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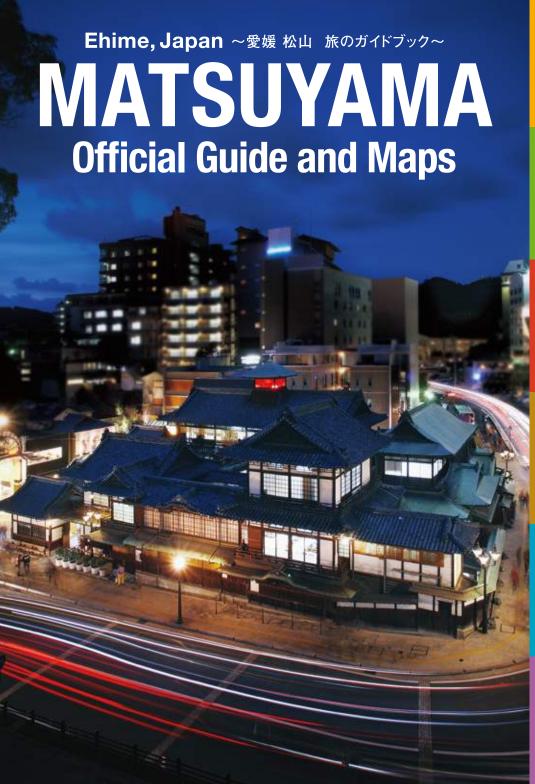
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The Climate of Matsuyama 松山の気候

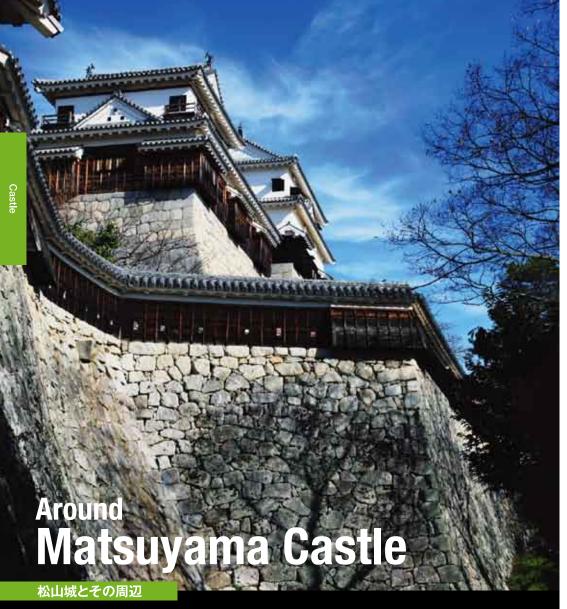
The annual average temperature of the warm Seto Inland Sea climate is 16.5°C. Annual rainfall is about 1,300 mm, with more in June and little in December. With little rainfall, hardly any snow, and few typhoons, Matsuyama has a mild climate.

About Matsuyama City

Located in the central part of Ehime Prefecture, Matsuyama overlooks the Seto Inland Sea to the west, and the Shikoku Mountains to the east, with Mt. Ishizuchi, West Japan's highest peak. In 1873, Matsuyama was made the prefectural capital, and the city has since prospered as a political and economic centre. It's also a centre for regional culture that has produced many writers including the haiku poet Shiki Masaoka. The population is about 520,000. The city area is 429.06 km². The camellia is the city's flower.

The Attractions of Matsuyama

The city centre is compact, laid out in a grid around the castle. With islands, mountains and the sea, Matsuyama is blessed with a beautiful natural environment. Here you can enjoy a slower pace of life than in the big cities, with hot springs, great seafood and mandarin oranges, and other fresh fruit.



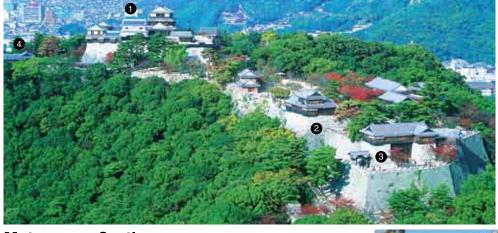
Getting to the castle by cable car, chairlift, and on foot

Take the cable car or chairlift from Shinonome Station on Ropeway Street. The cable car takes about 3 minutes and the chairlift about 6 minutes. From the Chōjaganaru Station, it takes about 10 minutes to the castle entrance. There are four paths up to the castle, and it takes about 20 or 30 minutes on foot. You're likely to encounter a variety of birds on the way.

Taking the cable car or chairlift

Buy a ticket at the vending machine on the first floor of the Shinonome station, and take the cable car or chairlift from the third floor. The cable car and chairlift cost ¥510 for adults both ways and ¥270 one way. Entry to Matsuvama Castle with a return ticket costs ¥1,020.





Matsuyama Castle

松山城 MAP P7 C·D·1·2

The view from the castle tower is superb. It offers a 360-degree panorama from Mt. Ishizuchi to the Seto Inland Sea. However the stairs up to the top are narrow and very steep, so caution is required.

❸ Gates 戸無門・筒井門・隠門

Gates are considered the key to the defense of a fortress. Matsuvama Castle has several fortified gates that are designated important national cultural properties. They each have various contrivances for protecting the castle from attackers.

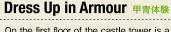
②Stone Walls 石垣

Matsuyama Castle is also celebrated for the beauty of its stone walls. The indented stone walls of the main enclosure, soaring to a height of over 10 m, are particularly spectacular. The graceful curves are reminiscent of a folding fan.

4 Turrets 野原櫓・乾櫓

The Nohara turret dates from the time when the castle was built. It afforded protection at the back of the castle. To prevent them from being penetrated by bullets, the walls of the turrets are filled with tiles and pebbles.



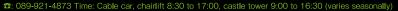


On the first floor of the castle tower is a corner where you can enjoy dressing up in armour (included in the castle entrance fee). A photo of yourself as a samurai makes a good memento of your visit.



