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Kintaikyo Bridge 錦帯橋

(registered as one of Japan's greatest bridges)

Kintaikyo Bridge is one of the most famous wooden bridges in the world built in 1673 by the feudal lord, Hiroyoshi Kikkawa, during the Edo period. The bridge is made of five consecutive arches in order to be resistant to floods. The smoothly curved wooden arches are highly regarded as one of the most sophisticated and original pieces of modern bridge engineering. The present bridge was reconstructed in 1953 using traditional methods and techniques. Kintaikyo Bridge is one of Japan's most valued treasures. Visitors enjoy with beautiful surrounding nature, seasonal flowers and trees as well as the view of the traditional castle town

Admission Fees: Adults: 310yen Elementary school students: 150yen
 ※Set Discount Tickets are available for touring Kintaikyo Bridge, Ropeway, and Iwakuni Castle.
 TEL/0827-29-5116 (Iwakuni City Tourism Promotion Section)

1 Nishiki River Festival of Water

This festival is held in appreciation of the abundant blessings of Nishiki River. About 6000 fireworks are set off near the Kintaikyo Bridge and adorn the night-sky beautifully. During the daytime, visitors enjoy music concert and join treasure hunting and other events.



2 Ukai (cormorant fishing) of Kintaikyo Bridge

Ukai is a traditional fishing method, which uses trained cormorants to catch river fish such as sweetfish (ayu). This type of fishing started about 380 years ago and it is still preserved as one of Iwakuni's summer features. Dinner cruises are available, where you can watch ukai performance right in front of you. Visitors enjoy the beautiful flames of Kagari-bi (fishing fire lanterns) reflecting the cormorant and the fisherman on the dark surface of the river at night.



• Period: 6/1~9/10 • Hours: 19:00~21:00
 • Fees: Adults: 2200yen Elementary school students: 1100yen ※Extra charge needed for fireworks
 • Reservation: Iwakuni Tourist Association Ukai office • TEL0827-28-2877

3 Iwakuni Domain Matchlock-gun Troop

(Firearm-equipped Army of the Iwakuni Clan)



The current Matchlock-gun troop is the firearm performance team. The team traditionally perform matchlock shooting training in the style of an old samurai. The members perform at several events throughout the year and practice each month near Kintaikyo Bridge.

4 Kintaikyo Bridge Festival



The highlight of the event is the Sankin-kotai parade, where you can see people dressed like local daimyo (lords) and his servants, crossing the Kintaikyo Bridge. Sankin-kotai is a system under which feudal lords in the Edo period were required to spend every other year in residence in Edo. On the day of the event, visitors can watch and enjoy the Iwakuni Taiko performance as well as the Iwakuni Domain Matchlock-gun Troop performance. (Held every April)

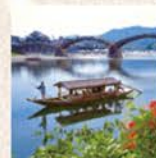
5 Excursion Boats

• Public Boat Ride • Ride time: 20 min
 • Fees: Adults: 500yen Elementary school students: 300yen



6 Sakura Bune

• Operating Period: Late March to May 31st (Sat, Sun, and Holidays)
 Everyday in Cherry Blossom Season
 • Operating Hours: 11:00~17:00



7 Momiji Bune

• Operating Period: September 11th to the end of September, November 1st to the end of November.
 Everyday during autumn, while the leaves are changing color.
 • Operating Hours: 11:00~14:00

• Reservation: Iwakuni Tourist Association Ukai office
 • TEL: 0827-28-2877





Let's Experience!

Iwakuni City Visitors Center "HONKE MATSUGANE" 4 MAP:P2



- Hours: 9:00~17:00 (entrance closes at 15:30)
- Open: all-year-round
- Address: 1-7-3 Iwakuni, Iwakuni City
- TEL: 0827-28-6600

■ Experience of SAMURAI ARMORS

The building of "Honke Matsugane" is said to be constructed in Edo period around 1850. It was renewed and opened as Iwakuni City Visitors Center in 2017. It is not place for visitors to get information about Iwakuni but also offer a chance to experience SAMURAI ARMORS and taste various kinds of Japanese sake. English-speaking staff is willing to help you to wear the Samurai Armors. You can take commemorative photos in front of Kintaikyo Bridge. The experience is also available for children. The family can have a lot of fun. *Muskets and swords are replica items.

