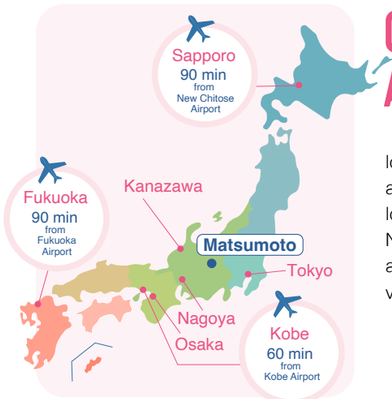


Go! MATSUMOTO! Access Map & Access Information

There's a full railway network of shinkansen and local trains, flights from Hokkaido, Kyushu, and Kobe, and expressways linking to various locations. Located nearly in the center of Nagano Prefecture, Matsumoto City is also a very convenient area for accessing various parts of Japan.



Nearby Sightseeing Spots


1 Kanazawa
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2 Shirakawa-go
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3 Takayama


4 Tateyama Kurobe Alpine Route


5 Hakuba


6 Tsumago Post Town


7 Snow Monkey


8 Karuizawa


9 Daio Wasabi Farm


10 Mt. Fuji


11 Southern Alps


12 Nagoya Castle

By Bus

Takayama	2 hr 25 min	Matsumoto Bus Terminal
Shinjuku	3 hr 20 min	
Nagoya	3 hr 30 min	
Osaka	5 hr 50 min	

By Car

Nagoya	200 km Chuo Expy	Okaya Junction	Matsumoto Interchange	20 min	Matsumoto Castle
Tokyo	200 km Chuo Expy				

See here for driving etiquette in Japan
JAF (Japan Automobile Federation)

Access via Airport

Tokyo (Narita Airport)	Keisei Line	Ueno	3 hr 45 min Shinkansen	Nagano	Matsumoto Station
Nagoya (Chubu Airport)	Meitetsu Line	Nagoya	2 hr 50 min		
Osaka (Kansai Airport)	JR	Shin-Osaka	4 hr 15 min Shinkansen	Nagoya	

By Train

Shinjuku	2 hr 30 min Azusa (JR Limited Express)				Matsumoto Station
Tokyo	1 hr 30 min Shinkansen	Nagano	50 min Shinano (JR Limited Express)		
Nagoya	2 hr Shinano (JR Limited Express)				
Osaka	1 hr Shinkansen	Nagoya	2 hr Shinano (JR Limited Express)		

〈In Case of Emergency〉

- Lost items … inquire about them at a police box. Go out Matsumoto Station Castle (East) Exit, turn right and go straight to find one, and there is another on the corner of Nawate Street and Daimyocho Street.
- 24 hr support free call center Japan Visitor Hotline … 050-3816-2787 [English/Chinese/Korean]
- Emergency Contacts (multilingual support) … Police: 110, Ambulance/Fire/Rescue: 119

Aizawa Hospital in the center of Matsumoto City offers emergency medical care and has an Emergency Room open year-round 24 hr. **https://www.ai-hosp.or.jp/_en/**

〈Earthquake/Typhoon Information〉

If a disaster such as an earthquake or typhoon occurs, scan these codes to check the latest information.

- Matsumoto Disaster Prevention Information link
- JNTO disaster information app for foreigners
- NHK World-JAPAN

Sightseeing Inquiries

- **Matsumoto City Tourist Information Center — Tel. 0263-39-7176**
  9:00–17:45 (open 7 days a week except around New Year's Day)

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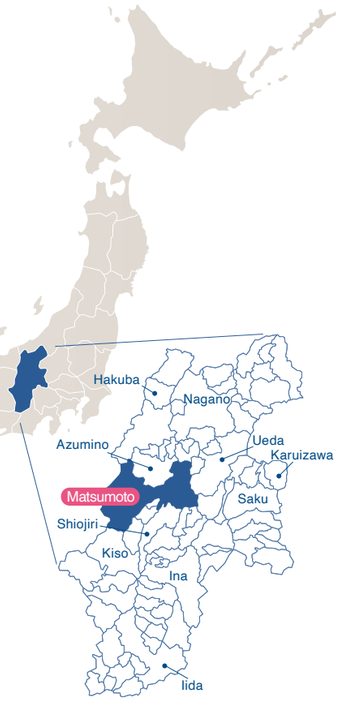
What's Matsumoto Like?