Opening the Castle Gates 天守開門

At 9 am every Saturday, Sunday and national holiday, a drum is beaten inside the castle. The drum was traditionally used for various signalling purposes. When the drum sounds, visitors can push open the Ichinomon Gate, an important national cultural property.



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Matsuyama Castle Ninomaru Historical Garden

松山城ニシ丸史跡庭園 (MAP)P7 C-2

The remains of Matsuvama Castle Ninomaru are preserved as a garden. The floor plan of the buildings that used to stand on the site is represented by water features, citrus trees and flowering shrubs. It has been designated a Lover's Sanctuary.



2: 089-921-2000 Open: 9:00 to 17:00 (varies seasonally) Closed: The third Wed in Dec Price: ¥100 *¥200 from July 2016



0kaidō

大街道商店街 (MAP) P7 E-2·3·4

Matsuyama's biggest shopping arcade stands across the road from Gintengai. It's home to smart cafés, boutiques and fashion goods stores.



Gintengai

松山銀天街商店街 (MAP) P7 C·D-4

This shopping arcade links Matsuyama Shieki Station and Ōkaidō. This covered shopping area is pleasant even when it rains.



Matsuchika Town

まつちかタウン (MAP) P7 C-4

This is Shikoku's only underground shopping centre. This road linking Matsuyama Shieki Station, Iyotetsu Takashimaya department store and Gintengai is lined with classic clothing shops and restaurants.



Shiroyama Park

城山公園 (MAP) P7 B·C-2

This spacious grassy area overlooks Matsuyama Castle and the Ninomaru area. The public area is suitable for light sports such as playing catch. Various events are held here at weekends.



Ropeway Street

ロープウェー街 (MAP) P7 E-1・2

This shopping street is convenient for Matsuyama Castle cable car and chairlift station, and the birthplace of the Akiyama Brothers. There are also many restaurants and shops selling Ehime specialties.



Matsuyama Shieki Station (Matsuyama City)

松山市駅 (MAP) P7 B-4

As the terminal for lyotetsu suburban trains, this station links central Matsuyama and the suburbs. It's also a stop for the trams that run in the city centre, making it convenient for tourism. There are shopping districts near the Shieki, and plenty of bars and restaurants.



Saka no Ue no Kumo Museum

坂の上の雲ミュージアム (MAP) P7 D-2

This museum is dedicated to the novel Saka no Ue no Kumo by Ryōtarō Shiba. It presents the Meiji period lives of brothers Yoshifuru and Sanevuki Akiyama, and Shiki Masaoka, who all came from Matsuvama.

☎: 089-915-2600 Open: 9:00 to 18:30 Closed: Mon (open if a holiday) Price: ¥400



Bansuisō Villa

萬翠荘 (MAP) P7 D-2

This French-style château was built in 1922. It's designated an important national cultural property. Bansuisō is home to art exhibitions, concerts and other

☎: 089-921-3711 Open: 9:00 to 18:00 Price: Permanent exhibition Adults ¥300 Children ¥100 (special exhibitions vary) Closed: Mon (open if a holiday)

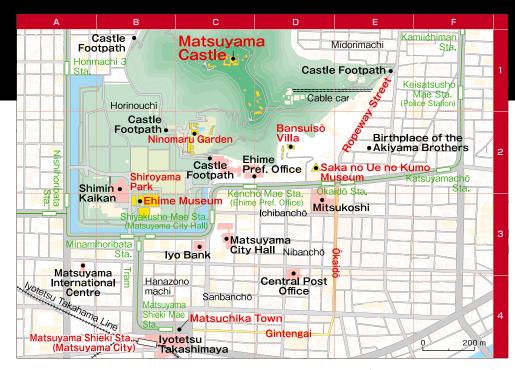


The Museum of Art, Ehime

愛媛県美術館 (MAP) P7 B-3

The museum houses more than 11,000 works. Major exhibitions are also held here.

☎: 089-932-0010 Open: 9:40 to 18:00 Closed: Mon (when Mon falls on a holiday or day off in lieu, the museum is closed the next day) However, the museum is open the first Mon of every month and closed the next day. Price: Revolving exhibition ¥300 (special exhibitions vary)





道後温泉本館とその周辺

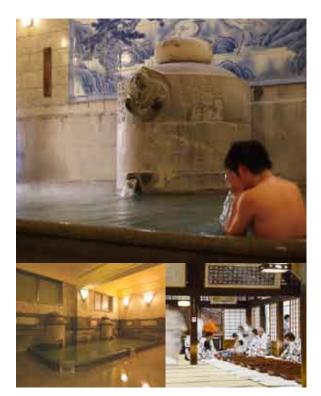
Dōgo Onsen Honkan

Local people like the democratic style of the Kami no Yu baths, while visitors may enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the smaller Tama no Yu.

How to Bathe in Dōgo Onsen Honkan

Select a course from the table at right, and enjoy the experience of your chosen bath. You can enjoy tea and snacks in the Kami no Yu and Tama no Yu lounges on the 2nd floor, and the private rooms on the 3rd floor.

	Kami no Yu Downstairs	Kami no Yu 2nd floor lounge	Tama no Yu 2nd floor lounge	Tama no Yu 3rd floor private room
Price	¥410	¥840	¥1,250	¥1,550
Open	6:00 to 23:00	6:00 to 22:00	6:00 to 22:00	6:00 to 22:00
Last entry	22:30	21:00	21:00	20:40
Includes	Bath only	Crackers, yukata, 2 floor Kami no Yu lounge.	Crackers, yukata, 2 floor Tama no Yu lounge.	Botchan dango yukata, 3 floor private room.



Dōgo Onsen Honkan

道後温泉本館 (MAP) P10 B-2

Dōgo Onsen, Japan's oldest hot spring, boasts a 3,000-year history. It was recorded in the ancient Chronicles of Japan. Dōgo Onsen Honkan which houses the spring was rebuilt in 1894. In 2009, it was awarded three stars by the Michelin Green Guide Japan. ☎: 089-921-5141



Shinrokaku

The White Heron Watchtower on top of Dogo Onsen Honkan is glazed with red glass made in Belgium. Inside the tower hangs a drum which is used to announce the time at 6 am, noon and 6 pm.



