

Events/experiences

Tomonoura has many events and experiences! For all of Tomonoura's events, check out our website!



March
Tomo Townscape Doll Festival
 Shops, ryokan (Japanese style inns), and machiya (traditional wooden townhouses) on the streets of Tomonoura exhibit Hina dolls having been handed down generation after generation. You can see treasured Hina dolls that were created during the Edo period through the Meiji period.
 Period: Late February to mid-March
 Site: All across Tomo



May
Tomonoura Taiami Sea Bream Netting Festival
 Watch a fish haul as a group of fishermen on fishing boats track down, net and haul in, in one single swoop, a school of red sea bream. This local fishing technique boasts 380 years of spirit and muscle.
 Period: Early to mid-May
 Site: Offshore of Sensujima Island



July
Fukuyama Tomonoura Bentenjima Island Fireworks Display
 At this seasonal tradition that signals the beginning of summer in Setouchi, fireworks add to the atmosphere that is so unique to Tomonoura. Before the display, local residents and children perform traditional Japanese "Aiya-bushi" entertainment.
 Period: Last Saturday of May
 Site: All across Tomo (Launch site: Bentenjima Island)



July
Otebi Shinto Ritual
 Three giant torches (called Otebi) approximately 150kg in weight are carried up a series of shrine steps to the hall of worship in a display of fortitude and passion for tradition. This Shinto ritual of fire that colors a single summer night orange and red in Tomonoura is one of Japan's three great fire festivals.
 Period: Night before the second Sunday of July
 Site: Nunakuma Shrine



Experience
Experience making Taichikuwa (fish sausage)
 After experiencing making this local favorite by hand from the instruction of friendly craftsmen, savor the taste of Taichikuwa, a traditional specialty having been handed down in Tomonoura for generations.



Experience
Experience sea kayaking
 Enjoy the unique scenery of Tomonoura from the waters of the beautiful Seto Inland Sea. Calm waves ensure that even beginners can enjoy this seafaring challenge.

Recommended courses

See the sights of Tomonoura from the recommended courses!

Temples and Shrines Course

📍 "Tomo-ko" bus stop (Tomotetsu bus)
 ↓ Approx. 5 minute walk



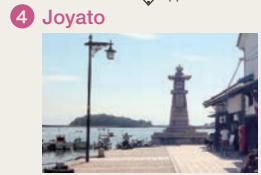
↓ Approx. 2 minute walk



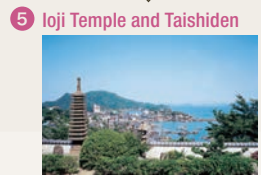
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↓ Approx. 2 minute walk



↓ Approx. 10 minute walk



↓ Approx. 15 minute walk

📍 "Tomo-ko" bus stop (Tomotetsu bus)

A Relaxed Walking Course

📍 "Tomonoura" bus stop (Tomotetsu bus)
 ↓ Approx. 1 minute walk



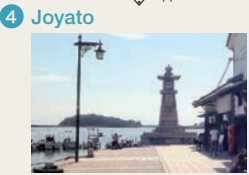
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↓ Approx. 15 minute walk



↓ Approx. 3 minute walk



↓ Approx. 8 minute walk



↓ Approx. 5 minute walk

📍 "Tomo-ko" bus stop (Tomotetsu bus)

Experience authentic Japanese culture at Fukuju Kaikan!

Experience FUKUYAMA

Prior reservations required

Why not make contact with the Japanese spirit at Fukuju Kaikan, a 5 minute walk from JR Fukuyama Station? Experience Japanese culture including wearing Kimono and Sado (tea ceremony), while viewing a Japanese garden and the natural scenery of Fukuyama Castle.



Kimono



Why not take a stroll around a Japanese garden wearing a kimono? An obi belt tied in the form of Fukuyama City's flower the "rose" is a kimono experience unique to Fukuyama.

Koto



"Koto" is a traditional Japanese musical instrument symbolizing the dragon. Please experience the sound of Fukuyama, Japan's largest koto production center.

Sado



Why not experience tea ceremony in the stately and historical Fukuju Kaikan? Learn the rules of etiquette, make yourself a bowl of tea, and enjoy Japanese confectionery together with your tea.

