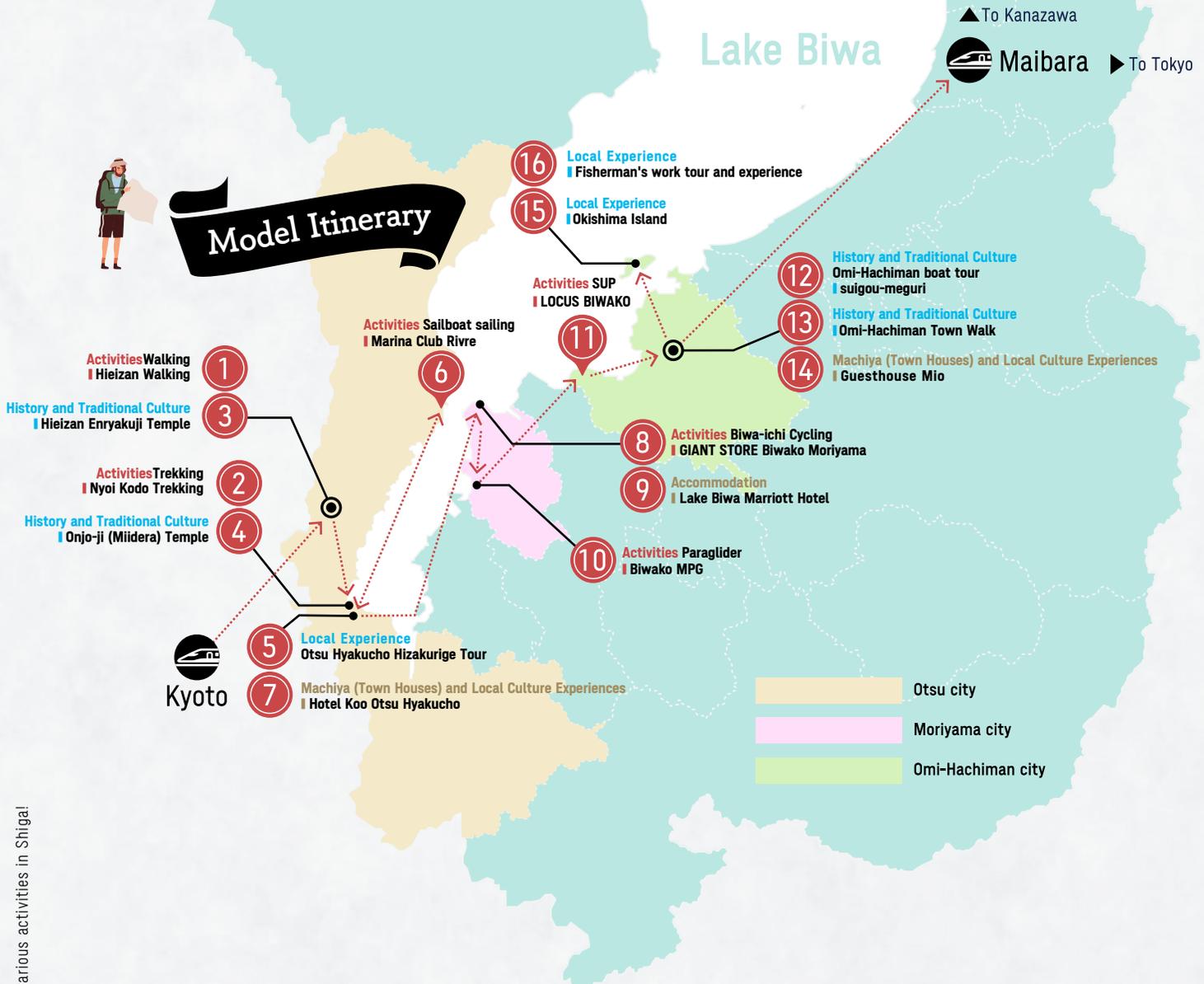


# ENJOY VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN SHIGA!

Shiga Prefecture is blessed with abundant nature such as Lake Biwa, which boasts the largest size in Japan, and mountains. Located less than 10 minutes by train from Kyoto, there are plenty of activities to fully enjoy the nature of Japan!





