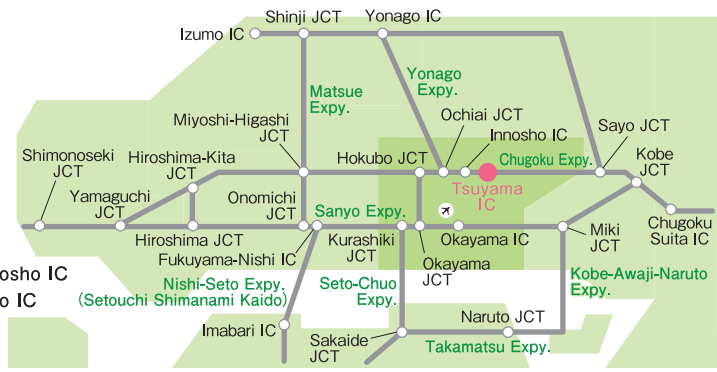


Access

By car

- Approx. 2 hours from Chugoku Suita IC to Tsuyama IC (direct express buses available from Osaka)
- Approx. 2.5 hours from Hiroshima-Kita IC to Innosho IC
- Approx. 1 hour from Okayama City to Innosho IC
- Approx. 1 hour from Yonago IC to Innosho IC

● IC=Interchange
● JCT=Junction



By train

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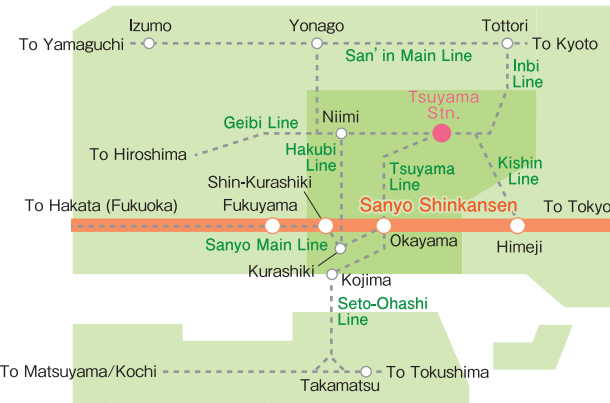
*When using the Nozomi Shinkansen

- Approx. 3 hours 20 mins from Tokyo Station
- Approx. 1 hour 40 mins from Nagoya Station
- Approx. 50 mins from Shin-Osaka Station
- Approx. 40 mins from Hiroshima Station
- Approx. 1 hour 50 mins from Hakata Station

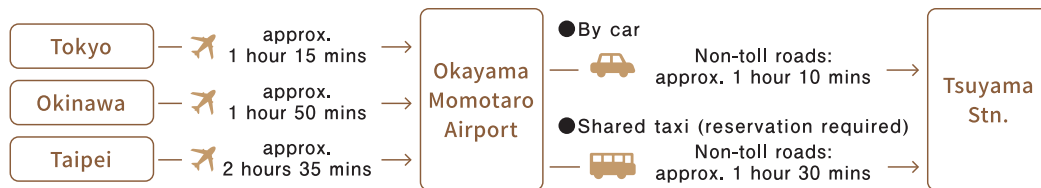
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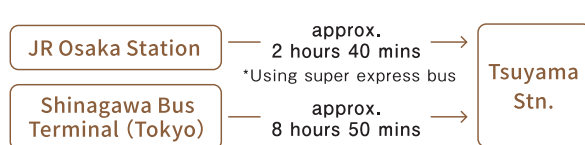
- Approx. 1 hour 5 mins from Okayama Station
- *Using Tsuyama Line rapid trains



By air



By Bus



Bicycles also available for rent!

Tsuyama Tourist Center
Tsuyama Tourist Center
(97-1 Yamakita, Tsuyama City)
Tel: 0868-22-3310
Business Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(9 a.m. to 5 p.m. October through March),
closed during year-end and New Year holidays

■ Tsuyama City Government tourism website: Tsuyama: A city of cherry blossoms
<https://www.tsuyamakan.jp/en/>



■ Tsuyama City Government Instagram account
<https://www.instagram.com/tsuyamakan/>



Inquires

- Tsuyama City Tourist Agency Tel.0868-22-3310
- Tourist Promotion Section, Tsuyama City Government Tel.0868-32-2082

Embark on a scenic journey around Tsuyama City, a hidden gem in Okayama Prefecture.

