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Okawachiyama - The Village of Secret Kilns

During the Edo period, the Saga Domain (Nabeshima Clan) produced pottery in Arita that was gifted to the shogun's family, council of elders, and other shogunate officials. The Saga Domain moved their kilns from Arita to the mountainous Okawachiyama region in the 1660s to hide their prevent their porcelain techniques from being discovered. A guardhouse was built at the entrance to their "Hiyonosato", which means The Village of Secret Kilns, to protect their secret. With no concerns for profit, the potters continued to produce luxurious, custom-made pottery to be used as gifts through the end of the Edo period.

The potters were paid in exchange for their exquisite craftsmanship. The feudal lords would fire any craftsman who fell short of their expectations. Paintings of their designs and disposal of flawed pottery were also managed strictly.



Pottery created specifically as gifts for nobility were name "Nabeshima" Porcelain. Shaping and styling the pottery with precision, elegance, and without compromise, Nabeshima Porcelain is regarded throughout the world as the finest of early modern pottery.

Today's potters have combined their inherited Nabeshima Porcelain techniques with modern techniques to keep the historical, 350-year old tradition alive.

In September 2003, the Okawachi Nabeshima Kiln Remains was designated as a national historic site and is recognized for its historical and cultural heritage.

There are 30 pottery kilns in Okawachiyama. Stroll around town to observe the impressive scenery of the smokestacks rising from the kilns and the peculiarly shaped crags that are reminiscent of traditional landscape paintings. Okawachiyama is worthy of its "The Village of Secret Kilns" title and visitors will enjoy shopping, walking, and visiting the popular pottery fairs in spring and autumn.

The Agency for Cultural Affairs designates regional narratives that illustrate Japan's culture and traditions through the historical appeal and uniqueness of the region as "Japan Heritage." In April 2016, because of its history and scenery, the Agency designated Okawachi's heritage narrative as "The Home of Japanese Ceramics — Hizen: *Hyakkaryoran no Yakimono no Sanpo (The walk of ceramics with the resplendence of a hundred flowers in bloom)*".

Moreover, the Saga Travel Guide (Web version), which ranks the attraction of sight-seeing spots for foreign tourists on a scale of 1 to 3, gives Okawachiyama a 2 star ranking ($\bigstar \bigstar$), indicating it is "worth a detour".









Gongendake Shrine

One of the most splendid examples of Edo-period Shinto architecture still remaining in Imari.



Potter's Residence

Observe the lifestyles of potters at the recreated potter's residence from when the area was the Nabeshima Clan's kiln.



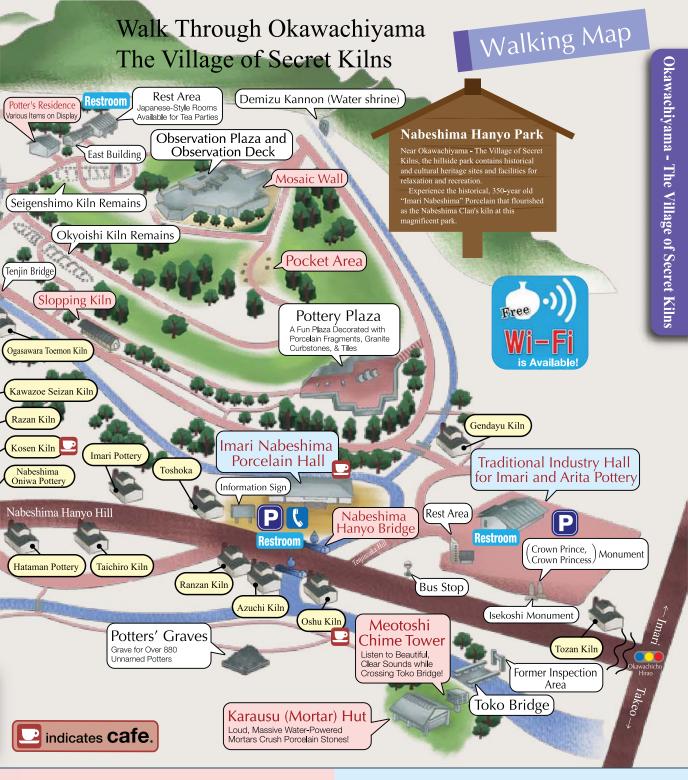
Slopped Kiln

This traditional wood-fire, slopped kiln is used to craft porcelain gifts for nobility.



Mosaic Wall

The mosaic made with porcelain fragments and "tonbai" bricks is a monument to a slopped kiln.





Nabeshima Hanyo Bridge

The bridge is decorated with porcelain tiles and numerous fragments of porcelain ware. The bridge exterior features illustrations of a dragon and phoenix.



Meotoshi Chime Tower & Karausu (Mortar) Hut

Beautiful sounds ring out of the Meotoshi Chime Tower. Make sure to see the massive water-powered mortars.



Imari Nabeshima Porcelain Hall

Find a variety of iconic pottery on display and for sale. Relax at the cafe corner.



Traditional Industry Hall for Imari and Arita Pottery
Visit this museum to learn about the

Visit this museum to learn about the history of pottery and participate in a pottery-painting workshop.





purchase at a great discount. Take a relaxing stroll around



everyone that sees them.



Fun Fact!

Organized by the local potteries, this annual spring pottery fair sells porcelain at lower-than-normal prices. With the cherry blossoms full bloom, this is a must-visit destination.

Fun Fact!

