

Takahama Annual Events

•Early March Wakasa-Takahama Hina Doll Festival

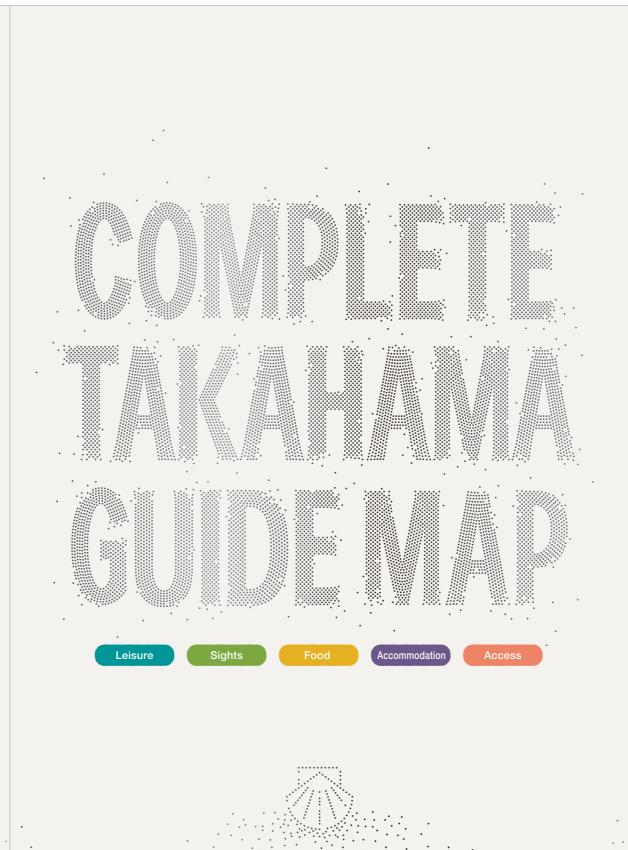
·Early July Beaches open

·Late July Wakasa-Takahama Isaribiso (Candle Illumination)

·August 1 Wakasa-Takahama Fireworks Display·Late October Wakasa-Takahama Hamanasu Marathon

•November 3 Wakasa-Takahama Fugu Blowfish Festival & Industrial Festival

•Year round "Dokoiko! Nanishiyo!" mini-tours





001 Nabae Beach

A beach at the gateway to the Uchiura Peninsula, west of Takahama. Cars can drive onto the beach.



A well-kept Takahama secret, this beach is recommended for those craving quiet seaside relaxation.



003 Isaribiso (Candle Illumination festival) Myriad candles lit by townspeople on the beaches and in the streets paint the Takahama night in soft and magical colors.



A creative fireworks display organized by local young people and held on the same day as Isaribiso. It features the simultaneous launch of 300,000 small fireworks.



005 Fishing pier

A safe and pleasant fishing area close to Takahama fishing port.

006 Otomi cliffs

These splendid 260m-high cliffs are designated as one of Fukui Prefecture's most scenic spots.



007 Uchiura red peppers

You can try your hand at making wreaths from red peppers, a local Takahama specialty, or an edible table decoration.

008 "Dokoiko! Nanishiyo!" mini-tours

Local residents guide visitors around this seaside town in an immersive mini-tour.





009 Aoba Fureai Dome

You can enjoy croquet-like "gate ball," futsal and more at this multi-purpose indoor sports facility at the foot of Mt. Aoba. TEL 0770-72-3133

010 Marine sports

You can enjoy surfing and other marine sports year round in the waters around Takahama.





011 Mt. Aoba

Also known as "Wakasa's Mt. Fuii." the mountain trails of this beautiful 693m-high mountain attract many climbers.

012 Aobayama Herbal Village

Learn about various herbal medicines and try your hand at making healthy herbal tea. This facility at the foot of Mt. Aoba also offers an impressive exhibition of herbal medicines, and you can buy specially blended herbal tea in the cafe. TEL 0770-50-9012



013 Hamanasu Park Beach

A wide sandy beach with a view of majestic Mt. Aoba. The 2,500 pine trees and Japanese beach roses planted along the promenade make it a great place for a stroll.

014 Wakamiya Beach

Located west of Takahama's fishing port, this beach is perfect for a full day of family fun.





















020 Suminagashi paper marbling experience

The suminagashi tradition going back over 1000 years is thought to

have its roots here in Fukui. Subtle differences in the positioning of

the ink in the water how the ink spreads, airflow, etc. mean the pattern.

on the paper is never the same. After the pattern is transferred onto

Japanese paper you can add writing or lettering of your choice.



