



# OWARI AREA

Area including Nagoya and the westernmost stretch of Aichi land. It's a region for ease of transportation, with plenty of famous spots, starting with Nagoya Castle and important historical sites such as Inuyama Castle.

### 1 National Treasure Inuyama Castle H 1

See the stunning sight of the land with Kiso-gawa River as backdrop, from Japan's OLDEST extant castle, an enduring proof of architectural mastery.

- 65-2 Kitakawa, Inuyama-City
- 9:00 to 17:00 (last admission 16:30)
- From Dec. 29 to 31
- Adults ¥500, Elementary and Junior High School students ¥110
- 0568-61-1711
- 5min walk from Inuyama Sta. (Meitetsu Inuyama Line)

Scan the code and check the web for more!

### 2 Aichi Museum of Flight H 2

Many real aircraft on display, starting with the YS-11 Japan's first passenger plane. Try becoming a pilot or mechanic, or join a hands-on program at the Science Lab.

- Toyotsu, Toyotsu-cho
- 0566-39-0283
- 10:00 to 17:00 (last admission 16:30)
- Weekends and holidays 9:00 to 17:00
- Mon. opens in case of holiday and closes the next day instead, year-end and New Year
- Special days for maintenance and etc. Please see official web site for details. <https://aichi-mof.jp/>
- Transfer to Toyu Kyuryu Line "Limino" at Fuji-gawa Sta. (Chubu Main Line), and get off at A-Chikuzakura Kinen Koen Sta.

### 3 The Museum Meiji Mura H 1

An outdoor museum which brings to life, preserves, and displays buildings mainly from the Meiji period. More than 60 historic buildings, including 11 important cultural properties, stand around the premises.

- 1 Uchiyama, Inuyama-City
- 9:00 to 16:30
- Mon. opens in case of holiday and closes the next day instead, Dec. 29 to 31
- Adults ¥1,200, University and Senior High School students ¥600, Junior High and Elementary School students ¥300
- Buses available from Nagoya Sta., Nishikawano Sta. (JR Chubu Main Line), and Nishiharu Sta. (Meitetsu Inuyama Line)

### 4 Toyota Automobile Museum I 3

See the history of vehicles from the birth of gasoline automobiles to today's cars with 150 famous cars from Japan, the US, and Europe. The Automobile Culture Showroom displays an array of some 4,000 car-related exhibits.

- 41-100 Yakomachi, Nagakute-City
- 9:30 to 17:00 (last admission 16:30)
- Mon. opens in case of holiday and closes the next day instead, year-end and New Year
- Adults ¥1,200, Ages 65 and older ¥700, Senior and Junior High School students ¥500, Elementary School students ¥400
- 0561-63-5151
- 5min walk from Exit 1 of Gaido-dori Sta. (Toyu Kyuryu Line "Limino")

### 5 Ama City Shippo Art Village H 3

Almost two centuries of "Shippo-yaki" porcelain history gathered in a museum where you can see the work of skilled artisans and utterly important pieces of art.

- 2000 Jusanwan Toshima, Shippo-cho, Ama-City
- 9:00 to 17:00
- Mon. and day after a holiday, Dec. 29 to Jan. 3
- Adults ¥510, Junior High and Elementary School students ¥100
- 0562-445-7588
- 5min walk from Aichi Taido Line from Shippo Sta. (Meitetsu Seto Line)

### 6 Mizkan Museum (MIM) H 5

Themed on "jozo", the culture of brewed food, you'll learn the history and culture of vinegar and other Aichi staple foods and how it shaped the area's history through time.

- 2-6 Nakamura-cho, Handa-City
- 9:00 to 17:00 (online reservation required)
- Thu., Open holidays, year-end and New Year
- Full Course: Adults ¥900, Senior and Junior High School students ¥500, Elementary School students ¥200, Children ¥100
- 0569-34-8888 (Tokoname Tourist Information Center)
- 0569-24-5111
- 5min walk from Handa Sta. (JR Tokaido Line)

### 7 Minamichita Flower Park "Kanko Nuan Rinsobu" H 7

Walk to the middle of a massive field of ever blooming flowers and be amazed by the wonderful sight of them completely filling your view!

- 46 Sakamachi, Toyooka, Minamichita-cho
- 9:00 to 17:00 (last admission 16:30)
- Year-end and New Year and other days for maintenance
- Adults ¥600 (Junior High School students and older), Elementary School students ¥400
- 0569-65-2432
- 5min walk from Sunoyoshi-cho Sta. (Meitetsu Kowa Line)
- Note: Management charge for Apr. 2025. Information fee will be ¥100 with possible charge to return from Apr. 2025.

