

# SHIZUOKA

## Oigawa Railway Steam Locomotives MAP 1



These steam locomotives, which ran in the 1920s and 1930s, are still in fully working order. These stations which evoke the spirit of the period, the rivers and tea plantations in the town and past, and the tramway, mountain scenery have appeared in many TV dramas and movies.

ACCESS Runs from Shin-Kanaya Station to Senzu on the Oigawa Railway [http://www.oigawa-railway.co.jp/guide/oigawa\\_sml\\_eng.pdf](http://www.oigawa-railway.co.jp/guide/oigawa_sml_eng.pdf)

## Sumata Gorge MAP 2



Known as the last hidden gem of the Coi River, this area is especially spectacular when bedecked in the fresh greenery of spring or the blazing foliage of the autumn. Highlights are the hot spring waters, said to contain ingredients which make the skin beautiful, and the 90-meter high, 8-meter long "dream suspension bridge" which gives stunning views of the entire gorge.

ACCESS A 40-minute bus journey from Senzu Station on the Oigawa Railway

## Hamamatsu & Lake Hamana MAP 3



Go for a pleasure boat cruise on Lake Hamana, which stretches to the west of Hamamatsu City, and try some eel, a specialty of the region. Hamamatsu Castle, former seat of Tokugawa Iyeyasu, the founder of the Edo Shogunate, is a popular spot for cherry blossom viewing.

ACCESS A 40-minute bus journey from Shin-Hamamatsu Station on the Eshu Railway (Lake Hamana Pleasure Boats, Kanazji Harbor)

## Mount Ryugu, Gansuiji Temple MAP 4



An ancient temple built in 725 by Gyoki, an eminent monk. Associated with fertility and safe childbirth, peace and prosperity in the home and warding off evil, the temple is visited by several hundred thousand people every year. It is designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan.

ACCESS A 30-minute walk from Inshu-Gansuiji Station on the Eshu Railway

## Toyohashi Park MAP 5



This public park houses the remains of Yoshida Castle, which was built in the 16th century, other cultural institutions such as the Toyohashi City Museum of Art and History, and sports facilities. The tramway, which runs through the environs of the park is a symbol of Toyohashi.

ACCESS A 5-minute walk from Toyohashikoen-mae Station on the Toyohashi Railway tramline

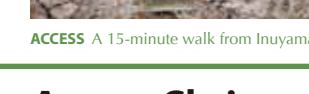
## Mt. Zao Observation Platform MAP 6



An observation platform with a 360-degree panorama from Mikawa Bay to the Ota Peninsula, and to Mount Fuji on a clear day. Perfect for a hike during the day, or for one of Japan's top night views after dark.

ACCESS A 50-minute combined bus journey and walk from Mikawa Tahara Station on the Toyohashi Railway

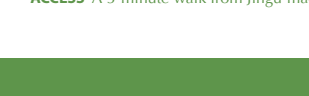
## Inuyama Castle MAP 7



Built in 1537 by Oda Nobuyasu, an uncle of Oda Nobun. It is said that Toyotomi Hideyoshi, who entered Inuyama Castle during the Battle of Komaki and Nagakute, fought in 1584 against Tokugawa Iyeyasu, who had taken up positions in Komakiyama Castle. Designated as a National Treasure, the view from Japan's oldest surviving wooden castle keeps its spectacular.

ACCESS A 15-minute walk from Inuyama Station on the Nagoya Railway (Meitetsu)

## Atsuta Shrine MAP 8



Sitting majestically in the Atsuta no Mori sacred grove in the southern part of Nagoya City, this shrine, popularly referred to as "Atsuta-dama" or "Miya (The Shrine)", is visited by around 6.5 million people every year. The 200,000 square meter precinct boasts giant camellias more than 1,000 years old and a treasure hall which houses over 6,000 relics.