Your Tsuyama sightseeing guidebook

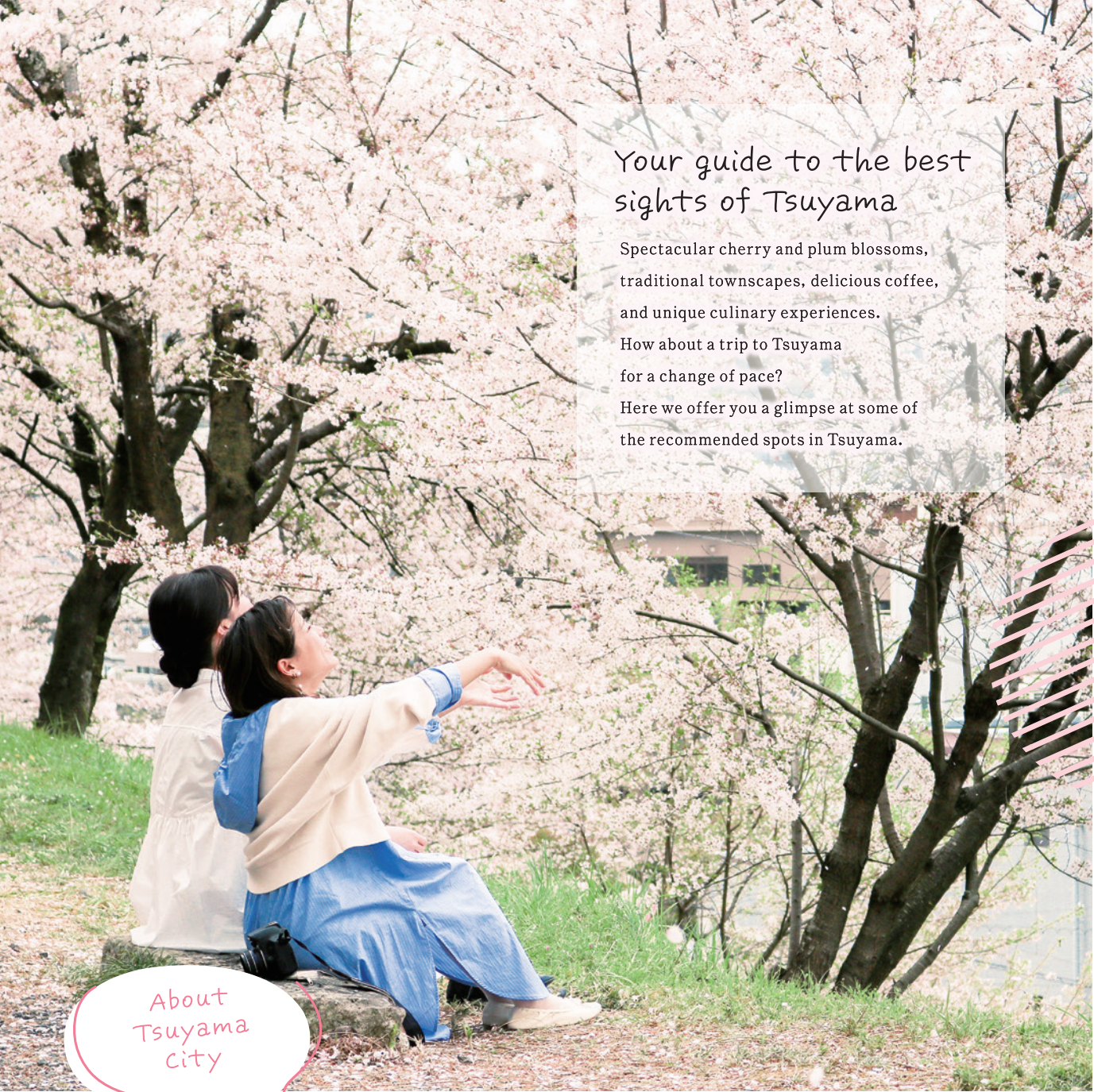


TSUYAMA
Diary



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All Season



Your guide to the best sights of Tsuyama

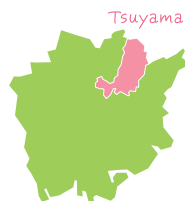
Spectacular cherry and plum blossoms, traditional townscapes, delicious coffee, and unique culinary experiences.

