

# Take part in Japanese culture in Fukuyama

## Experience FUKUYAMA

by Fukuju Kaikan

Why not experience Japanese culture at Fukuju Kaikan near Fukuyama Station?

At Fukuju Kaikan, you can experience traditional Japanese culture, such as wearing a kimono and taking part in a Japanese tea ceremony. While doing so, you can enjoy a wonderful view of Fukuju Kaikan's Japanese garden with Fukuyama Castle providing a scenic backdrop. Commemorate your visit to Japan with this wonderful experience! (Reservations required)



### Experience Kimono

Walk through a Japanese garden while wearing a kimono! An obi belt tied in the shape of a large rose accentuates the beauty of the kimono in a unique style.

### Experience Tea Ceremony

Tea ceremony is a tradition based on the spirit of Japanese hospitality. Experience the etiquette of the Japanese tea ceremony while enjoying matcha (green tea) in a tea room.



### Experience Koto (Japanese Harp)

Experience playing the koto (Japanese harp), a traditional Japanese instrument and a locally crafted specialty of Fukuyama. Through careful instruction, even beginners can learn how to play simple music.



### Experience Calligraphy

Learn the basics of shodo using fude (brush), sumi (ink), and hanshi (paper), and write Japanese words in kanji and hiragana as keepsake souvenirs.



### Fukuju Kaikan

Address: 1-8-9, Marunouchi, Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima 720-0061  
(5 minute walk from JR Fukuyama Station) Tel: 084-923-1516 Open: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Closed: Mondays (the following day if Monday is a national holiday)

As of 2016, guides are available in English only.

Check the website for details! <http://www.experiencefukuyama.com>



### Niagari Odori Dance

This dance, featuring unique rhythms and performances, has been passed down as the traditional dance of Fukuyama for around 150 years. You can see it performed at Fukuyama's annual Summer Festival. Spontaneous participation on the day of the festival is welcome! Scheduled date and time : August 13, 6:20 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Location : Central Park area

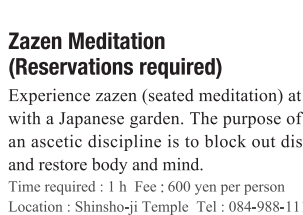
### Tondo Matsuri Festival

This is a New Year's festival that has continued for about 400 years. Large yagura turrets built of straw and bamboo are burned in a fire blazing finale as a wish for sound health.



### Sea Kayaking

Feel the beautiful islands, ocean, and wind of the Seto Inland Sea throughout your entire body. Experience kayaking in Tomonoura.



### Zazen Meditation (Reservations required)

Experience zazen (seated meditation) at a temple with a Japanese garden. The purpose of zazen as an ascetic discipline is to block out distractions and restore body and mind.

Time required : 1 h Fee : 600 yen per person  
Location : Shinsho-ji Temple Tel : 084-988-1111

[Access] Ride the Tomotetsu Bus from Fukuyama Station Bus Platform 6. Get off at "Tenjinyama" and walk for 15 minutes.



## Fukuyama Specialty Products

There are many excellent products in Fukuyama, from local dishes that have been passed down from generation to generation to craftwork made using traditional techniques.



### Uzumi

Uzumi is a local dish in which ingredients and soup stock are covered by rice. This dish has been passed down for around 400 years. Uncovering the delicious ingredients is like digging up buried treasure!



### Fukuyama Koto

A symbolic traditional instrument of Japan, the harp-like koto has a beautiful wood texture and produces gentle, alluring melodies. Fukuyama is the top producer of koto in Japan.



### Homeishu

Homeishu is a medicinal liquor with a 350 year history that is produced only in Tomonoura. Characterized by its thickness, sweetness, and unique flavor, homeishu has been served at parties held for important figures throughout history.



### Gasuten

Gasuten are fish paste products made by mashing and frying small fish from the Seto Inland Sea. Enjoy the unique texture and rich taste of the sea.



### Bingo Kasuri

This splashed patterned fabric, made by dyeing cotton with indigo, was created in Fukuyama around 150 years ago. You can buy products made with this fabric around Fukuyama Station.



### Geta

Geta are a type of traditional Japanese footwear similar to wooden clogs. Fukuyama is the leading producer of geta in Japan. Pick up a pair right here in Fukuyama!



