



**Takahama: Your Gateway to the Sea of Japan**

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**Sakichi Shrine**

With origins tracing back over a thousand years, Sakichi Shrine is home to the renowned "Seven-Year Festival," one of the largest celebrations in the Kansai region of Fukui Prefecture. Held every six years, this grand festival unfolds over seven days, drawing visitors for its vibrant traditions and deep cultural significance.

**Five Rules for Bicycle Safety**

- 1 When cycling, primarily use the road.**  
In Japan, bicycles are treated as light vehicles. Only use the sidewalk when the road is dangerous or difficult to ride.
  - 2 Please ride on the left side of the road.**
  - 3 On sidewalks, pedestrians have the right of way, so ride slowly near the road side.**
  - 4 Follow the rules.**  
• Drunk riding, riding with two people, and riding side-by-side are prohibited.  
• Use lights at night.  
• At intersections, obey traffic signals, stop temporarily, and check for safety.
  - 5 Children must wear helmets.**
- Please note some photos in the pamphlet show individuals not wearing helmets for the purpose of photography; however please wear a helmet for safety.

For information on rental bicycles, please check the contact details or visit the website below.

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**Wakasa-Takahama Station**  
(Wakasa Takahama Tourism)  
TEL 0770-72-0338

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TEL 0770-72-0306

**Why not stop off at the following places on your Takahama bike adventure**

**1 Farmer's Market Kinare**  
This local farmer's market offers Takahama fresh vegetables, gelato, and unique souvenirs — all just steps from the station.

**2 En Verve Patisserie**  
A cozy café serving rich coffee and sweets made with natural ingredients. Try their signature cream puffs and Tango-Kaido puddings for a simple taste of local excellence.

**3 SunnyMart**  
This supermarket offers fresh local seafood, regional specialties, and unique souvenirs. It's also a great place to stock up on camping supplies, making it a must-visit for travelers and outdoor enthusiasts.

**4 Restaurant Genji**  
A long-established Japanese restaurant in Takahama, Fukui, known for fresh Wakasa Bay seafood. Open since 1990, it's popular for its "Dannashi Gozem" seafood set with a seafood bowl and grilled mackerel (limited daily) and seasonal dishes like pufferfish and crab.

**5 Restaurant Sepia**  
A cozy retro café by day and a lively izakaya by night. Enjoy classics like omurice, pork steak, and local sashimi in a nostalgic Showa-era atmosphere. Just steps from Wakasa-Takahama Station, it's the perfect spot to relax, eat, and mingle like a local.

**6 Ichimonji**  
A beloved Japanese-style eatery just a 3-minute walk from Wakasa-Takahama Station. For over 45 years, it's been serving comforting classic—hearty set meals, okonomiyaki from its founding days, and kid-favorite fried chicken—using local seafood and seasonal vegetables.

**7 Restaurant Miyazaki**  
A cozy teppan spot loved by locals, serving hearty yakiniku and udon. Their signature horumon is grilled at the table for a rich, umami-packed bite. The menu also has set meals, rice bowls, and classic sides.

**8 Popofujiwara Cakes**  
Enjoy unique and creative roll cakes! Famous for the award-winning Poppo Roll, winner of the Prime Minister's Prize at the National Confectionery Exposition.

**9 Lefty's New York Pizza**  
Indulge in authentic New York-style pizza at this seaside restaurant, where you can savor a perfect balance of chewy crust and rich, flavorful toppings. Complement your meal with spicy buffalo wings, and delectable calzones stuffed with melted cheese and delicious tomato sauce. Open weekends only.

**10 Genroku Japanese Sweets**  
Over 100 years of tradition! Try the famous Genroku Mochi — a perfect introduction to Japanese sweets.

**11 Otani Fish Cakes**  
Their prized steamed fish cakes are made with locally produced Koshihikari rice blended with rare shishi yuzo and Wakasa pufferfish skin.

**12 Hamase Sake Shop**  
A long-established sake shop in Takahama, Hamase offers a wide selection of local sake and specialty drinks from Fukui. If you're in the area, stop by and try their craft beer made with locally grown "Wakasa Fuji" grapes — the same grapes served in JAL's first-class meals. It's known for its fresh, fruity aroma.

**13 Hamamoto Seafood**  
Try their selection of dried seafood, made fresh from the nearby fishing port — perfect for souvenirs or a taste of the sea!

**14 Shin Shin Ramen**  
Famous for its rich tonkotsu pork broth soy sauce ramen, miso, or salt broth, and more — delicious ramen flavors for everyone!

**15 Il Mare**  
Perched by the sea with stunning views of Wakasa Bay and Mt. Aoba, Il Mare is an Italian restaurant serving pasta and pizza made with fresh local ingredients. Don't miss the signature Parmigiano, tossed in a wheel of Parmigiano-Reggiano and served bubbling hot. Their handmade Neapolitan-style pizzas, crisp with chewy crusts, are another highlight—best enjoyed on the ocean-view terrace.