How about a trip to Tsuyama for a change of pace?

Here we offer you a glimpse at some of the recommended spots in Tsuyama.

About Tsuyama city

Tsuyama, in north-eastern Okayama Prefecture, flourished as a castle town during the Edo period, and vestiges of that time can still be seen today.



Origin of the name "Tsuyama"

It's said that "Tsuyama" comes from "Tsuruyama" ("Crane Mountain"), the name of the hill in the center of the Tsuyama Basin that the feudal lord Tadamasa Mori chose as the site for Tsuyama Castle.



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Explore the sights around Tsuyama castle Central Tsuyama

The Tsuyama Castle grounds (Kakuzan Park), the symbol of the city, comes into view as you cross the bridge from Tsuyama Station. This area is home to Tsuyama's railway facilities and major sites including unique museums and gourmet spots serving local beef.

Recognized as one of Japan's top 100 cherry blossom spots!



Tsuyama Castle (Kakuzan Park)

135 Sange, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 0868-22-3310 (Tsuyama City Tourist Agency)

Built in 1616. Although the castle buildings have since been demolished, the 45-meter-high stone walls remain in place. The scenery here changes with the seasons, and the autumn colors and spring's cherry blossoms are particularly impressive.



We found a spot where you can snap photos of cherry blossoms with canola flowers. The Tsuyama Cherry Blossom Festival is held here every spring.



You can buy prints of the castle's stamp. Limited-edition prints are also available during festivals.



Climb the stairs to the castle keep and look down towards the station and you'll feel like you're floating on blossom-colored clouds!



In late November an autumn leaves festival is held at Tsuyama Castle, and the leaves are lit up at night when they're at their colorful best.



Tsuyama Wonder Museum

98-1 Sange, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 0868-22-3518

A museum close to Tsuyama Castle with a collection of approximately 20,000 exhibits, including fossils, insect specimens, and stuffed specimens of rare animals.

Try and find me!



Tsuyama City Museum

92 Sange, Tsuyama City Inquiries: 0868-22-4567

A history museum showcasing a wide range of local cultural assets. The building, which used to be Tsuyama City Hall, was constructed in 1933, and later expanded for use as a museum. It's now designated as a National Cultural Property. Exhibits include the folding screen, "Edo Hitomezu Byobu" (1809) by Keisai Kuwagata.

Designated as a Place of Scenic Beauty



"Edo Hitomezu Byobu" (1809) by Keisai Kuwagata

Shuraku-en Garden

628 Yamakita, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 0868-32-2097
(Urban Infrastructure Section, Tsuyama City Government)

The oldest of Okayama Prefecture's feudal lord gardens. The beauty of the islands and their reflections in the water, and the effect of the changing seasons, bring to mind the elegance of Kyoto.



Choho-ji Temple

246 Inoguchi, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 0868-22-6436

The temple's monks began planting hydrangeas after receiving sliding doors adorned with hydrangeas from Tsuyama Castle. The temple grounds are now home to about 3,000 hydrangea plants.



Tsuyama's retro railway heritage is super instagrammable

Thirteen classic locomotives are on display, offering great photo opportunities.

