

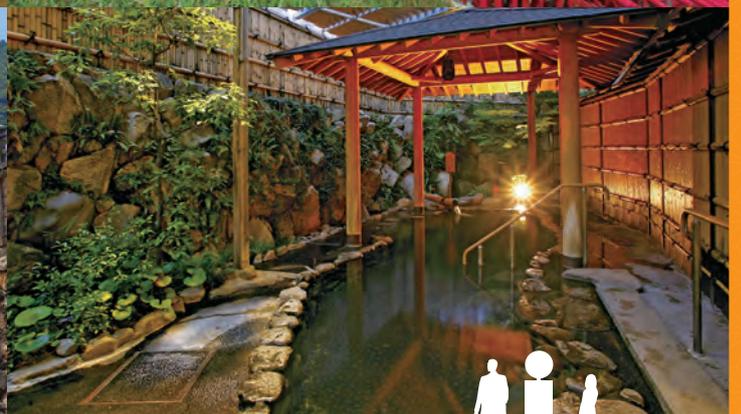
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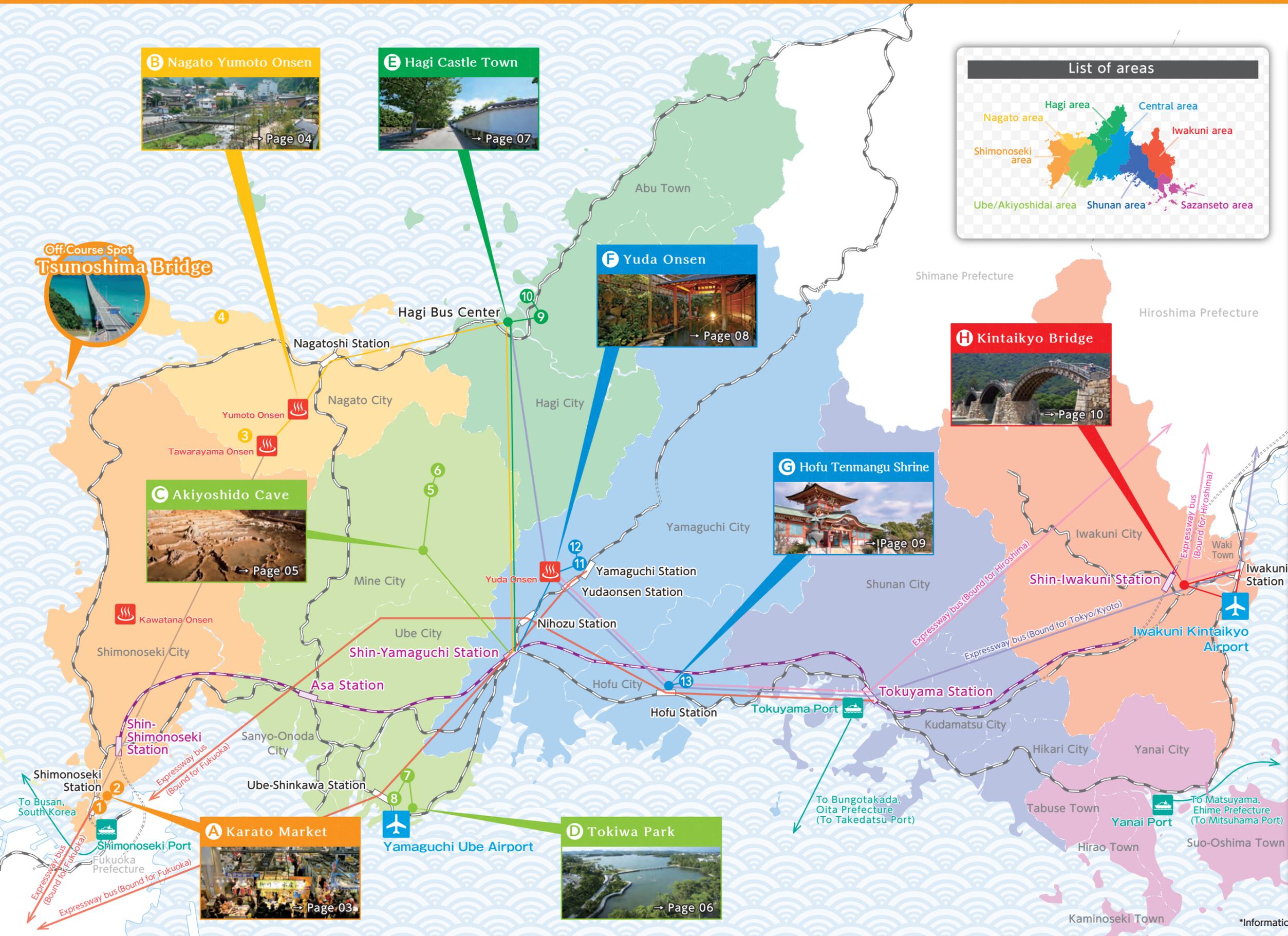
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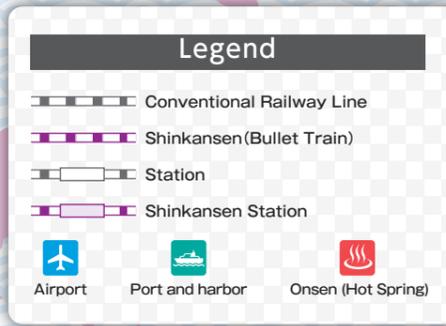
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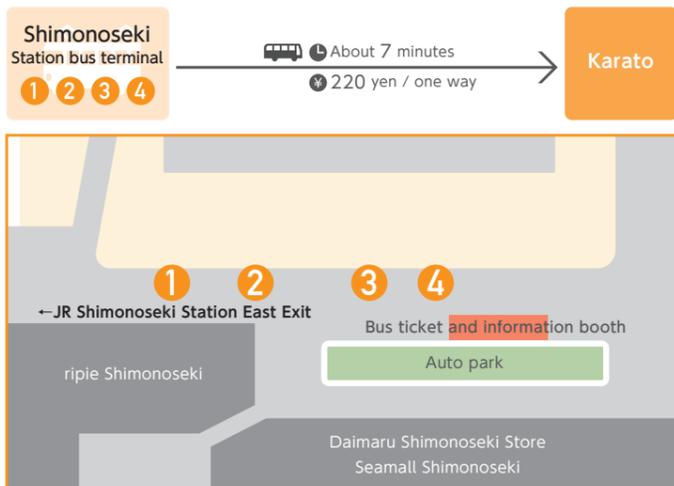
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A Karato Market



