



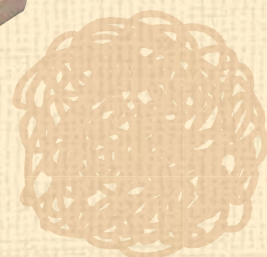
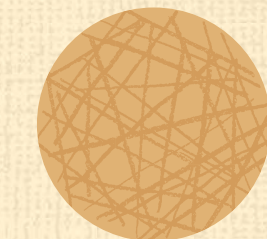
Discover Japan's oldest public road and enjoy its history, cuisine, experiences, and more...

Takenouchi Kaido/ Yokooji

♥♥ Guide to Attractions 



Discover
a thrilling
history!



Delectable
sweets!



● What are the Takenouchi Kaido / Yokooji?

● Learn about Japan Heritage.

● Recommended sightseeing routes for cyclists that are sure to please.

● Admire nature's beauty throughout the year.

● Enjoy local delicacies and popular sweets.

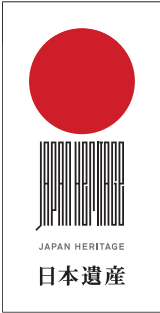


For 1400 years, the Takenouchi Kaido / Yokooji have continued to thrive even as their roles have changed over time.

What is “Japan Heritage”?

“Japan Heritage” refers to cultural assets certified by the Agency for Cultural Affairs that represent the country’s cultural inheritance. Through their historical charm and local characteristics, these assets tell stories about the culture and traditions of Japan. The various regions are focused on comprehensively developing and using these various tangible and intangible cultural assets—indispensable to the telling of our stories—to promote them advantageously throughout Japan and around the world. In so doing, Japan’s regions are being revitalized.

The Takenouchi Kaido / Yokooji were certified as the 44th asset of Japan Heritage in 2017, as “Takenouchi Kaido / Yokooji—the oldest public roads in Japan—reflecting the long history of more than 1,400 years.”



Tachibana-dera Temple, birthplace of Prince Shotoku



Imai-cho, once an autonomous city, developed as the largest commercial center in central and southern Yamato (present-day central Nara Prefecture).



Ono no Imoko mausoleum, tomb of Japan's first official envoy to the Sui Dynasty of China

What is Takenouchi Kaido / Yokooji?

A paragraph appearing in the “Chronicles of Japan” written in November 613 describes the Takenouchi Kaido as “a highway leading to the capital from Naniwa.” Thus the highway—linking Naniwazu (the port serving as the gateway of continental diplomacy) and the capital Yamato Asuka—was built more than 1400 years ago.

The Official Story (Outline)

On the days of the spring and autumn equinoxes, the sun rises from Mt. Miwa, passes above Mt. Nijo, and sets in Osaka Bay. For this reason, the straight road from Nara in the east to Osaka in the west is known as the ‘Road of the Sun’. The ‘Road of the Sun’, which is over 20 meters wide, was built by Empress Suiko in 613 AD. In ancient times, missionaries from China arrived in Asuka City through Naniwa (present-day Osaka) along this road and introduced technology and Buddhist culture. During the Middle Ages, the road connected many important trading towns, and in modern times it has flourished as a way station for people traveling on pilgrimages to the Grand Shrine of Ise in Mie Prefecture. The Takenouchi Kaido / Yokooji historic road offers travellers, depending on the location, a fascinating variety of scenes and experiences. Visitors to the heritage sites along this road will be able to encounter and appreciate the historical changes in the area over the past fourteen centuries.

Visit the website of Takenouchi Kaido / Yokooji

The website displays a wide range of event information, project details, sightseeing spots, and other attractions. You can also download the entire map as a PDF file to use together with the “Guide to Attractions.”



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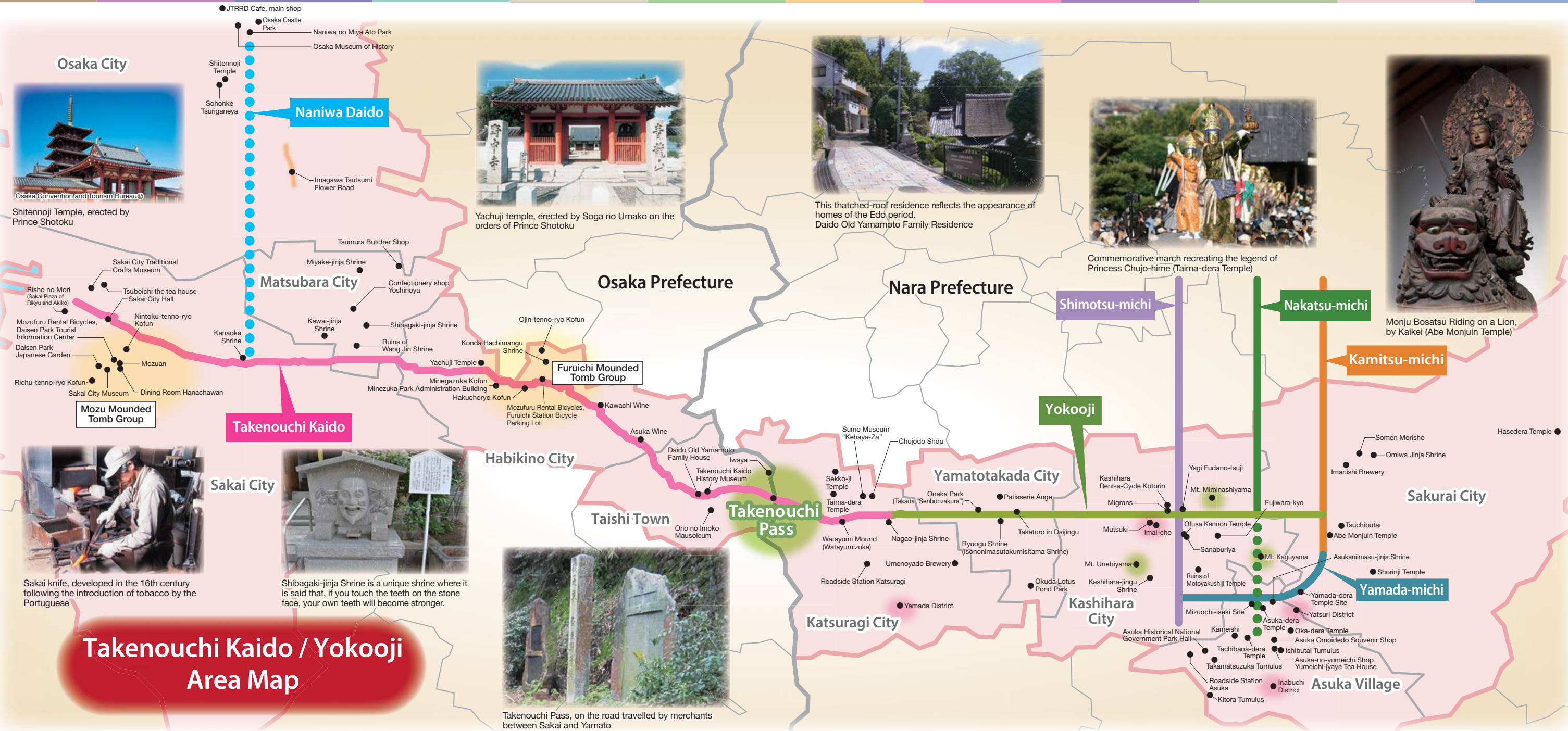


