

Nagahama City Tourist Guide



Experience Nagahama
with your five senses.
There are many places where you
want to return over and over again.



You can retrieve your childhood innocence in nature, or be a traveler in time who touches tradition and history.

On the next visit, let's take pictures while walking around the old streets.

Going for a hike, a drive, or a cruise would be nice too.

Come in touch with and experience various things to fully enjoy a special day.

Even though it is the same place, it is a treasure chest-like town where you can feel fresh no matter how many times you visit.

What different sides of me can I encounter next time?

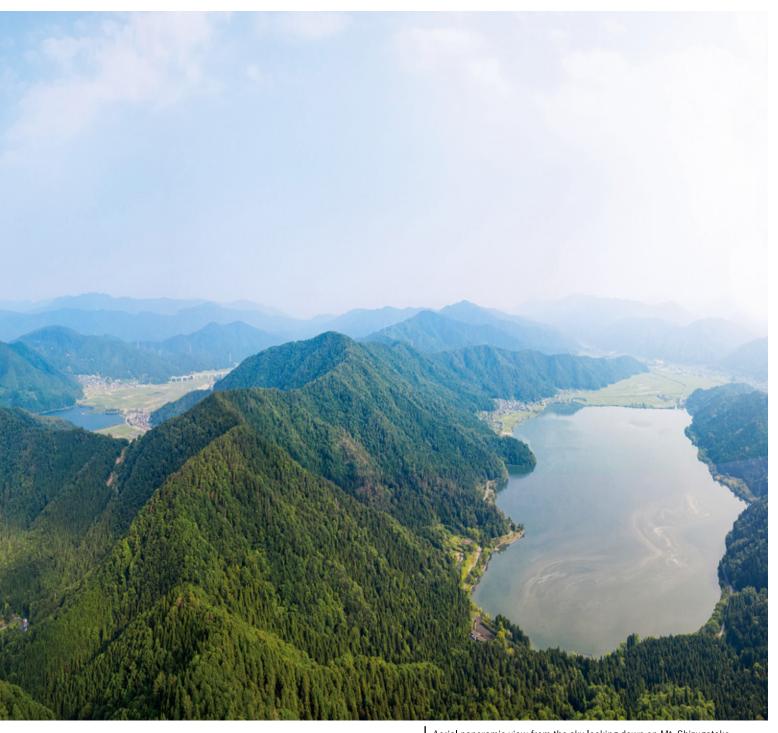
On a holiday, let's go to Nagahama City, which is full of new discoveries and encounters.



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Aerial panoramic view from the sky looking down on Mt. Shizugatake



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Camping o

There are a wide variety of camping facilities in Nagahama, such as nearby forests and rivers, and on the shores of Lake Biwa.

[Takayama Campground] 2324 Takavama-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-76-0076

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[Omi Ikoi-no-Hiroba Campground1 678 Omi, Kinomoto-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-82-2500

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[Woodypal Yogo] 260 Nakanogo, Yogo-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-86-4145



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Water Taxi

Fishermen will tour the recommended courses according to the season and weather of the day.

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[Kojo Taxi Association] Onoe Port, Kohoku-cho, Nagahahma-shi tel 090-6901-0049

Birdwatching O

Many wild birds visit all year round and attract visitors with the sunset at Lake Biwa.

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[Kohoku Wild Bird Center] Imanishi, Kohoku-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-79-1289





In Nagahama, surrounded by majestic nature represented by Lake Biwa, there are many fun nature activities. Including forest trekking that lets you feel the breath of the trees and plants, camping in the season of fresh green, and winter sports on the plains of silvery white, this is the best learning spot filled with opportunities to get to know nature and learn.



Tourism website 「Outdoor」



Mt. Shizugatake 👩

It is the site where the decisive battle between Hashiba Hideyoshi and Shibata Katsuie took place. It is known as the old battlefield of Shizugatake, and many history fans like this place. There is also a lift to the observatory where you can get a panoramic view of Nagahama.

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[Shizugatake Lift] Oto, Kinomoto-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-82-3009





Smelt fishing

One of the best spots for smelt fishing in the Kansai region.

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[Lake Yogo Fishery Cooperative] 2380-I Kawanami, Yogo-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-86-3033



Winter Sports

A ski resort with good access from the Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe region and the Nagoya region.