ACCESS A 3-minute walk from Jinguu-mae Station on the Nagoya Railway (Meitetsu)

## The Museum Meiji-mura MAP 9



An outdoor museum which enables visitors to experience old buildings and modes of transport, mainly from the Meiji Period (1868-1912), as well as beef hot-spot and other aspects of his industrial heritage, and has reopened it as a commemorative museum. The museum, which features textile machinery and automobiles developed by the Toyota Group, presents the history of industry and technology in easy to understand displays that enable visitors to enjoy learning about the importance of manufacturing.

ACCESS A 3-minute walk from Sako Station on the Meitetsu Line <http://www.meijimura.com/eng/>

## Chubu Centair International Airport MAP 10



This airport is on an artificial island in Ise Bay. Easily accessible from central Nagoya, it is an aviation gateway which connects the entire Chubu region with the world. Special guided tours enable visitors to see highlights of the terminal and places which cannot normally be entered such as the runway. Security exploration tours are also available.

ACCESS Adjacent to Central Japan International Airport Station on the Nagoya Railway (Meitetsu) <http://www.centair.jp/en/>

## Nagoya Castle MAP 11



Built in 1612 by Tokugawa Yoshimasa, son of Tokugawa Iyeyasu, as a daimyo's castle. One of three most impressive castles in Japan, the others being Himeji and Kumamoto, it is designated as a special national historical site. The golden dolphins on the roof of the main keep are symbols of Nagoya.

ACCESS A 15-minute walk from Higashi-Chu Station on the Nagoya Railway (Meitetsu) [http://www.nagoya-city.jp/nagoya\\_01\\_3\\_eng/01/index.html](http://www.nagoya-city.jp/nagoya_01_3_eng/01/index.html)

## Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium MAP 12



Open since 1992, a total of 50,000 specimens, of 500 different species, are on display, making it one of the largest aquariums in Honshu. The Large Kuruzhi Tank, where vast schools of fish swim exuberantly, and the Penguin Tank, which recreates the natural environment of the Antarctic, are particularly popular.

ACCESS A 15-minute combined subway journey and walk from Kanayama Station on the Nagoya Railway (Meitetsu) <http://www.nagoya-aquarium.com/eng/>

## Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology MAP 13



The Toyota Group has preserved the site of the former main plant of Toyota Automatic Loom Works as part of its industrial heritage, and has reopened it as a commemorative museum. The museum, which features textile machinery and automobiles developed by the Toyota Group, presents the history of industry and technology in easy to understand displays that enable visitors to enjoy learning about the importance of manufacturing.

ACCESS A 3-minute walk from Sako Station on the Meitetsu Line <http://www.tcmci.org/eng/>

## Osu Shopping Arcade MAP 14



Nagoya's Osu Shopping Arcade originally grew from being a temple townshp on the outskirts of Osu Kanon Temple. Here you will find shops selling everything from computers to vintage clothing and gourmet food products. Constantly bustling with activity, this district is considered Japan's number one shopping arcade.

ACCESS At Kanayama Station on the Meitetsu Line, transfer to the Meijo Line and travel clockwise to Kaminaya Station

## Hatcho Miso no Sato Museum MAP 15



Hatcho miso has been made in Aichi Prefecture's Okazaki City for centuries. Two miso makers continue to produce Hatcho miso with traditional techniques. This museum of traditional miso-making features actual miso production using gigantic pots and tubs.

ACCESS A 3-minute walk from Okazaki-koen-mae Station on the Meitetsu Line

## Pottery Footpath MAP 16



A walking circuit in the city of Tokoname, kins to one of the six old styles of Japanese ceramics as well as the maru ni nako, or "welcoming cat", which has been covered since long ago with tightly packed clay pipes and shochu liquor bottles make up the unique, picturesque scenery on the Pottery Footpath.