These elegant, porcelain wind chimes are beautiful to see and hear. Listen to the sweet sounds of these wind chimes throughout The Village of Secret Kilns in the valley. The Boshi Lantern Festival that takes place during this season in mid-July is a must-see. Come and enjoy the magical atmosphere of Okawachiyama filled with soft, gentle lights and segmits.

lights and serenity.

*"Boshi" refers to the fire-proof receptacles the porcelain is placed on when baking the pottery.

Wind Chime Festival

> Mid-June to ~ Late August









Ceramics Workshop

Craft Your Own Unique Piece of Art

Join one of the pottery-painting & wheel-throwing workshops at the Traditional Industry Hall for Imari and Arita Pottery and various potteries around Okawachiyama. Make your very own original mug or plate!

Perfect for a Fun and Memorable Travel Experience!

Difference Between Old Imari and Nabeshima Porcelain

Old Imari Porcelain was produced in the Hizen region and shipped from Imari Port to other locations in Japan and even to Europe during the Edo period. Imari became synonymous with this porcelain.

Nabeshima Porcelain was porcelain produced by a community of kilns organized by the Saga Domain's Nabeshima Clan. The first to perfect porcelain in Japan, Nabeshima Porcelain was gifted to nobility until the end of the Edo period.



The heritage of Nabeshima Porcelain incorporated into modern Imari Nabeshima Porcelain can be divided into three main categories.



Iro-Nabeshima (Colored Nabeshima) -Patterns are painted on the surface of the white porcelain with blue under-glazing, fired, then over-glazed with red, yellow and green coloring, and fired once again. With its exquisite beauty, Iro-Nabeshima is the pinnacle of porcelain ware.

Nabeshima Sometsuke (Blue and White Porcelain)

Indigo blue glazing is painted on the nearly transparent white porcelain. The cobalt blue coloring used in the glazing process is what distinguishes this type of porcelain and gives it its dignified beauty.



Nabeshima Seiji (Celadon Porcelain) -Using celadon ore produced in Okawachiyama, the porcelain is repeatedly glazed with celadon and fired, which gives the porcelains its lustrous finish and mysterious, unique coloring.

Hataman Pottery Studio Tours

- **Tour Hours:** 9:00~16:00 Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays
- ☎ 0955-23-2784



Pottery-Painting, Wheel-Throwing & Hand-Shaping Pottery Workshops!

Traditional Industry Hall for Imari and Arita Pottery ☎0955-22-6333





Seira (Tokunaga) Kiln ☎0955-23-2656 Price





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Oshu Kiln

☎0955-23-1002







Seizan Kiln





Kosen Kiln

☎0955-22-3095



Wheel Throwing Class (ceramic): ¥5,000



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Sehyo Kiln (Company Exhibit

Room) ☎0955-23-2749





Imadake Kiln

☎0955-23-3583



Pottery Painting: ¥600 Wheel-Throwing & Hand-Shaping: ¥3,500 ~



Hataman Pottery

☎0955-23-2784 Price ¥1.000 ~



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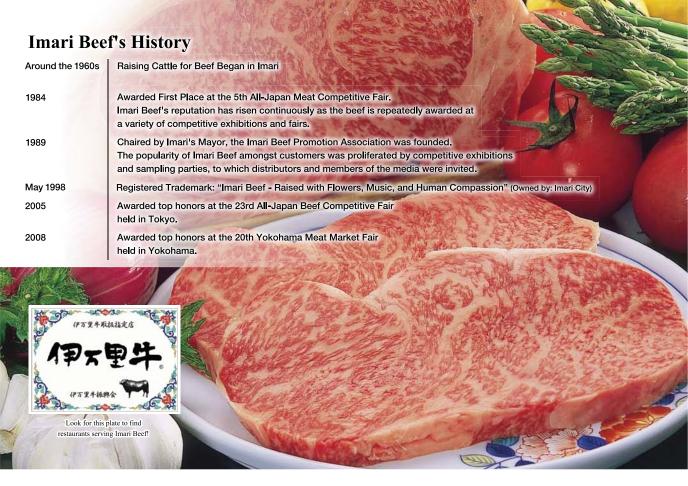
Ocean Silk Road Museum

☎0955-23-1189





- Pottery Painting Workshop ◆Wheel-Throwing Workshop
- ★Hand-Shaping Pottery Workshop
- * Shipping Costs Extra





Acclaimed Imari Beef

Imari Beef tastes twice as good when eaten in this beautiful, natural environment.

During the Edo period, Imari became international renowned as a shipping port for fine porcelain. Did you know that the home to famous pottery is also home to another exquisite treasure?

Imari beef is renowned in Japan for its quality and deliciousness. It is frequently even considered to surpass the world-famous Matsusaka Beef and Kobe Beef.

The high-quality, pedigree cattle are raised in Imari's rich, natural environment. Using superb cattle-rearing techniques, each animal is provided with delicate care. The care provided helps produce delicious, tender, fine-grained meat that melts in your mouth. The vivid colors of the meat and sweet, rich flavor are exquisite.

Having won numerous awards at prestigious beef competitions, Imari Beef is one of the Imari's special, local products.

Imari Beef Vendors





Sakaki Meat



















Vice President, Kiyohiro Maeda

Pursuing Repeated Success! THERE IN THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PA

Collaborating to Create New Menus and New Ideas!

Constantly striving to make improvements, registered members hold meetings regularly to discuss new and better ideas. Dedicated to satisfy repeat customers, food trucks, croquettes, and other ideas are constantly being created.

