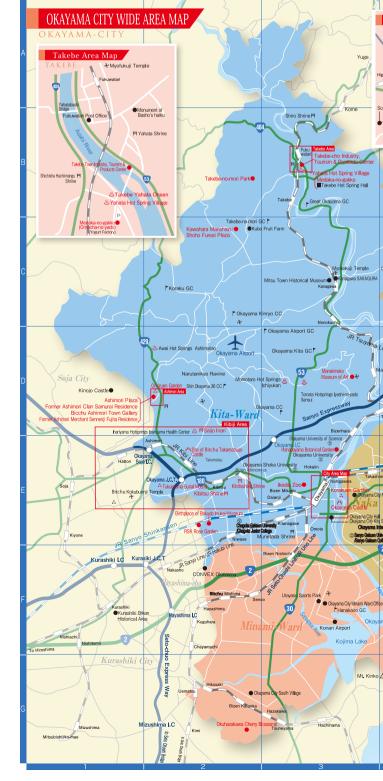








150 minutes by Super Express train from JR Okayama Station





This is a museum that preserves and reuses the remains of a copper refinery in Inuiima Island as a modern industrial heritage. A contemporary art work by Yukinori Yanagi is installed in the eco-friendly architecture designed by ◆ Approx. 45 minutes by bus from Saidaiji Station on JR Ako Line, 10 minutes by liner from Hoden Harbor

♦Liner Schedule
Departing from Hoden/6:25 8:00 11:00 13:00 13:45 15:15 17:00 18:30 17:00 18:30 Departing from Inujima/6:40 8:20 11:15 13:20 14:00 15:35 17:15 18:45 "1)15:15;15:35 run only on the art museum open days "2)18:30, 18:45 no service on Sundays

Enticed by an ocean breeze, go on a trip to meet art.



Inujima Island is an isolated small island located approx. 10 minutes away by liner from Hoden Harbor in Okayama, and used to be a production center of high-quality granite (Inujima Mikage). Rocks in Inujima Island were used to build the stonewalls of Okayama Castle and Osaka Castle. Thousands of people lived in Inujima Island at its peak. There are many places of interest such as the site of the refinery, quarries, stones with a crest of a clan lord and a Tenmangu shrine. Nature unique to this Island is preserved as well





Sea kayaking and astronomical



It is a swimming beach popular in summer. Its arched shoreline and beautiful views of the islands floating in Seto Inland Sea attract people. There are stone arts featuring Inujima Island on the beach.

It is a fully equipped camp site, including tent sites (20 lawn sites and 20 deck sites), a management house, a shower house (shared with swimming beach), and cooking facilities in



OKAYAMA-CITY Good places to visit in Okayama City

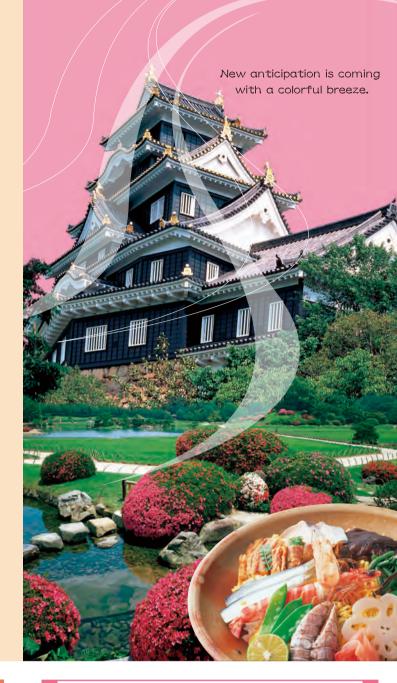
Dkayama Korakuen Garde

Kibitsu Shrine

Places of flowers It is a popular spot with cherry blossoms in spring and roses in spring and fall. There are approximately 3,200 types, 150,000 plants, which can be enjoyed a**ll** through the ◆Approximately 20 This cherry tree is designated as a Oyama cherry tree, standing in the best location has sweeping views of the urban area. It is 20 meters high and its branches stretch 27 meters wide. It is a prefectural natural treasure, said to pieces of 3 centimeter-big petals and about 20 pieces of reverted petals formed inside. be 400 to 500 years old. •20 minutes by car from Mizushima Interchange on Seto Chuo Expressway Pale pink flowers bloom spectacularly. 25-minute walk from Mantomi Station on JR Sanyo Line







Specialities in Okayama

Artifacts created by masters' craftmanship passed down in local areas. Seafood from Seto Inland Sea and a variety of fruits represent the Okayama's title " Fruits Kingdom".