Yüshinden

又新殿

The Imperial bathroom was built in 1899 as Japan's only bath for the exclusive use of the Emperor. It features the elegant style of Momoyama architecture. The gorgeously appointed rooms feature lacquer furniture, a finely crafted ceiling. and sliding doors decorated with gold leaf. Guided tours are available from 6:00 to 21:30 (last entry 21:00), ¥260.



Tama no Yu Relaxation 霊の湯 休憩体験

For maximum relaxation, we recommend the Tama no Yu course with a private room on the 3rd floor. After your bath, change into a vukata decorated with white herons, and enjoy Botchan dango confectionery with tea. The Tobe ceramics and Wajima-nuri lacquerware tea sets are beautiful to behold.





Strolling in Yukata 浴衣で散策

The spa town of Dogo suits the traditional yukata bathwear. Ryokan and hotels around Dōgo offer their guests use of yukata. Also the rental kimono shop in Dogo Onsen Station will dress you up in a beautiful antique kimono of your choice.





Foot Spa

足湯 MAP P10 B-2

Hōiōen is the space in front of Dōgo Onsen Station with the Botchan Karakuri Clock and a free foot spa. Several ryokan and hotels have foot spas and hand spas, so you can enjoy trying





Botchan Karakuri Clock

坊っちゃんカラクリ時計 (MAP) P10 B-2

This robot clock in front of Dōgo Onsen Station is modeled on the White Heron Watchtower of Dogo Onsen Honkan. Between 8:00 and 22:00 on the hour, the clock comes to life with scenes from Sōseki Natsume's novel Botchan.



Dōgo Onsen Tsubaki no Yu

道後温泉椿の湯 (MAP) P10 B-2

The sister to Dōgo Onsen Honkan. With a larger bath than the Honkan, this is very popular with local people. You can rent a towel and buy soap.

Open: 6:30 to 23:00 (last entry 22:30) Price: ¥400



Dōgo Tourist Office

道後観光案内所 (MAP) P10 B-2

Get tourist information about Matsuyama and Dogo, find a ryokan or hotel, and pick up some useful pamphlets. You can also rent a bicycle for sightseeing.

☎: 089-921-3708 Open: 8:00 to 17:00



Dōgo Onsen Station

道後温泉駅 (MAP) P10 B-3

Dōgo Onsen Station is the transportation hub for Dōgo, where trams and the Botchan Train stop. The station building with its nostalgic atmosphere recreates the station of the Meiji period.



Botchan Train

坊っちゃん列車 (MAP) P10 B-3

These replica steam locomotives are mentioned in Sōseki Natsume's novel Botchan, set in Matsuvama. These environmentally responsible diesel trains run at 10 km/h, serving a route through central Matsuyama.

Zones: Dōgo Onsen - Matsuyama Shieki, Dōgo Onsen -JR Matsuvama – Komachi Fare: ¥500



Dōgo Park (Yuzuki Castle Ruins)

道後公園 (湯築城跡) (MAP) P10 B·C-3·4

This park is the former site of Yuzuki Castle, the base of the Kōno clan in the Middle Ages. A stone fountain once used in Dōgo Onsen Honkan is displayed here. There's an excellent view from the observation platform. There's also the Yuzukijō Castle Museum. 25: 08



Dōgo Arcade

店街 (MAP) P10 B-2

This L-shaped shopping arcade links Dōgo Onsen Station and Dogo Onsen Honkan. The arcade is lined with souvenir shops packed with Ehime products, chic cafés, and restaurants offering local specialties.



Nikitatsu no Michi

にきたつの道 (MAP) P10 A·B-2

Nikitatsu no Michi extends west from the middle of Dogo Arcade. On this beautiful stone-paved street with its little stream stands the old sake brewery, Minakuchi Shuzō.



Seki Art Gallery

七キ美術館 (MAP) P10 A-2

The gallery houses works by artists from the Meiji and Shōwa periods. as well as a marble sculpture by Rodin.

☎: 089-946-5678 Open: 10:00 to 17:00 Closed: Mon and Tue Price: ¥700



Dōgo Giyaman Glass Museum

道後ぎやまんガラス美術館 (MAP) P10 B-1

The museum features glass products from the Edo period, Meiji. and Taishō periods. Entry to the garden is free of charge. There's also a restaurant.

☎: 089-933-3637 Open: 9:00 to 22:00 Closed: Never Price: ¥600



Matsuyama is the birthplace of Japan's leading haiku poet, Shiki Masaoka. There are many sites dedicated to haiku in the city.



The Shiki Museum

松山市立子規記念博物館 (MAP) P35 L-2

The museum features the works of Shiki Masaoka including his haiku, tanka and illustrations. There's also a replica of Gudabutsuan, the house that Shiki and Sōseki Natsume shared.

☎: 089-931-5566 Open: 9:00 to 17:00 (closed at 18:00 May to Oct) Closed: Tue and the day after public holidays Price: ¥400



Köshin-an

庚申廉 (MAP) P34 C-4

The thatched hut built by the haiku poet Chodo Kurita in 1800. It was reconstructed in 2000, looking just as it did in old times. The elegant garden also repays the visit.

☎: 089-915-2204 Open: 10:00 to 18:00 (closed at 17:00 Nov to Feb) Closed: Wed (for public holidays, closed the following day)

On the Street of Haiku next to Himegin Hall are

many stone monuments inscribed with haiku.

There are more than 90 Haiku Boxes dotted

around the city where you can submit your

poetic efforts for judgement and publication.

Haiku Monuments and Haiku Box 句碑めぐり・松山市観光俳句ポスト

The hut where free-verse haiku poet Santōka Taneda retired. He lived here for 10 months, making poems on his relationship with nature. He died on October 11. 1940.

2: 089-948-6891



Issōan

—草庵 (MAP) P34 H-1



Old Streets of Mitsu 三津の町並み MAP P32 C-4 伊予三津浜木村邸 (MAP) P32 C-4

Mitsuhama has flourished since ancient times as a port town. Today, the area retains many old buildings that speak of times past.