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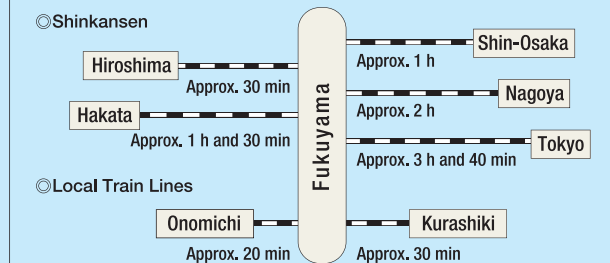
# FUKUYAMA

## Travel brochure

In Fukuyama, you can see and experience beautiful natural scenery, traditions, and history.

One of the many attractions of Fukuyama is the diversity of its available programs. Here you can experience the traditional culture and history of Japan that continues to be passed down in these modern times.

## Access to Fukuyama



## Fukuyama Tourist Information Center (in JR Fukuyama Station)

30-1 Sannomaru-cho, Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima 720-0066 Tel: 084-922-2869 \*English-speaking staff available.





## Historic and Scenic Port Town

# Tomonoura

Tomonoura is a historic port that has prospered since ancient times as a location for boats to wait for favorable winds and tides. While it is known as a tourist destination, Tomonoura is also a town where you can feel and hear the life of the local residents. Here you can enjoy a peaceful journey in an atmosphere from times long past.

\*English navigation is available through the Fukuyama Voice Navi.



## Traditional and Aesthetic Cultural Asset

# Fukuyama Castle

The beautiful, natural scenery of the Fukuyama townscape is dotted with numerous notable historic sites. Here you will find traditions that are still actively practiced today as well as an aesthetic beauty that has been passed down through the ages.



### 1 Joyato (Lighthouse)

This lighthouse was built out of stone around 160 years ago. Joyato, the tallest stone lighthouse in Japan, is also famous as a Japanese movie and drama location.

[Access] Ride the Tomotetsu Bus from Fukuyama Station Bus Platform 5 for around 30 minutes. Get off at the last stop, "Tomoko," and walk for 5 minutes.



### 2 Fukuzen-ji Temple Taichoro

This temple was built around 1690 as a state-guest reception hall. Enjoy the magnificent view from the reception room, where the window frames the view like a painting.

Open : 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Admission : Adults 200 yen, ages 13 - 18 150 yen, ages 12 and under 100 yen

[Access] Ride the Tomotetsu Bus from Fukuyama Station Bus Platform 5 for around 30 minutes. Get off at the last stop, "Tomoko," and walk for 3 minutes.



### 3 Ota Residence

This wealthy merchant's residence and sake storehouse is around 200 years old and is designated as an Important Cultural Property. These buildings are must-see sights for learning about the history of Tomonoura and the homeishu produced there.

Open : 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed : Tuesdays (or the following day if Tuesday is a national holiday) Admission : Ages 13 and over 400 yen, ages 7 - 12 200 yen

[Access] Ride the Tomotetsu Bus from Fukuyama Station Bus Platform 5 for around 30 minutes. Get off at the last stop, "Tomoko," and walk for 5 minutes.

### 4 Tomonoura Museum of History and Folklore

This museum was built on the ruins of a castle, and from here, you can enjoy a view that overlooks the town and the Seto Inland Sea. Tomonoura's history, industry, and festivals are introduced in an easy-to-understand way.

Open : 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Last entry 4:30 p.m.) Closed : Mondays (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday)

Admission: Adults 150 yen, ages 18 and under free [Access] Ride the Tomotetsu Bus from Fukuyama Station Bus Platform 5 for around 30 minutes. Get off at the "Tomonoura" stop and walk for 5 minutes.



### 5 Heisei Iroha Maru Ferry Port

This ferry was designed to look like the ship Iroha Maru, which existed 150 years ago and was an important part of Tomonoura's history. This ferry connects Tomonoura and Sensuijima Island in 5 minutes.

Operating hours : 7:10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. (The ferry runs at about 20 minute intervals.)

Roundtrip fare : Adults 240 yen, ages 12 and under 120 yen

[Access] Ride the Tomotetsu Bus from Fukuyama Station Bus Platform 5 for around 30 minutes. Get off at the last stop, "Tomoko," and walk for 3 minutes.



### 6 Sensuijima Island

Here you can experience the beauty of nature that has withstood the test of time. A five-colored rock (goshikiwa) is a famous island attraction. Enjoy camping and hiking here, then relieve the weariness of your travels at the island restaurant, hotel, and public bath. [Access] Ride the Tomotetsu Bus from Fukuyama Station Bus Platform 5 for around 30 minutes. Get off at the last stop, "Tomoko," and walk for 3 minutes to the municipal ferry port. Take the 5 minute ferry ride to Sensuijima Island.