ACCESS A 5-minute walk from Tokoname Station on the Meitetsu Line

## Ise Grand Shrine MAP 17



Familiar as "O-Ise-san" or "Daig-jingu-san", the Ise Grand Shrine complex consists of a total of 125 shrines, the most important of which are the Naiku (the Koutai Shrine or inner sanctuary) where Amaterasu Omikami, the ancestral kami (goddess) of the Imperial Family, is worshipped, and the Geku (the Toyouke Shrine or outer sanctuary) where Toyouke Omikami, the kami of food, clothing and shelter, is worshipped. The custom is to proceed from the outer sanctuary to the inner sanctuary. After visiting the inner sanctuary, wander through the townships of Ohari-Machi and Okage-Yokocho and enjoy the traditional shops and inns.

ACCESS A 5-minute walk from Naiki Station on the Kinokuni Railway (Geku outer sanctuary) Adjacent to Naikuan-mae stop, by bus from Ujijima Station on the Kinokuni Railway <http://www.isejingu.co.jp/en/index.html>

## Okage Yokocho MAP 18



Found in the middle of the townsquare that grew just outside the Naiku (inner shrine) at Ise-jingu, buildings from the Edo and Meiji Periods have been relocated and reproduced at Okage Yokocho. It is a popular tourist spot for sampling local treats and shopping for traditional souvenirs.

ACCESS A 1-minute walk from Jingukai-kan-mae Bus Stop (board bus at Kinokuni Ujijima Station)

## Freight Railway Museum MAP 19

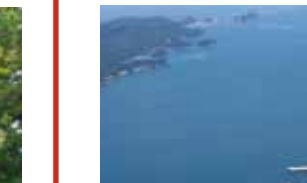


Opened in 2003 to mark the 130th anniversary of railway freight transport. Some of the world's oldest surviving freight cars, locomotives and containers are on display in the open air. Rare freight cars and parts, and related artifacts and documents are on display inside the building.

ACCESS Adjacent to Nyugawa Station on the Sangi Railway

# MIE <G7 Ise-Shima Summit>

## Toba MAP 20



Toba and Shima are rich in coastal tourist attractions: Ago Bay famous for pearl culturing, Meoto Iwa - the "wedded rocks" in Futatabigaura, or a cruise to the aquarium. Major sights such as Shima Spa Village, with its multitude of attractions on a Spanish theme, Daiozaki and the Kirigaki Observatory with their spectacular sea views, and Gokasho Bay are perfect for families and couples, and don't forget the stinky lobster, abalone, oysters and other wonderful seafood!

ACCESS Adjacent to Toba Station and Kashikojima Station, respectively, on the Kinokuni Railway

## Toba Aquarium MAP 21



This is one of Japan's largest aquariums, boasting 1,200 species housed in 12 different zones that reproduce natural environments. The most interesting animal here has to be the dugong, which is at risk of extinction and thought to be the marine mammal that inspired old tales of mermaids. Come and see our cheerful sea otters and capabars, and enjoy exciting shows by our seals and waluses!

ACCESS A 10-minute walk from Toba Station on the Kinokuni Railway [http://www.aquarium.co.jp/foreign\\_language/eng/ishigish-pdi.pdf](http://www.aquarium.co.jp/foreign_language/eng/ishigish-pdi.pdf)

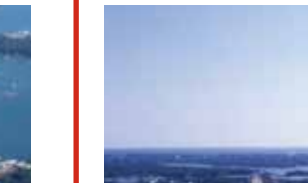
## Iga MAP 22



It is said that ninja covert mercenaries were active in Iga during the Sengoku Period, and many ninja-related temples and historical sites remain. Fans from Japan and around the world flock to Iga to visit the popular Ninja Museum of Igaryu to learn to wield shuriken and other ninja weapons and to watch the popular ninja show.

ACCESS A 35-minute combined train journey and walk via the Iga Railway from Iga-Kambe Station on the Kinokuni Railway <http://www.igainjia.jp/eng/index.html>

## Shima (Kashikojima Island) MAP 23



The Ise-Shima Peninsula, the entirety of which is designated a part of the Ise-Shima National Park, is loved by visitors for its delicious seafood and beautiful vistas. At the shore is a classic example of a ria coast, and within the beauty and calm of nature reside people who make a living from fishing and pearl cultivation. In recent years, resort hotels, a theme park, and hot springs have sprung up, drawing large numbers of tourists to this resort area.