Mitsuhama

三津浜



The port of Mitsuhama in the outskirts of Matsuyama was once the anchorage of the Matsuyama Domain,

and it flourished as Matsuyama's gateway to the sea. The area is now enjoying something of a revival.

Iyo Mitsuhama Kimuratei

This house was built in 1881 by merchants who served as shipping agents in Mitsuhama. The design features magnificent beams and windows between floors to let in light. On the second and fourth Saturday of every month, it opens as a café (closed in winter). info@kimuratei.com



Mitsuhamayaki

Mitsu Ferry

in rough weather.

2: 089-951-2149

三津の渡し MAP P32 C-4

This ferry links Matsuyama's port

distance of about 80 m. Its history

period. Service may be suspended

goes back to the Warring States

of Mitsu with Minatoyama, a

三津浜焼き

In the postwar years, this has been cherished as the soul food of Matsuyama. This unique okonomiyaki is made with beef tallow, tempura scraps, and udon or soba noodles. Try it at one of the more than twenty restaurants in Mitsuhama.



Mitsu Morning Market is said to have started in the Muromachi period. Today at the Matsuyama City Public Fish Market, the morning market is held four times a year as a popular event to promote the eating of fish.

☎: 089-951-2311



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The Kutsuna Islands in the Seto Inland Sea off Matsuyama and Hōjō are a popular area for outdoor leisure.



Roadside Station Fuwari

道の駅風早の郷風和里 (MAP) P32 D-1

Here you can buy fresh fish caught near Hōiō, vegetables, fruit and various manufactured goods. You can also eniov octopus balls, ice cream, and sea bream rice.

2: 089-911-7700 Closed: Dec 31 to Jan 2 Open: 8:00 to 18:00



Mt. Koshiore

腰折山 (MAP) P32 D-1

This small mountain is about 500 m from the start of the footpath to the summit. There are great views of Mt. Takanawa and the sea around Kashima Island.



Kashima Island

₱ ♣ (MAP) P32 D-1

This small island sits off the coast of Hōiō. It's 400 m high, and 1.5 km round. With cherry blossoms in spring, swimming in summer, and fishing in winter, there's something to enjoy in every season. There are also wild deer.



Lover's Sanctuary 恋人の聖地サテライト MAP P32 D-1

Kashima has been designated a "Lover's Sanctuary", as a romantic spot suitable for proposing marriage. This is because the shrine on the island is dedicated to matchmaking, and two rocky outcrops off Kashima are joined with a straw rope as if in marriage. There's a commemorative monument on the observation platform, and if a couple rings the lucky bell, they may realize their love.











Kutsuna Islands 忽那諸島 MAPP32 A·B·C-1·2·3·4

The Kutsuna Islands comprise nine inhabited islands including Nakajima and Gogoshima, and more than 30 other islands. Here you can enjoy island pursuits including swimming in the sea from beautiful beaches, marine sports, fishing, and eating fresh seafood. You can get to the various islands by car ferry and high-speed boat from Matsuvama.



The Kutsuna Islands are popular as resort islands where you can relax for the day in a peaceful natural environment. Himegahama Beach on Nakajima is especially popular. You can hire tents to stay in and barbecue equipment.

2: 089-997-0149



The Mountains of Matsuyama 松山の山



Outdoor Activity Centre

松山市野外活動センター (MAP) P32 E-3

This campsite has lodges, an adventure playground, a natural turf sports ground and a gymnasium.

2: 089-977-2400



Sögö Köen Park 松山総合公園 (MAP) P32 C-4

A lookout tower in the shape of a European castle stands on a hill with panoramic views over Matsuyama and the Seto Inland Sea. There's also a children's adventure playground.



Mt. Miyukiji 御幸寺山 (MAP) P32 D-4

Elevation about 160 m. Why not take a stroll up after visiting Issōan? There's a fantastic view of the city from the top.

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四国遍路・松山八ヵ寺

There are eight Shikoku pilgrimage temples in Matsuyama. By visiting these temples, you can experience the unique o-henro pilgrimage culture of Shikoku.

About the Shikoku Pilgrimage

四国福路とは

The Buddhist monk Köbö Daishi, also known as Kükai, is said to have established the pilgrimage of 88 temples after the year in 815. Since then and to this day, many pilgrims, known as o-henro, have taken the pilgrimage for the purpose of prayer, contemplation, or tourism. From old times, the people of Shikoku have welcomed pilgrims with spiritually-motivated hospitality called o-settai. The pilgrimage route is about 1,400 km round. It takes about 40 days to walk it. Besides walking, pilgrims travel on bus tours, by car or bicycle.

Etiquette of the Shikoku Pilgrimage 四国遍路の作法



At the main gate, greet the Buddha and the Daishi with a bow before entering the temple. Remember to bow again when you leave.



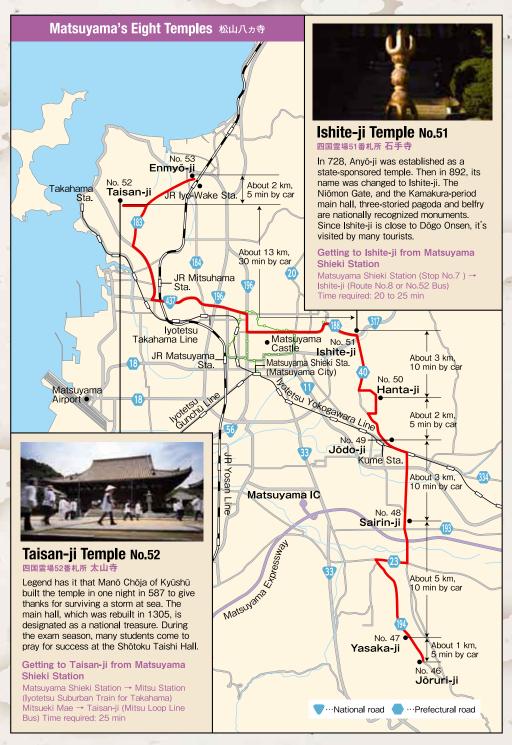
Go to the water basin and rinse your left hand, right hand then your mouth. Rinsing your mouth represents the purification of your body, inside and out.