- Reservation: Required in advance
- It takes about 30 mins.
- Experience time: 10:00~16:00 (L.O.15:30) every Saturday and Sunday.
- Please contact as it may change depending on the situation.



Gokyo Bunko Museum 5 MAP:P2

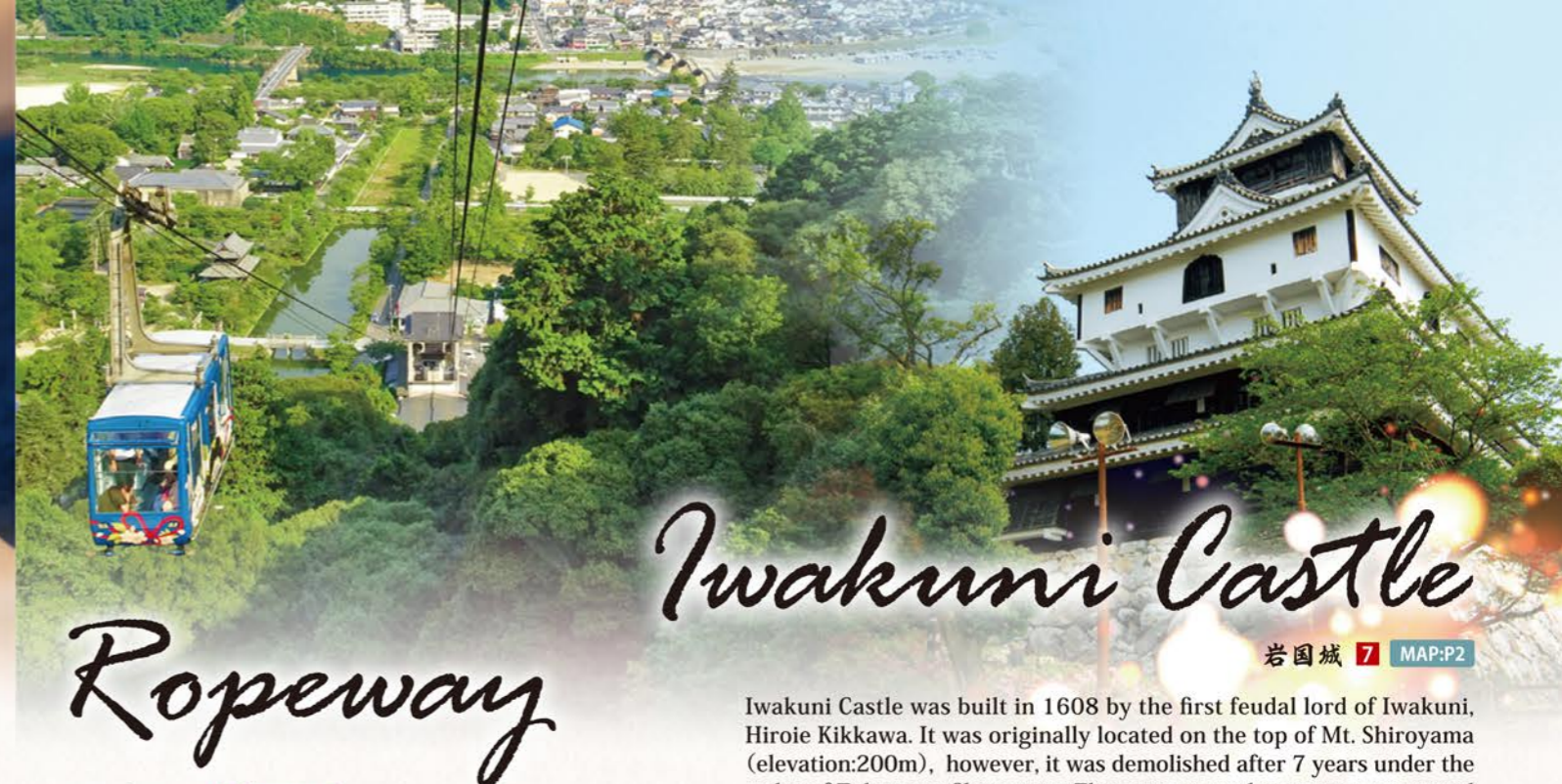
- Hours: 9:00~17:00 (entrance closes at 15:30)
- Closed: Wednesdays (also closed when changing out exhibition)
- Fees: Adult:700yen, college students:500yen, visitors high school age and under are free
- Address: 2-4-32, Yokoyama, Iwakuni City
- TEL: 0827-28-5959