015 Mt. Aoba mountain-climbing and hiking trails The mountain path from Shiroyama offers a 12km hiking trail as part of the Kinki Nature Trail.

016 Hirose Auto Campsite

Campsite in Goshikiyama Park with space for 45 camper vans. Get your fix of nature with panoramic views of the beautiful sea below.

TEL 0770-76-1858





017 Shiroyama Beach

A sheltered bay with calm water, close to Shiroyama Park.

018 Toriihama Beach

A relaxing beach with clear blue waters, located between Shiroyama and Shirahama.





021 Shirahama Beach

The beautiful white sands of this beach live up to its name. Situated on the west side of Wakasa Wada, and fringed by the Aonomatsubara pine grove.

022 Wakasa Wada Beach

This beach was awarded international Blue Flag status in April 2016. Young people and families flock to its wide sandy beach and endless blue shallow waters.



023 Wada Campsite (Aonomatsubara)

In summer, this pine grove fronting Wakasa Bay and running 1km from Wakasa Wada to Shirahama Beach is used as a swimming beach and campsite.

024 Wakasa-Takahama Fireworks Display

The town's annual fireworks display takes place on August 1. Fireworks of all shapes, sizes and colors shoot up in unison from the water into the sky in a powerful spectacle.





025 Stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) experience Beginners welcome! Instructors will give you a clear and simple introduction to SUP, and once you' ve got the hang of using the paddle, you're ready to go out onto the beautiful clear ocean! Equipment and life-jackets are available for hire.

026 SUP Yoga The best part about experiencing SUP yoga in Takahama is being

able to do it in the beautiful natural surroundings. Enjoy the ultimate

in mind and body relaxation at a gorgeous Blue Flag-certified beach.





027 Hamanasu Park / Hamanasu BBQ Park

The town's floral symbol, the Japanese beach rose, grows in this park. Its grassy open spaces offer fantastic views of Mt. Aoba. In summer you can have BBQs here (advance reservation required) TEL 0770-72-0070

028 Beach Rugby Chubu tournament

The Chubu round of Beach Rugby is held on Wada Beach. The tournament-style event features some exciting battles.





029 Hisatomi Fisheries ferry

The ferry takes visitors out into Uchiura Bay for raft-fishing, shore-fishing and more. 8-19 Konoura, Takahama TEL 0770-76-1251

030 Zazen (seated Zen meditation) experience Visitors can try zazen at Daijoji Temple in the tranquil mountain foothills. Daijoji is one of the Wakasa region's few temples of the Kenninji branch of the Rinzai school of Zen Buddhism.





TEL 0770-72-6666

031 Akafun Boya

Takahama's town mascot Akafun Boya was born on November 10, 1988. This lively boy wears a red fundoshi loincloth.

032 Keifuku Maru, Fukui Fisheries This fishing boat takes tourist out for sport fishing, octopus fishing and island-hopping. Come aboard and enjoy the ocean!











033 Shiroyama Park and Meikyodo Cave The park is home to the ruins of Takahama

Castle, said to have been built in the Muramachi Period. Nearby is Meikyodo, the largest sea cave of Takahama's 8 noted caves.



Built in 736 by the monk Taicho at the order of Emperor Shōmu. The temple is home to a Buddhist statue shown to the public only once every 33 years, and a nationally-designated Important Cultural Property.



035 The former Kyoto Dento Takahama Sales Office This old-fashioned building constructed in 1931 has been designated as a national registered tangible cultural property.

036 The museum of fishing village culture and tradition The only facility in the prefecture to give an overview of Wakasa fishery culture. You can also see works by painter-fisherman,



the late Harujiro Kaii, and fishing equipment from the past.

037 Japanese beach rose

May is the best time to see this representative flower of Takahama. After blooming, both the red and white flowers develop bright-red fruit.

038 Takahama Nuclear Power Plant

Some of the power produced by Kansai Electric Power Co. (Kepco) is generated by the Takahama



039 Kissaka fort ruins

Somewhere here on Mt. Aoba are the ruins of a legendary battery, in an unknown location inaccessible by car.

040 Hama-hiroi beach cleaning

Townspeople get together to clean up the local beaches. As well as gathering garbage together, the activity brings people together in their affection for the local area.



041 Goshikiyama Park

This natural park includes a camper van campsite offering the pleasures of both mountain and sea, and Hana-no-mori, an area of over 4,000 colorful flowers.