Offer a candle and several sticks of incense. Three sticks has various meanings such as the past, present, and future, your ancestors, yourself, and your descendants.



Instead of a visiting card, pilgrims put a votive card in the special box. Quietly put a donation in the offertory box without throwing it.







Sunrise Itoyama

サンライズ糸山

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This centre next to the Kurushima Kaikyō Bridge is a base for Shimanami Kaidō cycling. It has accommodation, restaurants, and rental cycles.

5: 0898-41-3196 Open: Apr to Sep 8:00 to 20:00 Oct to Mar 8:00 to 17:00

How to Rent a Bicycle レンタサイクルの借り方

You can borrow a bicycle from the rental cycle terminals on the various islands.

Rental cycle terminals

Imabari: Sunrise Itoyama, JR Imabari Station and more Ōshima: Miyakubo Tourist Office, Roadside Station Yoshiumi Iki-iki Kan Hakata: Roadside Station Hakata SC Park / Ōmishima: Roadside Station Shimanami Station Mishima, Roadside Station Tatara Shimanami Park

Rental fees

Electric bicycle: ¥1,500 for up to 6 hours. *Must be returned to start point Tandem bicycle: ¥1,200 per day. *Must be returned to start point Other bicycles: ¥1,000 per day. *Can be returned to any terminal *Deposit ¥1,000 (Returned if you return the bicycle to the same terminal or a terminal on the same island. If you return it to any other terminal, you forfeit the deposit)

Getting to each island on the Shimanami Kaidō from Imabari Station 今治駅からしまなみ海道各島へのアクセス

Oshima: Car to Oshima Minami, 20 min / Bus to Yoshiumi Shisho Mae, 25 min

Hakatajima: Car to Hakatajima, 35 min / Bus to Hakatajima, 38 min Ōmishima: Car to Ōmishima, 45 min / Bus to Ōmishima, 53 min

Ikuchijima: Car to Ikuchijima Minami, 50 min / Bus to Setoda PA, 37 min / Bus to Setoda, 41 min

Innoshima: Car to Innoshima Minami, 50 min / Bus to Innoshima Shigei, 47 min / Bus to Innoshima Ōhashi, 50 min

Mukaishima: Car to Mukaishima, 55 min / Bus to Mukaishima, 55 min / Bus to Mukaishigashi, 57 min



Kirōsan Observatory Park

亀老山展望公園

From this observation platform on Mt. Kirō on Ōshima, you can see the Kurushima Kaikyō Bridge, the tidal currents of the Kurushima Straits, and Mt. Ishizuchi.



Tidal Current Cruise

来島海峡急流観潮船

The Kurushima Straits are one of Japan's three most rapid tidal currents. Here you can experience currents of up to ten knots (about 18 km/h) at spring tide.

☎: 0897-84-3710 Time: 9:00 to 16:00 Price: ¥1,500



Murakami Suigun Museum

村上水軍博物館

Discover the history of the Murakami Suigun, the naval forces that dominated the Seto Sea during the Warring States period. You can also dress up in armour and take a photo.

☎: 0897-74-1065 Price: ¥300 Open: 9:00 to 17:00 (last entry 16:30)



Shimanami Cycle Oasis

しまなみサイクルオアシス

These resting places are provided by local people to welcome cyclists. Feel free to use the toilets, pumps, water, information and so on. Each island has several oases.



Ōyamazumi Shrine

大山祇神社

The gods of the sea, mountains and war have been worshipped by warriors at this shrine from ancient times. The 2,600-year old giant camphor trees and shrine buildings, designated important national cultural properties, are magnificent.

2: 0897-82-0032



Tokoro Museum Ōmishima

ところミュージアム大三島

Thirty works by world renowned artists including Giacomo Manzù and Noe Katz.

☎: 0897-83-0380 Price: ¥300 Open: 9:00 to 17:00 (last entry 16:30) Closed: Mon (for public holidays, closed the following day)

Matsuyama to Imabari Cycling Course

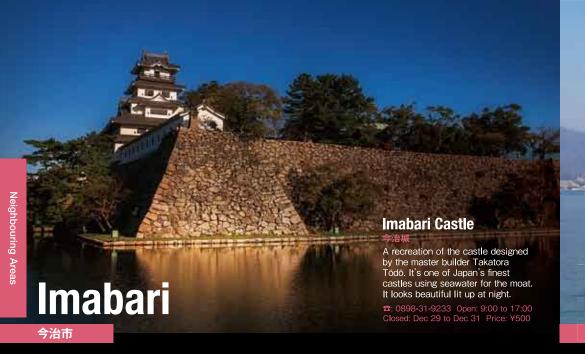
松山・今治サイクリングコース



A blue line marks the cycling route beside the sea between Matsuyama and Imabari. You can enjoy cycling without getting lost.



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Imabari is a seaside town known for its high-quality towels, its castle, and its well-hidden hot spring baths.

Access from Matsuvama 松山からのアクセス情報

By bus 1 hr 15 min from Matsuvama Shieki Station Stop No.5 to

By train 35 min from JR Matsuyama to Imabari Station



Towel Museum Ichihiro

タオル美術館ICHIHIRO

This art museum features artworks using towels. Here you can watch the towel manufacturing process, shop for towels, and eat in the restaurant.

By car 1 hr 10 min on Route 196

Imabari Station

2: 0898-56-1515 Open: 9:30 to 18:00 Price: ¥800



Nomauma Highland Horse Park

のまうまハイランド

This is the place to meet Japan's smallest native ponies, which are called Nomauma. Children aged 3 to 12 weighing up to 35 kg can enjoy horse rides.

☎: 0898-32-8155 Closed: Tue (for public holidays, closed the following day), New Year Open: 10:00 to 18:00



Nibukawa Onsen

Nibukawa Onsen beside the natural Nibukawa Gorge is famous for its beautifying hot spring water. There's something to enjoy in every season — cherry blossoms in spring, clear streams in summer, red leaves in autumn, and wild boar hotpot in winter.