■ Tenkoku Engraving Experience

We are a museum dedicated to displaying works in areas like calligraphy, painting, seal engraving, "the Four Treasures of the Study" (brush, ink, paper, and inkstone), and pottery and porcelain. This is an area where you can participate in a "Tenkoku Engraving Experience" and make your own original stamp by carving kanji (Chinese characters) on the stone.



- Experience fee (includes museum entrance pass): Adult: from 2500 yen, College students: 2200 yen, High school students and under: 2000 yen
- Experience length: 30 minutes or more
- Reservations: Visitors with reservations enter first



Ropeway

ロープウェイ 6 MAP:P2

From Sanroku Station to the top of Mt. Shiroyama (elevation:200m), it takes three minutes by gondola. From the gondola, visitors can enjoy the beautiful view of Kintaikyo Bridge, Iwakuni castle town, the city and the airport. On a clear day, you can even see the islands spread across the Seto Inland Sea.

- Operating Hours: 9:00~17:00 • Fees: Adults:330yen (one-way) 560yen (round-trip) Elementary school students:150yen (one-way) 260yen (round-trip) ※Set Discount Tickets are available for touring Kintaikyo Bridge and Iwakuni Castle.
- ※Closed on Inspection Days • TEL:0827-41-1477



■ Soft Ice Cream in Iwakuni

Around Kintaikyo Bridge, there are many Soft ice cream shops. Many tourists visit and enjoy the different flavors of the ice cream.

Sasakiya Kojiro Shop 8 MAP:P2

- Hours:9:00~18:00 ※Closed early in winter
- Closed: No scheduled holidays
- Address: 2-5-32 Yokoyama Iwakuni-City
- TEL:0827-41-3741

Takenosato Musashi 9 MAP:P2

- Hours:9:00~18:00 • Open: all-year-round
- Address: 2-1-23 Yokoyama Iwakuni-City
- TEL:0827-43-6340

Iwakuni Castle

岩国城 7 MAP:P2

Iwakuni Castle was built in 1608 by the first feudal lord of Iwakuni, Hiroie Kikkawa. It was originally located on the top of Mt. Shiroyama (elevation:200m), however, it was demolished after 7 years under the order of Tokugawa Shogunate. The present castle tower was restored in 1962 and now stands facing more towards the east side of the grounds. Iwakuni castle is a threefold, four-story castle built in Momoyama-Nanban-Zukuri style, which refers to a particular architectural style of the era. The swords and armors of the Sengoku period are displayed inside the castle. From the top of the castle, you can enjoy the beautiful view of Iwakuni City and maybe the different islands of Seto Inland Sea on a clear day.

- Hours: 9:00~16:30 • Admission Fees: Adults:270yen Elementary school students:120yen
- ※Set Discount Tickets are available for touring Iwakuni Castle, Kintaikyo Bridge and Ropeway. ※Closed on Ropeway Inspection Days
- TEL:0827-41-1477 (Nishikigawa Railway Company Iwakuni Branch)

■ Iwakuni Sushi MAP:P2

Iwakuni sushi is Iwakuni's own traditional sushi. Many layers of sushi rice and locally harvested lotus roots and fish are pressed in a wooden pressure frame. A large quantity is often made at once and cut with a long knife in pieces when serving. You can enjoy Iwakuni sushi at local restaurants and each restaurant has its own ingredients and flavor of the sushi.



