

Take a Deep Breath in the Lush Greenery

The **Green** of the Great Outdoors

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15 Mt. Tokin Youth Travel Village

Includes Hotel Ryuseikan

A great destination for grilling, tennis, and more for families and groups. The nearby Koyomi Kaikan, with its square log architecture, features one-of-a-kind old astronomy tools and other historic items related to calendars on display.
Contact: (0770) 67-3000



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16 Kinoko no Mori Mushroom Theme Park

This mushroom-themed park makes a great place to have a fun day with the whole family! Learn all about mushrooms at the museum, or try making your own pottery at the pottery hall. For a souvenir, why not take home a grow-your-own mushroom kit?
Contact: (0770) 78-1713

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17 Nakaikemi-shicchi Wetland

A Ramsar Site

This wetland, surrounded by three low mountains, has a unique ecosystem that includes many aquatic insects. At the visitor center, visitors can learn about the wetland and the species that live here.
Contact: (0770) 20-1110
(Nakaikemi Harmony of Rural Nature and Human Life Visitors' Center)



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18 Wakasa Kuniyoshi Castle History Museum

Famously Known for its Impregnability

Kuniyoshi castle was built by Awaya Katsuhisa during the Warring States era, one of the vassals of the Takeda Clan, who were the protective lords of Wakasa Province. Visitors can learn about Kuniyoshi Castle, which fought off many invasions by the Echizen Asakura Clan, as well as the history of Sagaki, the town that grew around it.
Contact: (0770) 32-0050

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19 Baijo Hill Summit Park

A Rose Garden for Spring and Fall

In addition to a stunning view of the Five Lakes of Mikata, this park also offers an incredible view of Wakasa Bay and the surrounding mountains. Try throwing a clay dish off a hill for good luck, or leave a love lock here and take home a memory.
Contact: (0770) 45-2678



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20 Goshikiyama Park

Enjoy the Mountains and the Sea All at Once

This vast park features some 3,000 cherry blossom trees and another 500 peonies and azaleas, filling it with beautiful blooms at various times of year. Visitors can also visit the Handicraft Studio and make pottery and more, or see the paintings and sculptures of masters at the Takumi Art Museum.
Contact: (0770) 76-1641

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21 Byobu Falls

One of Japan's Three Finest Pine Groves

The 20-meter rock cliffs give this waterfall a mystical beauty. The many smaller waterfalls in front of it provide a backdrop of mountain stream sounds for trekking.
Contact: (0770) 32-0222
(Mihama Town Tourism Association)



You'll Want to Learn More and More

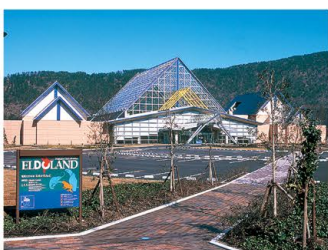
Traditional **Wisdom** and **Techniques**

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22 Miketsukuni Wakasa Obama Food Culture Museum (Mermaid Plaza)

Try Preparing Food with Local Ingredients

Learn all about the history, tradition, culture, and more of this area's foods with the museum-like displays, try a hands-on cooking experience or lesson using local ingredients at the Kitchen Studio, or try out traditional handicrafts at the hands-on facilities. The warm bath on the third floor offers a spectacular view of Obama Bay.
Contact: (0770) 63-1000



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23 Eldoland The Science Park

Learn about the importance of energy and science through various themed zones. The giant greenhouse — home to jungle fish and plants — is just one of the many attractions for kids and adults to experience here.
Contact: (0770) 72-5890

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24 Minato Tsuruga Yama Hall

The Gorgeous Floats of Fall in Tsuruga

Six of the floats paraded around Tsuruga for the annual Tsuruga Matsuri festival are stored here, with three of them kept on display. Enjoy videos in the theater, showing off these incredible floats. There are also permanent exhibits of samurai figures, real armor and helmets, and Noh play masks.
Contact: (0770) 21-5570



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25 Hashi no Furusato-kan WAKASA

