

2016 Cherry Blossom Viewing in Shiga

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(Japanese site. Information on the timing of this year's blossoms will be posted in mid-March.)



【Ho Park】



【Kaizuosaki】



【Hikone castle Moat】



【MIHO MUSEUM】



【Lake Biwa Canal】



【Mii-dera Temple
(Onjoji Temple)】

About 600 Someiyoshino blossoms burst into bloom around Nagahama Castle Historical Museum. It's been designated one of the "100 best cherry blossom viewing spots in Japan". You can see a blanket of cherry blossoms from the castle tower. Cherry blossoms are lit up at night during the season. ※Depending on the degree of blooming.

Ho Park

Early Apr. – Mid-Apr.

10-10 Koencho, Nagahama City 5 min walk from JR Biwako Line Nagahama Sta.
Nagahama City Planning Division TEL:0749-62-4111 FAX:0749-63-4111

Kaizuosaki

Early Apr. – Mid-Apr.

Designated one of the "100 best cherry blossom viewing spots in Japan", about 800 Someiyoshino blossoms over 70 years old create a 4 km long cherry blossom tunnel at Kaizuosaki by Lake Biwa. It's a well-known late blooming spot in the Kinki area.
Kaizu, Makino-cho, Takashima City
Take a Makino Community Bus (Makino Kogen Line) from the JR Makino sta. (JR Kosei Line) to Kaizuosaki-guchi. The spot is a 4 min. walk from the bus stop.
Biwako Takashima Tourist Association TEL:0740-33-7101 FAX:0740-33-7105 Email: biwako@takashima-kanko.jp

Hikone Castle Cherry Blossom Festival

Apr. 1(Fri)~20(Wed)
9:00~18:00

The sight of about 1,200 cherry blossoms all in bloom on the castle ground is breathtaking. Trees inside the moat are lit up at night and a houseboat runs at night on Saturdays and Sundays during the festival. Enjoy the night view of cherry blossoms from the water. ※Light-up: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Depending on the degree of blooming.)

Entrance Fee for Hikone Castle: ¥600 1-1 Konkicho, Hikone City 15min. Walk from JR Biwako Line Hikone Sta.
Hikone Castle TEL:0749-22-2742 FAX:0749-22-2905

Mii-dera Temple

(Onjoji Temple)*

Close to Mii-dera Temple and Lake Biwa Canal, it is one of the best cherry blossom viewing spots in Shiga. The trees are lit up at night in the beginning of April. The illuminated tunnel of cherry blossom is breathtaking.

8:00~17:00 Entrance Fee for Mii-dera Temple: ¥600
246 Onjojicho, Otsu City 10min. walk From Keihan Ishiyama Sakamoto Line Miidera Sta.

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Onjoji Temple TEL:077-522-2238 FAX:077-522-2221
URL: <http://www.shiga-miidera.or.jp/translation/eng.html>

MIHO MUSEUM

About 80 weeping cherry trees are in full bloom along the pass between the Reception Pavilion and the Museum Building.

300 Momodani Tashiro, Shigaraki-cho, Koka City
Mid-Apr. – End of Apr. Take a bus from the south exit of the JR Ishiyama station (Biwako Line), bound for MIHO MUSEUM station (Biwako Line), for about 50 min. (¥820).
MIHO MUSEUM TEL:0748-82-3411 FAX:0748-82-3414 <http://miho.jp/>