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Takenouchi Kaido / Yokooji

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http://www.saikonokandou.com/



Cycle Through History

Yamato Sanzan

Mt. Miminashiyama Mt. Unebiyama Mt. Kaguyama

Mt. Miminashiyama

Peaking at 139.6 m, this is the northernmost of Yamato Sanzan. Some believe it is actually a tumulus constructed in ancient times, formed as a dome-shaped mound on a square base. Mt. Miminashiyama Park, toward the south, is well maintained.

Mt. Unebiyama

Rising 198.8 m, this is the highest of Yamato Sanzan. Mt. Unebiyama, signifying "rolling fire," was so named because of its many winding ridges.

Mt. Kaguyama

Described as Amano Kaguyama in *Manyōshū* (the oldest anthology of tanka poetry), this mountain rises to a height of 152.4 m. The most sacred of Yamato Sanzan, it is said to feature a power spot at the Shrine of the Three Pillars.



Kashihara City Hall Annex (10F, Migrants)

Take the central elevator at Kashihara City Hall to access the free observation deck.
■ 1-1-60 Naizen-cho, Kashihara, Nara
Open: 9:00-21:30
Closed: Open year-round



Fujiwara-kyo

Fujiwara Kyo was the site of the central facilities of the country such as Daigokuden (main administrative building) and Chodoin (government office). For 16 years it was the first emulsion of the Tang capital until the transfer of the capital to Heian.
■ Daigo-cho, Kashihara, Nara



Kashihara-jingu Shrine

In 1890, Kanpei-taisha (a large-scale state shrine) was built by Emperor Meiji to enshrine the Emperor Jimmu, considered Japan's first emperor, and his empress.
■ 934 Kume-cho, Kashihara, Nara

Yamato Sanzan and Fujiwara Kyo Tour

Distance: 10.8 km Time required: about 1 hour

Yamato-Yagi Station ▼ 0.3 km	Ruins of Motoyakushiji Temple ▼ 1.7 km
Kashihara City Hall Annex (10F, Migrants) ▼ 1.5 km	Kashihara-jingu Shrine ▼ 0.9 km
Mt. Miminashiyama ▼ 1.5 km	The Museum, Archaeological Institute of Kashihara ▼ 0.6 km
Fujiwara-kyo ▼ 1.6 km	Emperor Jimmu Mausoleum Tumulus ▼ 1.6 km
	Imai-cho ▼ 1.1 km
	Yamato-Yagi Station

Get cycling information here.

Rental Bicycles

Kashihara Rent-a-Cycle Kotorin

■ Kashihara City Tourism Exchange Center, Kashihara Navi Plaza 1st Fl., 1-6-8 Naizen-cho, Kashihara, Nara
Open: 9:00-18:00 Closed: Open year-round
TEL 0744-47-2270

Tour the Ancient Burial Mounds

Sakai, Osaka

Moza Mounded Tomb Group

Sakai City Museum



Enjoy the impressive computer-generated images of the Moza and Furuichi Mounded Tomb Groups on the theater's giant 200-inch screen.

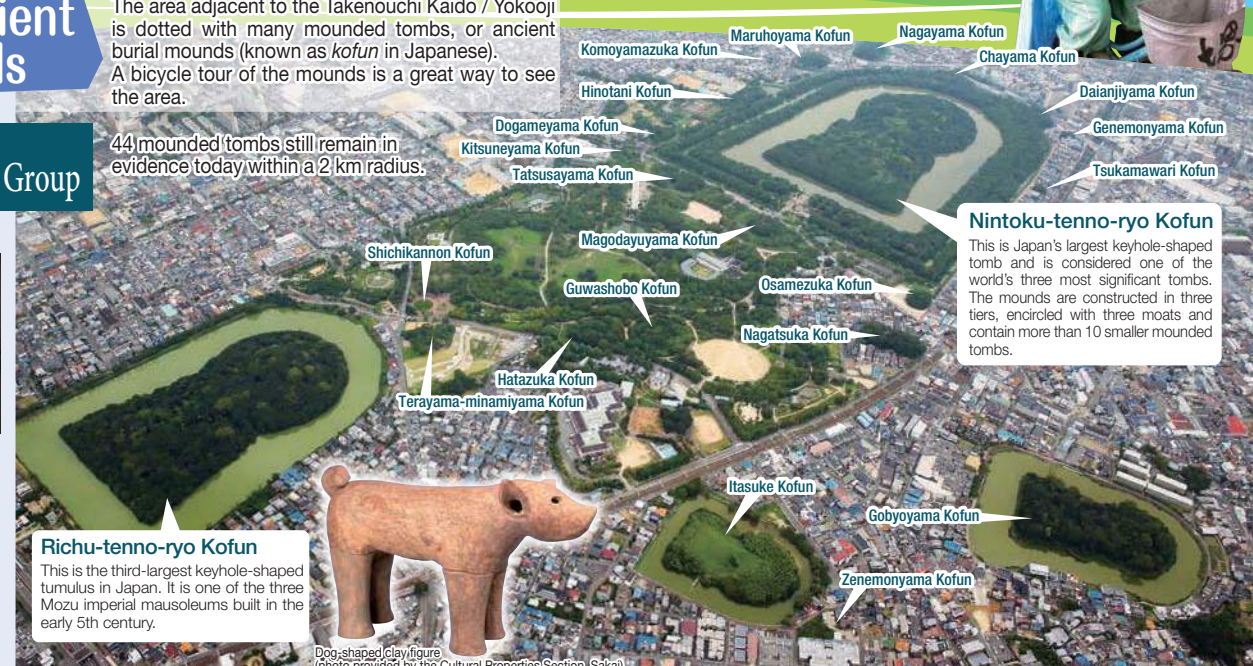
■ Daisen Park, 2 Mozusekiun-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka
Open: 9:30-17:15

