

Matsusaka Tourist Guidebook

Take a Stroll across Matsusaka City



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伊勢山上(飯福田寺) Isezanjo (Ibutaji Temple)
 Isezanjo, the area surrounding Ibutaji Temple, has been used for more than 1300 years of an ascetic training ground. Enjoy spectacular views of nature while getting your thrill on!



うきさとむら Ukiyatamura
 Visitors can enjoy the local specialties of the region such as Sansai (wild vegetables) tempura and thin udon with mukohyo. Lessons on konnyaku making and Amago fish catching with advance registration are also offered here. There is a farmers' market every third Sunday and a traditional congee festival in February.
 Closed: Every Tuesday



松阪燗野ふるさと会館・松阪燗野考古館 Matsusaka City Ureshino Furusato Hall, Matsusaka City Ureshino Archaeological Museum
 Ureshino Furusato Hall is equipped with a 706 seat multipurpose hall and conference rooms. In the 2nd floor office, there is an archaeological exhibit featuring inked earthenware and a roof-ridge ornament (Shibi) that has been designated an Important Cultural Asset. This ornament was created between the 7th and 8th century and is one of the earliest in Japan.
 Hours: 9:00 - 17:00
 Closed: Monday (Tuesday when Monday is a public holiday) and New Year's Break



松浦武四郎記念館 Matsuura Takehiro Memorial Museum
 Matsuura Takehiro - best known for his exploration of Ezochi's interior - was the one came up with the name Hokkaido. The museum introduces Matsuura and displays his surveying records of Hokkaido. The exhibit is updated every two months.
 Hours: 9:30 - 16:30 Closed: Monday (Tuesday when Monday is a public holiday), the day after a public holiday and New Year's Break



松浦武四郎誕生地 Birthplace of Matsuura Takehiro
 Now a historic city monument, Matsuura Takehiro's residence remains the same as when it first built. From here, it is easy to imagine the historic voyage made by the pilgrims to Ise Jingu.
 Interior not open to the public



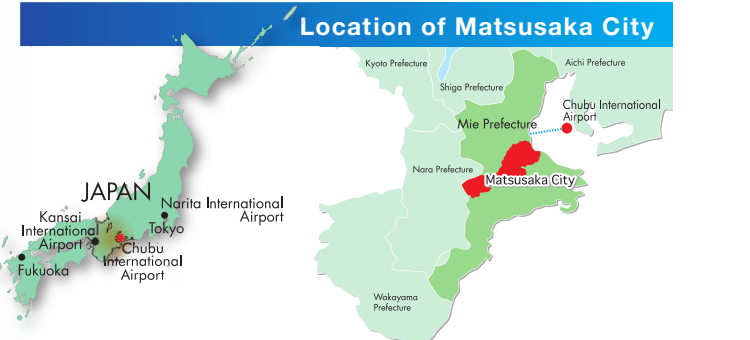
ハマボウ野生地 Hibiscus Hamabo Fields
 During the Edo Period (1603-1868), there was a part in the nearby Ao River marked by hibiscus plants. This location marks the northern most colony of hibiscus in Mie. (In bloom from mid-July to early August)



格子戸の街並み(市場庄町) Lattice Door Streetscape (Ichibasho-cho)
 The historic townhouses and stores in this area are adorned with traditional lattice doors (Koshi-do). These residences were once part and parcel of the bustling trading period in Matsusaka.