Tender and Juicy Imari Beef Hamburg Steak

Sweet and flavorful, Imari Beef is delicious as a steak and is also perfect for cooking delectable hamburg steaks. The tender meat melts in your mouth and is a savory top-grade beef.

The exquisite Imari Beef Hamburg Steak was ranked first in Kyushu Local Gourmet Grand Prix's "Food I Want to Try" category for three consecutive years.

Not using any low-grade meat such as shank meat, Imari Beef is prepared with locally-harvested onions and 100% high-quality, beef round, ribs, and flank cuts. The hamburg does not use any fillers like eggs or milk. Each restaurant has its own unique taste, style, sauces, and garnishes.







1 Yakiniku Inakamura

☎0955-23-3371

Address 157 Wakidacho, Imari City Business hours 11:00~14:00 & 17:00~22:00 Closed Tuesdays



2 Restaurant Ishikeri **2**0955-23-3922

Address 203-3 Niricho Ozatootsu, Imari City Pusiness hours 11:00~14:30 & 17:00~20:30 11:00~20:30 (Saturdays & Sundays)

Closed Mondays (Open on National Holidays)



Address 86-3 Niricho Ozatootsu, Imari City ss hours (Weekdays) 11:30~14:00 & 17:00~21:00 (Holidays) 11:30~15:00 & 17:00~21:00 Closed Irregular



4 Steak House & Restaurant Show

☎0955-22-6661

Address 1780 Niricho Ozatoko, Imari City Business hours 11:30~14:30 & 17:00~20:30 Closed Thursdays



5 Forest Inn Imari

☎0955-23-1001

Address 1704-1 Niricho Ozatoko, Imari City Rusiness hours 11:30~14:30 & 17:30~20:30 Closed Open Every Day



6 Steak House Tsujikawa

☎0955-23-2660

Address 720-3 Shintencho, Imari City Business hours 11:30~14:30 & 17:00~21:00 Closed Mondays



7 Ikeshi Kamaboko

Address 293 Matsushimacho, Imari City Business hours 8:00~16:30

Closed Sundays



8 Imari Lodge

☎0955-23-3289

Address Koimari Street, 567 Imarichoko, Imari City shours 10:00~18:00 Closed Irregular

9 Dining Kitchen Kaze-no-Oka

☎0955-22-6910

Address 481-2 Imarichoko, Imari City sshours 11:00~24:00 Closed Wednesday



10 Restaurant Sakaki

20955-23-0198

Address 413 Imarichoko, Imari City ss hours 11:10~20:30 Closed Five Days Per Month (Varies) 👈



11 Imari Beef Hamburgers

≈090-4485-2591

Address 539 Shintencho, Imari City Open Available at Food Trucks during Events

Closed Irregular



12 Kira Hiragi

☎0955-22-5790

Address 539 Shintencho Imari City ss hours 17:00~22:00 (Meals) / 22:30 (Drinks Closed Open Every Day



13 Cafe & Restaurant D'Azur

☎0955-22-5110

Address 475-45 Shintencho, Imari City ness hours 11:00~20:30 Closed Irregular



14 Chimney

☎0955-23-0515

Address 3321-1 Tachibanacho, Imari City ess hours 12:00~14:00 & 17:30~20:30 Closed Thursdays



15 Local Restaurant Imari-tei

☎0955-22-3953

Address 390-2 Okawachichohei, Imari City siness hours 11:00~14:30 Closed Tuesdays



16 Imari Onsen Hakuji-no-Yu

☎0955-22-6380

Address 2402-1 Tachibanacho, Imari City Business hours 10:00~22:30 Closed Irregular



17 Western Restaurant Bank

☎0955-22-6262

Address 547-1 Otsubochootsu, Imari City Business hours 11:00~15:00 & 17:00~20:30 Closed Wednesdays



18 Restaurant Rural

20955-24-2211

Address 2754-9 Minamihatacho Ideno, Imari City Business hours 11:00~21:00 Closed Wednesdays



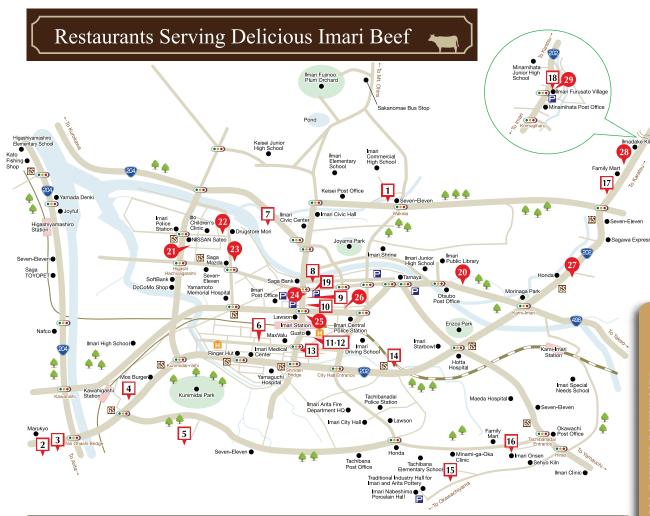
19 Imari Kurishubou Saika

☎0955-22-8228

Address 461 Hamamachi Imarichoko, Imari City Business hours 11:30~13:30 & 17:30~21:00

Closed Tuesdays (Open on National Holidays)

*Listed business hours are from opening time to last order.