For details, check out our website.

<https://experiencefukuyama.com/>

Experience FUKUYAMA by Fukuju Kaikan

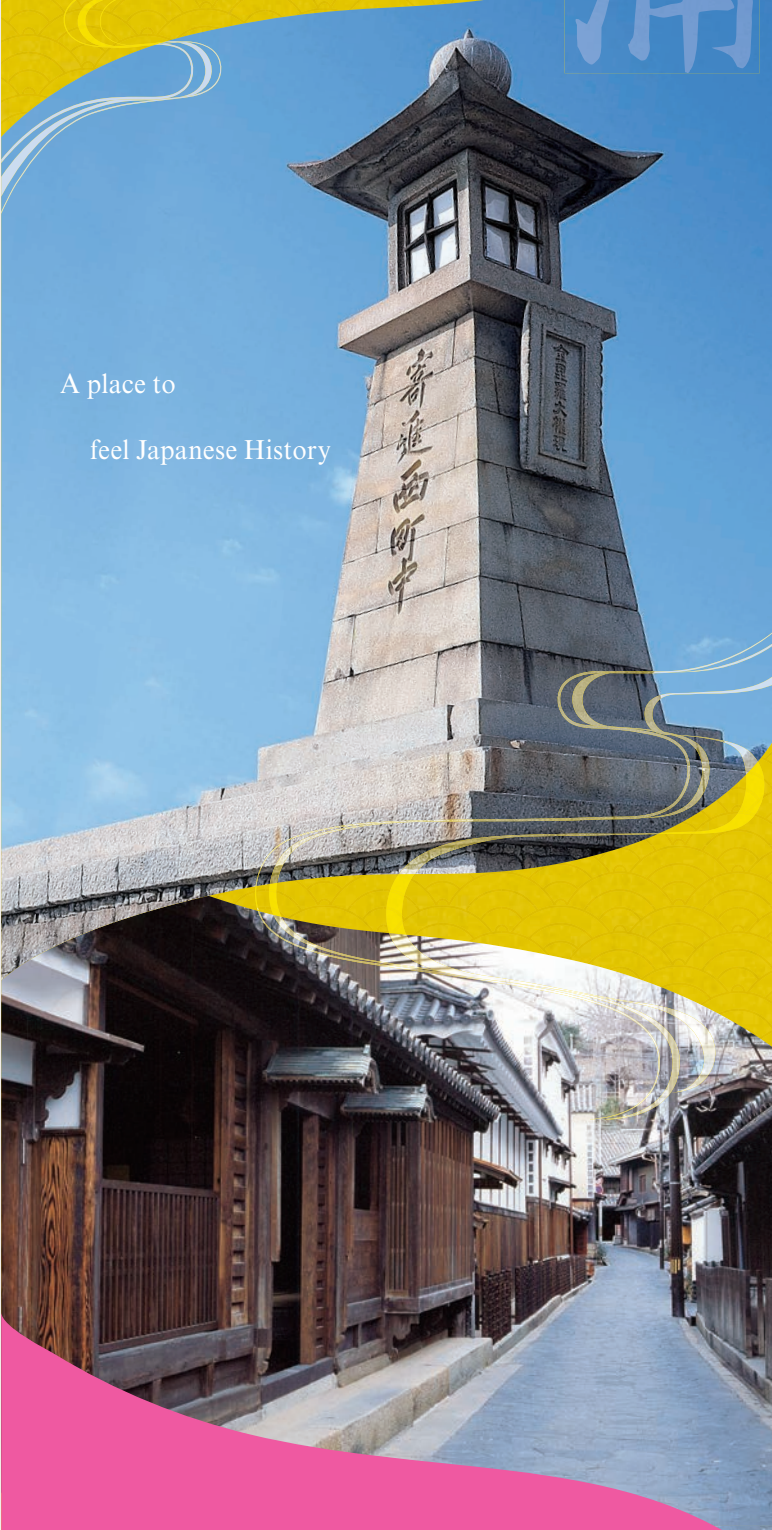
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Setonaikai National Park