¥ Adults: 200 yen; high school & university students: 100 yen; elementary & middle school students: 50 yen

Closed: Mondays (open on national holidays) and New Year's holiday

The area adjacent to the Takenouchi Kaido / Yokooji is dotted with many mounded tombs, or ancient burial mounds (known as *kofun* in Japanese). A bicycle tour of the mounds is a great way to see the area.

44 mounded tombs still remain in evidence today within a 2 km radius.



Richu-tenno-ryo Kofun

This is the third-largest keyhole-shaped tumulus in Japan. It is one of the three Moza imperial mausoleums built in the early 5th century.



Dog-shaped clay figure (photo provided by the Cultural Properties Section, Sakai)

Moza Mounded Tomb Group Tour

Distance: 16.3 km Time required: about 1 hr 20 min

Daisen Park Tourist Information Center ▼ 1.8 km	Observation Lobby, 21st floor of Sakai City Hall ▼ 1.1 km	Richu-tenno-ryo Kofun ▼ 1.0 km	Nisanzai Kofun ▼ 1.8 km
Nagayama Kofun ▼ 1.5 km	Maruho-yama Kofun ▼ 1.1 km	Itasuke Kofun ▼ 0.7 km	Jonoyama Kofun ▼ 0.5 km
Hochigai Shrine ▼ 0.5 km	Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun ▼ 0.2 km	Gobyoyama Kofun ▼ 0.9 km	Gobyoomotezuka Kofun ▼ 1.7 km
Hanzei-tenno-ryo Kofun ▼ 0.5 km	Sakai City Museum (Moza Kofun-gun Theater) ▼ 2.0 km	Moza-hachimangu Shrine ▼ 1.0 km	Daisen Park Tourist Information Center

Get cycling information here.

Rental Bicycles

Mozufuru Rental Bicycles

* You can rent and return your bike at either bicycle rental location.

(Daisen Park Tourist Information Center)

■ 2-160 Mozusekiun-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka
Open: 9:00-16:30
Closed: Year-end and New Year's holiday
TEL 072-245-6207

(Furuichi Station Bicycle Parking Lot)

■ 1-1-15 Furuichi, Habikino, Osaka
Open: 9:00-18:00 (Availability for day of rental: 09:00-16:00)
Closed: Year-end and New Year's holiday
TEL 072-958-0303



Observation Lobby, 21st floor of Sakai City Hall

The top floor of the city hall includes a corridor lobby with a 360-degree panoramic view and tea corner. Admission is free.
■ 3-1 Minamikawara-machi, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka
Open: 9:00-21:00
Closed: Year-end and New Year's holiday

The Takenouchi Kaido offers a treasure trove of kofun mounded tombs!

Habikino, Osaka (Fujiidera) Furuichi Mounded Tomb Group

A total of 45 mounded tombs can be seen within a 2-km radius located along east-west and north-south axes. Many iron weapons and impressive tomb artifacts have been found in this area.

Ojin-tenno-ryo Kofun

This enormous mounded tomb is the second largest in Japan after the Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun. Its volume is the largest of all mounded tombs in Japan. The hills and slopes of the mound are adorned with *fukishi* (stones used to cover a mounded tomb) and it contains more than 20,000 cylindrical *haniwa* (clay figures) arranged in rows.
■ 6 Konda, Habikino, Osaka



Minegazuka Kofun, Minezuka Park Administration Building

Of all the large keyhole-shaped tomb mounds in the Furuichi Mounded Tomb Group, only this mounded tomb has had its interior excavated for ongoing research. You can learn more about Furuichi Mounded Tomb Group in the adjacent Minezuka Park Administration Building.
■ 2 Karasato, Habikino, Osaka
Open: 10:00-17:15
Closed: Thursdays and year-end and New Year's holiday

Asuka Pilgrimage

A rental bicycle is the best way to explore the kofuns (tumuli, or ancient burial mounds), ruins, and stone artifacts of Asuka Village.



Ishibutai Tumulus

This seventh-century kofun, or tumulus, was formed by stacking about 30 megalithic stones to form a stone chamber. The fill has been lost and the exposed upper surface is flat, so it referred to as a "stone stage." One theory holds that this is the burial mound of Soga no Umako.
■ 254 Shimasho, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara

Tachibana-dera Temple

This is one of the seven great temples erected by Prince Shotoku. His seated statue is enshrined as a principal image of the main hall, which is called Taishiden (a temple dedicated to the Imperial Prince Shotoku).
■ 532 Tachibana, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara



Oka-dera Temple

Officially named Ryugai-ji, this temple is widely known as the first sacred place in Japan that wards off evil. Its principal image is one of the three large Buddhas forming Japan's largest clay statue, Nyoirin Kanzeon Bosatsu, which stands 4.6 m tall.
■ 806 Oka, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara



Kameishi (Tortoise Stone)

Legend holds that a snake and catfish battled over the lake that once filled the entire Nara basin. The snake prevailed, later drawing up all the water from the lake. After all the lake turtles had died from lack of water, villagers are said to have taken pity on the creatures and created this turtle stone, or *kameishi*, for the repose of their spirits.
■ 108 Kawahara, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara

Kitora Tumulus

This two-level burial mound has attracted interest for its stone chamber containing a continental-style colored tomb mural. It depicts an astronomical chart; the twelve signs of the Chinese zodiac; and the four gods Genbu, Seiryu, Byakko, and Suzaku.
■ 67 Abeyama, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara



Asuka Circle Tour

Distance: 14.1 km Time required: about 1 hr 20 min

Asuka Station ▼ 0.6 km	Oka-dera Temple ▼ 0.9 km
Saruishi (Monkey Stones) ▼ 1.5 km	Ishibutai Tumulus ▼ 1.1 km
Kameishi (Tortoise Stone) ▼ 2.0 km	Tachibana-dera Temple ▼ 3.3 km
Asuka-dera Temple ▼ 0.5 km	Kitora Tumulus ▼ 1.6 km
Man-yobunkakan (Nara Prefecture Complex of Man-yo Culture) ▼ 1.3 km	Takamatsuzuka Tumulus ▼ 1.3 km
	Asuka Station

Get cycling information here.