This wholesale market is open not only to food professionals but also casually to the general public. You can get reasonably priced fresh foodstuffs, including puffer fish, one of the specialties of Shimonoseki City. On Fridays and Saturdays (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Sundays and holidays (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.), they open Iki-iki Bakangai, an event where seafood stalls appear in the market and you can eat sushi, seafood bowls, puffer fish soup, and more made with fresh seafood provided by wholesale dealers.

Access from Shimonoseki Station



Shimonoseki Station bus terminal

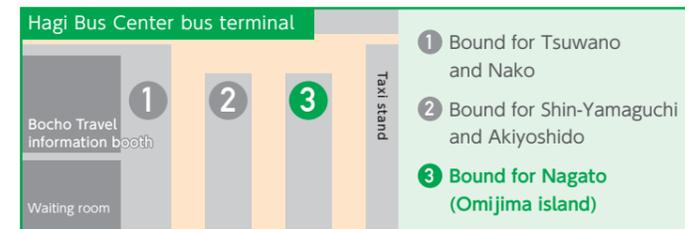
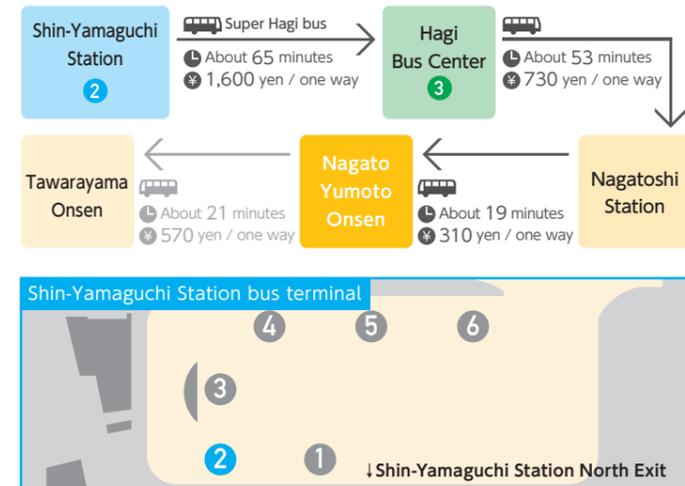
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B Nagato Yumoto Onsen