### 7 Fukuyama Castle Park

Fukuyama Castle, which was originally completed in 1622, is located directly north of Fukuyama Station. The castle park is bustling with visitors every April, when people come to gather and enjoy the cherry blossom season. The castle tower was reconstructed in 1966.

[Access] Located a 5 minute walk from the north exit of JR Fukuyama Station.



### 9 Myoo-in Temple

This beautiful five-story pagoda and main hall were built around 700 years ago and are designated as National Treasures. Every year, a mystical fire-walking ritual is held at night in early March.

Open : 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Admission : Free

[Access] Ride the Tomotetsu Bus from Fukuyama Station Bus Platform 5. Get off at the "Kusado Uenochi" stop and walk for 15 minutes.

### 10 Fukuyama Castle Museum

The interior of the main keep of Fukuyama Castle is a museum that exhibits swords and armor. Enjoy a panoramic view of Fukuyama City from the top floor of the castle tower.

Open : 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Last entry 4:30 p.m.)

Closed : Mondays (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday)

Admission for permanent exhibitions: Adults 200 yen, free for children ages 18 and under [Access] Located a 5 minute walk from the north exit of JR Fukuyama Station.



### 11 Abuto Kannon

This temple, located at the tip of the cape and built around 450 years ago, is dedicated to Kannon, the goddess of mercy. It is known as a place of prayer for safe sea navigation and safe childbirth. The temple's location creates a wonderful scene in harmony with nature.

Open : 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Open year-round. Admission : Adults 100 yen, children ages 11 and under 50 yen

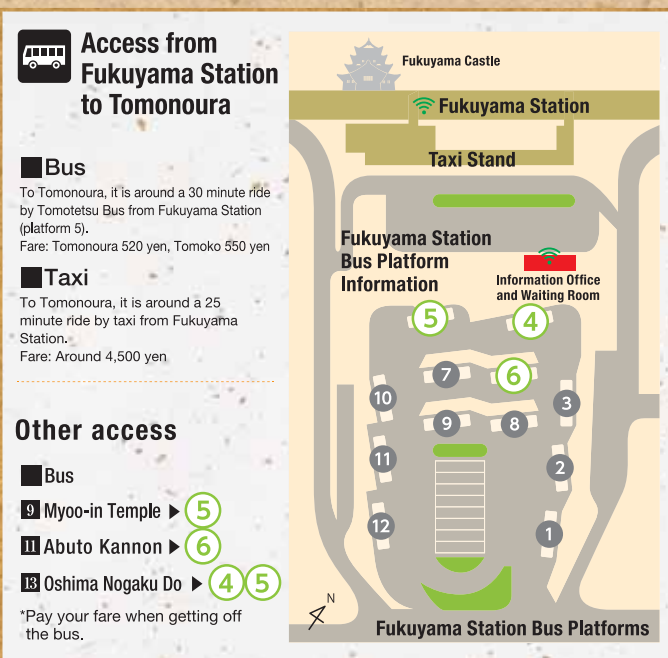
[Access] Ride the Tomotetsu Bus "Shinkawa-sen Abuto-iki" from Fukuyama Station Bus Platform 6 for around 45 minutes. Get off at the "Abuto Kannon Iriguchi" stop and walk for 15 minutes.



### 12 Culture Zone

Feel the history and culture of Fukuyama at the Hiroshima Prefectural Museum of History, Fukuyama Museum of Art, Human Rights and Peace Museum, and other facilities. Enjoy learning in whichever direction you go in this unique Culture Zone. English navigation is available through the Fukuyama Voice Navi.

[Access] Located a 5 minute walk from the north exit of JR Fukuyama Station.



### 13 Oshima Nogaku Do (Noh Theatre)

Noh is the oldest traditional dramatic performing art in Japan and has been designated as an Intangible Cultural Heritage. Noh is popular in Fukuyama, and in particular the Oshima Nohgaku Do (Noh Theatre) has preserved and passed down the tradition of Noh for over 100 years. In addition to actual Noh performances on stage, you can enjoy exhibits of materials about Noh as well.

Address : 2-2-2 Konancho, Fukuyama-shi, 720-0814 Tel : 084-923-2633

[Access] Located a 15 minute walk from the south exit of JR Fukuyama Station. Alternatively, ride the Tomotetsu Bus from Fukuyama Station Bus Platform 5 or the Chugoku Bus from Platform 4. Get off at "Shoko Chukin-mae" and walk for 3 minutes.

\*This information is current as of March 2016 but is subject to change.