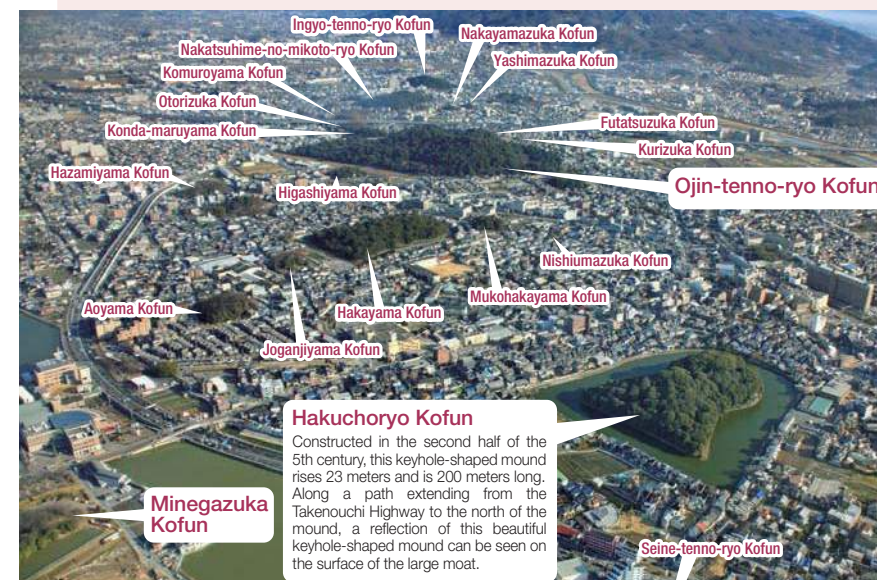
Rental Bicycles

Please visit the tourist portal on the web, "Exploring Asuka."
https://asukamura.com/?page_id=72

Takamatsuzuka Tumulus



This two-level round burial mound from the Fujiwara Kyo period marks the final stage of the Kofun period. It suddenly came into the spotlight when a richly colored mural painting of a group of women was discovered in 1972.
■ 439 Hirata, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara



Minegazuka Kofun

Constructed in the second half of the 5th century, this keyhole-shaped mound rises 23 meters and is 200 meters long. Along a path extending from the Takenouchi Highway to the north of the mound, a reflection of this beautiful keyhole-shaped mound can be seen on the surface of the large moat.

Hakuchoryo Kofun

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Seine-tenno-ryo Kofun

Spring



Cherry Blossoms Takada "Senbonzakura" (Yamatotakada)
In bloom from late March to early April. Onaka Park features 2.5 km of cherry trees that extend along both sides of the river to the north and south.
■ Onaka, Yamatotakada, Nara



Rhododendrons Oka-dera Temple (Asuka)
In bloom from mid-April to early May. About 3,000 strains of rhododendron reach full bloom in the precincts. The blooms on both slopes of the approach to the Oku-no-in (inner sanctuary) are especially beautiful.
■ 806 Oka, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara



Chinese Peonies Sekko-ji Temple (Katsuragi)
In bloom from early to late May. About 500 plants of 100 varieties bloom in the precincts, including the American peony, which does not topple over like most peonies.
■ 387 Someno, Katsuragi, Nara



Tree Peonies Hasedera Temple (Sakurai)
In bloom from late April to early May. The peonies of Hase-dera Temple, known as "The Temple of Flowers," bloom throughout the four seasons depending on the variety. They colorfully embellish the entire shrine precincts.
■ 731-1 Hase, Sakurai, Nara



Roses Ofusa Kannon Temple (Kashihara)
In bloom from mid-May to mid-June. Enjoy this garden's about 3,800 roses of numerous varieties. In recent years, pleasing fragrances have emerged, with a particular focus on elegant English roses with many petals.
■ 6-22 Osa-cho, Kashihara, Nara



Cherry Blossoms Osaka Castle Park (Osaka City)
In bloom from late March to early April. About 3,000 cherry trees bloom in this park. About 300 of them are located around Someiyoshino in the Nishinomaru Garden. The cherry blossoms are illuminated at night.
■ 1 Osaka-jo, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Japanese Iris Daisen Park Japanese Garden (Sakai)
In bloom from late May to early June. In early summer, the shoreline of the circuit style garden — which is constructed with traditional techniques — is embellished with alpinia root and iris.
■ Daisen-nakamachi, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka
Closed: Mondays (open if a national holiday, and closed next day) and New Year's holiday



Hydrangea Ono no Imoko Mausoleum (Taishi)
In bloom from mid-June to mid-July. These flowers bloom serenely on both sides of the stairs toward the Ono no Imoko mausoleum adjacent to Shinaga Shrine.
■ Yamada, Taishi-cho, Minamikawachi-gun, Osaka (near Shinaga Shrine)



Lotus Okuda Lotus Pond Park (Yamatotakada)
In bloom from late June to early August. The Lotus Picking Rite, designated an intangible folk cultural property of Nara Prefecture, is held on the day of Tanabata in early July. These lotus blossoms are offered up at the summit of Mount Omine by mountain ascetics.
■ 469-1 Okuda, Yamatotakada, Nara

Sunflowers Yamada District (Katsuragi)
In bloom from mid-July to early August. The sunflowers blooming in the fields south of Yashikiyama Park present an exceptional sight.
■ Yamada, Katsuragi, Nara



Water Hyacinth Ruins of Motoyakushiji Temple (Kashihara)
In bloom from late August to late September. During the peak period, about 400,000 pale purple flowers can be seen spread across the paddy fields.
■ 279 Kidono-cho, Kashihara, Nara

Nature's Beauty Four Seasons Tour Highlights

The Takenouchi Kaido / to a wide variety of temples These sites are yours to enjoy throughout the year!

Yokooji will take you and flower-viewing sites.