Access from Matsuyama by boat and overland is convenient.



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

平和記念公園

The Peace Park includes the Atomic Bomb Dome, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, and various monuments, showing the history of Hiroshima and the devastation caused by the atomic bomb.

2: 082-241-4004 Closed: Dec 29 to Jan 1 Price: ¥200 Open: 8:30 to 18:00 (varies seasonally)



Yamato Museum

大和ミュージアム

The museum features a detailed 1/10th recreation of the Yamato, the world's biggest battleship built at Kure, a Zero fighter plane, a human torpedo and other large exhibits.

☎: 0823-25-3017 Price: ¥500 Closed: Tue (for public holidays, closed the following day. Open on all holidays) Open: 9:00 to 18:00 (last entry 17:30)



This verdant, sacred island

features Itsukushima Shrine, a

World Heritage Site with a 1,400-year history, an aquarium,

Onomichi

Look out over the beautiful town of Onomichi from Senkō-ii Park, or visit the museums of this centre of literature and film. Rich, porky Onomichi ramen is also a favourite. The highway bus from Matsuyama Shieki Station gets to Shin-Onomichi Station in 2 hr 20

Access from Matsuyama 松山からのアクセス情報

By car From Matsuyama IC, take the Shimanami Kaidō and get off at the San'yōdō Hiroshima Higashi IC. From Hiroshima Higashi IC to Hiroshima Station takes 20 min. Time required 2 hr 40 min (For Onomichi, get off at Nishiseto Onomichi IC)

By ferry Super Jet ferry: From Kankōkō Port to Kure 55 min, to Hiroshima

Car ferry: From Kankōkō Port to Kure 1 hr 55 min, to Hiroshima Port 2 hr 40 min



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The home of Tobe ceramics with a history going back over 200 years. There are currently more than 100 active potteries in Tobe, producing both traditional and innovative ceramics. There are many other interesting places to visit including Tobe Zoo, one of the biggest in West Japan, and the Sakamura-Shinmin Museum. In the former village of Hirota, edible wild plants and Japanese yams are grown.

Industry Promotion Division ☎: 089-962-7288



東温市

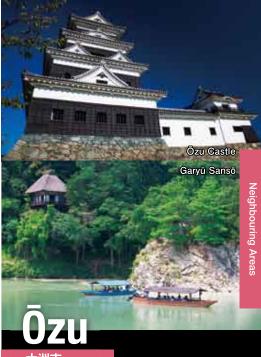
Nestled in the foothills of the Mt. Saragamine and Mt. Ishizuchi ranges, there's much natural beauty to enjoy, including cherry blossoms in spring, and the frozen Shirai Falls in winter. There are hot springs at Sakura no Yu, and entertainment at the Botchan Theatre.

Industrial Creation Division 2: 089-964-4414



Uchiko grew rich from manufacturing candles. You can enjoy wandering down streets of old buildings in the Yōkaichi and Gokoku districts with their gorgeous tradesmen's houses and the Uchiko-za theatre. You can also pick your own fruit such as grapes, peaches and pears. The gorge and Odamiyama and the terraced rice fields of Izumidani offer a taste of old Japanese scenery.

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大洲市

The old centre of Ōzu is enclosed by a sweeping bend of the Hijikawa River, dominated by the castle, restored using traditional methods, and the fascinating villa, Garyū Sansō. You can take a pleasure boat on the Hijikawa River and watch cormorant fishing. The river offers an abundance of fish such as sweetfish, eel and char.

Tourism and Development Division **a**: 0893-24-1717 kankomachidukurika@city.ozu.ehime.jp



Tobeyaki Craft Centre

砥部町陶芸創作館 (MAP) P23

Try your hand at making Tobe ceramics. There are courses using a potter's wheel, for handforming, and painting preformed items. Reservations are required for the potter's wheel and handforming courses.

☎: 089-962-6145 Open: 9:00 to 17:00 Closed: Thu (for public holidays, closed the following day) Price: From ¥500



Botchan Theatre

坊っちゃん劇場 (MAP) P23

The first repertory theatre in west Japan to feature regional culture, in the form of entertaining musicals. The theatre welcomes visitors from overseas.

2: 089-955-1174 Price: Same day ¥3,910 advance ¥3.600



Japanese Candles

和ろうそ(MAP) P23

Uchiko thrived from the Edo to Meiji period with the manufacture of candle wax and washi paper. At Omori Japanese Candle, candles are still made individually by hand as in the past.

Access from Matsuvama

松山からのアクセス

Tobe: By car 25 min on Route 33

By bus 45 min from Matsuyama Shieki Station

to Tobechō Yakuba Nishi

Tōon: By car 30 min on Route 11

By train 27 min from Matsuyama Shieki Station

to Minara

Uchiko: By car 45 min on Route 56 and Matsuyama

Expressway, get off at Uchiko Ikazaki IC

By train 25 min from JR Matsuyama to

Uchiko Station

Özu: By car 55 min on Route 56 and Matsuyama

Expressway, get off at Ōzu IC

35 min from JR Matsuyama to

Iyo Ōzu Station



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Matsuyama's rich farmland and fisheries provide the city with a wide array of fine foods. You're sure to take away happy memories of the many local specialties that you try.



Matsuyamazushi and Five-Coloured Noodles

松山鮓・五色そうめん

Matsuyamazushi is a treat made on festival days. Rice is flavoured with fish stock and vinegar, topped generously with Setouchi fish and eel, and vegetables in season. Five-coloured noodles have been produced continuously from the Edo period. With the yellow of egg, the green of tea, the brown of buckwheat, the red of plum and shiso, and plain white, the noodles are a pretty sight.

Sea Bream Rice

調めし

Sea bream, harvested from the Seto Inland Sea, is grilled to perfection then steamed on a bed of rice. The succulent fish meat is then stirred into the rice with root vegetables. The rich fish flavour infuses every grain of rice, producing an elegant and deeply satisfying dish. This cuisine symbolizes the heartfelt hospitality of Matsuyama.