10 Iwakuni White Snake Museum MAP:P2



"White Snakes of Iwakuni" are rare albino snakes whitened by mutation, which are found in Iwakuni. They have ruby red eyes and a shiny white body. They are known as "the messenger of god," thus cherished by the local people for their good luck and fortune. At Iwakuni White Snake Museum, you can see the actual white snakes and learn about them through old documents, skeletal preparation and educational videos. White Snake in Iwakuni is a national natural monument.

- ※ English translation is available at the museum. • Hours: 9:00~17:00 • Open all-year-round
- Fees: Adults:200yen, Children:100yen • TEL:0827-35-5303

11 Uno Chiyo Birthplace MAP:P2



This residence was the birthplace for Iwakuni-born, nationally recognized female novelist, Uno Chiyo. The garden offers an excellent seasonal view with its spring cherry blossoms, fresh greenery, and autumnal colors of leaves.

- Hours: 10:00~16:00 • TEL:0827-43-1693
- Closed: Tuesdays, 14th-16th August and New Year Holidays
- Fees: Adults:310yen, Elementary and Jr. High Students:100yen,
- Address: 2-9-35 Kawanishi Iwakuni-City

12 Kashiwabara Art Museum MAP:P2



This museum is famous for its collection of traditional weapons. The display includes samurai armor, swords, ceramics, glassware, calligraphic works, and the furniture of Iwakuni's feudal lords. 200 pieces are permanently exhibited and others change four times a year.

- Hours: 9:00~17:00 (16:00 from Dec to Feb) • TEL:0827-41-0506
- Fees: Adults:800yen, High school and College students:500yen, Elementary and Jr. High school students:200yen

13 Kikkawa Historical Museum MAP:P2



This museum displays the possessions of the Kikkawa family, which includes old documents, swords, weapons and traditional artifacts. The museum changes its theme and display four times a year.

- Open Hours: 9:00~17:00 • TEL:0827-41-1010
- Closed: Wednesdays (If it falls on a national holiday, the next day is closed) and New year Holidays (also closed when changing out exhibition)
- Fees: Adults:500yen, High school and College students:300yen, Elementary school students:200yen

Jakuchikyo Valley 寂地峡

(One of the three biggest valleys in Western Chugoku Mountains Quasi-National Parks) MAP:P10 B-1

Jakuchikyo Valley is located along the fresh Jakuchi River in Mt. Jakuchi, the highest mountain in Yamaguchi Prefecture. Five Falls(registered as one of Japan's 100 best waterfalls) and uniquely shaped rocks create a beautiful and rich landscape of the valley. Visitors can refresh their mind and soul by experiencing the sacred atmosphere of the place. Campsite is also available.

Walking Map



The Ryutou Fall



The Ryumon Fall



The Hakuryu Fall



The Touryu Fall



The Ryubi Fall

Jakuchikyo Tourist Information Center

The center offers visitors not only tourist information but also a place to buy local products, snacks and drinks. Visitors can register for the campsite as well and enjoy conversation with the local people at the center.

• Open from April to November • Address:1388 Usa Nishiki-machi Iwakuni-City • TEL:0827-74-0776



Campsites in Iwakuni

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Sugawa Kazoku-mura Auto Campsite MAP:P10 B-1

Located along the beautiful Usa River. Families can enjoy both camping and playing in the river.

• Address: SugawaNishiki-machi Iwakuni-City • TEL: 0827-73-0123 • CELL: 090-8992-3178 (Accept reservations all year around on cellphone)
• Fees: [Cottage] 6500yen / night [Tent] 3500yen / night • Check-in and Check-out Hours 12:00~11:00 (next day) • Open from May to October

Jakuchikyo Campsite



Located near Five Falls(registered as one of Japan's 100 best waterfalls). Visitors can enjoy the refreshing waterfall air in the mountains.

• Address: 1388 Usa Nishiki-machi Iwakuni-City
• TEL: 0827-74-0776
• Fees:
[Open sites] 1040yen / night
[Deck] 2090yen / night
[Cabin] 10470yen / night (maximum 4 people)
• Check-in and Check-out Hours:
[Open sites and Deck] 15:00~14:00 (next day)
[Cabin] 15:00~12:00 (next day)
• Open from April to November

Rakan-Kougen Auto Campsite



Located on the Rakan highlands (Elevation: above 800m). Visitors enjoy the panoramic view of seasonal changes in nature. Star gazing at night is an excellent choice for visitors.