Tsuyama Railroad Educational Museum

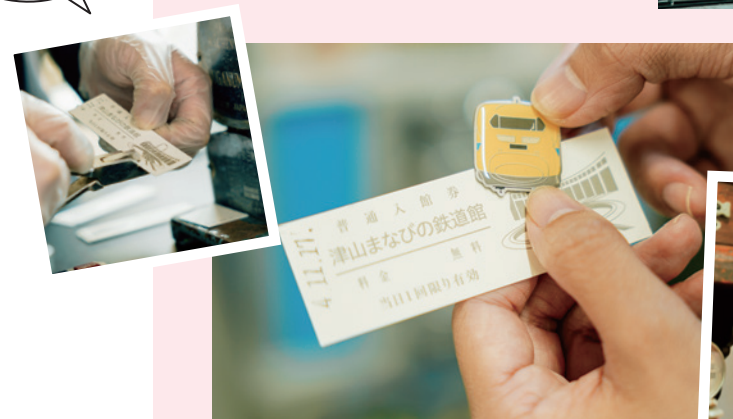
Otani, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 0868-35-3343

The second-largest extant roundhouse locomotive shed in Japan, where visitors young and old can enjoy learning about Okayama's railways through exhibits like the railway system room and town and railway dioramas.



Catch close-up glimpses of trains as they approach Tsuyama Station.

The admission tickets look like train tickets!



The admission tickets look like train tickets. Buy some railway-related goods as souvenirs.

Check out old-fashioned work tools and equipment!



The museum's exhibits focus on Okayama's railway history and its rail networks

Explore the historical and cultural heritage
Joto and Josai areas

Stroll in search of the hidden charms of the old lodging area and the dignified temple district

Have fun exploring the Joto and Josai areas, which have both been designated as Important Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings.



The Joto area extends along a 1,200-meter stretch of road featuring original townhouses including the houses of tea and tofu merchants, and tradespeople like carpenters and plasterers.



The Sakushu Joto Residence features eye-catching white walls and a unique fire lookout tower!

Joto area



Senko-ji Temple
 1703 Haida, Tsuyama City (5 Uenocho) Inquiries: 0868-22-7978
 A temple with a magnificent 15-meter-tall weeping cherry tree that's nearly 200 years old. Its blossoms are lit up at night when in full bloom.

Joto's Old Townhouses (former Kajimura family residence)
 40 Higashishinmachi, Tsuyama City Inquiries: 0868-22-5791
 Visit warehouses and old Western-style buildings constructed during the Meiji, Taisho, and Showa periods.



Sakushu-Gasuri Craft Museum
 77 Nishiimamachi, Tsuyama City Inquiries: 0868-23-0811
 Observe Tsuyama's traditional fabric weaving, and try making weaving a little something for yourself. You can also buy small items and rent kimono here.

A townhouse fit for a castle town



Josai area

The Josai area features one of the highest concentrations of temples in Japan



Explore the elegant temples and merchant townhouses of the Josai area in a kimono



Okinabashi Bridge
 A bridge spanning a river flowing through the Josai area from the north. The bridge is built in the art deco style that was fashionable in the Taisho era.

Sakushu Folkcraft Museum
 18 Nishiimamachi, Tsuyama City Inquiries: 0868-24-6690
 Displays and sells regional folk crafts and specialties. The building features a Renaissance-style design that emphasizes symmetry.



Wander around the dignified temple district



Tsuyama Archives of Western Learning
5 Nishishinmachi, Tsuyama City Inquiries: 0868-23-3324

A museum specializing in "Western studies", where you can trace the roots of modern medicine and chemistry in Japan. Exhibits include numerous materials related to Western studies scholars associated with Tsuyama.

Right next door!



Yoan
cocoa drink

Orandado
5 Nishishinmachi, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 0868-24-6288
Joto area tourist information center. Enjoy a Yoan cocoa drink, recreated based on Edo-period documents.



Take a refreshing break surrounded by greenery North-central Tsuyama

This area offers different charms to the streets of the castle town area. Here are some fun family-friendly spots.

Green Hills Tsuyama
920 Ota, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 0868-32-2097
(Urban Infrastructure Section, Tsuyama City Government)

A large park with approximately 25 hectares of lawn. When the flower gardens are in full bloom, the whole park bursts into a riot of colors.