Nagato Yumoto Onsen is the oldest hot spring in the prefecture and was discovered about 600 years ago. Many accommodations stand beside the clear stream of the Otozure River where the Genji fireflies fly around and the Kajika frogs sing, creating a gentle atmosphere as a hot-spring resort.

Access from Shin-Yamaguchi Station



Tourist Spots in the Area

① Shimonoseki Kaikyokan (aquarium)



Kaikyokan exhibits 35,000 aquatic animals belonging to 550 species. The Seto Inland Sea tunnel tank recreates the Kanmon Straits to make it feel as if you were walking on the seabed. The aquarium is also characterized by exhibitions unique to Shimonoseki, such as a skeletal display of the entire body of a blue whale exhibited only in Japan, as well as the world's largest number of exhibited species of puffer fish.

Access from Shimonoseki Station



② Akama Shrine



The shrine is dedicated to Antoku, a child emperor who drowned himself in the Battle of Dan-no-ura held by the Nun of the Second Rank. There is the Suitenmon gate having plaster and vermilion walls, and inside the grounds are the graves of the Taira clan, the hall of Hoichi the Earless, and a treasure house exhibiting precious materials.

Access from Shimonoseki Station



Tourist Spots in the Area

③ Tawarayama Onsen



The hot spring, which has a history of more than 1,000 years and is known as an idyllic spa resorts, is designated as one of the national hot spring health resort. Legend says that it was discovered by a white monkey, an incarnation of Yakushi Nyorai (Bhaisajyaguru). The hot spring boasts one of the greatest and strong alkaline water in Japan.

Access from Shimonoseki Station



④ Motonosumi Shrine



The shrine is a place with superb views that became famous after being chosen as one of the 31 most beautiful places in Japan by the American TV channel CNN. The scenery of 123 torii gates standing for more than 100 m is overwhelming. It is believed that if you can successfully throw offertory money into the offertory box hanging at the top of the about 6 m high gate, your wish will come true.

Access from Shin-Yamaguchi Station



C Akiyoshido Cave



Designated as a special national treasure, the huge limestone cave is located at the base of Akiyoshidai Plateau and one of the best in the East. The entrance is 24 m high and 8 m wide, with the widest part of the cave reaching 200 m wide and the highest part 80 m tall. Although its general tourist route is less than 1 km, the total length of the cave is said to be about 10 km long. As the temperature inside the cave is about 17 degrees C regardless of the season, you can explore the cave comfortably throughout the year. In November 2005, Akiyoshidai Groundwater System was registered as one of the Ramsar Convention sites.

Access from Shin-Yamaguchi Station



Shin-Yamaguchi Station bus terminal

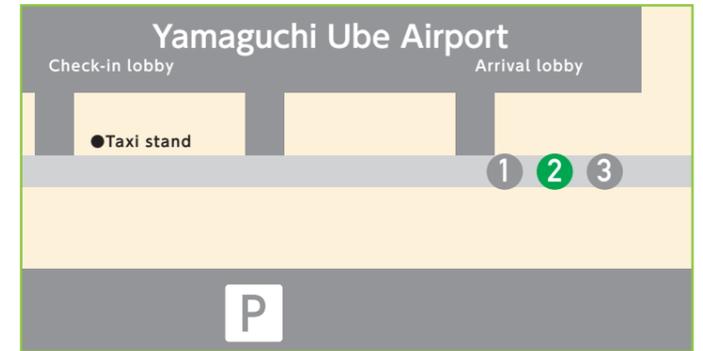
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- 6 Bound for Nagato

D Tokiwa Park



Tokiwa Park around Lake Tokiwa is a comprehensive park boasting an area of 189 ha, which is colored by greenery, flowers, and sculptures. It was chosen as a Registered Monument (Place of Scenic Beauty) for the first time in Yamaguchi Prefecture and one of the 100 Best Cherry Blossom Viewing Spots in Japan. In 2016, Lake Tokiwa was registered as a Heritage Irrigation Structures site. You can appreciate seasonal flowers including cherry blossoms in spring, as well as sweet flags and hydrangeas. There also are many great facilities such as Tokiwa Museum, Tokiwa Botanical Museum, a zoo, an amusement park, Ube Biennale sculptures hill, and the Coal Mining History Museum.