Whole Map of Matsusaka City



Transportation to Matsusaka City



電車でのアクセス

From Tokyo	1hr 50min	Nagoya	65~75min	Matsusaka
From Namba	1hr 35~40min	Ise	1hr 45min	Matsusaka
From Kyoto	1hr 45min	Toba	25~30min	Matsusaka
From Matsusaka	12~30min	Ise	15~20min	Toba
From Matsusaka	25~30min	Toba	60~65min	Kashikojima

船でのアクセス

Nagoya Chubu International Airport	60min	Tsu
Irago	55min	Toba



1 高見山 Mt. Takami
 Also known as the Japanese Matterhorn, Mount Takami is famous for the beautiful frost patterns that form on the trees and vegetation every winter. (Frost season: Late December-Late February)

2 木樨三滝 Three waterfalls of Kikaji (Shira-taki, Me-taki, Fudo-taki)
 The three waterfalls of Kikaji consist of 'Shira-taki', 'Me-taki' and 'Fudo-taki'. Every season presents visitors with a new and different scenery. Challenge yourself by hiking on a course that lets you go across and up the waterfalls.

3 ヤマユリ野生地 Wild Lily Colonies
 Ureshino Ukiato area ② Itaka Haze area You can see large fields of fragrant white-petal wild lilies growing in the mountainous part of the Ukiato and Haze areas. (Recommended time to visit: early July to mid-July)

4 波瀬駅 Haze Station
 Located in West Matsusaka with the mountains serving as a backdrop, Haze Station has an information center and local produce market. Breakfast is served starting from 7:30. Visitors can enjoy the brilliant colors of the trees and historical streetscape of the area.
 Hours: 7:30-16:00 (last order 15:30)
 Closed: Wednesday (Thursday when Wednesday is a public holiday) and New Year's Break

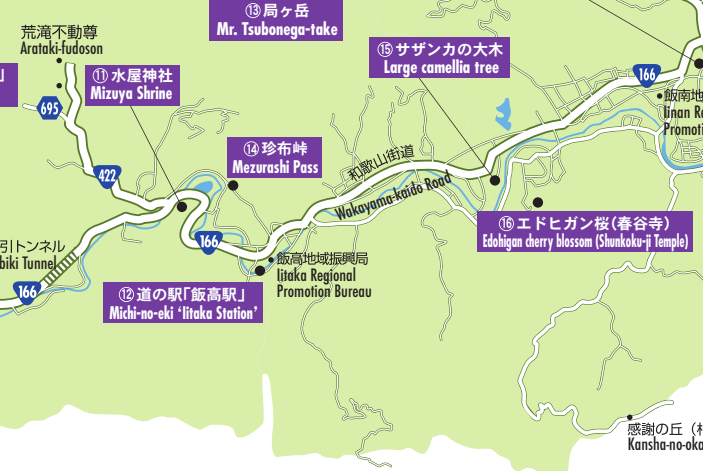
5 月出の中央構造線 Median tectonic line of Tsukide
 The median tectonic line of Tsukide, the largest fault system in Japan, has been designated a Natural Treasure. It is about 1000 km long and runs from the Kanto region to Kyushu. This fault has an extremely large slip and both sides of the fault is made up of different types of rocks.

6 三峰山 Mt. Miune
 The vast maiden grass (Miscanthus sinensis) meadows near the Hacchodaira summit area is designated as a Quasi-National Park. In early May, visitors can see cork azaleas blooming.

7 泉の谷渓谷 Miyanotani Gorge
 Miyanotani is one of the gorges in the Okukahadaky Valley. Visitors can see a 60-meter-long waterfall called 'Taka-taki' by hiking up the designated path. A waterfall "ben" by the wind is also visible via another designated path. The "ben" waterfall has been selected as one of the top 100 waterfalls in Japan. Note: Hiking paths are not paved.

8 奥香肌峠 Okukahadaky Valley
 The upstream area of the Kushida River is surrounded by Satsuki azaleas and uniquely-shaped rocks and stones. Visitors can experience a different scenery every season.

9 松阪わんわんパラダイス 森のホテル スメール Matsusaka Wanwan Paradise Mori no Hotel Smeal
 Pets can stay in any room in this hotel which is located alongside a clear stream in the Okukahadaky Valley. Play with your dog by the river or eat together at the Azalea cafe. The hotel also has the Kahada Golden Spa - famous for its iron rich reddish-brown water.
 Check in: 15:00 Check out: 10:00 Open everyday



10 水屋神社 Mizuya Shrine
 A calm and sacred space, this historic shrine was dedicated as temporary Imperial lodgings for the Kasuga Grand Shrine in Nara. The camphor tree (29 m circumference and 12 m tall) is located on the grounds is estimated to be over 1000 years old, making it one of the oldest trees in Mie Prefecture. The tree used to mark the border between the historic regions of Ise and Yamato.