### 8 Handa Red Brick Building H 5

Once a beer brewery, this German-style building is an important cultural asset where a locally brewed beer is still served and various events held year-round.

- 1320 Oiwake-cho, Tokoname-City
- 10:00 to 17:00 (last admission 16:30)
- Wed. opens in case of holiday, year-end and New Year
- Adults ¥780, Senior High School and University students ¥500, Junior High School students ¥300, Elementary School students ¥200
- 0569-34-8282
- 5min walk from Handa Station Central Exit (JR Tokaido Line)

### 9 Maneki-Neko Museum J 2

In the famous pottery city of Seto, see Japan's largest becomings cat museum, displaying statues collected from throughout Japan.

- 2 Nakahime-machi, Seto-City
- 10:00 to 17:00 (last admission 16:30)
- Thu. (opens in case of holiday), year-end and New Year
- Adults ¥300, University and Senior High School students ¥200, Junior High School students ¥100, Elementary School students ¥50
- 0561-21-0345
- 5min walk from Oiwake Seto Sta. (Meitetsu Seto Line)



## Aichi, Homeland of the Samurai

### Birthplace of the Three Heroes

Hattori Hanzo and The Ninjas <http://www.ninja-japan.com/en/>

Naogoya Omotenashi Busho-Tai [https://busho-tai.jp/profile\\_english/](https://busho-tai.jp/profile_english/)

# WEST MIKAWA AREA

Birthplace of Hero Tokugawa Ieyasu, this is a romantic place where samurai dwelled and great historical events took place. Ieyasu's home to the famous soy paste Hatoh Miso and the nostalgic town of its origin!

### 1 Obara Shikizakura Four-Season Cherry Blossoms J 3

The Obara area of Toyota City is home to some 10,000 cherry trees which bloom in both spring and autumn, offering a surreal sight of both cherry blossoms and fall colors all around!

- Cherry blossoms (spring): Mid-Mar. to early Apr. Cherry blossoms and fall leaves (autumn): Late Oct. to early Dec. Peak period from mid-Nov. Dec. in past years
- 0565-65-3808
- From Toyota-shi Sta. (Meitetsu Toyota Line)
- From Toyota-shi Sta. (Meitetsu Toyokawa Line)
- (Owari-Toyota Line from Kamigiri) and get off at "Obara Oka" (approx. 10 min ride)

### 2 Okazaki Castle J 5

Deemed as birthplace of hero Tokugawa Ieyasu, it saw much conflict but now is a museum and home to fair cherry trees.

- 651-1 Koshi-cho, Okazaki-City
- 9:00 to 17:00 (last admission 16:30)
- Dec. 29 to 31
- Adults ¥200 (Junior High School students and older), Children ages 5 and older ¥150
- 0564-22-2122
- 5min walk or train ride from Higashi-Okazaki Sta. (Meitetsu Nagoya Line)

### 3 Matcha Museum Saijken Wakuwaku I 5

Special experience programs offer a green tea factory can offer! Try tea tasting, learn about tea leaf evaluation and shop for delicious tea-related souvenirs.

- 15 Yakomachi-yashi, Kamimachi, Nishio-City
- From 10:00, 13:00, 15:00
- Under reservation only (via web or phone)
- Some unscheduled days (check the official website for details)
- ¥1,500 (ages 3 and older)
- 0563-77-6572 (Tel. Reservations)
- 5min walk from Nishio Station (Meitetsu Nishio Line)

### 4 Kariya Highway Oasis I 4

Visit this unique highway rest stop featuring a landmark Ferris wheel. Other attractions include food court, amusement park, farmers' market, and natural hot spring. Also possible on non-toll roads.

- 15 Yakomachi-yashi, Kamimachi, Nishio-City
- From 10:00, 13:00, 15:00
- Under reservation only (via web or phone)
- Some unscheduled days (check the official website for details)
- ¥1,500 (ages 3 and older)
- 0563-77-6572 (Tel. Reservations)
- 5min walk from Nishio Station (Meitetsu Nishio Line)

# EAST MIKAWA AREA

Warm climate and the unique culture of Aichi Peninsula and its people both reinforce the great power of nature, permeating this blessed area. Perfect for enjoying outdoor settings and delicious food!

### 1 LAGUNA TEN BOSCH K 6

This sea-themed park is a must for your Aichi visit, with a huge mall, family attractions, and six pool areas that open in the summer.