Okayama offers attractive specialities which the people, the nature, and the earth produce.



Natsukawa fan has cloud-shaped patterns called Utatsugi rimmed by Haiku on the upper

part and images of beautiful nature are

arranged on th lowe

Event Calendar

and culture, has passed down ancient festivals events that everyone can enjoy.

January	1st	Ujo-Hatsuyume-Matsuri (New Year's Festival)(Okayama Ca
	1st ~ 3rd	Kibitsu No Shamisen Mochits (Kibitsuhiko Shrine)
	3rd	Yatate no Shinji (Kibitsu Shri
	2nd Sunday	Otsuna Matsuri (Okayama Shrir
February	3rd Saturday	Saidaiji Eyo (Saidaiji Kannon
April	Early	Okayama Sakura Carnival (Asahigawa Sakura-michi Wa
	Early	Takebe-no-Mori Happone Sakura Fe (Takebe-no-Mori Park)
	1st Sunday	Goshinko (Munetada Shrine)
	3rd Saturday and Sunday	Chikkonsai (Fukudenkai)
Мау	Early	Ujo-Oshiroasobi (Fun and Games at (Okayama Castle)
June	2nd Sunday	Korakuen Garden Otaue Sai (Rice Planting Festival)
July	1st Sunday	Kanren Setsu (Korakuen Garde
	4th Sunday	Ryusenji Temple Otaki Matsu
	31st	Miyauchi Odori (Kibitsu Shrin
August	2nd \sim 3rd	Kibitsuhiko Shrine Otaue Sai (Rice Planting Fesival)
	Early	Okayama Momotaro Festival (Fireworks Display/Uraja Dar
	Early	Takebe Town Fireworks Disp
		Special Night-time Opening of Ujo-Toger (Castle Lighting)(Okayama Castle)
		Special Night-time Gensou-Teien (Garden Lighting)(Korakuen Gard
October	1st Sunday	National Famous Morning Market Fes
	2nd Saturday	Bizen Okayama Shishimai Taiko (Okayama Shrine)
	Early~	Okayama International Music Fest
	Early	Okayama Momotaro Festival in Autu
	Sunday just before the 15th of a month	Takebe Festival
	20th	Shiro Shrine Goku (Offering ceremon
	Late ~	Chrysanthemum Exhibition (Okayama Castle Korakuen Garde
November	During month of November	Special Night-time Opening of Ujo-Toger in Autumn (Castle Lighting)(Okayama Ca
	During month of November	Special Night-time Gensou-Teien in Au (Garden Lighting)(Korakuen Garden)
December		Momotaro Fantasy
Every month	1st Sunday	Kyobashi Early Morning Mark Open at 5:00 a m and end when sold out





This is one of the bigges summer events. The festival features a grand fireworks display and "Uraja dance", which people dance frantically makeups imitating ogres (Ura) of Momotaro legend.

unusual festivals. Thousands of loin-cloth clad men grapple for two wooden sticks (Shingi) tossed by priests from the holy windows.



along the Kyobashi bridge river bank. There are many stores lined up, and sell local fish and produce such as vegetables. First come,



This fall music festival charms

Okayama with a variety of

Bizen pottery One of the six ancient pottery styles of Japan,

Bizen pottery proudly has 1000 years of tradition. It

without any glaze.

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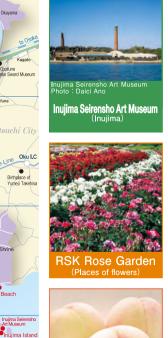
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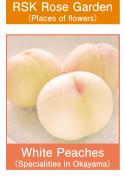
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Walk way along Nishigawa Canal running from north to south through Okayama City. With various flowers of every season, it is a place for the citizens to relax and enjoy.