Access from Yamaguchi Ube Airport



Yamaguchi Ube Airport bus terminal

- 1 Bound for Shin-Yamaguchi Station
- 2 Megurina: Bound for Ube
- 3 To Shimonoseki Station *Shuttle taxi



Tourist Spots in the Area

5 Akiyoshidai Plateau



Designated as a special national treasure, the largest karst tableland in Japan spreads in the eastern region of Mine City. On the grounds, there are countless numbers of limestone columns as well as many sinkholes, and below it there are many limestone caves such as Akiyoshido, Taishodo and Kagekiyodo.

Access from Akiyoshido



6 Akiyoshidai Safari Land



At Safari Land, you can casually observe large animals such as elephants and tigers living freely in the nature from the park bus or your own car. The facility also has an amusement park.

Access from Akiyoshido



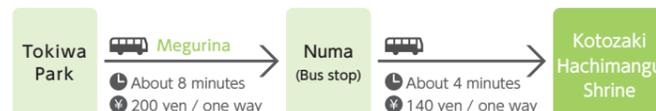
Tourist Spots in the Area

7 Kotozaki Hachimangu Shrine



Fukubara Echigo, one of the persons assigned responsibility for the Kinmon Incident, was enshrined here in 1865. The shrine bustles with many citizens at the beginning of the new year and during seasonal festivals and is famous for selling more than 700 kinds of lucky charms.

Access from Tokiwa Park



8 Street Sculptures



In the central urban area of Ube City, there are various sculptures here that look as if they blend into the people's everyday life. You can enjoy a leisurely walk from Ube-Shinkawa Station to the city's central part while looking at the scattered sculptures.

Access from Tokiwa Park



E Hagi Castle Town



Nationally designated historical site
The city of Hagi, which had flourished for 260 years as a castle town since Mori Terumoto established Hagi Castle in 1604, is one of the foremost historical sites. The strong atmosphere of a castle town remains here as seen in the magnificent old samurai residences, earthen fences, and namako walls over which you can see natsumikan (citrus fruit), and in the street layout with sharp turns surrounded by earthen walls.

Access from Shin-Yamaguchi Station



Shin-Yamaguchi Station bus terminal

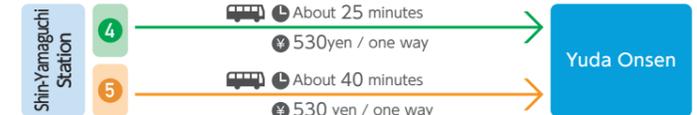
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F Yuda Onsen



Yuda Onsen: One of the Hundred Famous Onsen in Japan
Yuda Onsen is located in the central part of Yamaguchi Prefecture and has a long history from old times of having hot springs boasting the largest amount of hot water in the Sanyoji area. The spring quality is a simple alkali, characterized by its softness that complements the skin. Legend says a wounded white fox soaked its legs in the spring and healed its wound. The spring was also chosen as one of the Hundred Famous Onsen in Japan.

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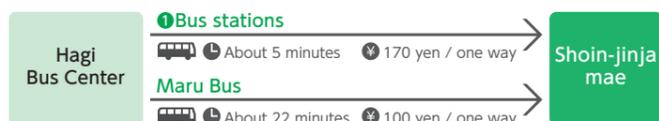
Tourist Spots in the Area

9 Shokasonjuku Academy



This World Heritage site in the culture category is a private school held by Shoin Yoshida who educated students during the later days of the Edo period (around the mid-19th century). The academy produced many people who contributed to the modernization of Japan from the later days of the Edo period to the early Meiji period (toward the later 19th century).