Make Your Own One-of-a-kind Chopsticks

Where better than Obama, the biggest producer of lacquered chopsticks in Japan, for a place like this? Offering over 3,000 types of chopsticks on display and for sale, as well as a hands-on lacquered chopstick polishing experience, make your very own one-of-a-kind chopsticks!
Contact: (0770) 52-1733

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26 Jakushu Itteki Bunko Mizukami Tsutomu's Literature Museum

A literature museum dedicated to novelist Mizukami Tsutomu, a native of Ohi. See his original manuscripts, as well as paintings and calligraphy. Visitors can also see fantastic bamboo bunraku dolls at the Bamboo Doll Exhibition Hall.
Contact: (0770) 77-2445



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27 Wakasa History Museum

The Renovated Wakasa History and Folklore Museum

Learn about Buddhist statues, festivals, and other culture that developed in Wakasa with plenty of easy-to-understand exhibits. The museum makes a great place to get information about the area — some people even come just for that!
Contact: (0770) 56-0525

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28 Mihama Nuclear Public Information Center

Learn about Nuclear Power

At the tip of the Tsuruga Peninsula, you'll find the Nyu-ohashi Bridge, crossing an inlet resplendent with green pines and white sands. Next to the bridge, you'll find this center, where you can learn how nuclear power works, hands-on.
Contact: (0770) 39-1210



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The **Wakasaji** Route

How to Get to Wakasaji



By Car																
From Osaka	Chugoku-Suita IC	Chugoku Expressway	30 min.	Yokawa JCT	Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway	70 min.	Ohi-Takahama IC	Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway	15 min.	The Wakasaji Route						
From Nagoya	Komaki IC	Meishin Expressway	40 min.	Maihara JCT	Hokuriku Expressway	30 min.	Tsuruga JCT	Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway	35 min.							
From Kanazawa	Kanazawa-nishi IC	Hokuriku Expressway	50 min.	Fukui IC	Hokuriku Expressway	40 min.	Tsuruga JCT	Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway	35 min.							
By Train																
From Osaka	Kansai-Airport Sta	Limited express	50 min.	Shin-Osaka Sta.	Limited express	25 min.	Kyoto Sta.	Limited express	90 min.	Higashi-Maizuru Sta.	Local	20 min.	Wakasa-Takahama Sta.	Local	25-55 min.	The Wakasaji Route
From Nagoya	Central Japan International Airport Sta	Limited express	30 min.	Nagoya Sta.	Shinkansen	25 min.	Maibara Sta.	Limited express	30 min.	Tsuruga Sta.	Local	25-55 min.				
From Kanazawa	Kanazawa Sta.	Limited express	20 min.	Komatsu Sta.	Limited express	25 min.	Fukui Sta.	Limited express	35 min.	Tsuruga Sta.	Local	25-55 min.				

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Feel the Never-ending Flow of Time

The Romance of **History**

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1 Magoji Temple

A Nationally Designated Important Cultural Property

This peaceful temple in the mountains is said to have been established by Prince Shotoku over 1,300 years ago. The invaluable statue of the seated Bodhisattva Hayagriva enshrined here is nationally designated as an Important Cultural Property, and is said to have been made in the later years of the Heian era (794-1185).
Contact: (0770) 72-1264



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2 Myotsuji Temple

The Most Famous Temple along the Wakasaji Route

This Shingon Buddhist temple is said to have been first built in the early 9th century by Shogun Sakanoue no Tamuramaro. The main building and three-tiered pagoda, both built in the mid 13th century, are national treasures.
Contact: (0770) 57-1355

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3 Kumagawa-juku Historic Post Town

Post Town on the Mackerel Highway

Kumagawa-juku was a post town along the Mackerel Highway connecting Wakasa and Kyoto. Nationally designated as an important preservation district for groups of traditional buildings, the town still makes use of these buildings for a museum and cafes, and the town is great for a walk.
Contact: (0770) 62-0330
(Kumagawa-juku Museum)



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4 Kehi Jingu Shrine

Home to One of Japan's Three Largest Wooden Torii Gates

Located in the main part of Tsuruga, Kehi Jingu Shrine was revered as the main protector shrine of the old Hokuriku-do region, and even today it possesses incredible dignity. Its vermilion-painted torii gate is one of the three largest wooden torii gates in Japan, and is nationally designated as an Important Cultural Property.
Contact: (0770) 22-0794