042 Hibiki Rice Terraces

Chosen as one of Japan's top 100 terraced rice fields. These beautiful terraced paddy fields carved into the mountain-sides are divided into around 150 parcels of land.



⁰⁴³ Magoji Temple Said to have been founded by Prince Shotoku in 619. this is Fukui Prefecture's oldest temple. The gardens are famous for their cherry blossoms and autumn leaves. The temple houses an Important Cultural Property,

a Buddhist statue only put on display once every 25 years.

044 Wooden writing tablets

Excavations at the ruins of Heijō Palace in Nara unearthed wooden writing tablets mentioning sushi, which provided evidence of sushi's ancient existence and caused a sensation in archaeological circles.





045 Daijoji Temple

Visitors can experience zazen seated meditation (Zen practice) at Daijoji, one of the Wakasa region's few temples of the Rinzai Kennin-ji school of Buddhism.



A quiet mountain temple founded in 764 by the Buddhist priest Gyōki.





047 Wada no Roji alleyways

049 The old Tango Highway

seafoods and agricultural produce.

050 Bökyö no ishi/akari (Stone/Lamps of Homesickness)

This monument is a mark of friendship between Takahama

380 years ago, fishermen from Takahama arrived in Shika.

and began to fish and build villages. Exchange between

the two towns has been ongoing now for over 20 years.

and its sister city Shika (Ishikawa Prefecture). About

From the Nara period onwards this highway

the transportation of cultural materials, salt,

connecting Wakasa with the capital saw

In the mid-Showa period, these alleys were lined with over 30 summer villas belonging to Kyoto merchants. You can still walk around and enjoy the lingering traditional atmosphere of this old seaside resort area

048 Hamanasu Marathon

The marathon is held every fall. Participants run in the autumn breeze along a flat course centering around the picturesque seafront promenade.



051 Shrines aplenty

This region has long been strongly influenced by continental Asian culture, leaving a historical heritage in the shape of numerous shrines, temples and aspects of traditional culture.

052 Shichinen Matsuri festival

An occasional festival at Sakichi Shrine, put on for the whole of the old Takahama region community. Held every 7 years, it is the biggest summer festival in the Wakasa region. Highlights include the parading of a mikoshi portable shrine, and a dedicatory children's kabuki performance.



053 Takumi Art Museum

Located in the grounds of Goshikiyama Park, the museum exhibits a variety of arts and crafts including Japanese paintings, Western paintings, sculptures and wooden works of art, as well as works by local artists. TEL 0770-76-1641

054 Fishing village

The Shiodo district, long the center of the local fishing industry, is a maze of extremely narrow alleyways. The barometers dotted here and there are peculiar to fishing villages.



055 Takahama Folk Museum

A rich repository of Takahama culture and history, including arts and crafts, folk culture materials, authentic items from the Jomon period, folklore and traditional performing arts. TEL 0770-72-5270

056 Komainu guardian statues

Just looking at the different styles of old and new lion-dog guardian statues at the town's shrines is enjoyment enough. Even the severely-damaged ones are still in service.



057 Takahama Town Hall

The Town Hall at the heart of the town supports all aspects of local life, from administrative activity and policy to the organization of events, announcements/notifications, and more.

058 Wakasa-Takahama Eldoland

In this fascinating interactive science theme park. themed zones teach visitors the importance of energy and science.





059 kurumu

The playroom of this childcare support service is a peaceful space filled with light and smelling of wood. Located on the first floor of the Takahamacho Hoken Fukushi Center (health and welfare center), kurumu is designed to encourage children's motor skills and physical growth.



060 Yokotsumi-noen Picnic

In mid April to early May, the fields of Yokotsumi are blanketed in 70,000 shiba-sakura (moss phlox) flowers in pink and lilac. Local volunteers do the planting and running of the event.

061 Azuchiyama Park

Mt. Azuchi is a gentle 80m-high mountain. The observation deck at the summit gives a sweeping view of the beautiful beaches with their endless white sands.







62 Wakasa fugu blowfish and crab dishes Takahama faces the Sea of Japan, During fall and winter you can enjoy seafood delights like freshly-caught blowfish and crab.

063 "Etchan-zuke" pickles (Yamaguchi Ryokan) Pickled cucumbers made to a secret recipe are pickled twice and additive-free. Once tasted, never forgotten!