ACCESS Kashikojima Station on the Kinokuni Railway

## Kashikojima España Cruise MAP 24



A 50-minute cruise aboard the Esperanza, a Spanish-style sightseeing vessel. Enjoy beautiful views of the ria coast and the many large and small islands dotting the waters.

ACCESS A 2-minute walk from Kashikojima Station on the Kinokuni Railway

## Shima Spain Village MAP 25



A theme park that recreates the exotic and passionate atmosphere of a Spanish town. Filled with captivating rides, entertainments, restaurants, and shops to please children and adults alike.

ACCESS 13 minutes by direct bus from Ujijima Station on the Kinokuni Railway <http://www.paque-net.com/eng/igashigish/index.html>

# FUKUI

## Nishiyama Park MAP 26



Famous for its 50,000 azaleas, visitors can enjoy extensive lawns, a Japanese garden, the popular lesser pandas in the park zoo, and the observatory with its view over Saiabe.

ACCESS A 1-minute walk from Nishiyama-Koen Station or a 3-minute walk from Nishisabae Station on the Fukui Railway

## Daihonzan Eihei-ji Temple MAP 27



Dogen, the founder of the Soto Zen school of Buddhism in Japan, established its Daihonzan in 1244. Even today, more than 200 monks can be seen undergoing tough ascetic training day and night. The monks' explanations during your tour of the temple complex will be combined with Buddhist teachings. You can also stay overnight and experience ascetic training.

ACCESS A 15-minute bus journey from Eihei-ji-guchi Station on the Echizen Railway <http://kankou.town.eiheiji-ig.jp/guide/>

## Awara Onsen MAP 28



A hot-spring town surrounded by idyllic countryside. Since it opened in 1883, numerous writers and calligraphers have visited this relaxing spot. The hot water in each hotel and inn has different properties as the town sits on as many as 74 individual water sources.

ACCESS Adjacent to Awara-Nunomachi Station on the Echizen Railway

## The Philosopher's Walk MAP 29



A canal-side walk stretching from Nyakoji Shrine in the south to Ginkakuji Temple in the north. Cherry blossoms in spring, and blazing foliage in autumn give it a special pleasure. Take this opportunity to have a look at nearby shrines and temples, such as Honen-in and Eikando Temples.

ACCESS A 15-minute walk from Jinguu-maidashi Station on the Keihan Electric Railway A 25-minute combined bus journey and walk from Kawasumi Station on the Hanshu Railway <http://www.berie-ginmura.com/>

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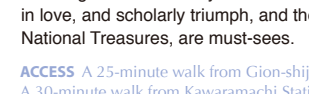
## Kiyomizu-dera Temple MAP 30



Registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as one of the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto. The famous 13-meter high stage in front of the Main Hall gives stunning views of the city. The Otowa Waterfall, believed to grant longevity, success in love, and scholarly triumph, and the 15 temple buildings which house an array of National Treasures, are must-sees.

ACCESS A 25-minute walk from Gion-Kobu Station on the Keihan Electric Railway A 30-minute walk from Kawasumi Station on the Hanshu Railway <http://www.kiyomizudera.org/gj/eng/01.html>

## Arashiyama MAP 31



Cherry blossoms in the spring and red leaves in the fall - Arashiyama is famous for its beautiful, changing scenery. Though the most famous of its views is the Togetsu Bridge over the Katsura River, Arashiyama is also home to numerous historical temples and shrines, such as Nomiyama Shrine, Matsuno Taisha Shrine, and World Heritage Site Saicho-ji Temple.