## Activities Walking

### Hieizan Walking

Mt. Hiei is located on the border between Shiga and Kyoto Prefectures. You can visit the summit of Mt. Hiei by cable car from Otsu Sakamoto in Shiga Prefecture or by cable car and ropeway from Yase on the Kyoto side. From the top of Mt. Hiei, you can enjoy the quietness of the mountain and the occasional sound of birds while walking in the mountains, and then visit the main attractions such as the Jodo-in and Ninai-do in the Sai-to area, and the Dai Ko-do and Konpon Chu-do Hall in the To-do area.

◆Walking in the mountains is suitable for beginners, including children. This is a relaxing experience for the mind and body. Walking tour of Mt. Hiei Duration: approx. 5.5 hours (including lunch and temple visits), advance reservations required, Yase Cable closed in winter from mid-December to mid-March

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### Hieizan Sakamoto Cable Railway

Opened in 1927, the Hieizan Sakamoto Cable Railway is the longest cable car route in Japan with a total length of 2025 meters. It connects the bottom of the mountain with Enryakuji Station in approx 11 minutes. Two cars leave every hour, on the hour and at 30 minutes past. European-style vehicles with panoramic wide windows are popular.

4244 Sakamotohonmachi, Otsu City, Shiga  
TEL:+81-77-578-0531

Keihan Railway Ishiyama Sakamoto Line Sakamoto Station 15 min. on foot



## Activities Trekking

### Nyoi Kodo Trekking

If walking is not enough for you, you can trek along the ancient path, which has been used since ancient times. In addition to the rich nature of the mountains, this trekking route is dotted with historical sites such as mountain temples and mountain castles, giving you a sense of history.

Required time: 4.5 hours Kyoto Reikanji Temple → Romon no Taki Waterfall → Daimonjyama → Nyogake → Haiyama Castle → Nagarayama → Miidera Temple · Advanced reservation required for accompanying guide · Recommended for experienced trekkers



## History and Traditional Culture

### ■ Hieizan Enryakuji Temple

"Hieizan Enryakuji Temple, with its sprawling grounds across Mt. Hiei, is the head temple of the Tendai Sect, and was registered as a World Cultural Heritage site in 1994. Conveniently located for access by driveway, cable car and all bus routes, it is comparatively easy to make it all the way to the top of the mountain.

Konpon Chu-do is a national treasure and a hall that was originally created from a structure erected in 788 by Dengyo Daishi Saicho, who is the founder of Enryakuji Temple. Meeting with destruction at the hands of various disasters over the years, it increased in scale with each rebuilding it also increased in scale. The statue of the Yakushi (Bhaisajyaguru) Buddha here has an eternal light placed in front of it, which has not gone out in more than 1200 years. While the building is currently undergoing major repair work, it can also be a valuable opportunity to see the national treasure being restored. Don't miss this chance to see interesting restoration work underway.

(The work started in 2016 and will continue for approximately 10 years)

**Access:** 11 minutes from Cable Sakamoto Station to Cable Enryakuji Station +10 minutes walk "

4220 Sakamotohoncho, Otsu City, Shiga  
TEL:+81-77-578-0001

<https://en.biwako-visitors.jp/spot/detail/112>



## History and Traditional Culture

### ■ Onjo-ji (Miidera) Temple

Onjo-ji (Miidera) Temple is the head temple of the Tendaijimon Buddhist sect. It consists of many buildings such as the national treasure Kondo, 14th site on the Saigoku Kannon Pilgrimage, the Shakado, and Toin. It is also known as the "Temple of the Phoenix", which has overcome many hardships in its long history of more than 1200 years.

Wagoo Miidera is a renovated Myogon-in with a history of more than 400 years in the precincts of the Onjo-ji (Miidera) Temple, and was opened as a shukubo. Only one group can stay overnight, and the entire building is rented. You can enjoy all seasons all by yourself.

You can enjoy a valuable national treasure-class experience that is only allowed to guests, such as the Yamabushi experience, a special visit to the National Treasure Guest House, and zazen.

**Access:** Keihan Railway Ishiyama Sakamoto Line Miidera Station 7 min. on foot

246 Onjoji-cho, Otsu City, Shiga  
TEL:+81-77-522-2238

<https://miidera1200.jp/experience/#exp01>

<https://miidera1200.jp/kojo-in>



## Local Experience

### ■ Otsu Hyakucho Hizakurige Tour

The city of Otsu's name means "large port," and the port here played an important role in relaying goods to the capital in Kyoto even during the Heian Period (794-1185). Otsu Castle was built under the administration of warlord Toyotomi Hideyoshi, but after it fulfilled its purpose in the Battle of Sekigahara, the castle was moved to Zeze. Otsu was then transformed from a castle town into a commercial center. A prefectural governor was assigned to Otsu, as the city was designated imperial lands under the direct control of the Tokugawa Shogunate. The city was given the name Otsu Hyaku-cho during this period of prosperity. During the walking tour, you will not only learn about the history of Otsu Hyakucho and the town's culture with the help of a guide, but you will also stop by stores in the shopping district, such as a historic pickle shop and a Japanese sweets shop, while enjoying interacting with the locals.