Recommended
treats
in this area



Gelato from Italian Gelato Latte
750-1 Oda, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 0868-27-2660



Original smoothies from Nico Smoothie
493-8 Oda, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 070-8990-7895

Check out some local cafés

Be sure to explore Tsuyama's many specialty coffee shops and other unique stores.



Enjoy special coffee made in an old-fashioned coffee pot



Josai Romance Hall
122 Tamachi, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 0868-22-8688

A café and gallery set in a prestigious space: a "Registered Tangible Cultural Property" that is also Tsuyama's oldest hospital building. Here you can savor coffee made using an old-fashioned coffee pot.

Coffee Stand Fukujyu
5 Katsumadamachi, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 090-7771-4985



A café in a former public bath. Try the medium-dark roast drip coffee with koi-yaki (carp-shaped filled waffles).



Tamachi Bunka Store
19 Tamachi, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 080-2909-8328



A café featuring carefully selected furnishings. Indulge in some pour-over coffee paired with Basque cheesecake.



Kissa Magari
46-19 Sange, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 090-7896-4820



A café in a refurbished former barber shop. Relax with a cup of deep-roasted coffee surrounded by old books and curios. The "Kissa no Pudding" is also highly recommended.



Yokonotaki Waterfalls

2135-1 Kamiyokono, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 0868-22-3310 (Tsuyama City Tourist Agency)

There are three waterfalls: Ichinotaki, Ninotaki, and Sannotaki. Next to Ninotaki you will find Ryu Jingu Shrine. A great spot to see beautiful autumn colors!

They also sell jams, syrups, and other products made from the farm's fruit.



Mahora Farm
891-2 Nomura, Tsuyama City
Inquiries: 080-6335-6540

A fruit-picking farm for tourists. Try your hand at harvesting seasonal fruits like strawberries, peaches, Pione grapes, and Shine Muscat grapes.



Have fun in the great outdoors and revel in plum blossoms!
Kume and Shoboku Areas

Here we introduce the main spots in the Kume area, to the west of the city center, and the Shoboku area towards the north.

Umenosato Park in Kojiro, Tsuyama
 622-1 Kojiro, Tsuyama City Inquiries: 0868-57-2075

A leisure spot with a promenade lined with ornamental plum trees leading to the top of a hill. From the lookout spot at the top you can enjoy views of distant mountains.

Road station Kume-no-sato
 563-1 Miyao, Tsuyama City Inquiries: 0868-20-1015

The giant robot mobile suit can be found at the road station. Restaurants offer gourmet food made from locally sourced Kume area ingredients. We recommend the B-rank gourmet Tsuyama Horumon Udon!



Located on the road toward Maniwa. Many people stop by every day.



Wood Park Koegatawa
 Ichiba, Tsuyama City Inquiries: 0868-32-7024
 (Shoboku Branch Office, Tsuyama City Government)

A cherry blossom viewing spot in the northeast of the Tsuyama municipality. Enjoy cherry blossoms in spring, fresh greenery in summer, colorful maple and ginkgo leaves in autumn, and snowscapes in winter.

Okutsugawa Ravine Village
 867 Okutsugawa, Tsuyama City Inquiries: 0868-42-4551

A spot for enjoying outdoor activities with log house-style accommodation, tent sites, and a barbecue garden.



Okunomiya, Samuhara Shrin
 900-3 Kamocho Nakabara, Tsuyama City
 Inquiries: 0868-22-3310
 (Tsuyama City Tourist Agency)

A mysterious spot where it's said you can benefit from healing and powers that ward off evil. There's a lookout spot nearby, offering a panoramic view of the town of Kamo.



Kurogi Campsite
 646-9 Kamocho Kurogi, Tsuyama City
 Inquiries: 0868-42-4402

A camping ground spread over approximately 122,000 square meters. Great for both outdoor beginners and advanced enthusiasts. Day camps are possible, and barbecue sets are also available.