Cherry blossoms, Higashibojo (Kashihara)

Common cosmos, Fujiwara Palace (Kashihara)

Fall



Cluster Amaryllis Inabuchi District (Asuka)
In bloom from mid to late September. The cluster amaryllis bloom in the rice terraces of Inabuchi, which have been included among the top one hundred most beautiful rice paddies of Japan. These blossoms complement the nostalgic countryside.
■ Inabuchi, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara



Common Cosmos Ruins of Fujiwara Palace (Kashihara)
In bloom from early to late October. Several kinds of cosmos, resembling a beautiful carpet, bloom on the site of the historic capital.
■ Daigo-cho, Kashihara, Nara

Ginkgo Trees Kawai-jinja Shrine (Matsubara)
In peak color from mid to late November. This small shrine is well loved by the local community. The colors of the ginkgo herald the arrival of the seasons.
■ 3 Kawai, Matsubara, Osaka



Autumn Leaves Taima-dera Okuno-in Temple (Katsuragi)
In peak color from late November to early December. The stone tower, statue of Buddha and autumnal leaves make a splendid combination. Also spectacular is the view of the twin towers from Seinan-in and its stunning foliage.
■ 1263 Taima, Katsuragi, Nara

Heavenly Bamboo Shorinji Temple (Sakurai)
In bloom from November to February. Heavenly bamboo (nandina), sarcandra glabra, and coralberry with its lovely fruit welcome the many visitors at the temple gate and throughout the precincts.
■ 692 Shimo, Sakurai, Nara



Winter-flowering Peony Sekko-ji Temple (Katsuragi)
In bloom from early December to early January. The head priest cultivates the winter-flowering peony by covering the plants with straw wrappers. Note the vitality of not only the blossoms but also the leaves and branches that seem to easily withstand the cold.
■ 387 Someno, Katsuragi, Nara

Japanese Allspice Yatsuri District (Asuka)
In bloom from late January to early February. The rare Japanese allspice grows naturally along the Yatsuri River behind Asukaniimasu Shrine. The yellow blossoms and sweet fragrance comfort the spirit.
■ Yatsuri, Asuka-mura, Takaichi, Nara



Plum Trees Miyake-jinja Shrine (Matsubara)
In bloom from late February to early March. Miyake Shrine is renowned for its weeping plums. A tea ceremony and other events are held during the Ume Festival.
■ 4-1-8 Miyakenaka, Matsubara, Osaka

Winter



Popular Sweets and Traditional Local Cuisine

A diverse selection of traditional confectionery, novel

sweets, traditional local cuisine, and unique souvenirs

Delicious Cuisine

Sweets

Sakai

**Tsuboichi the tea house
Matcha Milk Kintoki**

Delicious teas and sweets are yours to savor in a *machiya* (traditional townhouse) of Sakai. A favorite is the matcha-flavored shaved ice, which is light and cottony, prepared with a blade custom-crafted by a long-established swordsmith. This "weightless shaved ice," which melts in the mouth in a flash, is very popular.

■ 1-1-2 Kukenchogigashi, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka

Sales: 10:30-18:00 / Tearoom 11:00-18:00

Closed: Tuesdays (Open on national holidays.) /

New Year's holiday

☎ 072-227-7809

Matcha Milk Kintoki
(Available April to October)

Photo spot



Kashihara

Mutsuki Tiramisu

This tiramisu is offered in a cedar box bearing an impressive pattern of *koma-tsunagi* (a ring for tying horses, a symbol of Imaicho). Ingredients include homemade candy, *matcha mizu-yokan* (adzuki-bean jelly), and dried persimmon. (Limited to 10 each day.)

■ 1-9-12 Imai-cho, Kashihara, Nara
Open: 11:00-18:00 (from November to end of February 17:00) Closed: Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays ☎ 0744-47-3717



Yamatotakada

**Patisserie Ange
Mikuchan Nikkoring**

Mikuchan, the mascot of Yamatotakada, has been collaborating with this cake shop, a favorite of local residents for many years. It offers a variety of baked goods ranging from plain and matcha to caramel with unique ingredients, including specialty vegetables of Yamatotakada such as *kikuna*, *shirona*, and spinach, which are blended into their products.

■ 2-9 Hongo-cho, Yamatotakada, Nara
Open: 8:30-20:00
Closed: New Year's Day, January 2
☎ 0745-52-4227



Osaka City

**JTRRD cafe
Beauty Smoothie**

In addition to offering JTRRD original specialty coffees, this shop offers tea and healthful non-caffeine herbal teas that also enhance beauty. It features a menu with visually appealing food as well as colorful smoothies prepared with "super foods" that are delicious at the same time.

■ Head office: 1st Fl., Tatsuta Bldg., 3-4-5 Temma, Kita-ku, Osaka

Open: 12:00-17:00

Closed: Mondays

☎ 06-6882-4835

■ Utsubohommachi Branch:

1-7-13-1 Fl., Utsubohommachi,

Nishi-ku, Osaka

Open: 11:00-18:00

Closed: Thursdays

☎ 06-6444-3365



Katsuragi

Chujodo Shop Chujo Mochi

Chujo mochi rice cake ("wormwood mochi") is a bite-size treat made from palm-sized rice cake. This traditional recipe has been handed down since olden days in the village of Taima. This delicacy is shaped to resemble peony petals.

■ 55-1 Taima, Katsuragi, Nara
Open: 9:00-18:00 (until sold out)
Closed: July / Mid-August-August 31 / December 31-early January
☎ 0745-48-3211 (Toll-free: 0120-483-203)



Matsubara

**Confectionery shop Yoshinoya
Strawberry Daifuku**

These choice products are made with a soft *mochi* combining an ideal sweetness along with the perfect sourness of carefully selected fresh domestic strawberries enveloped in a special bean paste. Daifuku mochi is made with larger strawberries produced in Matsubara. Quantities are limited, and these are available only when the strawberries are on hand.

■ 3-1-27 Ao, Matsubara, Osaka

Open: 9:00-19:00

Closed: Wednesdays

☎ 072-335-0046

There's so much more!



Kashihara

Sanaburiya Sanaburi Mochi

In the old days, when the rice planting was done, it was common to prepare *kinako-mochi* (roasted-soybean powdered mochi) and offer it up to the gods of the rice fields in gratitude. The texture of the grain is unique because it is made from whole wheat with a granular feel that has long been popular in Yamato.