Let's experience the lifestyle of the locals in Otsu Hyakucho!



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## Activities Sailboat sailing | Marina Club Rivre

At Marina Club RIVRE, even first-timers can experience sailing on the ACUTUS, a yacht jointly developed by RIVRE and world-renowned ship designer Ichiro Yokoyama. The view of the land and mountains from the lake on the yacht is exceptionally beautiful. We will take you to the best spots where you can see famous places on Lake Biwa, such as Ukimyodo and Mount Hiei. We will also take you to the back side of the Lake Biwa Bridge, which is not usually visible. Why don't you enjoy the real thrill of enjoying the scenery and the four seasons while sailing?

◆Sailing Experience (Duration: approx. 2 hours (approx. 1 hour and 30 minutes for the lake cruise), 4 people per boat, advance reservation required, completely private).

Access: JR Kosei Line Katata Station 5min. by car

3-23-19 Imakatata Otsu City, Shiga Prefecture  
520-0241

<https://www.rivre.co.jp/wind/>

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## Machiya (Town Houses) and Local Culture Experiences | Hotel Koo Otsu Hyakucho

The first "shopping street hotel" in Japan, created by renovating a number of townhouses located along both the shopping street in the center of Otsu City and the old Tokaido road. The luxurious and stylish interiors fuse western and northern European sensibilities to create spaces in which you can truly relax. It features 13 rooms in total.

Access: JR Otsu Station 7 min. on foot

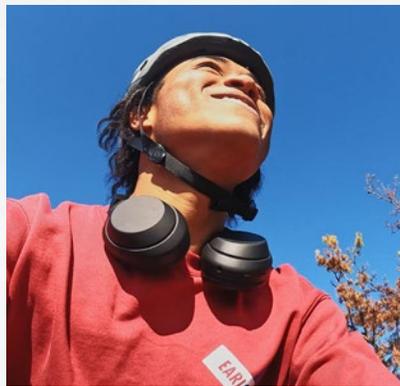
1-2-6 Chuo, Otsu City, Shiga Prefecture, 520-0043  
TEL:+81-77-516-7475

<https://en.biwako-visitors.jp/spot/detail/2634>

<http://hotel-koo.com/>



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## Activities Biwa-ichi Cycling

### GIANT STORE Biwako Moriyama

Biwaichi" is the name of a long-distance cycling route that circles Lake Biwa. The 200-km route has a variety of attractions. From Moriyama City to Omi Hachiman City, you can easily enjoy cycling to Fujigasaki Ryujin, a popular hidden power spot, a grocery store run by a fisherman's daughter in Lake Biwa, and a strawberry garden. Giant Store Biwako Moriyama, located in the Lake Biwa Marriott Hotel, will make your cycling experience even more memorable with its wide selection of rental bikes and advice from its professional staff.

#### ◆ Biwaichi Cycling | Recommended Route:

Marriott Hotel - Fujigasaki Ryujin - Biwako Daughters store - Yasu River Embankment - Kawanishi Strawberry Garden - Hotel, approx. 30km. Rental bikes: cross bikes, road bikes, and e-bikes available by prior reservation

**Access:** JR Kosei Line Katata Station 15min. by pickup bus  
JR Biwako Line Moriyama Station 40min. by bus

2876 Imahama-cyo, Moriyama, Shiga 524-0101  
TEL:+81 77-585-6100

<https://en.biwako1.jp/>

<https://bicyclerental.jp/en/>

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## Accommodation

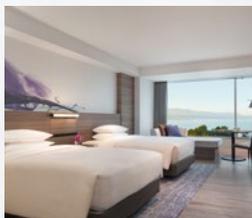
### Lake Biwa Marriott Hotel

Escape the ordinary and find inspiration at the Lake Biwa Marriott Hotel in Shiga Prefecture. Located on Lake Biwa in the Kansai region, this modern resort is a tranquil retreat close to one of Japan's most beautiful landscapes. Choose a variety of tastefully designed rooms with lakeside view and so on, carefully selected amenities, and private baths with natural hot spring water. Local specialties are served at the rooftop grill overlooking Lake Biwa.