Tomonoura

Fukuyama Hiroshima Japan

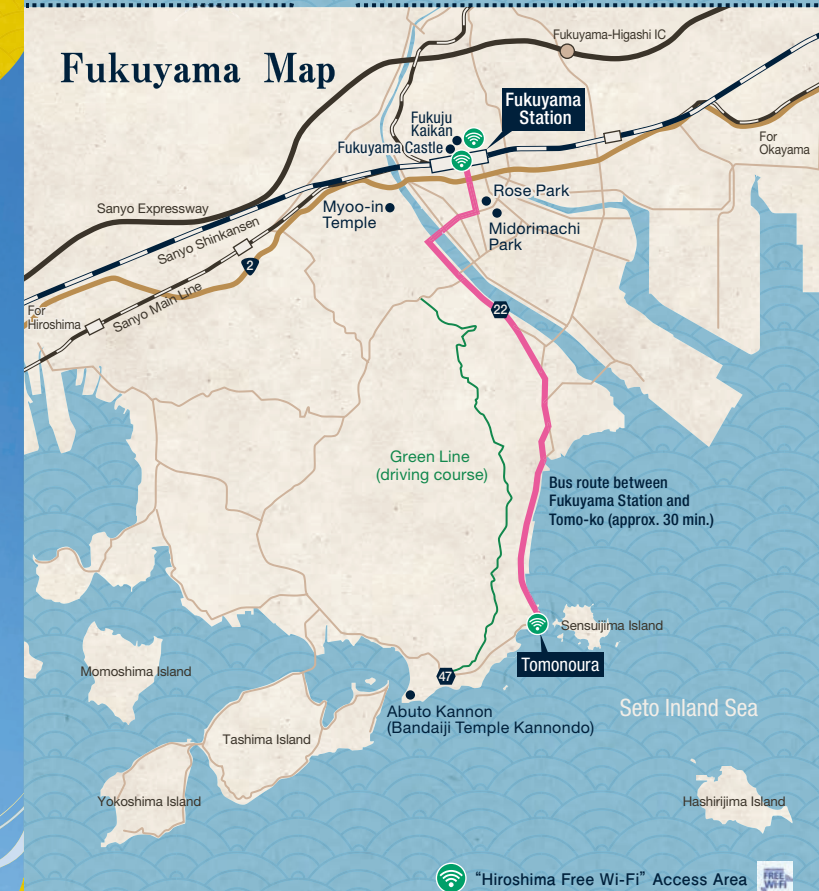
A place to feel Japanese History



Japan Map



Fukuyama Map



Access

Shinkansen

- Tokyo: Approx. 3 hr. 40 min.
- Shin-Osaka: Approx. 1 hr.
- Hiroshima: Approx. 30 min.

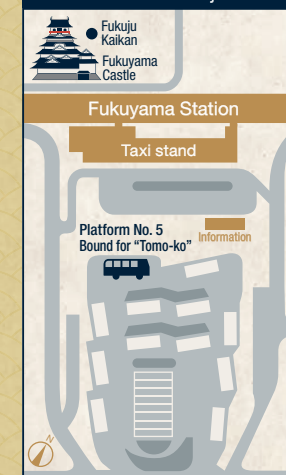
JR

- Onomichi: Approx. 20 min.
- Kurashiki: Approx. 30 min.

Car

- Fukuyama-Higashi IC: Approx. 35 min.
- Tomotetsu bus: Approx. 30 min.

Bus terminal in front of Fukuyama Station



Fukuyama Station

Fukuyama Tourist Information Center

☎084-922-2869 (Service available in English)
 JR Fukuyama Station, 30-1, Sannomaru-cho, Fukuyama, Hiroshima
 Hours: 9:00am - 6:30pm Closed: Dec. 29 - Jan. 3

Specialty products

Homeishu is a Japanese liqueur made from 16 kinds of spices having a history of about 350 years, and brewed exclusively in Tomonoura. Nowadays, it is made by just four breweries in Tomonoura, and each brewery has its own distinct taste. Why not make a comparison taste?



Homeishu

Gasuten Tempura



Gasuten Tempura is a Tomonoura specialty fish-paste product that is made by mashing small fish hauled from the Seto Inland Sea together with their bones and kneading the contents with burdock and then frying the patty-shaped ingredients. The name comes from its bony texture (gasutasu in Japanese). Enjoy the distinctive texture and savory taste.