TEL 0770-72-1435

064 Golden manju steamed buns with chestnut (Taisho-ya) These manju stamped with the adorable town mascot Akafun Boya are mildly sweet and flavored with chestnut. TEL 0770-72-1260

065 Triangle bread (Please)

Locals love these sweet triangular bread buns filled with lashings of cream cheese. Everyone from kids



Genroku Mochi rice cakes (Genroku Mochi) These mochi in three colors-red, green and brown-have a balanced sweetness, and are made with finest-quality glutinous rice flour. Koshian smooth bean paste mochi goes down a treat with Japanese tea TEL 0770-72-0022

067 Seasonal Takahama ice-cream (Takahama Market Kinare) Enjoy the Kinare market's original ice-cream, show-casing the flavors of seasonal local fruit and vege-tables. TEL 0770-72-3336



Wakasa-Takahama sushi Various sorts of sushi developed in Takahama, which is historically associated with sushi, and make full use of local ingredients.

069 Yamabuki miso

Handmade miso with a rustic country taste. Time and effort goes into the slow maturation of this all-natural miso, made using soybeans from Takahama.



O Blue Light Yokoyama

The Osaka-born owner opened this uniquely-monikered restaurant in his wife's hometown of Takahama. Food here is authentic yet casual, and dinner customers can enjoy natural wines with a varied à la carte menu that includes pâtés and terrines.

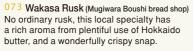
071 Bettei Tachida

Traditional Kyoto cuisine with a twist, served in a relaxed and elegant setting. As well as good-value lunches, in the evening the restaurant offers a reservation-recommended special dinner course. Diners are treated to a memorable experience in a luxurious setting with a view of the ocean.



Heshiko mackerel

A local method of pickling fish, in which mackerel is pickled in salt and then fermented in rice bran. It is ideal as a snack or with rice.





TEL 0770-72-2681



4 Okonomiyaki (Sachi)

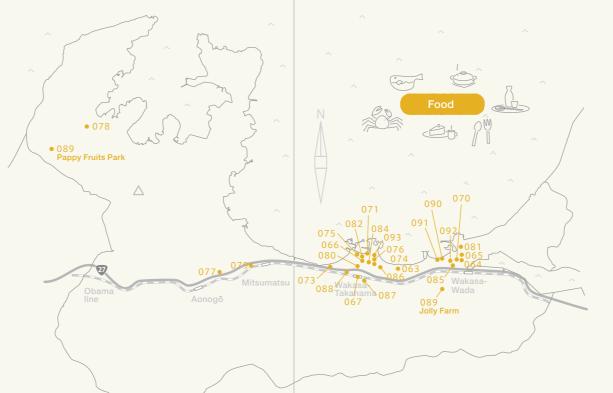
You'll get a brisk greeting at this delicious okonomiyaki and teppanyaki eatery adored by the locals.

TEL 0770-72-0014

075 UMIKARA

Consumers can expect fresh seafood right off the boat at UMIKARA, a new commercial complex centering around a fish market, when it







"Wae"sweet potato shochu (Hamase Liquor Store) Women appreciate the wine-like smoothness of this light shochu, which makes luxurious use of ingredients from the Wakasa region.

TEL 0770-72-0209

7 Roppōyaki cubed rice cakes (Daijirou Japanese Sweets) The signature sweet of this Japanese wagashi sweets store founded in 1905 is a masterly creation with a golden-grilled outer laver. and a light red bean filling.

TFI 0770-72-0308





78 Wakasa Fuji grapes (Nagano Noen farm) They may look like apples but they are large grapes, each carefully cultivated for ultimate eating enjoyment. They drip with sweetly sour juice when peeled.

079 Nobuko

This eatery famed for its extra-large katsudor and plump prawn ten-don is always packed

TEL 0770-76-1604



Miyazaki Shokudo

grilled meat and exquisite offal.

TEL 0770-72-0618

Tiger blowfish roe is pickled in salt and sake

passed down from founder Gosaku. It makes

lees for three years in this secret recipe

a great side dish for dinner or with drinks.

081 Fukunoko (Fugu Gosaku-so)

This old dining spot in front of Wakasa-Takahama

train station is a great place to enjoy yakiniku

TEL 0770-72-0164



Fukui kome-kama with blowfish skin (Otani Shōten) A local kamaboko fish cake incorporating rice flour and tiger blowfish skin. Won the Osaka Prefectural Governor Award at the 61st National Fisheries Processed Food show, and the Director General of the Fisheries Agency prize at the 64th National Kamaboko Competition. TEL 0770-72-0147

083 Totucha herbal tea

This is an easy-drinking tonic for health and beauty. The main ingredient of tree bark has been prized since ancient times as a traditional Chinese medicine promoting longevity.