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[Yogo Kogen Resort YAP] 373 Nakanokawachi, Yogo-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-86-300 l

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[Akovama Ski Resort Snowpal] 260 Nakanogo, Yogo-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-86-4145



Grape picking 🗿

You can enjoy picking large grapes that grow in abundance

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1418 Imajo-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-74-1322

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[Imajo Tourist Vineyard] [Minamihama Tourist Vineyard] Minamihama-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-72-4137



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6-50 Sanwa-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-62-8887



cultivating the challenging spirit of Yanmar while having fun. Adults will also

be fascinated by the contents of the various activities.



Handmade crafting that stays in your heart

A unique culture and advanced industry have developed in Nagahama as it was a transportation hub since ancient times. Here you can experience traditional blacksmithing, advanced technologies and glass art that have become a symbol of town development. In addition, a variety of experiences where you can feel the tradition of crafting, such as woodworking utilizing its rich natural environment, are waiting for you. If you are inspired to create something, it is the beginning of making unforgettable memories.

Kaiyodo Figure Museum Kurokabe A museum where you can enjoy the history and figures of Kaiyodo, which is

A museum where you can enjoy the history and figures of Kaiyodo, which is famous for toy food products. In the workshop, you can make an artwork of your own.

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I3-31 Motohama-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-68-1680





Pottery's wheel/ hand painting pottery experience

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[Ceramic Art Studio Hokkokugama] 8-19 Motohama-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-68-2680



Wana Velvet factory tour Additional Map:F-9

[Taketsune Co., Ltd.] 36-20 Asahi-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-62-0310



Whisky distillation experience

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[Nagahama Roman Beer] 14-1 Asahi-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-63-4300



Glassmaking 🗿

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[Kurokabe Trial Class] II-2I Motohama-cho, Nagahhama-shi tel 0749-65-1221



Tourism website [Experience]



You can try woodworking at a camp facility where you can enjoy athletics and a BBQ. Everyone can have a great time with a wide range of projects from simple kits to more complicated tableware making.

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[Woodypal Yogo] 260 Nakanogo, Yogo-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-86-4145





Smithery experience 🗿

Kajiya-cho in Nagahama City was once prospered by blacksmithing. At the Manyo Blacksmith Hut, a tangible cultural property designated by Nagahama City, you can experience hammering and making paper knives.

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[Kajiya-cho Blacksmith Factory] 741 Kajiya-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 090-8822-3959







Hokkoku Kaido Kinomoto-juku 🗿

Kinomoto-juku is a post town located on the old Hokkoku Kaido Highway and prospered as a gate town for Jizo-in. Even now, the old scenery remains in the rows of the merchant houses.

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Kinomoto, Kinomoto-cho, Nagahama-shi



Walking around old post town

Kurokabe Square

A townscape full of atmosphere is lined with old Japanese-style buildings from the Edo to Meiji periods along the Hokkoku Kaido Highway. This area is concentrated with cultural facilities using old buildings, such as galleries and glass workshops, as well as restaurants and cafes.



12-38 Motohama-cho, Nagahama-shi















It is a Western-style wooden building built as a bank in 1900. You can purchase glass products while enjoying the nostalgic atmosphere.

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12-38 Motohama-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-65-2330





Kurokabe Musical Box Shop O

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12-38 Motohama-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-63-2255

You can enjoy shopping and visiting historical sites while exploring the historical townscape where attractive stores stand in rows. The bustling retro-modern town of Kurokabe Square is symbolized by the Kurokabe Glass Shop. On the other hand, Kinomoto-juku on the Hokkoku Kaido Highway is a town with the remaining feel of a post-town, which was crowded with travelers and worshippers for Jizo statues. Which town do you want to explore today?



Tourism website [Experience]



Kinomoto Jizoin (Jyoshinji) Temple

The temple known as the Buddha for healing eyes. The six-meter high bronze Jizo statue imitating the principal object of Buddhist worship welcomes worshippers.

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944 Kinomoto, Kinomoto-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-82-2106



Sake breweries



Blessed with underground water from the Ibuki mountains, sake brewing has been popular since long ago. There are many historical liquor stores lined up

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[Yamaii Syuzo]

990 Kinomoto, Kinomoto-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-82-3037

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[Tomita Svuzo] II07 Kinomoto, Kinomoto-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-82-2013



Soy sauce brewery o



The building includes registered tangible cultural properties, and the tradition of the soy sauce brewery has been passed down.