Access from Hagi Bus Center

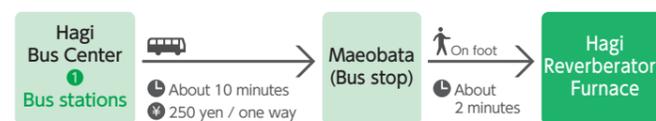


10 Hagi Reverberatory Furnace



This World Heritage site in the culture category is the remains of a reverberatory furnace built in 1856 by the Hagi Domain that aimed at casting Western-type iron cannons. The reverberatory furnace is a metal smelting furnace necessary for casting cannons. Currently, the 10.5 m high chimney is the only part that remains.

Access from Hagi Bus Center



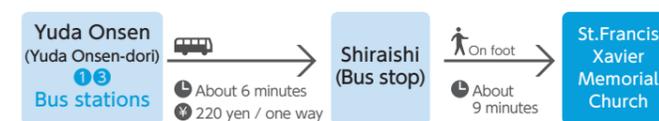
Tourist Spots in the Area

11 St. Francis Xavier Memorial Church



The catholic church was built in 1952 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of St. Francis Xavier's coming to Yamaguchi. The current building rebuilt in April 1998 has a unique structure carrying two towers. The structure and sounds of its peace bells are loved by the citizens.

Access from Yuda Onsen (Yuda Onsen-dori)



12 Rurikoji Temple Five-storied Pagoda



Rurikoji Temple's five-storied pagoda, one of the three great pagodas of Japan, was built in 1442. This 31.2 m high pagoda has cypress-thatched roofs and was designated as a national treasure in 1903.

Access from Yuda Onsen (Yuda Onsen-dori)

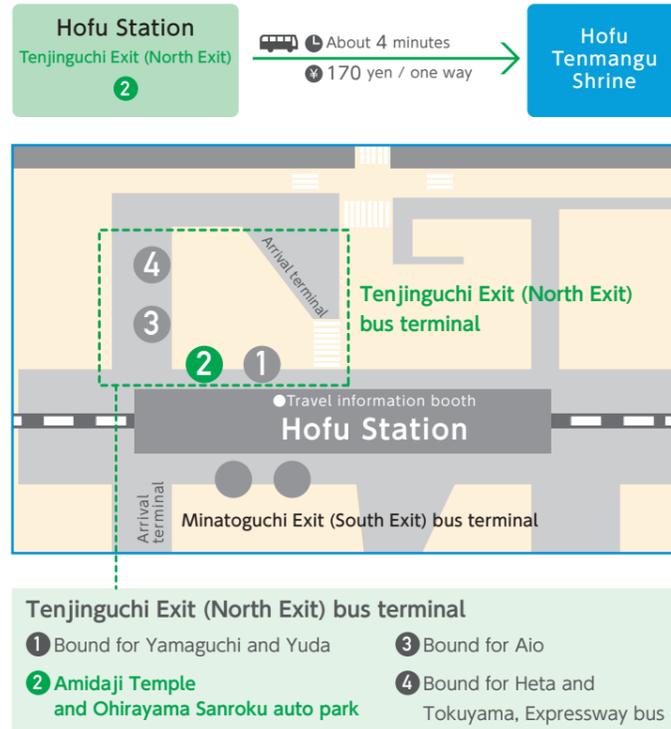


G Hofu Tenmangu Shrine



Tenmangu are shrines that enshrine Sugawara-no-Michizane who is worshipped as the god of learning. This is the first Tenmangu shrine in Japan and is known as one of the Three Great Tenjin Shrines in Japan along with Kitano Tenmangu in Kyoto and Dazaifu Tenmangu in Fukuoka. Because Michizane is the god of learning, many young worshippers come to buy writing brushes and entrance-exam lucky charms. About more than 300,000 people visit during the first three days of the new year. Ume (Japanese plum) flowers come into bloom in or around February coloring the shrine premises.

Access from Hofu Station



Tourist Spots in the Area

13 Mori Clan Garden



The garden and residence of the Mori Clan, the lords of the former Hagi Domain, are together designated as a National Site of Scenic Beauty. The stroke-style garden around the large pond allows you to enjoy seasonally different scenery. The residence built in 1916 is a magnificent all-cypress building, a part of which is a museum that houses and displays national treasures and important cultural properties.