ACCESS Adjacent to Arashiyama Station on the Hanshu Railway and Keitoku Electric Railway

## Kuramadera Temple MAP 33



Established in 770, Mount Kurama, famous for its Daijingu (long-nosed goblin-like spirits or demons), is known as the place in which Minamoto Yoshitsune received his training, and as the setting for the Kurama Tengu Noh drama. The area is also renowned for stunning cherry blossoms in spring and maple leaves in fall. The view from the top of the Kurama-dera cable car, Japan's shortest, is stunning.

ACCESS A 3-minute walk from Kurama Station on the Eizan Railway

## Kifune Shrine MAP 34



Known as a shrine to the deities of water, wish-granting and marriage, it is said that Kifune was visited by the Heian Period poetess Izumi Shikibu. It is a custom from ancient times to visit the three parts of the shrine in the following order: the main shrine, the rear shrine and the central shrine.

ACCESS A 30-minute walk from Kifuneguchi Station on the Eizan Railway

## Sagano Scenic Railway MAP 35



A 25-minute, 7.3-kilometer scenic journey from Sagano to Tamba-Kameoka. Travel through the Hozugawa Valley and level in the marvelous beauty. At Kameoka, the terminus, you can try training and horse riding.

ACCESS Runs from Tondoko Sajo Station to Tondoko Kameoka Station on the Sagano Scenic Railway <http://www.ogawa-kankou.co.jp/eng/shi-3p/>

## Fushimi-Inari Taisha Shrine MAP 37



This popular shrine, said to have been built in the early 8th century, is the major shrine to Inari, the patron of prosperity in commerce and agriculture. The shrine has many points of interest, the Torii Path with its countless vermilion Torii gates, and the "omokaru-ishi" for telling one's fortune. The Oyama-Muraji mountain pilgrimage route, which takes visitors past wawayide shrines and burial mounds dotted around Mt. Inari, is very popular.

ACCESS A 5-minute walk from Fushimi-inari Station on the Keihan Electric Railway

## Byodo-in Temple World Heritage MAP 38



Byodo-in Temple symbolizes the splendor of the powerful Fujiwara Clan during the Heian Period. The Phoenix Hall (ho-o-do), shaped like the open wings of a phoenix and topped with phoenix statues, appears on the Y10 coin.

ACCESS A 10-minute walk from Keihan Uji Station on the Keihan Electric Railway <http://www.byodoin.co.jp/en/index.html>

## Kyoto National Museum MAP 39



The museum houses ceramics, paintings, calligraphy, crafts, and other diverse artistic and cultural artifacts from across Japan. Exhibits in the Heisei Chishinkan Wing, opened in 2014, offer a comprehensive look at all aspects of Japanese culture in one place.

ACCESS A 7-minute walk east from Shichigoji Station on the Keihan Electric Railway

## Gion, Kawaramachi & Nishiki Market MAP 40



Kawaramachi is a bustling commercial area packed with souvenir shops, eateries and large-scale commercial facilities. Gion, meanwhile, is the place to see Kyoto's most traditional streetscapes. The Nishiki Market, known as "Kyoto's Kitchen" is full of long-established businesses selling typical Kyoto specialties, vegetables and pickles.

ACCESS Adjacent to Kawaramachi Station on the Hanshu Railway, and Gion-Shijo Station on the Keihan Electric Railway

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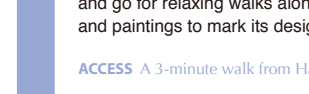
## Lake Biwa MAP 41



Japan's largest lake and reservoir counts for approximately one sixth of the area of Shiga Prefecture. Visitors can go on cruises and take part in other leisure activities, and go for relaxing walks along the shore. The lake appeared in many songs, poems and paintings to mark its designation as a Quasi-National Park in 1950.

ACCESS A 3-minute walk from Hamanaka Station on the Keihan Electric Railway

## Hieizan Enryakuji Temple MAP 42



The center of Japanese Buddhism, built in 788 by Saicho, the founder of the Tendai Sect. The temple grounds, situated on the Kyoto-Shiga border, encompasses Mount Hieizan in its entirety. The temple was recognized as a cultural property with designation as a World Heritage Site in 1994.