Pear Picking

Season: Late July ~ Late October

- ●Tourist Fruit Farm (August 20th ~ September 30th)
 Hosui (1kg) ¥500 Niitaka (1kg) ¥500
 Minamihatacho Ideno, Imari City (at Imari Furusato Village)
- 7685-4 Matsuuracho Yamagata, Imari City

 ☎ 0955-26-2224

Grape Picking

Season: August 20th ~ September 30th

●Tourist Fruit Farm
Kyoho (1kg) ¥1,000
Minamihatacho Ideno, Imari City (at Imari Furusato Village)
☎ 0955-24-2252

*Prices may vary

Imari – Town of Fruits

Imari is also known as the town of fruit, where you can enjoy delicious fruits in all seasons of the year.

Juicy Imari pears with exquisite texture and flavor. Sweetly scented grapes, bursting with flavor. Strawberries with a distinctively refreshing sweetness. Kumquats with a charming, richly sweet yet slightly sour taste. Crisp, sweet-and-sour apples. All these fruits, cultivated through the tireless effort and passion of local producers, are so delicious that, like magic, a single bite will have you craving for more.

And not only can you enjoy the taste of these fruits, but you can also enjoy the experience of picking them yourself! Please come and experience the pleasure of harvesting the bounty of fruit grown in this natural environment.

Apple Picking

Imari Fruit Picking

Season: Late August ~ Mid-November

Higashitashiro Apple Village
 Okawacho Higashitashiro, Imari City
 10955-29-3004



Kumquat Picking

Season: January ~ Farly March

Higuchi Orchard
 3633-3 Minamihatacho Okawabaru,
 Imari City

☎ 0955-24-2653



Strawberry Picking

Season: January ~ Farly May

●Tourist Fruit Farm 30-min. All You Can Eat: ¥1,300 (ages 6 and above) ¥1,000 (ages 3 to 5)

Take Away: ¥220 / 100 g Minamihatacho Ideno, Imari City (Imari Furusato Village, Strawberry Greenhouse)

Strawberry Greenhouse)

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Furusato Village



Local Specialty Produce Store



Agricultural and Livestock Produce Processing Plant, Imari Beef Direct Outlet

This roadside station is located along Route 202. On top of the wide selection of fruit and other locally grown, fresh and processed produce, find the Imari Beef Wholesale Market, where you can buy meat at 10 to 20% off regular prices. The roadside station has many repeat visitors from Fukuoka in particular.

There is also a barbecue delivery service (Yakiniku Man) that includes not only meat and vegetables, but also a complete barbecue set that the delivery service will setup and pack away. In the winter they provide a "motsu-nabe" (giblet hotpot) set, which makes this a popular service all year round.

Restaurant Rural at the roadside station serves high-quality marbled Imari Beef and Yakiniku-no-Mori serves barbecue-grilled meat. During holidays, many tourists flock to these restaurants.



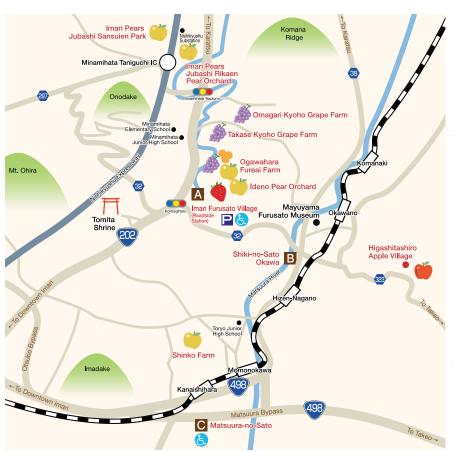




Restaurant Rural



Yakiniku-no-Mori





Shiki-no-Sato Okawa



1883-1 Okawacho Okawano, Imari City **2** 0955-29-3115

Business Hours: 9:00~18:00 Closed: Tuesdays & New Year's Holidays



Matsuura-no-Sato



[mari — Town of Fruits

4922-1 Matsuuracho Yamagata, Imari City ☎ 0955-26-3427 Business Hours: 8:00~18:00

Closed: January 1st~4th

Much to See in Imari



1 Imari-Nabeshima Gallery

This gallery exhibits numerous pieces of Nabeshima porcelain, which were once offered as gifts to shoguns and nobility during the Edo period.

Business Hours 10:00~17:00

Entrance Adults (High School or Older): ¥300 Children (Junior High School or Younger) & Seniors (Over 65): Free Closed Every Monday (will close the following day if Mon. is a holiday) and

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3 Ocean Silk Road Museum

Visitors will experience the history and culture of Old Imari Porcelain at the museum. See exhibits of Old Imari Porcelain at the gallery on the 2nd floor and experience decorating pottery and using the potter's wheel at the studio on the 1st floor. The selection of Hizen pottery is ideal for souvenirs!

Business Hours 9:30~17:00 Entrance Free

Closed Every Monday (will close the following day if Mon. is a holiday) and New Year's Holidays

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Left: Imari Pottery Merchant Museum Right: Ocean Silk Road Museum



Ocean Silk Road Museum, 1st Floor Merchandise Corner



Imari Pottery Merchant Museum, Exhibit Corner

4 Imari Pottery Merchant Museum Marukoma

The white walled storehouse was restored and turned into a museum. Come and take a look at the lives of pottery merchants who thrived during the Edo Period.