084 Meikyo sweets (Umezaki Japanese Sweets) Famous for a sweet shaped like the Meikyodo cave. White bean paste is sandwiched in a egg-rich, milk-flavored dough and baked. TEL 0770-72-0248

085 Pain doré

Popular products here are the mini croissant and loaves of bread. Customers can eat in to better savor the offerings. Open from 10am. TEL 0770-72-6430





Poppo Roll (Poppo Fujiwara)

This shop at the end of a narrow lane has "artisanal" written all over it. Its roll cakes delight with their soft fluffy sponge, and the subtle sweetness of fresh cream inside. TEL 0770-72-3092

087 Tango Highway custard pudding (Pâtisserie En Verve) This popular sweet uses milk from Fukui, eggs from Maizuru and natural vanilla. En Verve's exquisite choux à la crème has been a classic since the pastry chef's training days in Kobe, over 25 years ago. TEL 0770-72-1368





088 Octopus and "heshiko" mackerel seaside pizza (Sepia) An alcoholic tipple would go down well with this izakaya-style pizza, baked the authentic way with fresh dough, and topped with homemade sauce, jumbo garlic, local pickled mackerel and Wakasa octopus. Cheers! TEL 0770-72-3337

089 Seaside strawberry fields Jolly Farm / Pappy Fruits Park There are two pick-vour-own strawberry farms in Takahama where the fruit is grown in plastic greenhouses, and so can be picked between January and May regardless of the weather.





090 Familiar

This popular beachside restaurant offering a Western-style menu featuring Wakasa fugu (blowfish) is notable for its fabulous location and convivial owner.

091 Komatsu Boat

At the first year-round beach café to open in Takahama, you can savor to the full the sea around Wakasa as you listen to sound of waves, season by season.





Moromi "solid" soy sauce (Sennariya Soy Sauce) This precious product from a venerable soy sauce maker can only be sampled for a short period over winter. Moromi (fermented soybean and barley paste) can be used like a solid version of soy sauce, with rice or on its own as a snack. TEL 0770-72-0146

093 Golden horse mackerel and baby squid varieties (Egami fish shop) The natural flavors of seafood are locked in by steaming, drying and packaging it straight from the seas of Wakasa, a process which lends a flavorful chewiness.



TEL 0770-72-1205





094 Ryokan Izumi

Guests will love the food, which uses fresh ingredients unique to the Wakasa area. Time passes quietly as you kick back and relax.

118-15 Wada, Takahama TEL 0770-72-0259



Guests can enjoy the fresh bounty of the sea, and soothe themselves after a hard day's travel in a bath with a sea view.

61-5 Sonobe, Takahama TEL 0770-72-0636



096 Minshuku Hirata Kazaemon

This inn prides itself on its fresh seafood and its own koshihikari rice.

122-2-1 Wada, Takahama TEL 0770-72-0335



62-8-1 Sonobe, Takahama TEL 0770-72-1435



098 Wa-no-Yado Nakagawa (ryokan) This relaxing Japanese-style inn welcomes guests staying overnight without a meal package. It offers 2

private rooms with bathroom/toilet, and 3 with a toilet only. 69-1 Miyazaki, Takahama TEL 0770-72-0635

099 Minshuku Tokioka-so

Warm and friendly as only a family-run inn can be, this place prides itself on dishes using fresh fish from the Sea of Japan and homemade ingredients. 51-4 Sonobe, Takahama TEL 0770-72-0371



100 Minshuku Yogoro

The warmth of wood pervades this inn, which specializes in homemade food using fresh fish and vegetables.

51-16 Sonobe Takashima TEL 0770-72-0458

101 Tabi-no-Yado Kobayashi (ryokan)

Plump and juicy fugu blowfish and crab dishes are brought to your room for grilling over charcoal. Enjoy!

43-26 Miyazaki, Takahama TEL 0770-72-0267



102 Log Pension Akiokaya

A relaxed and roomy lodge nestled in trees at the foot of Mt. Aoba. The restaurant's deli-style lunch is recommended!

27-16-2 Nakayama, Takahama TEL 0770-72-1007

103 Minori Bento at Restaurant Genji, Egami fish shop Outstandingly fresh fish, as you would expect of a fish shop. Blowfish and crab are

prepared and cooked straight out of the tank. The on-site restaurant is very popular.