• Address:
699-5 Rakan Ohara Nishiki-machi Iwakuni-City
• TEL: 0827-74-0010
• Fees:
[Cabin] 7500 yen / night (maximum 4people)
[Auto-camp] from 4500yen / night (maximum 5 people)
• Check-in and Check-out Hours:
[Cabin] 15:00~10:00 (next day)
[Auto-camp] 14:00~12:00 (next day)
• Open from April to November

Yasaka Camp Village



Visitors can experience various kinds of recreational activities in Yasaka Camp Village, such as playing in the river, kayaking on Yasaka Lake, and cycling around the lake.

• Address: 281-2 Yuritani Miwa-machi Iwakuni-City
• Fees:
[Yasaka Campsite] Cabin: 8220yen / night
[Auto-camp] 2050yen / night
[Kawashinjugai Park] 1020yen / night
[Yasaka Auto Campsite] 2050yen / night
• TEL: 0827-56-0208 (Management Office)
0827-96-0569 (Ysaka Co.)
• Check-in and Check-out Hours: 16:00~9:00(next day)
• Open from April to November
• Closed: Tuesdays (No closing days during summer)



Each campsite has its own special features and can be used for different means and occasions. Tents as well as other tools and equipment are available for rent. Please contact to each campsite for more information.

Yasakakyo Valley MAP:P10 B-2

(designated as a National Site of Scenic Beauty)



The natural erosion formed uniquely shaped granite rocks such as Kimen-iwa (ogre-looking rocks) and Byobu-iwa (steep cliff). Visitors can stroll on a path along Ozegawa River and observe these rocks in beautiful nature.

Lake Plaza Yasaka MAP:P10 C-2



• Hours: 9:00~17:00 • Restaurant: 9:00~15:00 (L.O. 14:00) • Closed: Tuesdays
• Address: 10281-2 Yuritani Miwa-machi Iwakuni-City • TEL: 0827-96-0569
CARD Major credit cards accepted.

Lake Plaza Yasaka is a restaurant located right by Yasaka Lake. Visitors can also buy local products and fresh produce at the plaza. Local sweets made from local "Ganne-chestnut" are popular among the visitors. There is also a tourist information booth and a rest area inside the plaza.

Yasaka Lake Rental Boat MAP:P10 C-2



• Hours: Summer (April~October) 7:00~16:00 / Winter (November~March) 8:00~16:00
• Closed: Tuesdays (From December to February only open on Saturdays and Sundays)
• TEL: 0827-96-1203

Around Yasaka Lake, there are various recreational facilities and walking-paths along the way. Visitors can rent a boat and cruise around the lake, go lure fishing, or take canoe lessons.

Myojin-bara Nagomi Park MAP:P10 B-2



• Contact: Regional Promotion Section, Integrated Miwa Office
• TEL: 0827-96-1111

Myojin-bara Nagomi Park gives you a feeling of being in Japan's rural area. A small river runs through the park and it has a water mill, barbecue site, and an open grass square. There are thousands of cherry blossom trees in and around the park, and you can enjoy a beautiful view in spring.



Nishikigawa Seiryu Line

錦川清流線 MAP:P10 B-3

The local Nishikigawa Seiryu Line runs parallel to the Nishiki River. It takes 68 minutes from JR Iwakuni Sta. to Nishikicho Sta. The visitors can relax and enjoy the spectacular view of the mountain, river and seasonal nature from the train window.

- Fees for one way: Adults:1170yen Children:580yen (from JR Iwakuni Sta. to Nishikicho Sta.)