■ 243 Nawate-cho, Kashihara, Nara

Open: 9:00-17:00 Closed: Tuesdays

☎ 0744-22-2243



Habikino

**Kawachi Wine-kan
Seasonal Shokado-bento + Wine**

Offering a combination of ingredients from each season along with exquisite wines chosen to complement the meal

■ 1027 Komagatani, Habikino, Osaka

Open: 10:00-18:00 (from 9:00 on Saturdays,

Sundays & national holidays)

Closed: Irregular schedule ☎ 072-956-0181

Sakai

**Dining Room Hanachawan
Kofun Curry**

This handcrafted curry dish is designed as a keyhole-shaped mound. The aromas of fruit and spice are exquisite. Available daily until sold out.

■ 2-265 Mozusekiun-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka

Open: 11:00-19:00 Closed: Irregular schedule

☎ 072-244-8725

Gifts & Souvenirs



Osaka City

**Sohonke Tsuriganeya
Manju Bun Temple Bell**

The Tsuriganeya shop was established in Shitennoji, Osaka, in 1900. The Manju Bun Temple Bell adopts the motif of the large bell of Shitennoji Temple, renowned as the best in the world. This Osaka specialty is a store original. The flavor of this delicacy has remained unchanged since the shop was founded.

■ 1-5-2 Daido, Tennoji-ku, Osaka

Weekdays: 8:00-18:00 / Sundays and national

holidays: 8:00-17:00

Closed: Irregular schedule

☎ 06-6771-0044



Katsuragi

**Roadside Station
Katsuragi**

This shop offers several popular favorites, including *karafurun* roll cakes and *mapurun* cheese cream & cookies.

■ 1257 Ota, Katsuragi, Nara

Agricultural direct retail sales shop: 8:30-19:00 /

Forest Café: 9:00-18:00

Restaurant: 11:00-18:00

This facility provides travel information and offers a multipurpose

square, washrooms, and 24-hour parking.

Closed: Open year-round (Not applicable to some stores in the facility)

☎ 0745-48-1147

Sakai

**Mozu Kofungun Souvenir Shop
Mozuan**

This shop offers a selection of unique souvenirs related to kofun and Sakai, including kofun cushions, kofun tote bags, and Mozu-Furu sablé shortbread.

■ Osamezuka Kofun Square in Daisen Park

2-150-4 Mozusekiun-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka

Open: 10:00-17:00

Closed: Open year-round

☎ 072-350-5899

Photo spot



Asuka

**Asuka-no-yumeichi Shop, Yumeichi-jyaya Tea House
"Kodamai Gozen (Wild Rice set menu)"**

Enjoy a meal of ancient rice and local seasonal vegetables cooked with time and care by local housewives. The Asuka Nabe dinner is available during winter.

■ 154-3 Shimasho, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara

Open: 11:00-16:00

(until 17:00 on Saturdays, Sundays & national holidays)

Closed: Year-end and New Year's holiday

☎ 0744-54-9450



Sakurai

**Somen Morisho
Miwa Somen**

These noodles can be enjoyed adjacent to the Ninotorii Gate of Omiwa-jinja Shrine. The persimmon-leaf sushi dinner is also recommended.

■ 535 Miwa, Sakurai, Nara

Weekdays: 10:00-16:30 / Saturdays,

Sundays & national holidays: 9:30-17:00

Closed: Mondays & Tuesdays

(Irregular schedule) ☎ 0744-43-7411



Matsubara

**Tsumura Butcher Shop
Kawachi Duck**

For 140 years from the early Meiji period, this store has been raising a cross between mallards and domestic ducks. Fresh, safe and delicious Kawachi duck meat can also be purchased here.

* No meals are served.

■ 8-10-24 Bessho, Matsubara,

Osaka

Open: 9:00-17:00

Closed: Sundays and irregular days

☎ 072-334-1111



Asuka

Roadside Station Asuka

Popular souvenirs such as "Asuka Sanpo" confections are available at the General Information Center, "Asukabito-no-Yakata."

■ 6-3 Koshi, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara

Asuka General Information Center

Asukabito-no-Yakata: 8:30-18:00 (Varies by season.)

Asuka Yume Shop, direct retail sales of agricultural products,

9:00-17:00

Closed: Year-end and New Year's holiday ☎ 0744-54-3240



Asuka

**Souvenir Shop
Asuka Omoiedo**

Offering unique *haniwa* figurines and Buddha statues made with a 3D printer as well as "a row of four gods" made with tatami material.

■ 1218 Oka, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara

Open: 10:00-18:00

Closed: Tuesdays (Open on national holidays.)

☎ 090-1482-3330



Tourism Associations & Tourist Information Centers

Tourism Associations and Tourist Information Centers have been established in the various municipalities. We invite you take advantage of them to obtain more detailed local information.

Osaka City

Tourist Information OSAKA

■ Central Concourse, JR Osaka Station 1st Fl.,
3-1-1 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka 530-0001
Open: 7:00–23:00 Closed: Open throughout the year

Information Center NAMBA

■ Nankai Terminal Bldg. 1st Fl., 5-1-60 Namba,
Chuo-ku, Osaka 542-0076
Open: 9:00–20:00 (Dec 31–Jan 3: 10:00–18:00)
Closed: Open throughout the year

Sakai City

Sakai Tourism & Convention Bureau

■ 1-1-35 Kaino-cho Nishi, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka 590-0950
Open: 9:00–17:30
Closed: Saturdays, Sundays & national holidays
☎ 072-233-5258

Sakai Station Tourist Information Center

■ 3-22-1 Ebisima-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka 590-0985
Open: Sakai Station Building, 1st Fl.: 9:00–18:00
Beside West Exit ticket gate: 10:00–19:00
Closed: Year-end and New Year's holiday
☎ 072-232-0331

Sakaihigashi Tourist Information Center

■ 39-1 Mikunigaoka-miyukidori, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka 590-0028
Open: 9:00–19:00 Closed: Year-end and New Year's holiday
☎ 072-238-7174

Daisen Park Tourist Information Center

■ 2-160 Mozusekiun-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai, Osaka 590-0802
Open: 9:00–17:00 Closed: Year-end and New Year's holiday
☎ 072-245-6207