The view from a lookout spot near Samuhara Shrine's Okunomiya

Look out over grand seasonal landscapes
Kamo and Aba areas



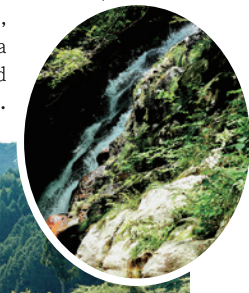
The Kamo area is located to the north of the city center. Continue north and you'll reach the Aba area. Here you can enjoy ever-changing views of natural scenery.

The Lantown Abamura
 3108-4 Aba, Tsuyama City Inquiries: 090-1254-3842

Surrounded by mountains and streams, this facility offers pleasant glamping experiences even for those arriving without any equipment. In addition to activities like fishing and BBQs, walking around the nearby waterfalls is a unique activity you can enjoy here. Spend precious moments getting in touch with nature.



Three waterfalls are located nearby



Iroriyaki Anami
 1170 Aba, Tsuyama City
 Inquiries: 0868-46-7060

Here you can savor mountain village cuisine cooked on an irori (sunken hearth). A lunch featuring self-cultivated rice, handmade tofu, fresh red-spotted masu salmon, and so on allows you to enjoy the blessings of the rich local natural environment.
 *Reservations required.

You need to see these!
 These remarkable little station buildings look great in photos!
Visit some local retro stations



Miura Station
 79 Miura, Tsuyama City



Mimasaka-Takio Station
 263 Horisaka, Tsuyama City



Chiwa Station
 918-4 Kamocho Obuchi, Tsuyama City



Mimasaka-Kawai Station
 51-2 Kamocho Sange, Tsuyama City

Beef culture in Tsuyama is hot right now!

The Tsuyama region has long been a distribution hub for beef. During the Edo period, when meat consumption was prohibited due to the influence of Buddhism, the Tsuyama domain allowed the consumption of meat as a "health food". There is a deep historical connection between Tsuyama and beef, and beef is enjoyed here in a diverse range of ways.

Tsuyama Sozuri Nabe (hotpot)

This hotpot has a soy-based broth and includes meat shaved off beef bones called "sozuri", as well as an abundance of vegetables.



Dried meat

Dishes using various cuts, primarily beef thigh, that have been dried to concentrate the flavor. You might even see meat drying as you walk around town.

Yomenakase

Refers to the aorta (the major artery connecting to the heart). It has a chewy/crunchy texture. There are various theories about the origin of the name "yomenakase".



Nikogori

Sinew, Achilles tendons, tails, etc., boiled down into a soup and then chilled. A delightful dish that takes time to prepare.



Try exploring other unique dishes at local restaurants!

Gyunuta

Raw beef mixed into mashed tofu. Various unique dishes like this are available at certain restaurants in town.

Jumangoku (Daimonji Honpo)



Soft rice cake covered in finely ground red bean paste enveloped in a dough made from glutinous rice and starch syrup.

Kirikasane (kyogomon)



An elegant delicacy with yuzu-scented white bean paste wrapped in a moist skin.

Ichima (Shunkasho Kuraya)



Mashed red bean paste sandwiched in castella sponge cake. The girl on the package is the symbol to look out for.

Recommended souvenirs and local specialties!

One of the joys of traveling is trying out local specialties and traditional flavors. Tsuyama has a wide variety of products that make perfect souvenirs, from Japanese and Western sweets to handicrafts and unique local produce.

Horumon Udon Set (offal udon set)



Enjoy Tsuyama's local teppanyaki dish at home. Characterized by its miso-based sauce.

Tsuyama roll cakes



The Tsuyama roll cakes are made with 100% Tsuyama local specialties "Fukuhonoka" woven into the dough. Specific ingredients vary depending on the store.

Hoshi Niku Ekiben Can (canned dried meat on rice)



A luxurious can of dried meat slices on rice



Gyumao Spice

A spice blend made with ginger and salt produced in Tsuyama. Suitable for pasta and stir-fries.



Yokono washi Paper

Handmade washi (Japanese paper) made from Mitsumata (Oriental paperbush). Various types are available, including high-quality translucent letter paper.



Bamboo craftwork: Sakushu Ushi

Bamboo craftwork depicting a strong and intelligent wagyu cow heading out to seek its fortune.