- Fees for one way: Adults:650yen Children:300yen ※Discount rate for group of 20 or more: Adults:500yen Children:250yen
- Operating Period: Late March to late November (Sat, Sun, and Holidays) ※Runs everyday during spring and summer vacation
- Contact: Nishikigawa Railway Company
- Address: Hirose Nishiki-machi Iwakuni-City • TEL: 0827-72-2002

Underground Kingdom "Mikawa Mu Valley" MAP:P10 A-3

The Underground Kingdom Mikawa Mu Valley is an adventure park set inside an old mine. There are giant stone statues, temples, paintings, waterfalls and a lake inside the 1km mine. Visitors can join adventurous attractions and games such as treasure hunting and sifting for gold. There is also a restaurant for people to dine at.



- Admission Fees: Adults (junior high-school students and older):1980yen Children (4 years and older):990yen
- Closed: Tuesdays & Wednesdays excluding the busy season • Opening Hours:10:00~16:00
- Address: 1564-1 Negasa Mikawa-machi Iwakuni-City • TEL: 0827-77-0111



Tokotoko Train (sightseeing trolley train) MAP:P10 A-2

Tokotoko Train runs slowly for 6km between Nishikicho Sta. to Souzukyo Sta., taking about 40 minutes. You can enjoy the seasonal landscape of the beautiful valley, trees and flowers along the Usa River. The special feature is a tunnel with shining art of fluorescent stones.



Hot Springs in Iwakuni

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Hot springs in Iwakuni are radium springs containing radon. Radium springs are known as "healing springs" for their health benefits such as fatigue recovery and health promotion. They are also believed to be effective for gout, arteriosclerosis, high blood pressure, chronic skin diseases, female disorders, arthritis and so on.

Rules and Manners of Hot Springs

- Rinse your body with hot water before you enter the bathtub.
- Tie your hair up if it is long.
- No towels are allowed inside the bathtub water.
- Do not wash your body inside the bathtub.
- Do not run, make noises or swim in the bathtub.
- Wipe your body before entering the locker room or the sauna.
- Refrain from bathing when you are sick or after you drink alcohol.
- Be considerate when washing or showering.

Iwakuni Kokusai Kanko Hotel MAP:P10 C-3

- Hours: 11:00~22:00 • Open all-year-round
- Fees: Adults:1700yen Children (3~12 years old):800yen ※Must be accompanied with adults
- Address: 1-1-7 Iwakuni Iwakuni-City
- TEL: 0827-43-1111
- Outdoor Bath and Sauna are available in this facility



Yuu Hot Springs MAP:P10 C-4



- Hours: 10:00~21:00 • Closed: Tuesdays
- Fees: Adults:990yen Children (4 years old to elementary school):500yen
- Address: 777 Yuu-machi Iwakuni-City • TEL: 0827-63-0755
- Out-door Bath, Sauna and Bedrock Bath (for additional charge) are available in this facility.

Fukatanikyo Hot springs Seiryu-no-sato MAP:P10 B-1



- Hours: 10:00~19:00 • Closed: Wednesdays
- Fees: Adults (junior high school students or older):650yen Elementary school students:300yen Children 2 years or older:200yen
- Address: 1075 Usago Nishiki-machi Iwakuni-City • TEL: 0827-74-5100

Souzukyo Hot springs

Iko-no-ie MAP:P10 B-2



- Hours: Dec.-Mar.11:00~17:30, Apr.-Nov.10:30~18:00
- Closed: Thursdays • Fees: Adults:700yen Children:400yen
- Address: 3132 Fukagawa Nishiki-machi Iwakuni-City
- TEL: 0827-73-0236

Nishiki Palace MAP:P10 B-2



- Hours: 15:00~20:00 • Open all year round (Except New year holidays)
- Fees: Adults:700yen Children:400yen
- Address: 3132-2 Fukagawa Nishiki-machi Iwakuni-City
- TEL: 0827-73-0211



Irori Sanzoku

(Also known as chicken shack)

Restaurant Irori Sanzoku(Also known as chicken shack), the talk across Yamaguchi Pref. Famous for a large-sized rice ball called Sanzoku musubi, grilled chicken called Sanzoku-yaki for a big bite, Sanzoku udon, and Sumeragi beef, a brand of beef.