Matsubara City

Matsubara City Tourism Association

■ 1-1-1 Ao, Matsubara, Osaka 580-0043
Open: 9:00–17:30 Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and
national holidays / year-end and New Year's holiday
☎ 072-330-8201

Habikino City

Habikino City Tourism Association

■ Habikino City Hall Tourist Section
4-1-1 Konda, Habikino, Osaka 583-8585
Open: 9:00–17:30 Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and
national holidays / year-end and New Year's holiday
☎ 072-947-3725

Habikino tourist information office

■ 1-1-19 Furuichi, Habikino, Osaka 583-0852
Open: Weekdays: 9:30–17:00
Saturdays, Sundays & national holidays: 9:00–17:00
Closed: Thursdays, year-end and New Year's holiday

Taishi Town

Taishi-cho Tourism and Community Development Association

■ 88 Yamada, Taishi-cho, Minamikawachi-gun, Osaka 583-0992
Open: 9:00–17:15 Closed: Mondays, Tuesdays & year-end
and New Year's holiday ☎ 0721-21-1600

Katsuragi City

Katsuragi City Tourism Association and Tourist Information Center

■ Premises of the Sumo Museum of Katsuragi City KEHAYA-ZA
83-1 Taima, Katsuragi, Nara 639-0276
Open: 10:00–17:00 Closed: Tuesdays & Wednesdays
(Open if Tuesday or Wednesday is a national holiday.)
☎ 0745-48-4611

Information Center, Roadside Station Katsuragi

★ On Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays, volunteer
guides are available in the information center inside
Roadside Station Katsuragi.

■ 1257 Ota, Katsuragi, Nara 639-2153

Yamatotakada City

Yamatotakada City

■ 100-1 Onaka, Yamatotakada, Nara 635-8511
Open: 8:30–17:15
Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays /
year-end and New Year's holiday
☎ 0745-22-1101

Kashihara City

Kashihara City Tourism Exchange Center, Tourist Information Office

■ 1st Fl., Kashihara City Tourism Exchange Center
1-6-8 Naizencho, Kashihara, Nara 634-0804
Open: 9:00–19:00 Closed: Open year-round
☎ 0744-47-2270

Kashihara City Tourism Association

■ 2nd Fl., Kashihara City Tourism Exchange Center
1-6-8 Naizencho, Kashihara, Nara 634-0804
Open: 9:00–19:00 Closed: Open year-round
☎ 0744-20-1123

Kashihara Tourist Information Center Jingumae

■ 1st Fl., Shoko Keizai Kaikan
652-2 Kumecho, Kashihara, Nara 634-0063
Open: 9:00–19:00 Closed: Open year-round
☎ 0744-27-2070

Sakurai City

Sakurai City Tourism Association

■ 2nd Fl., Sakurai Shoko Kaikan
260-2 Kawai, Sakurai, Nara 633-0063
Open: 8:30–17:15 Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and
national holidays / year-end and New Year's holiday
☎ 0744-42-7530

Sakurai Tourism Information Office

■ Kintetsu Sakurai Station premises
190-2 Sakurai, Sakurai City, Nara 633-0091
Open: Jan/Feb/Mar/July/Aug/Dec: 8:30–17:15
Apr/May/June/Sept/Oct/Nov: 8:15–17:00 Closed: Year-end
and New Year's holiday ☎ 0744-44-2377

Hase Tourism Center

■ 1593-2 Hase, Sakurai, Nara 633-0112
Open: 9:00–17:00 Closed: Tuesdays, Wednesdays &
year-end and New Year's holiday ☎ 0744-44-3331

Asuka Village

Asuka Sightseeing Association

■ 6-3 Koshi, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara 634-0138
Open: 8:30–18:00 (Varies by season)
Closed: Year-end and New Year's holiday ☎ 0744-54-3240



Information on Volunteer Guides

Volunteer guides are available in each city. If you need a guide, please contact them directly as indicated.

Osaka City

NPO Osaka Volunteer Guide Council

■ Premises of Osaka-jo Castle Park Center, 3-11 Osaka-jo, Chuo-ku, Osaka 542-0002
Open: 10:00–15:30 Note: No response is available outside these hours.
☎ 090-3059-6923 / 090-3493-9269

Sakai City

NPO Sakai Tourist Volunteers Association

■ 4th Fl., Kawaramachi Ueno Bldg., 2-3-29 Nakakawara-machi, Sakai-ku, Sakai,
Osaka 590-0077
Open: 10:00–16:30 Reservation deadline: About two weeks in advance.
☎ 072-233-0531

Matsubara City

Matsubara Town Guides

■ Matsubara City Tourism Association, 6th Fl., Matsubara City Hall, 1-1-1 Ao, Matsubara,
Osaka 580-0043
Open: 9:00–17:30 Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays / year-end and
New Year's holiday ☎ 072-330-8201

Habikino City

Habikino (matiarukigaidonokai) Walking Guide

■ Premises of Tourism Association, 4-1-1 Konda, Habikino, Osaka 583-8585
Open: (Weekdays 9:00–17:30) Habikino City Tourism Association, premises of Tourism
Section, Habikino City Hall (Saturdays, Sundays & national holidays: 9:00–17:00)
Tourist Information Center, Furuichi Station Higashi Hiroba ☎ 072-958-1111

Taishi Town

Association of Taishi Guides

■ 88 Yamada, Taishi-cho, Minamikawachi-gun, Osaka 583-0992
Open: 9:00–17:15 Closed: Mondays, Tuesdays & year-end and New Year's holiday
☎ 0721-21-1600

Katsuragi City

Tourism Volunteer Guide Association, Katsuragi City

■ Premises of the Sumo Museum of Katsuragi City KEHAYA-ZA, 83-1 Taima, Katsuragi,
Nara 639-0276
Open: 10:00–17:00 Booking deadline: 10 days in advance Closed: Tuesdays,
Wednesdays & year-end and New Year's holiday ☎ 0745-48-4611

Yamatotakada City

Yamatotakada Cultural Property Volunteer Guide Association

■ Premises of Lifelong Learning Section, Yamatotakada City Board of Education
1-15 Nishimachi, Yamatotakada, Nara 635-0096
Open: 8:30–17:15 Booking deadline: one week in advance Closed: Saturdays,
Sundays and national holidays / year-end and New Year's holiday ☎ 0745-53-6264