**Access:** JR Kosei Line Katata Station 15min. by pickup bus  
JR Biwako Line Moriyama Station 40min. by bus

1-2-6 Chuo, Otsu City, Shiga Prefecture, 520-0043  
TEL:+81-77-516-7475

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/osalb-lake-biwa-marriott-hotel/>



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## Activities Paraglider | Biwako MPG

You will surely be impressed by the grandeur of Lake Biwa, the largest lake in Japan, as seen from an altitude of 300 meters in a motor paraglider! The two-seater paraglider is piloted by an officially licensed instructor, so you can enjoy it with peace of mind. Feel like a bird as you take to the skies!

◆MPG paragliding experience:flight time:approx. 12-15 minutes (long course also available), target age:6 years and older, weight:20-80 kg, advance reservation required, subject to weather conditions on the day.

Biwako MPG Motor paragliding Field  
Sumoto cho, Moriyama city, Shiga 524-0103  
Tel:+81-90-4768-7037

<https://www.flying-biwako.com/>

▶ Watch the activity video



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## Activities SUP | LOCUS BIWAKO

Let's enjoy SUP on Lake Biwa using a large SUP surfboard and paddle ! At first, you will be given a detailed lecture by an instructor on land. The shallow beach of Sabae Beach is right in front of you, where even beginners can have fun without worry. Enjoy a walk on the surface of Lake Biwa, where the waves are calm!

◆SUP experience:about 2 hours, age:13 years and older, advance reservation required, may not be available due to weather conditions on the day.

1-1 Sabae cho, Omihachiman city,  
Shiga 523-0076

<https://en.flying-biwako.com/>

▶ Watch the activity video



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## History and Traditional Culture Omi-Hachiman boat tour I suigou-meguri

The Omi-Hachiman boat tour allows you to enjoy a different, natural world while riding a boat under the skillful control of a traditional boat master. In particular, you can enjoy a Omi beef sukiyaki meal while on the boat at any time of year.

**Access:** JR TokaidoLine Omi-Hachiman Station by bus  
Take the "Chomeiji" bound bus, 2 min. on foot after alighting at the "Hounenbashi Wasen Noriba" bus stop

880 Kitanocho-cho, Omi-Hachiman City, Shiga  
TEL:+81-748-32-2564

<https://en.biwako-visitors.jp/spot/detail/163>

<http://www.suigou-meguri.com/index.html>

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## History and Traditional Culture Omi-Hachiman Town Walk

The Hachiman-bori Canal was a mainstay in regional economics and transportation until the start of the Showa period (1926 - 1989). White-walled storehouses and old houses stand along the canal, clearly imparting the atmosphere of the area at its peak. In recent years it has become a famous spot for sightseeing, with such features such as the harbor being renovated. The old townscape is also well preserved in the vicinity of the Shinmachi area, and is a designated Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings. The cityscape was erected from the end of the Edo period (1603 - 1868) through the Meiji period (1868-1912), and is a popular spot as the home of the Omi merchants. You can also find manholes covers with Omi-Hachiman cityscape designs.

●Hachiman-bori Canal:Vicinity of Miyauchi-cho, Omi-Hachiman City, Shiga  
●Omi Merchant Cityscape (Shinmachi Street):Shinmachi, Omi-Hachiman City, Shiga · Omi-Hachiman Station Tourist Information  
TEL:+81-748-33-6061