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[Shirokiya shoyuten] 932 Kinomoto, Kinomoto-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-82-2048

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[Iwane shoyu jozoten] 910 Kinomoto, Kinomoto-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-82-2232

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[Daikou Shoyu] 1137 Kinomoto, Kinomoto-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-82-2012





Tour the places associated with Sengoku romanticism

Nagahama is the hometown of the three daughters (Chacha, Hatsu, and Go) of Azai Nagamasa and Oichi, a sister of Oda Nobunaga. After Azai, Hashiba Hideyoshi (Toyotomi Hideyoshi) ruled this land. He set up Nagahama Castle, built the castle town and the foundation of the current city area, discovered the talent of Ishida Mitsunari, and hired him. At the battle of Mt. Shizugatake, brave vassals played an active role as the Seven Spears. This is the land of Sengoku romanticism that attracted famous warlords.



Anegawa Old Battlefield

It was the site where the battle of Anegawa, fought between the forces of Azai/Asakura and of Oda/Tokugawa, took place.

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Nomura-cho/Mita-cho, Nagahama-shi

Azai Historical Folk Museum

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528 Oyori-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-74-0101



Odani Castle Sengoku Historical Museum

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I39 Odanigujyo-cho, Nagahama-shi



Site of Odani Castle

It is a castle where the Azai Family used to live for three generations for about 50 years. It is recognized as one of the five great mountain castles in Japan and is designated as a national historic site.

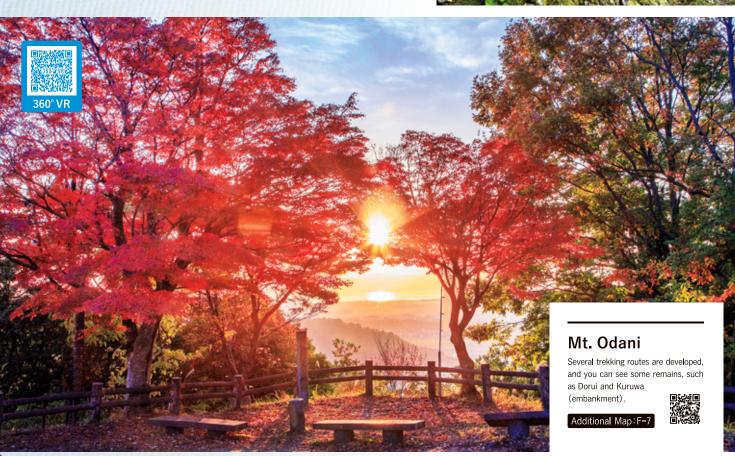


Odanigujyo-cho/lbe, Kohhoku-cho, Nagahama-shi











Shrines and temples related to Hideyoshi



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[Nagahama Hachimangu Shrine] 13-55 Miyamae-cho, Nagahama-shi Tel 0749-62-048

[Hokoku Jinjya Shrine] 6-37 Minamigofuku-cho, Nagahama-shi

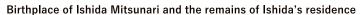
Hashiba Hideyoshi placed emphasis on the maintenance of the castle town and reconstructed Nagahama Hachimangu Shrine and Sojjji Temple. Hokoku Jinjya Shrine was built by the townspeople after the death of Hideyoshi in his memory.

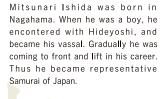


[Sojiji Temple] 708 Miyashi-cho, Nagahama-shi Tel 0749-62-2543



Tel 0749-62-4838





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[Ishida Hall] 576 Jibu, Ishida-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-62-8285





Ishida Mitsunari



Kunitomo Matchlock Museum O

Kunitomo was a production center where gun making started soon after the introduction of guns. At the museum, you can learn about its history, culture, and the accomplishments of the genius inventor Kunitomo Ikkansai.

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534 Kunitomo-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-62-1250











Nagahama 👩 Hikiyama Festival

Intangible Cultural Heritage

It is held in April as a spring festival of Nagahama Hachimangu Shrine. The highlights are the gorgeous Hikiyamafloats and children's Kabuki. Hikiyama floats are called "moving museums," and boys between 5 and 12 years old put on a Kabuki performance on them.