63-1-1 Miyazaki, Takahama TEL 0770-72-1205



104 Fugu Gosaku-so

The first place in Japan to successfully rear tiger blowfish, this restaurant can offer fresh, all-natural fugu to customers any time of year.

131-16-1 Wada, Takahama TEL 0770-72-0164

105 Ajisai, Hotel Wave

This restaurant specializes in seasonal cuisine and fresh Wakasa seafood, and also offers over 50 types of shochu.

> 1F Hotel Wave, 75 Miyazaki, Takahama TEL 0770-72-4856



Standing alongside the old Tango Highway is this elegant Japa-nese-style inn. Soothe your mind and body in the outdoor bath with the smell of the sea around you, or soak in the fragrant cypress bath inside.

109 Kosho (ryokan)

43-27 Miyazaki, Takahama TEL 0770-72-1454



113 Pension Kurahashi

The specialty of this wooden lodge is inventive food made with the bounty of the nearby ocean and mountains. Its warm wooden feel and BBQ are a hit with visitors.

13-58-1 Nishimitsumatsu, Takahama TEL 0770-72-1500





114 **Kohsen (ryokan)** Guests really appreciate the heartfelt, seasonal hometown taste of the food at this inn, which produces its own rice, vegetables and miso. 2-1 Nishimitsumatsu, Takahama TEL 0770-72-4476

112 Uminomieru Yado Muramiya

121-10 Wada, Takahama TEL 0770-72-0639

the last word in luxury.

This inn offers fresh food throughout the

seasons, and specially-selected draft beer.

The view of the sea from the outdoor bath is

115 **Maruichi Ryokan** You can see the Sea of Japan from inside the ryokan. Its pesticide-free homegrown vegetables complement the taste of seafood.

122-21-2 Wada, Takahama TEL 0770-72-0403



116 Kappo Minshuku Kodama

This gourmet inn offers seasonal fresh food prepared with the skill of a master chef. Which dishes will you enjoy with friends tonight? 32-19-1 Otomi, Takahama TEL 0770-76-1234

117 Summer accommodation

Many inns are only open during the beach season of July and August.For more information please contact the Wakasa-Takahama Tourism Association.

TEL 0770-72-0338

118 Minshuku Waraku-so

Relax with a view of the Sea of Japan from your room, and enjoy being served food that respects and showcases the essential flavor of each ingredient. 110-20-8 Wada Takahama TEL 0770-72-0332

119 Nami no Oto

A hotel-questhouse with ocean-facing suites affording the feel of a more luxurious resort. Guests staying in the Garden Suite are welcome to hold barbecues.





5-3 Hibiki, Takahama TEL 0770-76-1328

cartographer Inō Tadataka. Guests get served up

200 years of history along with fresh seafood.

111 Ryori-ryokan Yoshiko

The mountains across the water from this seafacing ryokan look beautiful in the sparkling morning sun. This food-focused inn also boasts soothing views of Mt. Aoba and the rice terraces of Hibiki.

Hibiki 25-7, Takahama TEL0770-76-1307

10 Minshuku Hirayama

An inn offering its own fresh vegetables and locally-caught fish. Rooms are spacious, and

51-12 Sonabe, Takahama TEL 0770-72-0520

some are fitted with a sunken horigotatsu table.



121 Shiroyama-so (ryokan)

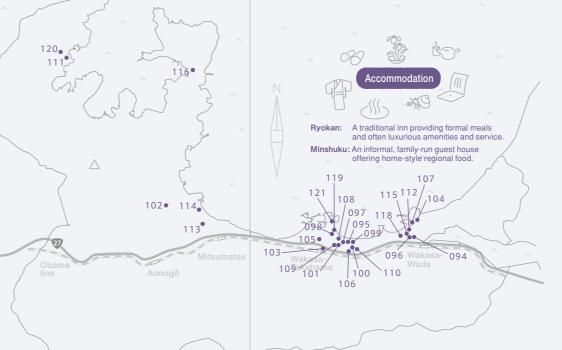
The communal bath at this inn boasts a fantastic view of the "Mount Fuji of Wakasa," Mt. Aoba, sure to leave you with memories of a romantic journey.

6-1-1 Kotoshiro, Takahama TEL 0770-72-0357











107 KAME HOUSE

A guest house popular with non-Japanese and families. You can even rent the entire facility sleeping eight people. The owners also run a children's English class, ChoCco.

127-48-2 Wada, Takahama-cho