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5 Wakasa Mikata Jomon Museum

Learn about Prehistoric Jomon Culture

At this museum, visitors can learn about ancient Jomon-era culture through items unearthed at Torihama Kaizuka in Wakasa, viewing the Jomon era from various angles and providing a taste of the romance of history. There is also a display on the annual layers at the bottom of Lake Suigetsu (one of the Five Lakes of Mikata).
Contact: (0770) 45-2270



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6 Koyomi Kaikan

A Calendar Museum with Square Log Architecture

Abe no Seimei's descendants once lived here, telling the fortunes of the imperial court in Kyoto, as well as performing prayers and making calendars. At this museum, visitors can see displays of old astronomy tools, calendars, as well as the preserved historic remains of the Tsuchimikado Clan.
Contact: (0770) 67-2876

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7 Mihotoke no Sato National Treasure Tour

The "Seaside Nara"

Obama is home to some 130 shrines and temples, many of which are home to architecture or statues considered national treasures or Important Cultural Properties, earning the city the nickname of the "Seaside Nara." Rent a bicycle or get a taxi for easier trips between the temples.
Contact: (0770) 52-2082
(Wakasa Obama Tourist Information Center)



Dazzlingly Clear Water that Refreshes Body and Soul

Water to Nourish Life

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8 Suishohama Beach

Come Swim in the Crystal-clear Water

Every year, this beach draws crowds of swimmers from near and far. The contrast between the fine, beautiful white sand and the clear, cobalt blue sea is gorgeous.
Contact: (0770) 32-0222
(Mihama Town Tourism Association)



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9 Five Lakes of Mikata

A Treasure Trove of Wild Birds and Fish

Each of the five lakes has a unique water composition and depth, making each a different shade of blue, and an incredible variety of wild bird and fish species can be found here. For these reasons and more, in November of 2005, these lakes were declared a Ramsar Site. Lake Suigetsu is also known internationally for the annual layers of sediment at its bottom, showing some 70,000 years of geological history.
Contact: (0770) 45-0713
(Wakasa-Mikatagoko Tourism Association)

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10 Noka Falls

The Waterfall of a Mysterious Legend

Located partway up Mt. Tokin, this 30-meter-high waterfall plays a part in the mysterious story of Ishiomaru, having escaped with his life after a loss in battle, legend has it that he was led here by the Buddha of Healing as he ran away.
Contact: (0770) 77-1734
(Ohi Town Tourism Association)



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11 Shiroyama Park (Meikyodo)

A Park that Spans the Entire Peninsula

Shiroyama Park covers the entirety of this small peninsula, with great views, walking paths, and more. Visitors can also see Meikyodo and other incredible natural caves.
Contact: (0770) 72-0338
(Wakasa Takahama Tourism Association)



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12 Uriwari Falls

Stays Cold Even in Summer

One of Japan's 100 best springs. The water is so cold that it's said to have chilled melons so much that they split open — the name translates to "melon-splitting falls." The water is cold even in summer, making it a great place for a walk.
Contact: (0770) 62-0186
(Meisui no Sato)



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13 Kehi no Matsubara Pine Grove

One of Japan's Three Best Pine Groves

This 400,000-square-meter pine grove stretches along a kilometer and a half of the coast, featuring 17,000 pine trees with an average age of some 200 years. In summer, this pine grove is a popular swimming beach, and makes a great walking destination and a popular place for locals to relax all year round.
Contact: (0770) 21-8686
(Tsuruga Tourist Information Center)



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14 Fukui Kaihin Shizen Center (Wakasa-Mikata Marine Park)

Relax and Learn about the Sea

A fun way to learn about nature and the sea along the Wakasaji Route, as well as efforts to protect and raise marine life. Displays include the Mysterious Water Tank, where visitors can feed fish, as well as information about all sorts of animals that live in Wakasa Bay and the Five Lakes of Mikata.
Contact: (0770) 46-1101



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The Wakasaji Route

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