Iyo Kasuri Fabric

伊予約

In the late Edo period, Kana Kagiya, a woman from Matsuyama, was inspired by a pattern appearing on old roofs and came up with the design of Iyo Kasuri. Iyo Kasuri is known as one of the three main types of dyed fabric patterns in Japan.

Hime Daruma Dolls

姫だる

A long time ago, the Empress Jingū is said to have stayed at Dōgo Onsen where she conceived a child. The Hime Daruma was made to commemorate the pretty child. The dolls are considered to bring good fortune.

Citrus Fruits and Desserts

柑橘・柑橘のデザート

Matsuyama produces so many citrus fruits that it's known as 'the mandarin kingdom'. There are several types that are unique to Matsuyama such as Miyauchi Iyokan, as well as types that were developed here recently like Beni Madonna and Setoka. You can also enjoy many other food products that use citrus, such as gelato, ice cream, jelly and juice. There are numerous juice stands around Matsuyama.



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Taruto and Botchan Dango

タルト・坊っちゃん団子

Taruto is a well-known confection of Matsuyama, combining yuzu-flavoured bean paste and sponge cake. Botchan dango is a three-coloured sweet which is served in Dōgo Onsen Honkan.

Bamboo Craft

竹工芸

These bamboo craft items are woven individually by craftsmen using Ehime's high quality bamboo. In 596, when Shōtoku Taishi came to bathe in Dōgo Onsen, he saw the abundant bamboo forests and taught the local people how to weave baskets. This is said to be the origin of the craft.



Local Sake and Dōgo Beer

松山の地酒・道後ビール

also makes craft beer.

The warm climate and rich soil of the Setouchi region, combined with traditional skill, results in fine sake. Matsuyama's sake made using pure water and high quality brewing rice is highly regarded in Japan and abroad. The sake brewery in Dōgo

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Useful Information 松山のお役立ち情報

What to wear

服装について

Matsuyama is a comparatively warm part of Japan, with an average annual temperature of 16.5°C. In summer (Jul to Sep), a T-shirt is enough, but in winter (Dec to Feb), you'll need a warm coat. In the other seasons, it's good to have a cardigan or jacket that you can easily take off. In the rainy season around June. it's convenient to carry some light rainwear.

Emergency contacts

If you're involved in a traffic accident or crime, or you lose some belongings, call the police.

Police: 110

If you need an ambulance or a fire breaks out, call

the rescue service. Rescue: 119

*Ehime police provide a free card with information for emergencies in English, Chinese, Korean, and Portuguese.

Foreign exchange

両替について

You can withdraw cash using a foreign credit card at Japan Post Bank (Yūcho) ATMs and Seven Bank ATMs located in Matsuvama Airport and 7-11 convenience stores (excludes some types of credit card). Foreign exchange services are available at Matsuyama Central Post Office and some branches of Ivo Bank and Ehime Bank.

Tax free shopping

免税について

Overseas visitors who are staying temporarily are eligible for tax-free purchasing of souvenirs, cosmetics and so on. Please show your passport to the shop staff. You can shop duty-free at central department stores, in Dogo Arcade and other locations. *For details of the purchasing conditions, see the JNTO website.

Ehime Free Wi-Fi

えひめ Free Wi-Fi

Ehime Free Wi-Fi is available at Matsuyama Castle, Dōgo Onsen Honkan and other tourist spots, in the central shopping districts and the airport. Look for the Ehime Free Wi-Fi network ID on your PC or smartphone. The service is free of charge.

Matsuyama Event Calendar 松山のイベントカレンダー

January	Matsuyama Castle New Year events (1, 2, 3)		
February	Tsubaki Festival (3 days. May also be held in Jan) Ehime Marathon		
March	Dōgo Onsen Festival (Late Mar)		
April	Matsuyama Spring Festival (Oshiro Festival) (First Fri, Sat, Sun)		
May	Hōjō Kashima Festival (3, 4)		
July	Kazahaya Umi Festival (Sat in late Jul)		
August	Mitsuhama Fireworks (First Sun) Matsuyama Festival (Fri, Sat, Sun including second Sun) Matsuyama "Castle of Light" (four days in mid Aug) Nakajima Triathlon (Sun in late Aug)		
September	Ōmikoshi Sōneri (Ehime Festivals Show)		
October	Gogoshima Funaodori dance (First Sat) Matsuyama Regional Festivals (5, 6, 7) Ittai Bashiri (7) Hōjō Autumn Festivals (Mid Oct) Wonderland Kōno Clan Festival (Late Oct)		
November	Ehime & Matsuyama Festival of Industry (Late Nov)		

Annual Events Matsuyama Spring Festival (Oshiro Festival) 松山春まつり(お城まつり) When the cherry blossoms bloom at Matsuyama Castle, the citizens gather in the city centre and parade dressed as lords, ladies, samurai and other historical personages. There are also many other events such as an all-Japan scissors-paper-stone tournament. parades, and tea ceremonies.

Dōgo Onsen Festival

This lively festival announces the start of spring in Dogo. There are many events including the Dōgo Onsen dance and throwing rice cakes. Not to be missed is the parade of women in festival attire carrying holy palanquins up the arcade to Dogo Onsen Honkan.

Matsuyama Festival

松山まつり

This festival began in 1966 as one of Shikoku's four biggest festivals. As the home of baseball in Japan. teams of dancers perform charming and acrobatic baseball-themed dances in a parade through the centre of the city.

Hōiō Kashima Festival

北条鹿島まつり

This is a traditional spring festival. Designated an intangible folk-cultural property of Ehime, young men perform dances on boats in celebration of the sea battles fought here in ancient times. The huge straw rope between the husband and wife rocks is also replaced once a year during the festival.

Mitsuhama Fireworks

松山港まつり三津浜花火大会

This is one of Shikoku's biggest firework festivals. In this display lasting 80 minutes, many fireworks are launched from piers and on the surface of the sea. Enjoy this fantastic display with food and drinks from the many stalls lining the streets of the port.