[Nagahamashi Hikiyama Museum] 14-8 Motohama-cho. Nagahama-shi tel 0749-65-3300



Nagahamashi Hikiyama Museum



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Nagahama

Traditions where the spirit of inheritance lives on and the culture of prayers

The Nagahama Hikiyama Festival that has continued since late of 16'th century and Tonda Ningyo that has continued since the early 18'th century are the traditional cultures that represent Nagahama. In addition, the culture of prayers shown in kannon statues that exist as many as the number of the villages and Chikubushima Island, witch is located in Lake Biwa, are rooted in people's lives and are still passed down until now.





Tourism website ΓA page for temples and shrines」



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I 166 Amenomori, Takatsuki-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-85-5095





Tonda Ningyo [Intangible Folk Cultural Property designated by Shiga Prefecture]



The tradition of Ningyo Joruri has lasted well over a hundred years. At the Tonda Ningyo Joruri Puppet Troupe Hall, regular performances and cultural exchanges with international students are organized. And, it is open for a visit to see the puppets and stage tools (reservation required).

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[Tonda Ningyo Joruri Puppet Troupe Hall] 758 Tonda-cho, Nagahama-shi



(Owned by Kogenji Temple)

Statue of the Eleven-headed Bodhisattva [National treasure]

A kannon statue that is enshrined here is said to be the most beautiful eleven-headed Bodhisattva statues that are designated as Japan's national treasure.

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[Doganji Kannondo (Kogenji Temple)] 50 Doganji, Takatsuki-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-85-2632



Takatsuki Kannon-no-Sato Historical Folk Museum

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The main hall and great hall are designated as important cultural properties and are said to be a part of the remains of Fushimi Castle, and it shows you the gorgeous Momoyama culture.

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32-9 Motohama-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-62-0054





Chikubushima Island

Chikubushima Island is known as a high-energy spot and was worshiped by people from ancient times as an island where the gods reside. On the way to the island, you can enjoy the magnificent view of Lake Biwa on a Chikubushima cruise.





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Hayazaki-cho, Nagahama-shi [Nagahama Port, Nagahama Office, Biwako Kisen] 4-17 Minato-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-62-3390





Hogonji Temple

It is the 30th temple of the 33 Saigoku Kannon Pilgrimage. The karamon gate is a national treasure and is the only remains of Osaka Castle built by Hideyoshi. At the main hall, you can make a prayer by putting a piece of paper with your wish written into a small and cute "Benzaiten's happiness wish daruma" and dedicating it to the temple.



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Hayazaki-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-63-4410





Tsukubusuma Jinjya Shrine

The main shrine is said to be a part of the remains of Fushimi Castle and is a national treasure building representing Momoyama culture. Also, Kawarake throwing is famous at Ryujin Haisho (a place of worship), and it is said a wish will be fulfilled if the thrown kawarake (unglazed dish) through the torii gate.



Hayazaki-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-72-2073





Modern culture and retro time

Nagahama remains with the heritages from the time of modernization of the Meiji era. There are many retro-modern buildings, such as the oldest existing station building and wooden school building, making you feel like you are time traveling just by taking pictures while exploring the town. Around the time of the new year, if you walk around the bonsai of plum trees lining up at Keiunkan, a guest house of the Meiji era, you can feel the early arrival of spring with the scent of plum blossoms.



Tourism website [Museums]





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Completed in 1882, it is the oldest existing train station building in Japan, and it is designated a railway monument. Inside the facility, you can learn about the history of Nagahama Station, which was the starting point of the Hokuriku Line, and take a commemorative picture with SL.

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I-4| Kitafuna-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-63-409|









Meiji Station Street

The east-west street leading to the former Nagahama Station building is called Meiji Station Street and is lined with gas lamps and mansions owned by wealthy merchants that give the feel of the dawn of Japan's Westernization movement. Also, you can still see the townscape of Funaitabei, which used old ship timber as the wainscot of a storehouse.

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Asahi-cho, Nagahama-shi





Nagahama Bonbaiten 💿

It is the best plum tree bonsai exhibition in Japan in terms of its history and size, and it is loved as a classic event of early spring. About 90 plum tree bonsai exhibited in the purely Japanese-style drawing room are impressive.