Access from Hofu Station

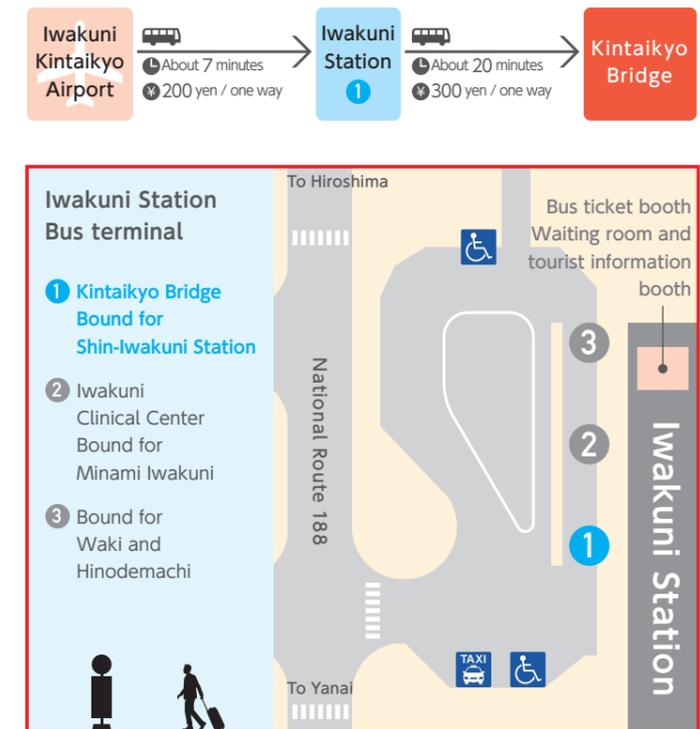


H Kintaikyo Bridge



A National Site of Scenic Beauty. Kintaikyo Bridge is a wooden bridge with five continuous arches spanning over the clear water of Nishiki River and is one of the Three Strange Shaped Bridges in Japan. It was built in 1673 by the third lord of the Iwakuni Domain, Hiroyoshi Kikkawa, and the current bridge is in its fourth generation. The bridge is supported by the combination of wood materials without using any fasteners such as nails, wires, and clamps. It is designated as a National Site of Scenic Beauty. At the Kintaikyo Festival held on April 29, you can get the impression of being in the Edo period by viewing the daimyo's procession crossing the bridge.

Access from Iwakuni Kintaikyo Airport



This service aimed to visitors from overseas is provided for free (*1) by Yamaguchi Prefectural Tourism Federation. Guidance for tourists and translation services are available in 19 languages 24/7, 365 days a year. In addition to visitors from overseas, prefectural residents and business operators can also use the service for free (*1) when having trouble in dealing with visitors from overseas.

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*2 English / Chinese / Korean / Thai / Vietnamese / Indonesian / Portuguese / Spanish / French / Russian / German / Italian / Tagalog / Nepali / Malay / Khmer / Burmese / Mongolian / Sinhalese

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Hagi Junkan Ma-ru Bus (Hagi Loop-line Bus)

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Service time (Hagi City Hall is the Origin and destination stop for both routes)

East route 7 a.m. (first bus) to 6 p.m. (last bus)
(Higashi-mawari: Shoin-sensei)

West route 7 a.m. (first bus) to 6 p.m. (last bus)
(Nishi-mawari: Shinsaku-kun)

Both east-route and west-route buses run every 30 minutes during these time periods.
*May arrive late depending on the traffic conditions.

One ride
¥100



- Children under one can travel free
- Up to three children between one and six years old accompanied by a paying adult can travel free

Yamaguchi Bus Pass is also available for use!

Ticket types

- One-day Pass Unlimited ride for one day at 500 yen
- Two-day Pass Unlimited ride for two days at 700 yen

Ticket booth

- Hagi City Office, general information booth
- Hagi Tourist Bureau
- Hagi Bus Center
- Higashi-Hagi Station tourist information booth
- Stores in Civil Hospital
- Drivers of Ma-ru Bus
- Hagi Meiringakusha

From Yamaguchi Prefecture to neighboring cities

Expressway bus information

Travel while saving money



In Yamaguchi Prefecture, there are many expressway buses bound for neighboring cities. Expressway buses are lower in fares than trains and airplanes, and let you reach the destination smoothly without transferring. You can effectively use your time before arrival thanks to the cheaper fare and comfortable ride.