Kashihara City

Volunteer Guides, Kashihara City Tourism Association

■ Premises of Kashihara City Tourism Association, 2nd Fl., Kashihara City Tourism
Exchange Center, 1-6-8 Naizencho, Kashihara, Nara 634-0804
Open: 8:30–19:00 Booking deadline: one week in advance
Closed: Open year-round ☎ 0744-20-1123

Sakurai City

Tourism Volunteer Guide Association, Sakurai City

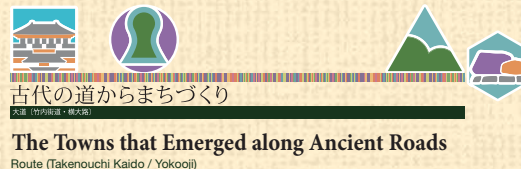
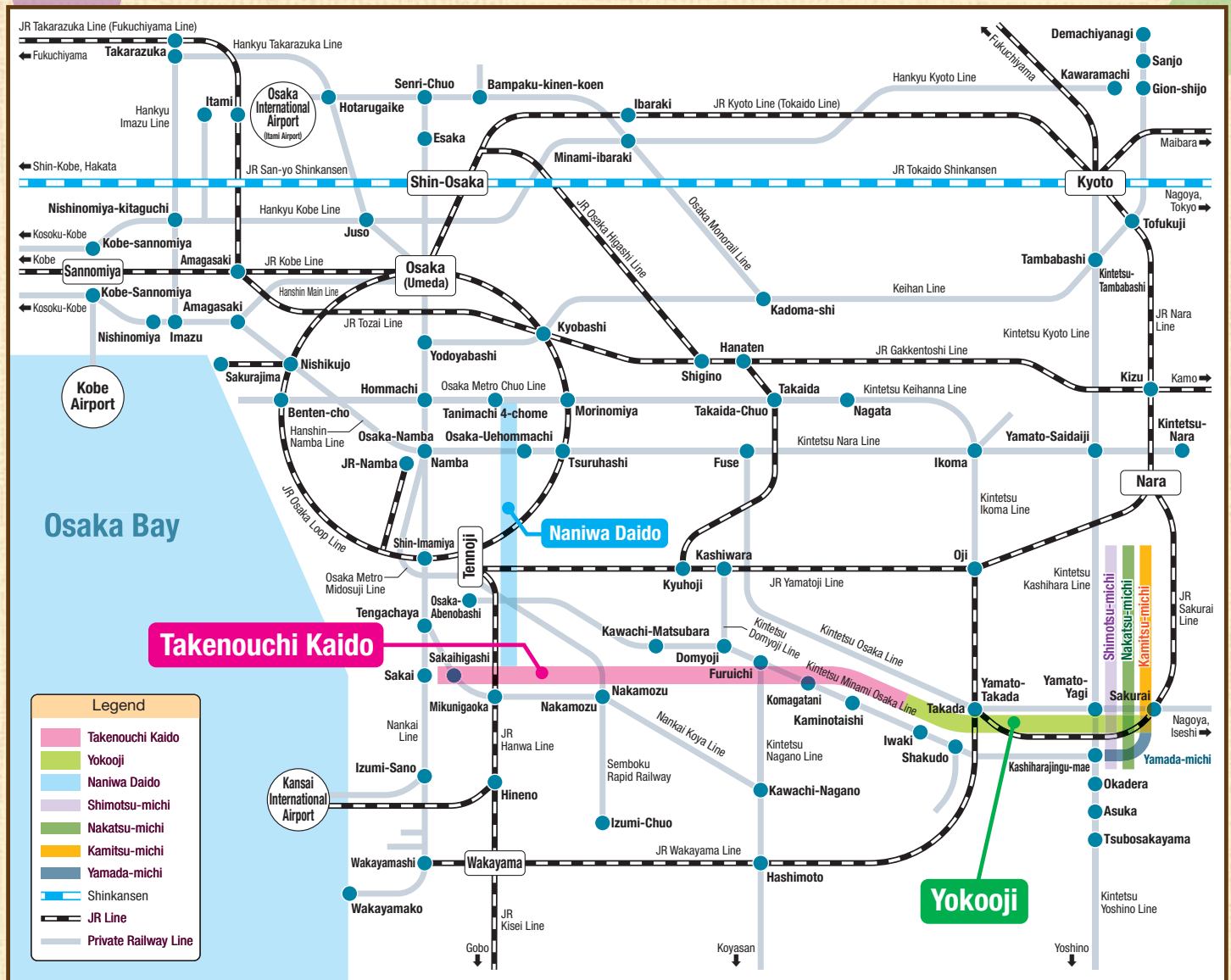
■ Premises of Sakurai Tourism Urban Planning Section, 432-1 Oono, Sakurai,
Nara 633-0062
Open: 8:30–17:15 Booking deadline: one week in advance Closed: Saturdays,
Sundays and national holidays / year-end and New Year's holiday ☎ 0744-42-9111

Asuka Village

Volunteer Guides, Asuka Sightseeing Association

■ 6-3 Koshi, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara 634-0138
Open: 8:30–17:00 Booking deadline: 10 days in advance
Closed: Year-end and New Year's holiday ☎ 0744-54-3240

Access Map for Takenouchi Kaido / Yokooji



For more information

Osaka Prefecture

Osaka City	Planning Division, Construction Bureau Tel: 06-6615-6425
Sakai City	Civil Engineering Management Division, Civil Engineering Department, Construction Bureau Tel: 072-228-7416
Matsubara City	Tourism Division, Civic Life Department Tel: 072-334-1550
Habikino City	Policy Promotion Division, The Mayor's Public Office Tel: 072-958-1111
Taishi Town	Tourism Section, Urban Planning Department Tel: 0721-98-5521

Nara Prefecture

Katsuragi City	Department of Commerce and Industry, Tourism Division Tel: 0745-44-5111
Yamatotakada City	Industry Promotion Section, Civil Affairs Department Tel: 0745-22-1101
Kashihara City	Tourism Planning Section Tel: 0744-22-4001
Sakurai City	Tourism & Development Division Tel: 0744-42-9111
Asuka Village	Industrial Promotion Section Tel: 0744-54-2001

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* Before heading out, we suggest you contact your destination to confirm admission fees, product availability, and other details.

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