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[Keiunkan] 2-5 Minato-cho, Nagahama-shi Tel 0749-62-0740 Period: Early January to early March





Former Kaichi School 💿

Built in 1874, it is a Western-style wooden school building that is the predecessor of the current Nagahama Elementary school. The highlight is the unique design shown by the octagonal turret on top.

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2-3 Motohama-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-65-6521 (Nagahama City Tourism Promotion Division)



Keiunkan o

A guest house that was built for Emperor Meiji's visit in 1887. The beautiful garden that spreads out around the hipped roof building made only of Japanese cypress is designated a National Scenic Beauty.

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Round of seasons and magnificent landscape of Nagahama



[1] Okubiwako Parkway

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[4] Nagahama-Kitabiwako Fireworks Festival/ Late July-Early August

Additional Map:F-10 Minato-cho, Nagahama-shi (all along the Nagahama port area) [2] Mt. Toragozen

(Cherry blossoms at Yawai Jinjya Shrine)

Additional Map: E-8 I427 Nakano-cho, Nagahama-shi

[5] Kinomoto Jizo Festival / August

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[3] Koinobori Festival / May

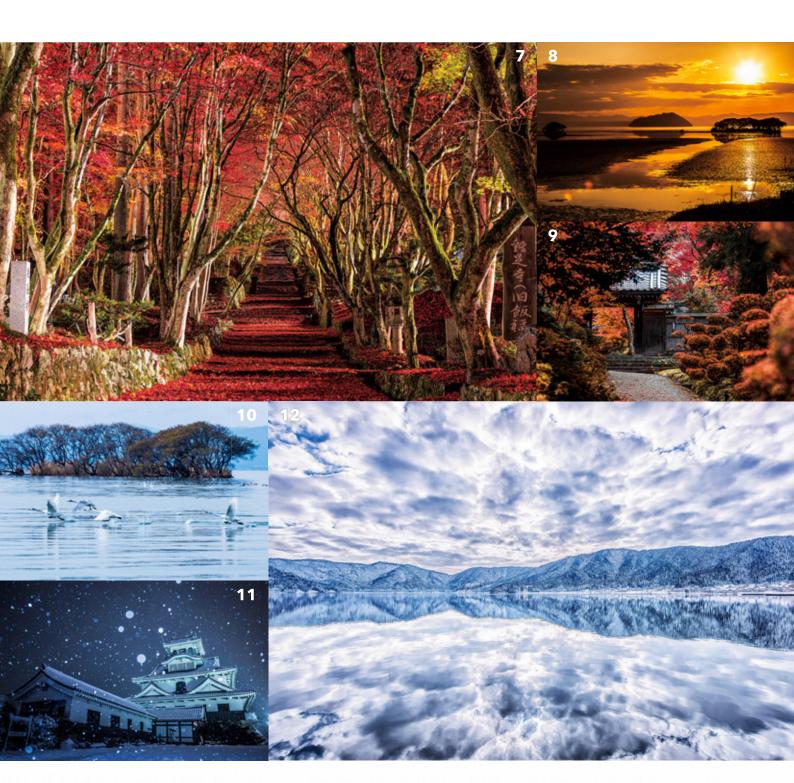
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[6] Sugaura in the early summer

Additional Map: B-7 Sugaura, Nishiazai-cho, Nagahama-shi

In Nagahama, people can enjoy the rich unspoiled landscapes that change seasonally. You will be captured by Nagahama once you know its various expressions, such as Japan's biggest Lake Biwa, the mysterious Lake Yogo that shows a different scenery every hour, and the colors of cherry blossoms and autumn leaves. Enjoy lakeside cycling, a drive, then sometimes stop for a while at a campsite. You will certainly want to see the beauty of the four seasons and the unchanging nature again.





[7] Keisokuji Temple

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[10] Kohoku Mizudori Park

Additional Map: D-8 Imanishi, Kohoku-cho, Nagahama-shi

 $\hbox{[8]} Evening \ landscape \ of \ Chikubushima \ Island$

Additional Map: D-8 Imanishi, Kohoku-cho, Nagahama-shi

[11]Snowscape of Nagahama Castle
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I0-I0 Koen-cho,
Nagahama-shi

[9] Omi Kohoan Temple

dditional Map:G-7 I35 Uwano-cho, Nagahama-shi

[12] Winter in Lake Yogo

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Yakisaba somen

It is the Kohoku area's classic local cuisine, which is made by stewing mackerel in sweet and spicy sauce and then cooking somen with the broth. It is a dish eaten on celebrative occasions to entertain the guests of a festival.