◆Walking distance from JR Okayama Station





The approximately 1 kilometer long riverbed between Horaibashi Bridge and Aioibashi Bridge across the Asahi river turns walk with about 250 Someiyoshino cherry trees.

•10-minute walk from Shiroshita tram stop bound for Higashiyama



This is the museum that records and displays the history and the present of Okayama, and passes them on to the next generation, Okayama's history, culture and nature embedded in the glant aerial photograph over the floor can be brought out by a mobile information terminal.

Stort waking distance from

◆Short walking distance to JR Okayama Station west e





Yumeji Takehisa, the forefront of culture in Taisho era, was born in Okayama and dedicated his life in searching for the beauty. His various kinds of work such as beauties' portraits, drawings and sketches are

◆Approximately 15 minutes by bus from JR Okayama Statio

for Higashiyama/Approximately 15 minutes by bus from JF Okayama Station

As well as unearthed articles from the remains in Okayama prefecture and folk tools, artifacts including Bizen pottery and swords are displayed. ♦10-minute walk from

Shiroshita tram stop bound for Higashiyama/ approximately 15 minutes by bus from JR





Korakuen Garden Event Calendar

Built by Tsunamasa Ikeda,a feudal lord in Okayama,in 1700,Korakuen was designed in the Kaiyu style, centering around Enyotei. The garden was designated as "a special place of scenic beauty" under Cultural Assets Preservation Act in 1952 and became a historical and cultural property to be handed down for future generations.

Full of events throughout the seasons!

Spring Flower Viewing (Early April)

After appreciating cherry blossoms in the garden, Okayama Sakura Carnival along the Asahi river can be enjoyed.



Enyotei and the surrounding lawn area are open to public. Bring your own and enjoy packed meals under moonlight in

Illuminated Garden (August)



stone bridge, a serene and profound beauty with illuminations opens up in

front of you. Crane Release (January 1st)



well-cared as national natural treasure, fascinate people with their graceful figures