**16 UMIKARA**  
A supermarket and restaurant offering freshly caught fish from the nearby port, where visitors can select fresh fish directly from tanks for sashimi or sushi. The restaurant's menu boasts an array of ocean-inspired dishes, complemented by seaside views.

**17 Wakasa Takahama Fishing Port**  
Takahama Town has long thrived as a fishing hub and marks the starting point of the historic Saba Kaido (Mackerel Road) to the west. From the Taisho period (1912-1926) to the early Showa period (1926-1989), it boasted one of the highest mackerel catches in Japan. The tranquil fishing port, with its gentle sea breeze and scenic views, offers a peaceful spot.

**18 Shiroyama Park**  
Nestled on what was once the grounds of an ancient castle, Shiroyama Park boasts the scenic Meikyō Cave, a renowned landmark of Takahama. Its adjoining walking trails guide visitors to observation decks with stunning views of unique rock formations and Wakasa Bay. Surrounded by beaches on both sides, the park comes alive in summer with beachgoers.

**19 Old Tango Road**  
Once an important coastal trade and travel route, the Old Tango Road connected Tsuruga — a key port town in Fukui Prefecture — with Miyazu, a castle town and gateway to Amanohashidate in Kyoto. For centuries, this route supported the movement of goods, culture, and people between the Japan Sea coast and the Kansai region. Merchants, travelers, and locals.

**20 Wakasa Wada Beach**  
Asia's First Blue Flag Beach. Selected as One of Japan's Top 100 Sunset Spots and Top 100 Best Swimming Beaches. Famous for its crystal-clear waters and wide white sands, Wada Beach is a treasured local gem and the start of an 8 km scenic coastal trail. Celebrated as one of Japan's Top 100 Sunset Spots and Asia's first Blue Flag beach, it's a symbol of beauty and sustainability.

**21 Wada Walking Path**  
This tranquil route exudes nostalgic charm. As you stroll along the narrow lanes toward the Wakasa Bay, you will uncover a breathtaking coastline that stretches as far as the eye can see.

**22 Coastal Walking Path**  
Embark on an 8-kilometer walk featuring breathtaking views of Mt. Aoba, the region's miniature version of Mt. Fuji. Along the route, take breaks at scenic rest areas that offer beautiful vistas of the ocean and beach. At the journey's end, you'll arrive at Wakizaka Park, where you can enjoy stunning sunset views and a sweeping panorama of Takahama Town.

**23 Please Bakery**  
This beloved local bakery is famous for its signature Sankaku Dessert Bread — a soft, sponge-like pastry filled with tangy cream cheese, inspired by the iconic triangular shape of Mt. Aoba.

**24 Blue Light Yokoyama**  
Whether you're enjoying their signature sashimi, perfectly grilled fish, or expertly crafted pasta, this hidden gem offers a delicious blend of Takahama's finest flavors with an elegant Italian twist. Featured in the 2021 Michelin Guide Hokuriku Edition, Blue Light Yokoyama proudly holds the prestigious Michelin Plate distinction.

**25 FAMILIAR**  
Perfectly situated in front of Wada Beach, this friendly surf-venue restaurant and bar is very popular with surfers, beachgoers, and music lovers. It offers delicious lunch and dinner with a wide, satisfying menu, plus cozy accommodations. The staff are very friendly, and their signature hamburgers are excellent. In summer, you can enjoy BBQs and sunset drinks on the open terrace. It's also one of the best places to meet and chat with locals.

**26 Café Bois**  
Conveniently located along the route to the historic Magoji Temple, this stylish modern café offers a tempting selection of cakes, freshly brewed coffee, and a healthy lunch plate made with fresh local ingredients.

**27 Deli&Cafe Napo**  
This cozy Italian eatery offers a delightful variety of fresh pasta dishes made with carefully selected local ingredients. Be sure to save room for their homemade desserts and expertly crafted coffee — the perfect way to finish your meal on a sweet note.

**28 Sennariya Soy Sauce**  
As Takahama's only soy sauce maker, Sennariya carries on a proud tradition of handcrafted soy sauce and fermented soy paste. Their lineup includes three distinctive flavors: classic, refreshing yuzu, and aromatic sansho pepper — each carefully brewed to elevate the taste of your favorite dishes.

**ACCESS**

For more details, scan the QR code.

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# Enjoy the Outdoors in Takahama!

## AREA Seikyo



### 1 Seaside Promenade

Perfect for cycling and leisurely walks, this 7-kilometer coastal path stretches from Wada Beach to Hamanasu Park Beach. While some sections follow the roadside, much of the route offers ocean views and a refreshing sea breeze. A few sandy stretches invite cyclists to walk their bikes and enjoy the scenery. The route also connects to two Nature Trails: the 9-kilometer Aoto Bay Scenic Route and the 5-kilometer Aoba Mountain View Route.