Business Hours 10:00~17:00

Entrance Free

Closed Every Monday (will close the following day if Mon. is a holiday) and New Year's Holidays

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has kept time in Imari since the beginning of the 21st century. Affectionately called "Marion" has kept time in Imari since the since the



6 Aiai Street

The railings along the Imari riverbank walking path are decorated depictions of the iconic white walled storehouses and residences from the Edo Period. Go for a leisurely stroll!





Aioi Bridge

The Aioi Bridge is believed to strengthen the relationship between married couples and lovers who cross the bridge together. Aioi Bridge derives its name from two pine trees that grew side-by-side on the riverbank like a happy couple.



8 Enmei Bridge

Pray for good health as you cross Enmei Bridge to be blessed with longevity. The bridge was named after the nearby Enmei Jizo (Buddhist Monk Statue for Longevity).



Saiwai Bridge

The Saiwai Bridge combines the good fortune of Aioi Bridge and Enmei Bridge. Crossing this bridge, married couples and lovers will be blessed with a long life of happiness with each other.



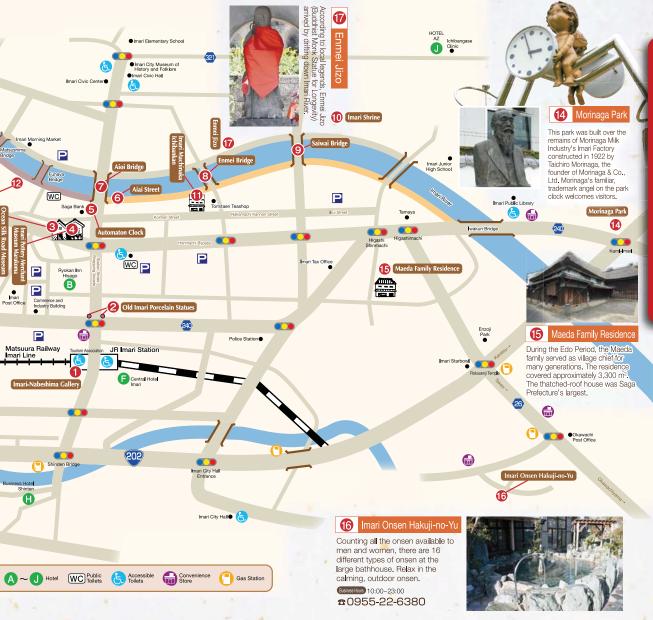


Visitors are welcome shop for hand-made crafts at "Box Gallery" on the 1st floor, the event space on the 2nd floor, and children's play area on the 3rd floor.

Business Hours 10:00~18:30 Closed Every Tuesday

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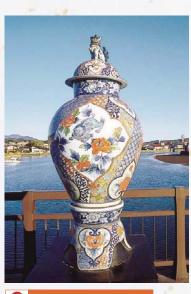
10 Imari Shrine

Lord Tajima was sent to search for the Tokijiku-no-Kagu-no-Konomi, which was a fruit believed to grant longevity. He arrived at Mt. Iwakuri, which is where Imari Shrine is located, when he returned to Japan. Nakashima Shrine inside Imari Shrine is dedicated to Lord Tajima, the god of sweet fruit



12 Tontenton River Dunking Battle Area

This is where the "River Dunking Battle" is held during the climax of the Imari Tontenton Festival, which is one Japan's top three "fighting festivals".





The bridge features two large, decorative Old Imari Porcelain pots that represent Imari Port's history.



A Hatatsu Fureai Plaza



Grilled Oyster Season: November 3rd to April (Reservations Required for Groups) "Please be aware that availability of the oysters from March will depend on the available supply.

Enjoy Imari's abundance of fresh cuisine that includes fresh Hatatsu ovsters, Imari Beef and seafood barbecue, and grilled horned turban sea snails. Visitors can join a workshop to make salt and cook pizza!

Open on Saturdays and Sundays Opening Hours: 10:00~16:00 Hatatsu Development and Promotion Council

☎0955-25-0001 (Reservations Required)

Tajima Shrine

Designated a nationally important cultural property, this Shinto shrine built during the 15th century is Saga Prefecture's oldest.



Relax, Play, & Learn

E Imari Yume Misaki Park



Utilizing its beautiful natural environment, this park surrounded by mountains and the ocean has large playground equipment and a grass skiing field where children and adults can enjoy a full day of fun and relaxation for free!







Often referred to as "living fossils", the Japanese horseshoe crab population has declined and become an endangered species. Tatara Beach at Imari Bay, however, is Japan's largest horseshoe crab habitat and breeding grounds. Designated a nationally important cultural property in October 2015 for its natural treasures, the best season to see the horseshoe crabs is in July at high tide during the spring tide. The adjacent Horseshoe Crab Shrine is said to bless marriage, children, and longevity. Closed: Every Monday (Except July and August) and New Year's Holidays Opening Hours: 9:00~17:00 / 10:00~16:00 (Weekdays from September to June) Inside Makishima Community Center 20955-22-5783

Nearby Walking Areas

B Mt. Aguri





Enjoy the panoramic view of Hatatsu Fishing Port, Iroha Island, and even Hizen Takashima Ohashi

Bridge in the distance from the peak of this mountain.

On the steep slope of the mountain you can see the remains of an old lookout built to spot enemy planes during WWII. After the war, local volunteers erected a stone monument to peace beside the lookout. Hatatsu Community Center ☎0955-25-0001

Japan's Ministry of the Environment included this artificial beach at Imari Bay in its list of 88 best swimming spots in Japan.