Noppei udon

It is ankake udon noodles topped with a thick sauce made by cooking shiitake mushrooms and other ingredients in broth and thickening it. Thanks to its thick sauce, the udon stays warm until the last bite.



Duck dish

It is a synonym for winter cuisine in the Kohoku area. In Nagahama, many restaurants use natural mallards as ingredients. Natural mallards have the characteristics of being soft and have no fishy smell.





Biwa trout and lake fish

Biwa trout, which live only in Lake Biwa, is called the "Jewel of Lake Biwa" and is said to taste better than fatty tuna. Also, dishes using lake fish, such as small sweetfish and honmoroko, which is endemic to Lake Biwa, are a food culture unique to Shiga Prefecture.



Filling and satisfying Nagahama gourmet

Try regional food and traditional cuisine while exploring Nagahama. Enjoy delicious food that can be tasted only here, such as dishes cooked with Biwa trout and other lake fish grown in Japan's biggest Lake Biwa, and other local dishes popular among the locals.

Stay overnight and take your time to enjoy

Nagahama is a great place to enjoy a day trip. We also recommend taking your time to explore Nagahama without being pressed for time. In Nagahama City, there are many enticing accommodation facilities, such as hotels where you can fully enjoy the resort feeling by Lake Biwa, inns where you can feel the atmosphere of merchant's houses from the Edo period, and hot springs overlooking Lake Biwa.

Check out the accommodation information here!



Tourism website [Accommodation]







Fermented food

It has a genuine taste created by the fermentation culture, such as Japanese sake and soy sauce.

Carp sushi

This specialty dish of Shiga Prefecture is made by pickling Nigorobuna carp, an endemic species of Lake Biwa, together with rice and fermenting it altogether. It is said to be the original form of sushi.







Sweets and local bread

Enjoy the photogenic sweets and local breads during breaks in town.



Tourism website 「Japanese cuisine」

Omi beef

It is one of the three major high-class beef types in Japan and is what Shiga Prefecture is famous for. Eating it as steak or sukiyaki is recommended for rewarding yourself.



Roadside stations convenient for getting souvenirs



Kohoku Mizudori Station

A roadside station located in Kohoku Waterfowl Park. You can enjoy the sunset at Lake Biwa as well as shopping

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1731-1 Imanishi, Kohoku-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-79-8060



Shiotsukaido Ajikama-no-Sato

Located in the northernmost part of Lake Biwa, there are a variety of facilities where you can enjoy the diverse charms of the Kohoku area.

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1765 Shiotsuhama, Nishiazai-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-88-0848



Azai Sanshimai-no-Sato

The station area has attractions, such as Odani Castle Ruin, and it is a good base for exploring the castles and historical sites in the Kohoku area.

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2843 Uchibo-cho, Nagahama-shi tel 0749-74-1261



Autumn-leaf viewing!

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Further information on the official website

Tourist information site for enjoying Nagahama and Maibara

This is an official tourist information site filled with the attractions of Northern Lake Biwa, introducing sightseeing spots, events, and restaurant tips in Nagahama and Maibara.



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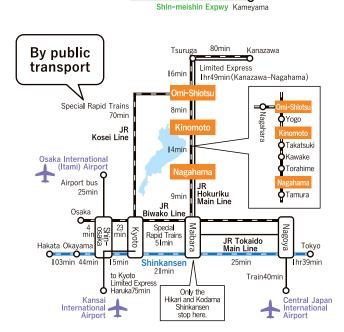
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Access to Nagahama Nagahama Lake Yogo By car City Kanazawa-nishi O 163km Hokuriku Expwy Chikubushima Island Tsuruga (Kinomoto I4km Lake Biwa I0min Shiga Prefecture I0min 60min 50min Kusatsu-tanakami Tomei Expwy Nishinomiya Suita Hikone Maihara Tokyo 415km Nagoya 9km Meishin Expwy 90km



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