[Kuga Area] MAP:P10 B-3

- Address: 1380-1 Kuga-machi Iwakuni-City • TEL: 0827-82-3115
- Sanzoku / Hours:10:00~24:00 (L.O.23:00) Closed: Irregular
- Kamado / Hours:10:00~24:00 (L.O.23:00) Closed: Irregular
- Tourian / Hours:10:00~24:00 (L.O.23:00) Closed: Irregular

[Shuto Area] MAP:P10 B-4

- Address: 2354-1 Nishinagano Shuto-machi Iwakuni-City • TEL: 0827-84-3914
- Oimatsu / Hours:10:00~24:00 (L.O.23:00) Closed: Irregular

[Nishiki Area] MAP:P10 A-2

- Address: 889 Bojigatoge Ono Nishiki-machi Iwakuni-City • TEL: 0827-72-2836
- Sanzoku-toride / Hours:10:00~22:00 (L.O.21:00) Closed: Irregular
- Ittousen / Hours:10:00~22:00 (L.O.21:00) Closed: Irregular

Kin nan Steakhouse



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Takamori Beef has established its position as one of the most well-known beef brands of Iwakuni. Visitors can enjoy Takamori Beef's delicious flavor as well as its tenderness at a reasonable price at Kinnan. English menu is available.

- Hours: 11:30~15:00 (L.O. 14:00)
17:00~21:00 (L.O. 20:30)
- Closed: Mondays
(the following day if a public holiday falls on Monday)
- Address: 3-3-4 Nakazu-machi Iwakuni-City
- TEL: 0827-22-8136

Iwakuni Local Sake (Sake breweries)

High quality Sake is produced where water is clear and pure. Nishikigawa River in Iwakuni was selected as one of Japan's top 100 Exquisite and Well-Conserved Waters. There are 5 Sakegura(Sake breweries) in Iwakuni and they are famous for their nationally recognized sake brands.



Gangi Yaoshin Shuzou

MAP:P10 C-3

- Address: 3-18-9 Imazu-machi Iwakuni-City
- TEL: 0827-21-3185
- Hours: 8:00~18:00 (10:00~17:00 on Saturdays)
- Closed: Sundays and Holidays



Gokyo Sakai Shuzo

MAP:P10 C-3

- Address: 1-1-31 Nakazu Iwakuni-City
- TEL: 0827-21-2177
- Hours: 8:00~17:00
- Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays



Murashige Murashige Shuzo

MAP:P10 C-3 CARD

- Address: 5-101-1 Misho Iwakuni-City
- TEL: 0827-46-1111
- Hours: 9:00~17:00
- Closed: Bon and New Years Holidays



Kinsuzume Horie Sakaba

MAP:P10 A-2

- Address: 6781 Hirose Nishiki-machi Iwakuni-City
- TEL: 0827-72-2515
- Hours: 8:30~18:00
- Closed: Sundays and Holidays



Dassai Asahi Shuzo

MAP:P10 B-3 CARD

- Address: 2167-4 Osogoe Shuto-machi Iwakuni-City
- TEL: 0827-86-0800
- Hours: 9:00~17:00

Pureline Nishiki Michi-no-eki



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It's a tourist facility in Nishiki-machi located on the banks of the Usa River along National Route 187. Surrounded by the beautiful mountains, many visitors use this facility for a restaurant that serves local dishes, a shop to buy local produce and a tourist information booth.

- Hours: 9:00~18:00
- Closed: Souvenir Corner: No closed
- Restaurant: Tuesdays
(expect for National Holidays on Tuesday, in which case it is open on the holiday and closed the following Wednesday instead)
- Address: 117 Funotani Nishiki-machi Iwakuni-City
- TEL: 0827-71-0011

Minato Oasis Yuu Shiokaze Park



MAP:P10 C-4

Minato Oasis Yuu is a tourist facility located right by the beautiful Seto Inland Sea. The facility has a seafood restaurant and a shop to buy local products. There is also a 450m long beach and a shower room for summer leisure.

- [Product sale Corner]
- Hours: 9:30~18:00 (March to October)
9:30~17:00 (November to February)
 - Closed: Tuesdays (Opens everyday during summer)
 - Address: 8500-6 Yuu-machi Iwakuni-City
 - TEL: 0827-62-0155
 - ※The beach opens in the middle of July

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