**Access:** Public transportation

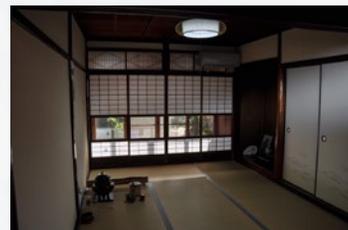
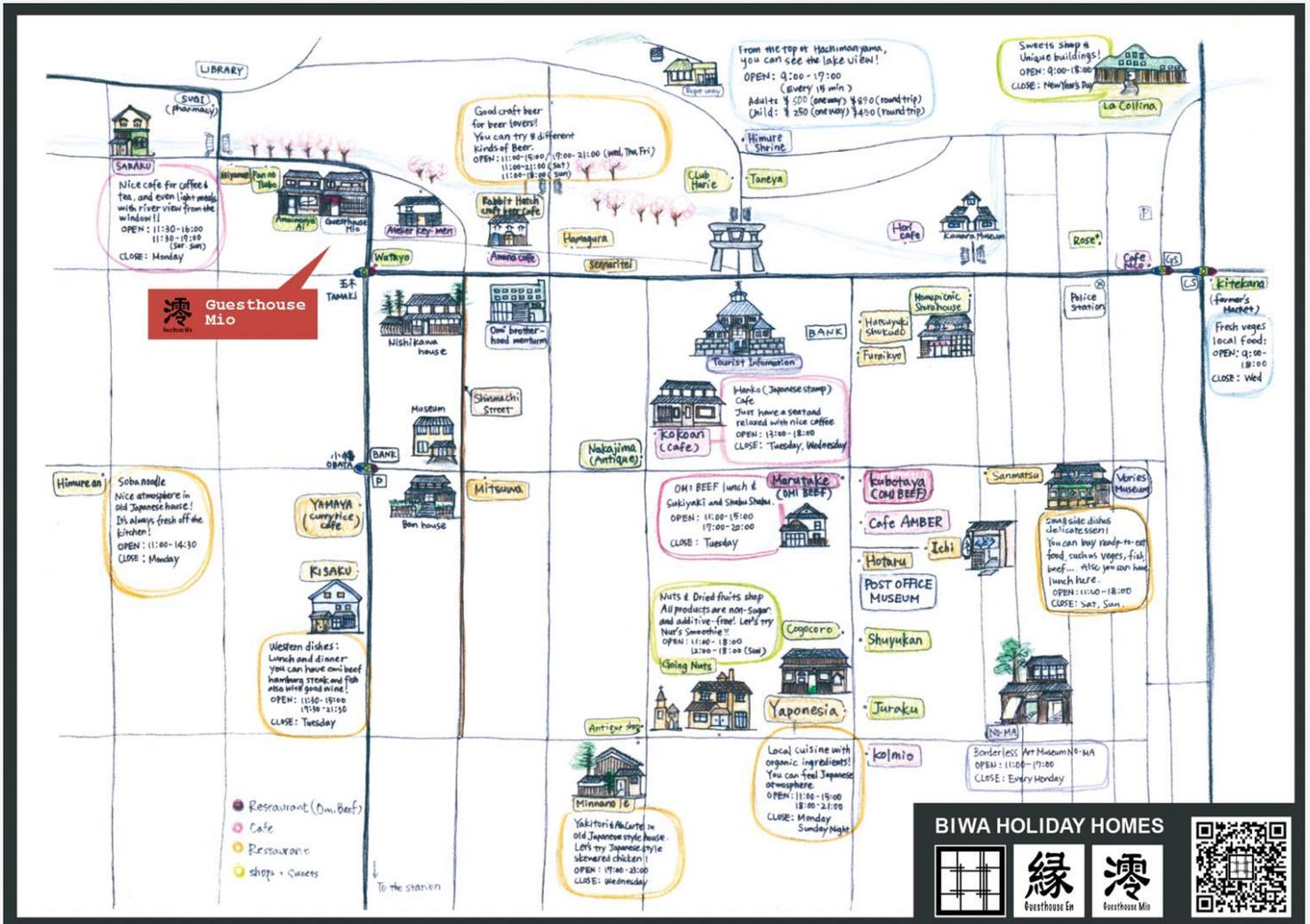
●Hachiman-bori Canal:JR Biwako Line Omi-Hachiman Station 12min.by bus  
●Omi Merchant Cityscape (Shinmachi Street):JR Biwako Line Omi-Hachiman Station by bus Immediately after alighting at the "Obatacho Shiryokan Mae" bus stop Alight at the "Osugi-cho" bus stop

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<https://en.biwako-visitors.jp/spot/detail/146>



# OMI-HACHIMAN MAP



## Machiya (Town Houses) and Local Culture Experiences

### Guesthouse Mio

Guesthouse Mio is a traditional Japanese townhouse that was renovated in 2018. There are rooms on the first and second floors, allowing a total of eight people to stay. The house has been updated with modern plumbing, allowing you to pass your time in comfort while also experiencing the joys of an old house. As the guesthouse only takes one booking per day, you will have a completely private space. It comes recommended for couples, families, and groups. The guest house is located right in front of Hachimanbori sightseeing spots such as Omi-hachiman's old town, Himure Hachimangu Shrine. Various buildings and Hachimanyama Ropeway are also within walking distance.