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12 道の駅「飯高駅」 Michi-no-eki 'Itaka Station'
 Itaka Roadside Station has a shop, restaurant, hot-spring facility and a kitchen for soba cooking. Soba-making lessons are available with advance registration. Visitors can also enjoy the local seasonal specialties of the region and 11 types of hot-spring baths including a herb bath, open-air bath and a crock bath.

13 扇ヶ岳 Mt. Tsubonega-take
 Tsubonega-take is one of the three major mountains in Ise. From the peak, visitors can enjoy a panoramic view of the towns below and Ise Bay.

14 珍布峠 Mezurashi Pass
 Mezurashi Pass on the Wakayama Road is part of the local legend of "Kunikida" (Border Junction). This pass was created by cutting through enormous rocks and leads visitors through the old stores and grounds of an old post station. The 1.2 hour, 4.7 km walking course is popular.

15 サザンカの太木 Large camellia tree
 This 150-180 year old camellia tree is located in the middle of a tea field. It is approximately 120-150 years, 12 meters high and has a base circumference of 1.5 meter. The recommended period to visit is around late November to mid-December.

16 エドヒガン桜(春谷寺) Echigyan cherry blossom (Shunkoku-ji Temple)
 This 400-year-old Echigyan cherry tree located on the grounds of Shunkoku-ji Temple has a circumference of 4 meters at its base and is 10 meters tall. Every spring, pale pink cherry blossoms bloom on its branches. (Recommended visiting period: late March to early April)

17 朝見井尻遺跡 日本最古の土偶 Ashiwajiri Ruins (Home to Japan's oldest clay figure)
 This park contains Japan's oldest clay figure which was found in almost perfect condition on site in 1996. Here you can see what life was like during the early Jomon period (15,000 BCE to 12,000 BCE).

18 深野棚田のだんだん田 (だんだん田) Terraced rice fields of Fukano
 These artful terraced rice fields, typically seen in the Fukano area at the southern foot of Mt. Shirai, were designated in 1999 as one of the 100 Top Terraced Rice Fields of Japan.

19 猪俣山 Mt. Shirai
 According to an old legend, there once was a white wild boar in this mountain. That is why it called Mt. Shirai, which literally means a 'white wild boar mountain'. 3 routes are available to enjoy climbing it.

20 道の駅「茶倉駅」 Michi-no-eki 'Chakura Station'
 Chakura Roadside Station, known for its western style architecture, is located on Route 166 and offers local specialties such as 'Tea-Udon'. The dining area on the second floor gives diners a spectacular view of the Kushida River.
 Hours: 9:00-18:00 (9:00-17:00 Oct. - Mar.)
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22 大石不動院 Oishi-Indoin Temple
 The temple grounds contains the 'Fudo-taki' waterfall and 'Horoku-iwa' rock making it a famous tourist site. 'Mukade-ran', a kind of epiphytic orchid, grows on the Horoku-iwa and makes it pink as it blossoms around late July to early August.

23 朝田寺 Choden-ji Temple
 Choden-ji is a Buddhist temple whose object of devotion (Gohonzon) was made in the early Edo period. It has been designated as an Important Cultural Property. There are 11 pieces of artwork on display from the late Edo Period artist Suga Shobaku which can be viewed by the public from April 20 to May 5. 500 ponies planted in the Meiji Period (1868-1912) still remain today. (Best time to visit: mid-April to late April)

24 松名海岸 Matsunase Beach
 Matsunase Beach is a shallow swimming beach and features gentle waves, Shellfish gathering and net fishing are available from spring to summer.