ACCESS A 15-minute bus journey from Demachiyang Station on the Keihan Electric Railway A combined 40-minute walk and cable-car ride from Yae Station on the Eizan Railway [http://www.hieizan.or.jp/\\_jib/eng/01.pdf](http://www.hieizan.or.jp/_jib/eng/01.pdf)

## Ishiyamadera Temple MAP 43



Founded by the monk Roben in the late Nara Period at the request of Emperor Shomu. Murasaki Shikibu allegedly began writing The Tale of Genji in this temple. The name, which means literally "stony mountain temple", originates from the giant Mountstone rock situated in the grounds.

ACCESS A 10-minute walk from Ishiyamadera Station on the Keihan Electric Railway

# OSAKA

## Nose Mount Myoken MAP 48



The Myoken Dai-Bosatsu (bodhisattva) is the dedication of Houshoun or the North Star. Because this star always lies to the north, it is considered to lead humanity along the right path and listen to mankind's prayers, and is therefore venerated as an important guardian deity. The temple is always packed with pilgrims, while the cable car to the summit gives stunning views throughout the year.

ACCESS A 30-minute bus and cable car journey from Myokenguchi Station on the Nose Electric Railway [http://www.myoken.org/254/03b\\_Myoken\\_cablecarMAP\\_1686\\_en.pdf](http://www.myoken.org/254/03b_Myoken_cablecarMAP_1686_en.pdf)

## Hattori Ryokuchi Park MAP 49



This is the largest park in Osaka Prefecture, and has been selected as one of Japan's 100 best urban parks. Popular attractions include the Open-Air Museum of Old Japanese Farm Houses, an arboretum, an open-air concert hall, and sports facilities. A swimming pool is open during the summer and a barbecue area can be enjoyed throughout the year (closed in winter).

ACCESS A 5-minute walk from Ryokuchi-Koen Station on the Kita-Osaka Kyoto Railway

## Umeda MAP 50



Often affectionately known as "Kita" (North Osaka), the skyscraper-filled area surrounding Umeda Station is dotted with a wide range of commercial facilities, with everything from long-established department stores through to brand new shopping malls. This district is packed with things to see and do, view spots with panoramic views of the Osaka cityscape, eateries in which to try out Osaka specialties, and more.

ACCESS Adjacent to Umeda Station on the Hanshu Railway and Hanshin Electric Railway

## Namba, Dotonbori & Shinsaibashi MAP 51



The flourishing heart of Osaka. Home to the city's top entertainment area, Namba, and the neon lights of the Dotonbori canal—featuring enormous illuminated kinetic crabs and octopuses, and the famous Glico neon sign—as well as Namba Parks, chosen as one of the top 10 hanging gardens in the world. All this is just around the corner from the trend-setting Shinsaibashi district.

ACCESS Adjacent to Namba Station on the Nankai Electric Railway, and to Osaka-Namba Station on the Hanshin Electric Railway and Kinokuni Railway. A 15-minute walk to Shinmabashi

## Abeno Harukas MAP 52



The tallest building in Japan at 300 meters. You can see the whole of Osaka from the Harukas 300 Observatory on the top floor. The complex includes fashion and gourmet food, a department store, an art museum and a hotel.

ACCESS Adjacent to Osaka-Abe-no-hashi Station on the Kinokuni Railway <http://www.abenoharukas300.jp/en/>

## Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan MAP 53



One of the largest aquariums in the world. Come and see over 20,000 creatures from 620 different species, including the whale shark, the largest fish on the planet. The new interactive exhibit area, with tanks where visitors can touch and handle sea life, is very popular.

ACCESS A 5-minute walk from Osaka Station on the Subway Chuo Line, which connects to Shinjima Station on the Nagai Station A 5-minute walk from Osaka Station on the Subway Chuo Line after changing at Kajo Station on the Hanshin Electric Railway <http://www.kaiyukan.com/eng/gangang/>