Access: JR Tokaido Line Omi-Hachiman Station 15min. by bus

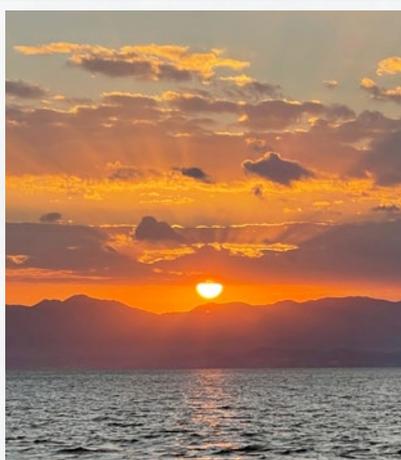
1-9 Tamaki-cho, Omi-hachiman city, Shiga 523-0872  
TEL: +81-90-6062-3016

<https://biwaholidayhomes.weebly.com/guesthouse-mio.html>

<https://biwaholidayhomes.weebly.com/>



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## Local Experience

### Okishima Island

Okishima island is located in the offing of Lake Biwa, approximately 1.5km from Omi-Hachiman City. It's the largest island found on the lake and is a registered Japan Heritage site. The population of around 350 people has also caught academic attention, due to the global rarity of people living on lake islands. Furthermore, this is the only location in Japan where a freshwater lake fishing industry has formed, and the lifestyle of the island is all important Cultural Heritage.

**Access:** JR Biwako Line Omihachiman Station by bus. Take the Kyukamura bound via Chomeiji Temple and alight at the "Horikiriko" bus stop. Take a ship from Horikiriko Port to Okishima Port.

Okishima-cho, Omi-hachiman city, Shiga

<https://en.biwako-visitors.jp/spot/detail/161>

<https://montekite.com/>



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## Local Experience

### Fisherman's work tour and experience

On Okishima Island, about 70% of the islanders are engaged in fishing. You will could observe actual fishing on a fisherman's boat, and after the tour, you will can enjoy freshly caught fish such as sashimi, tempura, and a pot dish unique to Shiga Prefecture at the fisherman's house. This program is a valuable opportunity to experience island life through interaction with the fishermen.

Fishermen's experience: April to the end of November. Time required:6 to 7 hours · Fish to be caught vary depending on the season. Minimum age:6 years old, Minimum number of participants:2, Maximum number of participants:5

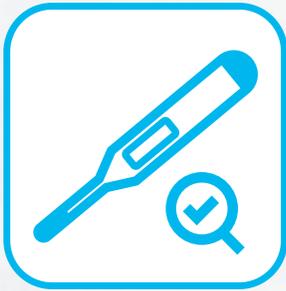
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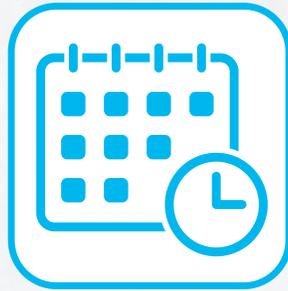
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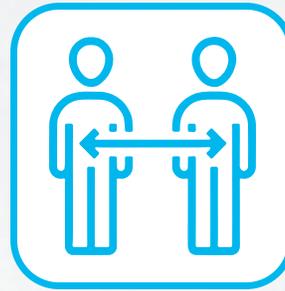
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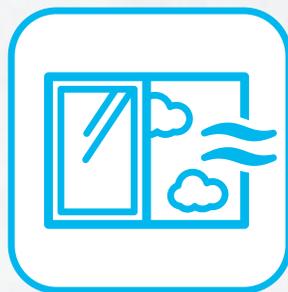
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## Infectious disease countermeasures implemented by Shiga Prefecture

We have introduced "Shiga Prefecture Safe and Secure Store Certification System Created Together" and are working on measures against infectious diseases in restaurants and other places.

Each business operator will implement infection control measures based on the checklist, and after applying, we will confirm and certify the site. A certificate (seal) is issued to the certified stores, and the store name is announced on the website.

### Useful links

**Infection status (Japanese)**

<https://www.pref.shiga.lg.jp/ippan/kenkouiryohukushi/yakuzi/309252.html>

**Shiga Prefecture Safe and Secure Store Certification System Created Together**

<https://shiga-anshin-ninsho.jp/search>

**Flyers, guidebooks**

<https://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/jpn/support.html>

**JNTO Useful Tools**

[https://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/jpn/mi\\_guide.html](https://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/jpn/mi_guide.html)