Yoan Coffee(drip)

Bringing back a delicious coffee blend that Yoan Udawara himself may have enjoyed. Individually packaged and can be purchased separately for distribution.



Tsuyama Tourist Center 97-1 Sange, Tsuyama City Inquiries: 0868-22-3310

A tourist hub with information on sightseeing in Tsuyama City and northern Okayama Prefecture. The first-floor souvenir and local product corner offers a wide selection of Tsuyama's famous sweets, local sake, folk handicrafts, and more. Electric bicycles can also be rented here.



Buy them here!

Events that bring the whole city to life!

Events calendar

Tsuyama Cherry Blossom Festival

The blossoms of the roughly 1,000 cherry trees in the park create a beautiful contrast with magnificent stone walls. The park stays open until 10:00 p.m. during the festival.



Tsuyama Noryo (Cool Summer) Gongo Festival in Yoshiigawa River

"Gongo" is the local name for "kappa" (water imps). You can enjoy watching fireworks and the "Gongo-odori" dance at the festival.



Tsuyama Festival

The grand omikoshi (portable shrine) of Tokumori Shrine, which is one of Japan's three great omikoshi, and danjiri (floats) designated as Prefectural Cultural Properties, are paraded through the streets in this spectacular autumn festival.

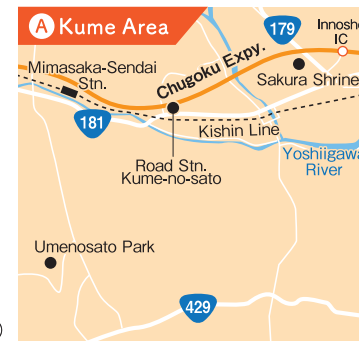
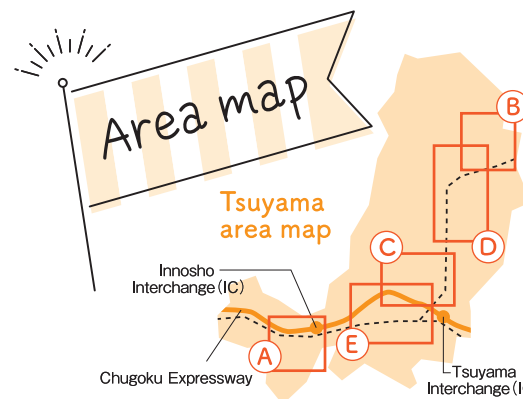


Tsuyama Castle Festival

Held at Tsuyama Castle when the autumn leaves are at their best. Visitors can enjoy events such as the Mimasaka-no-kuni tea ceremony as well as local gourmet food.



- **Tsuyama Cherry Blossom Festival** : late Mar. to early Apr.
- **Sakura Shrine Spring Festival** : 2nd Sunday of Apr.
- **Oso's cherry blossoms** : mid to late Apr.
- **Nakayama Shrine Rice Planting Festival** : Apr. 29
- **Seigen-ji Temple Peony Festival** : late Apr. to early May
- **Reiwa Sakushu Joto Old Town** : late Apr. to early May
- **Tsuyama Castle's wisteria** : late Apr. to mid-May
- **Shurakuen's rhododendrons** : early to mid-May
- **Aba Hometown Festival** : 4th Sun. of May
- **Tsuyama Noryo (Cool Summer) Gongo Festival in Yoshiigawa River** : first weekend of Aug.
- **Summer Festival in Shiode** : Aug. 12
- **Kamo Summer Festival** : Aug. 14
- **Tsuyama Castle's red spider lilies** : mid-Sep.
- **Tsuyama/Josai All-Museum Fair** : early Oct.
- **Takata Shrine Fall Festival** : 2nd Sun. of Oct.
- **Tsuyama Castle (Kakuzan Bldg.) Bifu Bonsai Exhibition** : mid to late Oct.
- **Tsuyama Festival** : 3rd and 4th weekends of Oct.
- **Monomi Shrine Autumn Festival** : 4th Sun. of Oct.
- **Niino Festival** : Nov. 3
- **Aba Hachiman Shrine Flower Festival** : Nov. 3
- **Mt. Sara Jidai Festival** : 2nd Sun. of Nov.
- **Tsuyama Castle Festival** : mid to late Nov.
- **Wild Yam Festival** : early Dec.
- **Fukurikiko Shrine Festival** : Jan. 1 to 3 (lunar calendar)
- **Manpuku-ji Temple Jusan (13) Mairi** : Last Fri., Sat., and Sun. of Feb.
- **Tsuyama Castle Town Hina Dolls Tour** : Early Mar.
- **Plum Festival** : Mar.