■...Boarding bus stop in the prefecture ■...Arrival bus stop *The required times and fares are only indications from the departure point to the arrival point.

Go to
TOKYO

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Required time: About 15 hours and 15 minutes / Fare: 12,000-16,500 yen



Go to
**KYOTO
OSAKA**

※Yamaguchi Bus PASS
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Required time: About 13 hours and 25 minutes / Fare: 9,200-11,400 yen



Go to
HIROSHIMA



Required time: About 3 hours and 40 minutes / Fare: 2,700 yen

No reservation required
Check here for timetables



Required time: About 70 minutes / Fare: 950 yen

No reservation required
Check here for timetables



Go to
FUKUOKA

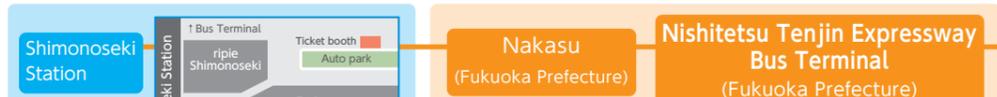
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Required time: About 4 hours and 30 minutes / Fare: 2,000-3,400 yen



Required time: About 4 hours / Fare: 3,200 yen



Required time: About 100 minutes / Fare: 1,570 yen
*limited to some bus services



Buses are convenient for sightseeing in Shimonoseki! Unlimited-ride tickets are for sale!!



Sightseeing in Shimonoseki One-day Pass

Covered area



Fares Adults: 730 yen

Ticketing Locations

- Bus ticket booth in front of Shimonoseki Station 7:30~19:30 (Opens at 7:30 a.m.)
- Karato bus ticket booth 7:30~15:00 (Opens at 7:30 a.m.)
- Shimonoseki Station and Shin-Shimonoseki Station 9:00~18:00 (Closed at 18:00 p.m.)
- Jokamachi-chofu commuter pass booth 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (open until 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays) (Closed on Sundays and holidays) *Closed from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

How to use

- Buy a ticket at one of the ticketing places and specify day of use.
- Check the covered bus sections at the booth. (The day of use can be any day in one month after the day of purchase.)

Sales ended
on January 16, 2022



How to take a bus

STEP.1 Before boarding

Only Japanese yen is accepted, so have some yen coins in advance for smooth bus use.
(On the bus, you can exchange only coins and 1,000-yen bills.)



STEP.2 Waiting at the bus stop

- Check your destination and timetable at the bus stop. After your bus arrives, do not step off the sidewalk until the door opens.
- When buses arrive, check their destination on the sign.
- If you are not certain if the bus will go to your destination, ask the driver.



Destination sign in front of the bus



Destination sign on a side of the bus

STEP.3 Boarding the bus

- Board from the entrance.
- Form one line when boarding.



- Take one **numbered ticket**, which will be required when getting off the bus. You will pay the fare when getting off.



STEP.4 On the bus

To prevent accidents on the bus, always take a seat when the bus is running, or if you are standing, hold the strap or handrail.



STEP.5 Before getting off a bus

The name of your destination bus stop will be shown on the fare indicator set at the front. Press the closest **stop button** before getting off.

*If no one presses the button, the bus may pass the stop.

For safety reasons, do not stand up until the bus completely stops and the door opens.



Fare indicator



Stop button

Getting off a bus

STEP.6 Checking the fare

Check the fare indicator set at the front and the number of your ticket. Be sure to have exact change ready.



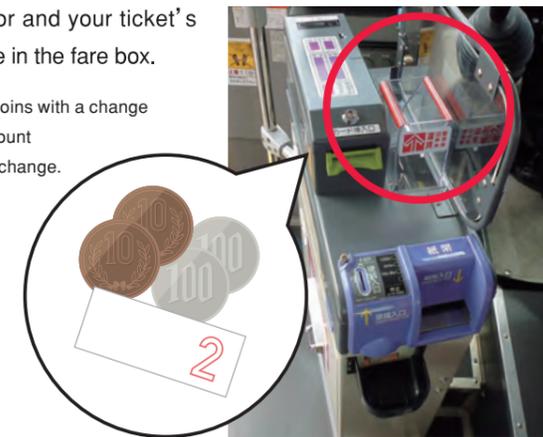
Check the fare under the same number of your ticket number.
*220 yen in this case



STEP.7 Paying the fare

Check the fare indicator and your ticket's number, and put the fare in the fare box.