Season: Early July ~ Late August ☎0955-20-9031 Imari City Tourism Division





Great Camphor Tree at Aohata Shrine



The giant camphor tree at Aohata Shrine, which is connected to the Matsuura clan, is approximately 1,000 years old.

Institute of Ocean Energy, Saga University

The world's largest research facility for ocean thermal energy conversion, electrical power is generated by utilizing the temperature difference between surface seawater and deep seawater.
(Reservations required for tours.)



Tours: Every Thursday and Friday from 14:00 to 16:00 ☎0955-20-2190

J Yamantera Remains



This important religious site is connected to the Matsuura clan that governed Northern Kyushu about 800 years ago.

Myojo Cherry Tree



One of Imari's oldest trees is over 800 years old.

Best Time to Visit: Late March ~ Early April
Imari City Tourism Division 20955-20-9031

M Cane Hedges Along Satokoji Sined



Selected as one of the "100 Fresh Sites" in 1998.

Water Deity

H Kappa Mummy



For generations, craftsmen at Matsuuraichi Sake Brewery were told that something strange and mysterious existed in their house. When replacing the roof of the main building about 50 years ago, craftsmen discovered a neatly wrapped box inscribed with two Japanese characters. Learning these characters meant "Kappa", which is a mythical water imp, the craftsmen understood that this mummy was the strange, mysterious thing that their ancestors were referring to. The craftsmen built an altar to

enshrine the Kappa mummy as a water deity to watch over the brewery.

Opening Hours: 9:00~17:00 Matsuuraichi Sake Brewery ☎0955-28-0123

Outstanding Beautyl 10,000 Azaleas

Over ten thousand azalea bushes bloom in diverse colors. Enjoy a panoramic view of Imari Bay from the observatory deck. The Takenokoba Azalea

Takenokoba Park

Best Time to Visit: Early May

Western Kyushuls Largestl Imari Fujinoo Plum Orchard MAP-P10-P20



With approximately 6,500 blossoming trees, this is Western Kyushu's largest plum orchard.

The Imari Plum Festival is held every year in late February. Best Time to Visit: Late February

JA Imari Department of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry 20955-23-5560

Recommended Sightseeing

All Year (1 Day Course)

Recommended for visitors who want to explore Imari as much as possible in one day! Enjoy the food, culture, nature, and even mysterious sites in this course. This course is available throughout the



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Imari Furusato Village Roadside Station P12 [30 min.]

Savor Imari's unique cuisine at the roadside station along National Route 202.





Stroll Around Okawachiyama -The Village of Secret Kilns

P3~6 [60~90 min.]

Pottery Houses and Kiln Tours (Reservations Required) Pottery-Painting / Wheel-Throwing Workshop (Reservations Required) Take a Tour Provided by Volunteers! (Reservations Required) Heart of the historical, 350-year old traditional Imari porcelain, the 30 pottery kilns makes this the

perfect destination for shopping and a leisurely stroll. Create your own, original piece of art at the pottery-painting workshop to take home a memento of your trip to Okawachiyama.





(Lunch) Imari Beef Steak and Hamburg Steak P7~10 [60 min.]

Cattle raised with tremendous care produce mouth-watering, juicy, and soft Imari Beef. You cannot leave Imari without trying its beef.







Matsuuraichi Sake Brewery Tour P16 [30 min.]

Established in 1716, this sake brewery has a long history. Join the tour to learn about the "mysterious" item hidden in the brewery.



Explore Imari Port P13~14 [50 min.]

Imari Bay Ohashi Bridge → Imari Port Ohashi Bridge → Engibashi (Bridges of Good Fortune) (Driving) Pottery Merchant Museum, Ocean Silk Road Museum, Ebisu Pilgrimage

Take a Tour Provided by Volunteers! (Reservations Required) Pass over Aioi Bridge, Enmei Bridge, and Saiwai Bridge, which are the three Engibashi Bridges of Good Fortune!









All Year (Half-Day Course)

Recommended for those who want to enjoy an afternoon of leisurely sightseeing! This course provides the opportunity to enjoy food and culture, and maybe even a chance to become rich! This course is also available throughout the year.





Imari Beef Steak and Hamburg Steak P7~10 [60 min.]

Taste the delectable flavors of beef in the steaks or the juicy, mouth-watering hamburg. You can't go wrong choosing either!



Imari-Nabeshima Gallery P14 [30 min.]

Opened in 2003 as a station gallery specializing in pottery, the gallery exhibits exquisite Nabeshima Porcelain and Old Imari Porcelain from the mid-17th century to the mid-18th century.





Explore Imari Port P13~14 [Approx. 60 min.]

Pottery Merchant Museum, Ocean Silk Road Museum, Engibashi (Bridges of Good Fortune), Ebisu Pilgrimage Take a Tour Provided by Volunteers! (Reservations Required)

The Pottery Merchant Museum is a restoration of the Inuzuka Family's home. The Inuzuka Family was porcelain merchants during the Edo period. Visit the museum to see Old Imari Porcelain and other artifacts





Purchase Lottery Tickets at Tomitaen Teashop P13

This teashop is renowned for having sold winning lottery tickets with large payouts.







Visit Tomita Shrine P12 [10 min.] Pray to win the lottery!







Courses!

Choose your own combination of accommodation and places to eat!

Seasonal Tour: August ~ November 1 Day Course)

Recommended to visitors who love to eat delicious food, enjoy the abundance of delicious, seasonal cuisine. After lunch, experience Imari's culture and

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Imari Furusato Village Roadside Station

P12 [30 min.]