Regional Festivals

Various festivals are held in each part of Matsuyama to celebrate the fertility of the seasons. One of these is the awesome spectacle of "Hachiawase" in Dōgo, where battles between sacred palanquins take place after the bearers issue provocative calls to "Bring it on!"



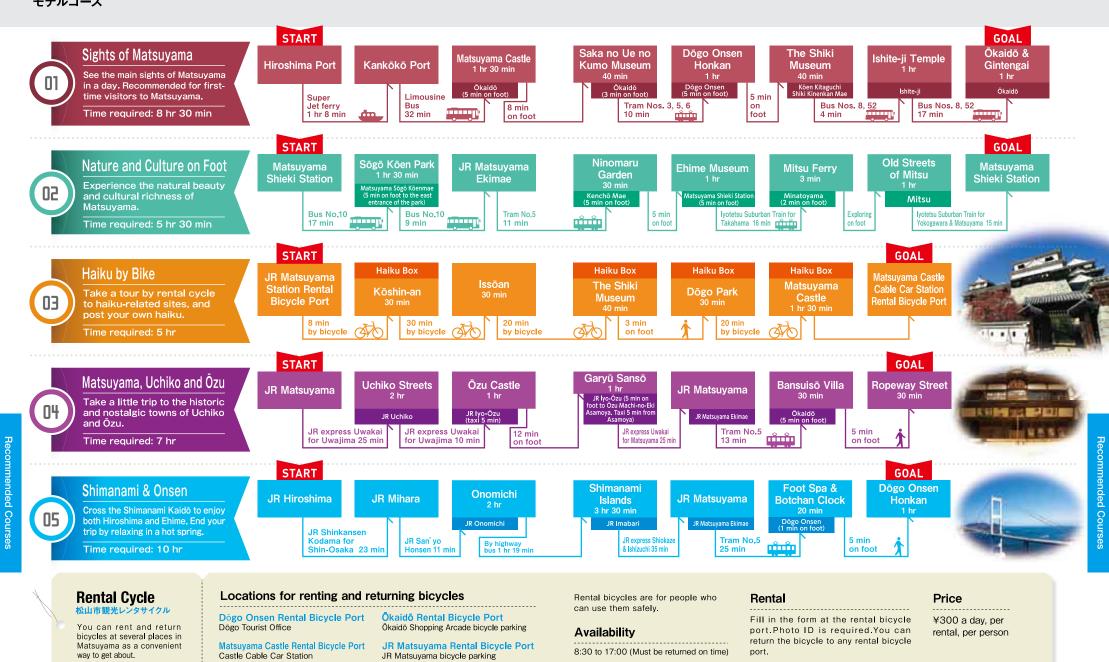
Ehime Marathon

愛媛マラソン

This takes place every February. This full marathon starts in front of the Ehime Prefectural Office and ends in Shiroyama Park. Lots of local people line the streets to cheer on the citizen runners giving their all. Runners from overseas are welcome.

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These Recommended Courses use the fastest available means of public transport.



Getting to Matsuyama

松山までのアクセス



Access information and times from other major cities to Matsuyama

From	Transportation	Time required
1. Fukuoka	← Fukuoka Airport to Matsuyama Airport	45 min
		7 hr 5 min
	Nishitetsu Tenjin Bus Centre to Matsuyama Shieki Bus Station(Iyotetsu bus and Iyotetsu Nanyo bus)	9 hr 45 min
2. Okayama -	JR Okayama Station to JR Matsuyama Station *You can get to Matsuyama by changing at Okayama Station from Japan's major cities.	2 hr 45 min
	Ckayama Station Nishiguchi to Matsuyama Shieki Bus Station (JR Shikoku bus, Iyotetsu bus, Ryōbi bus, Shimoden bus)	2 hr 50 to 55 min
3. Kõbe		7 hr by ferry 10 min by taxi 1 hr 10 min by train (JR)
	Kōbe Sannomiya Bus Station to Matsuyama Shieki Bus Station(Iyotetsu bus and Shinki bus)	4 hr
	Sannomiya Bus Terminal to JR Matsuyama Bus Station	4 hr 30 min
4. Ōsaka	★Kansai International Airport to Matsuyama Airport	1 hr
		50 min
	Ösaka Nankö Ferry Terminal to Töyo Harbour → CONNECTING BUS Töyo Harbour to Matsuyama Shieki Bus Station	8 hr by ferry 1 hr 20 min by connecting bus
	Ösaka Umeda Bus Station to Matsuyama Shieki Bus Station (Iyotetsu bus and Hankyū bus)	5 hr 5 to 25 min (Daytime) 7 hr 15 to 35 min (Nighttime)
	IR Ōsaka Station Expressway Bus Terminal to JR Matsuyama Bus Station (JR Shikoku bus)	5 hr 30 min (Daytime) 7 hr 10 min (Nighttime)
5. Kyōto	JR Kyōto Bus Station (Hachijōguchi) to Matsuyama Shieki Bus Station (Iyotetsu bus and Keihan bus)	5 hr 30 min (Daytime)
	ৢ JR Kyōto Station (Karasumaguchi) to JR Matsuyama Bus Station(JR Shikoku bus)	8 hr 30 min (Nighttime)
6. Nagoya	← Chūbu Centrair International Airport to Matsuyama Airport	1 hr 5 min
	meitetsu Bus Centre to Matsuyama Shieki Bus Station(Iyotetsu bus and Meitetsu bus)	8 hr
	Ragoya Bus Station to JR Matsuyama Bus Station(JR Shikoku bus)	10 hr 20 min

International Routes to Matsuyama 国際線から松山へのアクセス情報

There are direct flights to Matsuyama Airport from Seoul (Asiana Airlines) and Shanghai (China Eastern Airlines). From Seoul 3 flights a week on Sun, Tue, Fri 1 hr 40 min / From Shanghai 2 flights a week on Mon, Fri 1 hr 40 min

Access from Hiroshima and Ehime Prefectures

広島県・愛媛県内からのアクセス