Places of Interest

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	■Tourist Facilities	■Business Hours / Closed	MAF		
Kita Ward	RSK Rose Garden	9:30-17:00 / Wednesdays (When Wednesday falls on a national holiday the garden is closed on the following day.), year-end and New Yea holidays **Open everyday from April to June, October and November			
	Ashimori Plaza	9:00-16:30 \times Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the plaza is closed on the following day.), year-end and New Year holidays	D-2		
	lkeda Zoo	$9:30.17:00 \ \ (\text{Closed at 16:30 from November to March})/ \ \ \text{Wednesdays from November 21th} \ \ \text{to February 20th}, \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$	E-3		
	Birthplace of Bokudo Inukai /Museum	$9:\!0017:\!00$ \diagup Tuesdays (except national holidays), the following day of national holiday (except Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays), year-end and New Year holidays	E-2		
	Okayama Kitchoan Museum	10:00-17:00 \diagup 1st and 3rd Mondays (When the Monday falls on a national holiday, the museum is open.), year-end and New Year holidays, between exhibitions	L-7		
	Okayama Prefectural Museum	9:00-18:00 (9:30-17:00 from October to March) / Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the museum is closed on the following day.), year-end and New Year holidays	J-10		
	Okayama Prefectural Museum of Art	9:00-17:00 / Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the museum is closed on the following day.), year-end and New Year holidays	K-9		
	Okayama Korakuen Garden	7:30-18:00 (8:00-17:00 from October to March) \angle open every day	J-10		
	Okayama City Museum	10:00–18:00 \angle Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the museum is closed on the following day.), between exhibitions, year-end and New Year holidays	K-7		
	Okayama Castle	9:00-17:30 / December 29th-December 31st	K-10		
	Bizenyaki Studio in Okayama Cast l e Tenshukaku Tower	10:00-16:00 (people with appointments are given priority.)	K-10		
	Okayama Orient Museum	$9:\!0017:\!00$ / Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the museum is closed on the following day.), between exhibitions, year-end and New Year holidays	K-9		
	Okayama Symphony Hall	9:00-22:00 / 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (When Tuesday falls on a national holiday the hall is closed on the following day), year-end and New Year holidays			
	Omizuen Garden	9:30-16:30 / Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the garden is closed on the following day), year-end and New Year holiday;			
	Kawahara Mansion	9:00-16:30 / Open house is only Sundays.	C-2		
	Medaka-no-gakko	9:00-17:00 (9:30-16:30 from December to February) / Tuesdays (When Tuesday falls on a national holiday, the center is closed on the following day.), year-end and New Year holidays			
	Kibiji Literary Museum	9:30-17:00 / Mondays, the following day of a national holiday, between exhibitions, year-end and New Year holidays			
	Kibitsu Shrine	Closed at 18:00	E-2		
	Kibitsuhiko Shrine	5:30-20:00	E-2		
	Former Ashimori Clan Merchant Sennenji Fujita Residence	9:00-16:30 / Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the residence is closed on the following day), year-end and New Year holidays 9:30-16:30 / Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the residence is closed on the following day), year-end and New Year holidays			
	Former Ashimori Clan Samurai Residence				
	Saijo Inari		D-2		
	Takebe-cho Industry, Tourism & Products Center Takebe-no-mori Park	8:30-17:00 / Tuesdays (When Tuesday falls on a national holiday, the center is closed on the following day.), year-end and New Year holidays 9:00-17:00 (9:00-18:00 from July 20th to August 31st) / Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the park is closed on the following day.) (Open on Mondays during Sakura Festival and summer holidays. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays during the writter season)	B-3 B-2		
	Tsukuriyama Burial Mound	Williams and Tuesdays during the writter seasony	E-2		
	Hayashibara Museum of Art	10:00-17:00 (Last admission: 16:30) / Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the museum is closed on the following day.), between exhibitions, year-end and New Year holidays	K-9		
	Handayama Botanical Garden	9:00-16:30 / Tuesdays (When Tuesday falls on a national holiday, the garden is closed on the following day), year-end and New Year holidays	E-3		
	Bitchu Ashimori Town Gallery	9:00-16:30 / Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the museum is closed on the following day.), year-end and New Year's holidays	D-2		
	Site of Bitchu Takamatsujo Castle	10:00-15:00 / Mondays, year-end and New Year holidays	E-2		
	Manekineko Museum of Art	10:00-17:00 \times Wednesdays (open every day during Golden Week, Spring and Summer holidays), year-end	D-3		
	Renaiss Hall	10:00-19:00 (Kobunko Café 11:00-22:00) / Tuesdays (When Tuesday falls on a national holiday, the hall is closed on the following day.), year-end and New Year holidays	L-9		
Naka Ward	Sogenji Temple		E-4		
	Yumeji Art Museum	9:00-17:00 / Mondays (When Monday falls on a national holiday, the museum is closed on the following day.), year-end and New Year holidays	J-10		
焉	Inujima Seirensho Art Museum	10:00-16:30 / Tuesdays (March-November), Tuesday-Thursday (December -February) «Open when Tuesday falls on a national holiday but closed the next day. «Open on Tuesdays when Monday falls on a national holiday but closed on the next day (Wednesday). During December 1 ~ last day offebruary, open only Monday, Friday-Sunday and holidays.	G-5		
gash	Inujima Island Beach	Open period / Mid-July to Mid-August	G-5		



Okuhazakawa Cherry Blossoms

Open period/April 15th to October 15th

Open period / Mid-July to mid-August

Okayama City South Village 9:00-17:00 / Tuesdays (When Tuesday falls on a national holiday, the center is closed on the following day.), year-end and New Year holidays

Higashiyama Line

140 yen from Okayama-ekimae to Higashiyama (100 yen to Kencho-dori) Time required:approximately 17 minutes from Okayama-ekimae to Higashiyama

G-5

Seikibashi Line

140 yen from Okayama-ekimae to Seikibashi (100 yen to Yubinkyokumae) Time required:approximately 12 minutes from Okayama-ekimae to Seikibashi

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