Fruit Picking P11~12 [60 min.]

Pears and Grapes (Mid-August ~ Late September)

Imari's pears grown with plenty of sunlight are exceptionally fresh and sweet. The grapes are plump and very sweet.



(Lunch) Imari Beef Steak and Hamburg Steak P7~10 [60 min.] fill your mouth.

A flavor that will surely satisfy beef connoisseurs! Let the delectable flavors





Stroll Around Okawachiyama -The Village of Secret Kilns P3~6 [60~90 min.]

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Hatatsu Mt. Aguri Observation Deck P20 [20 min.]

Overlook the beautiful ocean and islands







Natural Salt-Making Workshop and Pizza-Cooking Workshop P15 [60 min.]

(Reservations Required) 20955-25-0001





Seasonal Tour: Late February ~ Early March (Half-Day Course)

Recommended for those who want to casually experience food, culture and nature! After enjoying winter's delectable grilled oysters and plum blossoms, take a leisurely stroll around Okawachiyama.

First,



Natural Salt-Making Workshop

P15 [60 min.]

(Reservations Required) ☎0955-25-0001







Hatatsu Fureai Plaza Grilled Oysters and Imari Beef BBQ P15 [60 min.]

Enjoy Imari's variety of culinary offers through Imari Beef and fresh oysters from Hatatsu Bay









Imari Fujinoo Plum Orchard

P16 [60 min.]

Western Kyushu's Largest Plum Orchard!

This massive, 240,000 m² orchard has around 6,500 plum trees. The Imari Plum Festival is held every year in late February. Take the free shuttle bus that is available during this





Stroll Around Okawachiyama -The Village of Secret Kilns P3~6 [60~90 min.]

Pottery Houses and Kiln Tours (Reservations Required) Pottery-Painting / Wheel-Throwing Workshop (Reservations Required) Take a Tour Provided by Volunteers! (Reservations Required)

Participate in a pottery painting or wheel-throwing workshop to create your very own unique piece o

















Enjoy these Exciting Imari Events!



Ootchan Festival
/ Early August

This festival recaptures the lively, bustling past of Imari Port through reenactments of loading porcelain, portable shrines carried by women, and a local dance parade. Intended to keep Imari's traditional porcelain culture alive and promote local industries, this summer festival is led by women. "Dotchan" means "where to".



Imari Citizen's Fireworks Show
/ Early August

Approximately 2,500 beautiful and magnificent fireworks light up Imari's night sky.



Imari Tontenton Festival
/ Late October

One of Japan's three greatest "fighting festivals", this religious festival at Imari Shrine is also known as "Imari Kunchi". During the "River Dunking Battle", which is the festival's climax event, the Mikoshi and Danjiri portable shrines are connected and pushed into the river. The first group to retrieve their portable shrine is the winner! "Replicas of a Mikoshi and Danjiri are on display in the lobby of Imari City Hall.



Shine!! Imari Festa
/ Early December

Decorative lights illuminating trees at Imari Station Park, Imari Odori Street, and the Station Shopping Arcade transform the town into a magical spectacle.

Hotels & Accommodations

Marked A to J on the P13 and P14 Map



Show this page at establishments marked with a star (**) to receive special offers. Please ask each establishment for details.

(A) Hotel New Imari

1 0955-23-4141



22 0955-23-2157



Address: 171 Niricho Hachiyagarami, Imari City Check In: 16:00 / Check Out: 10:00 Rates: Single: ¥3,800 (Incl. Breakfast);

Twin (2 Guests); ¥7,600 (Incl. Breakfast) Guest Rooms: 26 (Western: 22, Japanese: 4) Parking: Approx. 40 Vehicles

URL: http://www.imari-cci.or.jp/kigyo/newimari/



Address: 413-8 Imarichoko, Imari City Check In: 16:00 / Check Out: 10:00 Rate: One Night with Two Meals: ¥10,000 (before tax) per Guest Guest Rooms: 8 (Japanese)

C Forrest Inn Imari

2 0955-23-1001



Address: 1704-1 Niricho Ozatoko, Imari City Check In: 15:00 / Check Out: 12:00 Rates: One Night with Two Meals:

¥16.500~ per Guest (2 Guest Minimum). ¥2,160 Surcharge per Guest on Saturdays Guest Rooms: 31 (Western: 3, Japanese-Western: 3, Japanese: 25) Parking: 130 Vehicles

URL: http://www.forest-inn-imari.com/

Business Hotel Kaneko 2 0955-22-5261

Parking: 3 Vehicles



Address: 1-9 Niricho Hachiyagarami, Imari City Check In: 16:00 / Check Out: 10:00 Rates: Single: ¥2,700~; Twin (2 Guests): ¥5,400~ Guest Rooms: 34 (12 with Bath & Toilet, 26 without Bath & Toilet)

Parking: 30 Vehicles

URL: http://www.igh.jp/kaneko.html

Imari Hotel

22 0955-22-3118



Central Hotel Imari

2 0955-22-0880



Address: 115 Hasuikecho, Imari City Check In: 15:00 / Check Out: 11:00 Rates: Single: ¥4,400~; Twin (2 Guests): ¥8,800~

Guest Rooms: 24 (Western: 14, Japanese: 10) Parking: Approx. 15 Vehicles

URL: http://www.imari-hotel.jp/

Address: 549-17 Aza Hamanoura Shintencho, Imari City Check In: 15:00 / Check Out: 10:00 Rates: Single: ¥5,900~; Twin (2 Guests): ¥11,500~