Accommodation

Hotels

Tsuyama Kakuzan Hotel
Tel: 0868-25-2121
114-4 Higashishinmachi, Tsuyama City,

The Shiroyama Terrace Tsuyama Villa
Tel: 0868-24-2111
30-1 Sange, Tsuyama City,

Fairfield by Marriott Okayama Tsuyama
Tel: 0868-20-1015
647-3 Miyao, Tsuyama City,

Tsuyama Central Hotel Annex
Tel: 0868-23-8000
7-1 Otemachi, Tsuyama City,

Tsuyama Central Hotel Town House
Tel: 0868-23-8888
2-2 Otemachi, Tsuyama City,

Tsuyama Grand Hotel
Tel: 0868-23-4435
1-24 Showamachi, Tsuyama City,

Hotel Select Inn Tsuyama
Tel: 0868-26-5222
176 Kawasaki, Tsuyama City,

Hotel Alpha-one Tsuyama
Tel: 0868-24-7733
190-16 Otani, Tsuyama City,

Family Lodge Hatagoya Tsuyama
Tel: 0868-22-2043
1037-7 Innosho, Tsuyama City,

Hotel Route-inn Tsuyama Ekimae
Tel: 0868-32-3770
108-1 Yokoyama, Tsuyama City,

Ryokans

Ryokan Shingetsuso
Tel: 0868-22-2576
1-25 Showamachi, Tsuyama City,

Sengokusou
Tel: 0868-23-5252
1-16 Showamachi, Tsuyama City,

Woody House Kamo
Tel: 0868-42-4466
516-1 Kamocho Nakabara, Tsuyama City,

Yagi Ryokan
Tel: 0868-42-2872
65-1 Kamocho Konakabara, Tsuyama City,

Akebono Ryokan
Tel: 0868-22-2043
31 Togawamachi, Tsuyama City,

Ryokan Otafuku
Tel: 0868-23-0125
28-2 Sange, Tsuyama City,

Urashima Ryokan
Tel: 0868-22-2387
35 Nishiteramachi, Tsuyama City,

Odagaki Ryokan
Tel: 0868-23-6739
5 Kawaramachi, Tsuyama City,

Kagetsu Ryokan
Tel: 0868-22-9177
1323-1 Fushimicho, Tsuyama City,

Shiroshita Koyado Kojiya
Tel: 0868-24-2111
1323-1 Fushimicho, Tsuyama City,

B&B

Saraen
Tel: 0868-28-1641
557-1 Hirafuku, Tsuyama City,

Urban
Tel: 0868-29-3203
31 Suginoimiya, Tsuyama City,

Okutsugawa Ravine Village
Tel: 0868-42-4551
687 Okutsugawa, Tsuyama City,

Komorebi-no-Mori
Tel: 0868-42-4861
Cell phone: 090-3372-0321
286 Kamocho Kurogi, Tsuyama City,

Rental House Fu-ri
Tel: 0868-57-8988
472 Miyabeshimo, Tsuyama City,

Nishilma25
Tel: 080-5907-1663
25 Nishimamachi, Tsuyama City,

Onsen accommodation

Old-Japanese style inn Mukashinoie
Tel: 090-8305-8926
162 Kamocho Monomi, Tsuyama City,

Aba Koryukan
Tel: 0868-46-7111
1200 Aba, Tsuyama City,

Lodging houses

Kume Lodge
Tel: 0868-57-2143
1507-1 Kojiro, Tsuyama City,