*Please change money into coins with a change machine to pay the exact amount because you will not get any change.



Coin changer

Exchange of money is accepted only from coins and 1,000-yen bills. As bills with a value of 2,000 yen or more cannot be exchanged, have a 1,000-yen bill or coins ready before boarding.



- 1,000
- × 2,000
- × 5,000
- × 10,000

STEP.8 Getting off a bus

- Check your luggage and belongings and do not leave anything behind.
- Get off at the exit.
- When getting off, watch your step and watch out for bicycles or others on the street.
- Running out into the street after getting off the bus is dangerous.



How to take a bus with an IC card

Only two steps to take a bus with an IC card

When you get on the bus

Pass the IC card over the card reader by the entrance door.
No need to get a numbered ticket.



The balance of the IC card will be shown.*1

When you get off the bus

Pass the IC card over the card reader by the exit door.
No change needed.
Quick and easy way to pay the bus fare.



The balance of the IC card will be shown.*1

No worries even if the balance of the IC card is insufficient

You can recharge the IC card on the bus. Please ask the bus driver to recharge the card.*2

⚠ Please ask the driver when the bus is not moving.

*1 The display differs depending on the type of machine.
*2 You can recharge the IC card in increments of 1,000 yen.

Unlimited-ride bus ticket within Yamaguchi Prefecture for foreign tourists

Yamaguchi Bus Pass

Can be used for buses displaying this sticker



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Covered users Foreign tourists (including foreign students)
*You are required to show your passport when buying a ticket.
*There is no ticket for children available.

Sales prices	
Period of validity	Price
1DAY	2,000YEN
2DAYS	4,000YEN
3DAYS	5,000YEN

Points of sale

- Bus ticket booth in front of Shimonoseki Station
- Shin-Yamaguchi Station (North Exit) bus ticket booth
- Yamaguchi Station JR Bus ticket booth
- Tokuyama Station bus ticket booth
- Hagi Bus Center
- Hiroshima Bus Center ticket booth

How to buy a ticket

- ① Fill out the purchase form at one of the points of sale. Your ticket will be issued after your passport (including face photo, personal name, and country name other than Japan) is checked and examined against the purchase form.
- ② "Beginning day of usage" and "period of validity (one-day, two-days, or three-days) and sales price" are stamped on the face of the pass.
- ③ A serial number by the point of sale is written or stamped on the upper right of the face of the pass.

*The ticket is valid from the day of purchase. However, it can be issued at points of sale from the previous day of the beginning day of usage.

How to get on and off the bus

- ① Get on the bus from the rear door.
- ② Push the button before the bus stops at the bus stop where you wish to get off.
- ③ Show your bus pass to the bus driver before you get off the bus at the bus stop.
- ④ Get off the bus from the front door.

● Participating bus operators / Members of Yamaguchi Bus Association (Bocho Bus Company Limited; Sanden Kotsu Co., Ltd.; Funaki Tetsudo; Ube Bus; Blue Line Kotsu; Iwakuni Bus Co., Ltd.; Chugoku JR Bus Company)

● Covered routes / Bus routes within Yamaguchi Prefecture operated by the abovementioned member bus operators (including the following buses)

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- As for buses operated by Bocho Bus, routes in Tsuwano Town in Shimane Prefecture are also covered.

Information on bus location systems

Bus location systems (so-called Basuroke) tell you the bus arrival time in real time with a PC, a mobile phone, or a smartphone. It also allows you to search for the nearest bus stop on the map and check the timetables.

Companies that have adopted the systems

- BUSit Bocho Kotsu, Iwakuni Bus
- Ube Bus Navi Ube Bus
- MOKUIK Sanden Kotsu
- Kuruken Chugoku JR Bus

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