Guest Rooms: 203 (Western) Parking: Approx. 100 Vehicles URL: http://www.central-imari.jp/

Imari Grand Hotel

2 0955-22-2811



Business Hotel Shinten 5 0955-29-8787



Address: 466-11 Shintencho, Imari City Check In: 15:00 / Check Out: 11:00 Rates: Single: ¥5,200~; Twin (2 Guests): ¥11,400~

Guest Rooms: 154 (Incl. 7 Japanese Rooms)

Parking: 150 Vehicles URL: http://www.igh.jp/



Address: 211-1 Shintencho, Imari City Check In: 15:00 / Check Out: 11:00 Rates: Single: ¥4,800~; Twin (2 Guests): ¥8,600~

Guest Rooms: 32 (Western) Parking: Approx. 30 Vehicles

URL: http://www.shin-industry.com/magocoro/

Business Hotel Miyako 2 0955-23-2582



Address: 386-9 Niricho Hachiyagarami, Imari City Check In: 16:00 / Check Out: 10:00

Rate: Single: ¥2,600~

Guest Rooms: 17 (Western: 8, Japanese: 9)

Parking: 17 Vehicles

J Hotel AZ

22 0955-23-8901



Address: 2350-83 Otsubochoko, Imari City Check In: 15:00 / Check Out: 10:00 Rate: Single: ¥5,180~ (Incl. Breakfast)

Guest Rooms: 91 (Western)

Parking: 66 Standard Vehicles, 2 Large Vehicles

URL: http://www.kamenoi.com/

Imari Souvenirs

Find an abundance of delectable agricultural produce and seafood in Imari! These products from Imari are great souvenirs!



For Inquires About Imari Beef & Fruit, etc:

For Inquiries About Tiger Prawns:

Imari Tiger Prawn Center 2 0955-25-1112

For Inquiries About Kamaboko (Fish Cakes):

 Ikeshi Kamaboko
 ☎ 0955-23-2291

 Uchisada Kamaboko Shop
 ☎ 0955-23-2403

For inquiries about confectionaries:

Imari Tourism Association 2 0955-23-3479

For Inquiries About Wines and Spirits:

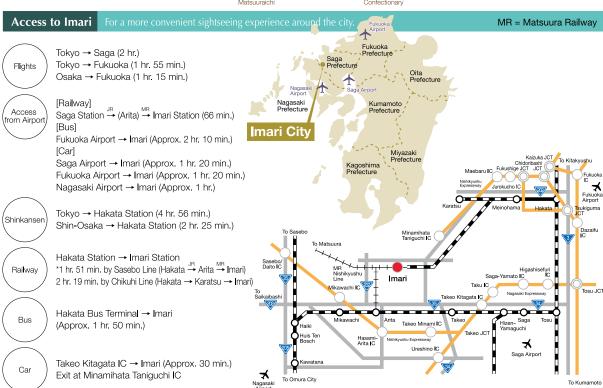
Koimari Sake Brewery \$\frac{\pi}{\pi}\$ 0955-23-2516

Hiwatashi Sake Brewery

7 0955-23-2332

Matsuuraichi Sake Brewery ☎ 0955-28-0123





Transportation For a more convenient sightseeing experience around the ci

Railway	JR Imari Station ———		
-	MR Imari Station ———		

■ Local Bus Saihi Bus — □ 0955-22-3171
Showa Bus □ □ 0955-23-4184

■ Taxi Imari Taxi — ☎ 0955-23-8181

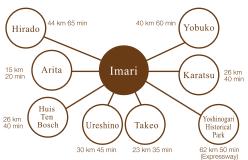
■ Rent-a-Car Toyota Rentalease Saga _______ ☎ 0955-22-7336 Imari Service Office

Niconico Rent-a-Car Imari — \$\textit{\fixed} 0120-32-2525\$ Kaneko Oil Imari Self-Service Station

■ Bicycle Rental MR Imari Station — ☎ 0955-22-3551

Things to See Around Imari Discover more of Western Kyushu

Imari has easy access to surrounding areas. Please visit these places along with your trip to Imari.



Imari Tourism Association

622-13 Shintencho, Imari City, Saga Prefecture 848-0041 TEL0955-23-3479 http://m2.hachigamenet.ne.jp/~i-kan2/

Imari Tourism Volunteer Guide Association

Imari Pottery Merchant Museum Marukoma, 555-1 Imarichoko, Imari City, Saga Prefecture, 848-0047 TEL0955-22-7934

Imari Nabeshima Porcelain Hall

1806 Okawachichootsu, Imari City, Saga Prefecture, 848-0025 TEL0955-23-7293 http://www.imari-ookawachiyama.com

Traditional Industry Hall for Imari and Arita Pottery

221-2 Okawachichohei, Imari City, Saga Prefecture, 848-0026 TEL0955-22-6333

Imari City Hall (Tourism Division, Imari Green Tourism Promotion Council)

1355-1 Tachibanacho, Imari City, Saga Prefecture, 848-8501 TEL0955-23-2110

Imari City Hall (Office of Tourism Strategy, Tourism Division)

Imari East Station Building, 554-5 Shintencho, Imari City, Saga Prefecture, 848-0041 TEL0955-20-9031/FAX0955-20-9032 http://www.city.imari.saga.jp/



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