



Meikyodo Cave



Shiroyama Park

Shiroyama Park & Meikyodo Cave
Shiroyama Park features the remains of Takahama Castle, a large lawn, and a coastline, making it a great destination all year round. It's also home to Meikyodo Cave, a symbol of the town.

Minshuku Inn District

Takahama was once home to more minshuku inns than anywhere else in Japan, and the unique traditional atmosphere created in this town by the inns can still be enjoyed today.



Mt. Aoba

This symbol of the Wakasa region is nicknamed "the Mt. Fuji of Wakasa," and can be seen from nearly anywhere in town. The sunset behind Mt. Aoba is considered one of Japan's 100 finest sunsets.



By Train	Kyoto	Approx. 1 hr. 30 min.	JR "Maizuru" Limited Express train	Higashi-Maizuru	Approx. 20 min.	JR Obama Line
	Osaka	Approx. 30 min.	JR Special Rapid train	Kyoto	Approx. 1 hr. 30 min.	JR "Maizuru" Limited Express train
	Tokyo	Approx. 2 hr. 30 min.	"Hikari" Tokaido Shinkansen	Maibara	Approx. 30 min.	JR "Shirasa" Limited Express train
	Nagoya	Approx. 1 hr. 30 min.	JR "Shirasa" Limited Express train	Tsuruga	Approx. 1 hr. 30 min.	JR Obama Line
	Kanazawa	Approx. 1 hr. 15 min.	JR "Thunderbolt" or "Shirasa" Limited Express train	Tsuruga	Approx. 1 hr. 30 min.	JR Obama Line
By car	Kansai International Airport	Approx. 1 hr.	JR Special Rapid train (from GSI)	Osaka	Approx. 30 min.	JR Special Rapid train
	Chubu Centrair International Airport	Approx. 30 min.	Maizuru "SKY" Airport Express train	Nagoya	Approx. 1 hr. 30 min.	JR "Shirasa" Limited Express train
	Kyoto	Approx. 2 hr. 15 min.	Kyoto-Jukan Expressway	Ayabe JCT	Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway	Oitakahama IC
	Osaka	Approx. 2 hr. 15 min.	Chugoku Expressway	Yokawa JCT	Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway	Oitakahama IC
	Kobe	Approx. 2 hr.	Rokko-kita Toll Road	Kobe-Sanda IC	Chugoku Expressway	Yokawa JCT
	Nagoya	Approx. 2 hr. 30 min.	Meishin Expressway	Maihara JCT	Hokuriku Expressway	Tsuruga JCT

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Sightseeing Guide Map for Takahama, Fukui

English

Wakasa Takahama Area Map



Ocean & Bathing Beach

Takahama prides itself on its crystal-clear ocean water. Though the beaches are most popular in summer, the water is especially clear and beautiful in spring and fall. The Wakasa Wada coastline is the first beach in Asia to receive Blue Flag certification for meeting stringent environmental standards. During swimming season, it's also a popular destination for grilling with a beautiful view of the sea — locally caught seafood is especially good for grilling!



Places to See



Otomi Cliff



Goshikiyama Park

Uchiura Peninsula

In addition to the Hibiki rice terraces (one of Japan's 100 finest rice terraces), this peninsula is home to Goshikiyama Park, Hirose Auto Camp, Otomi Cliff, places to fish, and more, with plenty to do in the great outdoors through all four seasons.



Hibiki Rice Terraces

Fun at the Beach

Swimming

The town is home to eight bathing beaches, and each has its own unique character. The beaches are popular on weekends and holidays, but if you visit on a weekday you can enjoy a much more relaxed atmosphere.

Shirahama & Torihama Beaches



Nabae Beach

Hamanasu Park Beach

Shiroyama Beach

Wakamiya Beach

Ebisuhama Park Beach

Sea Fishing

Takahama has long been a popular destination for fishing fans from the Kansai region. Today, visitors can rent boats or rafts, and more and more people are fishing as couples or with their whole families.



Fun in the Sea

From spring through fall, Takahama's beaches have plenty of sunny days for visitors to enjoy sea kayaking, stand-up paddle boards, and lots of other seaside fun and relaxation.



Stand-up Paddle Boards & Sea Kayaks

Raft Fishing

Sea Fishing Park



Climbing Mt. Aoba

Mountain Climbing & Hiking

With a peak 693 m above sea level, Mt. Aoba offers a thrilling climb, with sections featuring chains to help climbers. Maizuru side of the mountain is popular as well, for climbers interested in taking on both sides. The mountain offers something for everyone, with walking and bicycling paths along the coast as well.

Camping

All of Takahama's campgrounds are near the coast, offering plenty to see and do.



Wakasa Wada Campground

Events

Wakasa Takahama Fireworks Show

Held on August 1. Crowds fill the beach to enjoy fireworks launched from boats out at sea, for a relaxing summer evening. Why not grab a bite from a seaside food stand to go with the evening's entertainment?



Wakasa Takahama Isaribiso Candle Illumination

This beautiful candle illumination event is held in late July. Enjoy a show by Yagura Dragon that uses only toy fireworks, or try some local specialties from the food and drink stands.



Wada de Roji Festival

Private houses are opened up as galleries at this handmade, local event held on Wada's minshuku inn district.



Takahama Seven-year Festival

The festival is held only once every seven years at Sakichi Shrine, and is the largest summer festival in the Wakasa region. (Next held in summer of 2019)



Sporting Events

Takahama is home to plenty of sporting events, including local beach rugby and lifesaving competitions held on the town's beautiful beaches.



Local Delicacies

Wakasa Fugu Blowfish (Tiger Blowfish)

Takahama is the birthplace of Wakasa's blowfish cultivation, and Japan's northernmost blowfish cultivation area. The rough waves of the Sea of Japan message these blowfish to give them firm, tasty meat, and visitors can enjoy portions in sizes to be expected of where they're produced.

Wakasa Fugu Blowfish



Heshiko Preserved Mackerel

Oval Squid



Dried Seafood



Wakasa Seafood

Wakasa Tilefish (Aug. to Oct.), mackerel (Mar. to Dec.), halibut (Apr. to Aug.), and squid (spear squid from winter through spring, red squid from spring through summer, oval squid from summer through fall, and more). Dried seafood made from fresh catches is a great way to enjoy the flavors of Wakasa at home, too.



Wakasa Tilefish

History

Nakayama-dera Temple

Located partway up Mt. Aoba, this temple's main gate offers an incredible view of the Takahama coastline. The hondo main hall and the statue of Kongo Rikishi are nationally designated as important cultural properties.



Magoji Temple

The principal deity of the temple, a wooden statue of the seated Bato Kannon, is nationally designated as an important cultural property. The path to the temple is also beautiful, with cherry blossoms, autumn colors, fresh spring greenery, and more.



Daijoji Temple

One of the very few temples in the Wakasa area belonging to the Kennin-ji school of the Rinzaï sect. Visitors can try zazen seated meditation here.