- 20-185 Goshodaira, Sakabou, Toyooka-mura
- Some unscheduled days off
- Fees vary depending on the activity
- 0538-67-2945
- Access: The Showa from Toyookawa I.C. of the Tomei Expressway by car

### 2 Mt. Chausyayama M 3

Enjoy Aichi's highest peak and its nature all year-round. Of particular beauty are the fields of creeping phlox. Nearly 40,000 plants of seven varieties paint a stunning picture among a view of the Southern Alps and clear, running rivers.

- 70-185 Goshodaira, Sakabou, Toyooka-mura
- Some unscheduled days off
- Fees vary depending on the activity
- 0538-67-2945
- Access: The Showa from Toyookawa I.C. of the Tomei Expressway by car

### 3 Gamagori Orange Park J 6

Enjoy seasonal fruit such as orange and strawberry picking any time of year. Grape and melon seasons are also popular.

- 80 Ogami, Saida-cho, Gamagori-City
- 0533-65-2020
- Weekends and holidays 9:00 to 16:00
- Open every day
- Admission free of charge (consumption charged separately)
- 0533-68-2221 (9:00 to 13:00)
- 10min by taxi from Gamagori Station (JR Tokaido Line)

### 4 Toyohashi Zoo & Botanical Park "Non-Hoi Park" L 7

A rare facility even in Japan: amusement, botanical and zoo park, plus museum! Watch the polar bear's powerful dive up close for enhanced entertainment.

- 230 Toyohashi, Shirohito-City
- 0533-25-2020
- 9:00 to 16:30 (last admission 16:00)
- Mon. opens in case of holiday or substitute holiday, and closes the next weekday instead, Dec. 29 to Jan. 1
- Adults ¥600, Junior High and Elementary School students ¥100
- 0532-41-2185
- 5min walk from South Exit of Fudogawa Sta. (JR Tokaido Line)

## FESTIVALS in AICHI

Enjoy the traditional culture of Aichi by witnessing the people fervently carrying on these traditions, a passion recognized by the inclusion, in 2016, of five festival activities in the "Yama, Hoko, and Yatai" festivals' registration at the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage.

### SPRING

- 1 Honen Festival of Tagata Shrine H 2**  
A giant phallus-shaped portable shrine is paraded in this festival praying for fertility, conception, and safe childbirth. Famous around the world.
- 2 Toyohama Sea Bream "Tai" Festival H 7**  
Giant sea bream shrines are paraded around town, then they enter the ocean. Impressive festival by men of the sea.
- 3 Kariya Mando Festival I 4**  
Large paper lanterns are carried by one person. The lanterns dance around amidst taiko drumming and festival music.
- 4 Mikawa Isshiki Lantern Festival I 6**  
A festival with a history dating back 450 years. Six pairs of giant paper lanterns glow to decorate the summer night sky.

### SUMMER

- 1 Floats of Inuyama Festival H 1**  
Held since the Edo Period, this festival features karakuri mechanical puppets dancing on the floats. The highlights are the "Donden" float turning and the evening parade of floats festooned with paper lanterns.
- 2 Floats of Kamezaki Shiohi Festival I 5**  
Five floats with gorgeous tapestries and fine sculptures are pulled into the ocean at low tide. The floats are a must-see spectacle.
- 3 Danjiribune Boats of Owari-Tsushima Tanno Festival G 5**  
One of Japan's Big Three river festivals. The festival river is beautiful. The festival boats cruising down Tanno River was also favored by Lord Oda Nobunaga.
- 4 Danjiribune Boat and Miyoshi-Nagashi of Sunari Festival G 3**  
This festival originates from the Tenno religion and features the elegant boat floats on the river and the sacred red floating.

### AUTUMN

- 1 Hand-Handed Cannon Fireworks "Tezutsu Hanabishi" K 6**  
The famous fireworks of Higashi-Mikawa, an impressive display of courage and fire that obeys sacred rituals.
- 2 Miya Festival K 6**  
Four gorgeous floats are paraded around town, then they are carried into the ocean.
- 3 Konomiya Naked Festival "Hadaka Matsuri" H 2**  
In the cold of winter, thousands of men in loincloths fiercely battle to touch the Sacred Man and dispel bad luck.

### WINTER

- 1 Hana Festivals M 4**  
Okumikawa Region's sacred performing art with a history of over 700 years. Tomadoki dressed as ogre dances all night.
- 2 Konomiya Naked Festival "Hadaka Matsuri" H 2**  
In the cold of winter, thousands of men in loincloths fiercely battle to touch the Sacred Man and dispel bad luck.