### 2 Mt. Aoba

With its elegant shape, Mt. Aoba—nicknamed “Wakasa Fuji”—is a beloved symbol of Takahama. With twin peaks rising to 693 meters, its silhouette shifts with each viewpoint. The stunning sunsets, where the sun sinks behind the mountain into the sea, rank among Japan’s 100 Best Sunsets.



### 3 Mt. Aoba Herbal Village

Nestled at the foot of Mt. Aoba, Herbal Village invites you to unwind and connect with nature through unique craft workshops. Take in sweeping views of the park and coastline from the Aobayama Terrace Café while savoring herbal teas, light meals, and desserts made with locally sourced herbs. The café also offers original products crafted from Mt. Aoba’s rich natural bounty—and don’t miss their signature Mt. Aoba Cola, a refreshing drink made entirely from natural ingredients.



## AREA Uchiura

### 8 Hibiki Rice Terraces

Overlooking the calm waters of Uchiura Bay, the Hibiki Rice Terraces capture the beauty of Japan’s rural landscape. Selected as one of Japan’s “Top 100 Terraced Rice Fields,” this scenic spot offers a view where the sea, fishing port, and countryside meet in harmony.



### 9 Papi Fruit Park

Located near the base of Mt. Aoba, Papi Fruit Park cultivates Richigo—a trademarked variety of large, juicy strawberries. Visitors can buy them freshly picked or enjoy the hands-on fun of strawberry picking during the harvest season.



### 10 Mt. Azuchi Park

A hidden sakura viewing spot, Mt. Azuchi Park offers sweeping views of the surrounding landscape from its hilltop perch.



### 12 Seaside Takahama Roadside-Station

Seaside Takahama is your one-stop shop for local souvenirs from Takahama and across Fukui Prefecture. The facility also includes a relaxing bathhouse equipped with saunas—perfect for unwinding after a day of sightseeing.



### Sunset at Mt. Aoba

The sunset over Mt. Aoba, viewed from Wakasa Wada Beach and Shiroyama Park, has been selected as one of the “100 Best Sunsets in Japan.”



### Otomi Cliffs

Designated as a scenic landmark by the prefecture, the Otomi Cliffs showcase a striking 260-meter vertical cliff. This awe-inspiring natural wonder provides visitors with breathtaking views and a profound sense of nature’s grandeur.



### OTOMI CHALLENGE COURSE

Otomi Challenge Course Elevation Profile

Distance: 14.77km Elevation Gain: 168m Source: Garmin

### Goshikiyama Park

Goshikiyama Park showcases a beautiful array of trees and seasonal flowers, transforming with each season. Its shifting landscapes offer a peaceful retreat for those who appreciate nature’s changing rhythms.

### HIBIKI CHALLENGE COURSE

Hibiki Challenge Course Elevation Profile

Distance: 26.93km Elevation Gain: 376m Source: Garmin

### Mt. Aoba Hiking

Mt. Aoba invites hikers to explore its scenic trails and take in breathtaking panoramic views from the summit. Along the way, a vibrant display of seasonal flora adds to the experience. With routes suited to all skill levels—from beginners to experienced trekkers—Mt. Aoba offers a memorable and rewarding adventure for everyone.



### Wakasa Takahama Sea Fishing Park

Wakasa Takahama Sea Fishing Park is a great destination for family-friendly fishing, offering a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Whether you’re a first-time fisher or a seasoned angler, it’s the perfect place to enjoy a fun and memorable day by the sea.

### Wakasa Wada Campground

Open year-round, Wakasa Wada Campground features modern facilities and an unbeatable beachfront setting. Campers can enjoy breathtaking ocean views right from their tents, along with optional amenities like sauna tents for a truly unique outdoor experience.

### Yokotsumi Shibazakura

From mid-April to early May, Yokotsumi Shibazakura bursts into color with around 70,000 moss phlox flowers, lovingly planted and cared for by locals. Set against a backdrop of picturesque mountains, this vibrant carpet of blooms offers one of the season’s most breathtaking views.

### Nakayama Temple

Nakayama Temple is home to several nationally designated Important Cultural Properties, including its main hall and statues of the guardian deities, Kongo Rikishi. One of the temple’s highlights is the breathtaking view of Takahama from its gate—a favorite photo spot for visitors.

### Daijōji Temple

Daijōji Temple is the only place in Takahama Town where visitors can experience authentic Zen meditation. It offers a rare opportunity to quiet the mind, find balance, and reconnect with inner peace.

### TAKAHAMA CYCLING COURSE

Takahama Cycling Course Elevation Profile

Distance: 33.71km Elevation Gain: 327m Source: Garmin

### Mago-ji Temple

Said to have been founded by Prince Shotoku, Mago-ji Temple is steeped in history and spiritual charm. Its moss-covered path, countless stone Buddha statues, and seasonal beauty—from cherry blossoms in spring to vibrant autumn foliage—make it a truly captivating place to explore.

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