Matsumoto, a city adorned with diverse sounds.

Nagano Prefecture is located in about the center of the Japanese archipelago. And at its center is Matsumoto City. With a refreshing climate and an abundance of sunny days year-round, Matsumoto City offers many locations we want you to visit. Of course, there is Matsumoto's pride and joy, the national treasure Matsumoto Castle, and there are also many buildings left to remind you of the castle town's culture and history if you enjoy a nostalgic stroll around town.

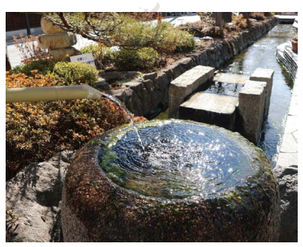
Going out a little further, you may find yourself at a loss for words at the majestic beauty of nature woven through the scenery of the surrounding highlands and 3,000 m class mountains. The breezes that stir leaves on the trees, the sound of water in rivers or the springs that flow around town, the lively buzz of events and festivals, the sight of the people who live in Matsumoto animatedly going about their business...

All of these are part of Matsumoto's charm. Spring, summer, fall, or winter, you can feel the beauty of Japan's four seasons in Matsumoto, and we hope you will experience its variety of charms with all five senses.



Matsumoto is a town that collects clear water running down from the mountains

An abundance of water from mountain regions such as Utsukushigahara as well as groundwater from alluvial fans collects around Matsumoto Castle, and even now the area is dotted with wells and springs. Recognized by the country as the Matsumoto Castle Town Spring Group and included in the 100 Best Japanese Waters for the Heisei Era, they are popular with residents and tourists alike.



Information [October 1, 2025]
[Area] 978.47 km² [Altitude] 592.21 m [Population] 232,745
[Sister and Friendship Cities]
Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
Kathmandu, Nepal
Langfang, Hebei Province, People's Republic of China
Grindelwald, Canton of Bern, Switzerland
Fujisawa, Kanagawa, Japan Himeji, Hyogo, Japan
Takayama, Gifu, Japan

Sightseeing map around Matsumoto Castle





National Treasure

Matsumoto Castle

One of 5 national treasure castles, it started out as Fukashi Castle, constructed in the 16th century during the Warring States period. Its black and white contrasts beautifully against the mountains of the Japan Alps

Matsumoto Castle has more than 400 years of history, and it's the oldest extant five-tiered, six-story main tower in Japan. At present, only 12 castles in all of Japan still have their main tower, and five-tiered, six-story towers are rare, found only here in Matsumoto Castle and at Himeji Castle. Most of those 12 castles were built in slightly elevated locations, but Matsumoto Castle is a flatland castle built on a plain, and its grounds were once ringed by three moats.

It's believed the main tower, the Inui tower, and the Watari Yagura that connects them were built by Ishikawa Kazumasa, a vassal of the samurai Toyotomi Hideyoshi who unified Japan, and by his son Ishikawa Yasunaga, from 1593–1594 in the late Warring States period*. It's also said that these three towers meant the castle was to keep watch over rival samurai Tokugawa Ieyasu in Edo (present day Tokyo), and that it was one of the castles positioned by lords loyal to Toyotomi to encircle Edo, along with Kofu Castle, Takashima Castle, Ueda Castle, Komoro Castle, and Numata Castle. In the Edo period (17–19th century), Matsumoto Castle wasn't just the Honmaru and Ninomaru areas which are now parks, but on its south side there was an area of the castle called Sannomaru that extended to Daimyocho Street and to the area around the city hall.

*During a dendrochronological dating survey conducted in fiscal years 2022–2024, timber used in the original construction of the main tower was found to have been felled in 1596, while materials from the moon-viewing wing were found to have been felled in 1626.





Good to Know! Warnings When Visiting the Main Tower

- Shoes are strictly prohibited inside Matsumoto Castle's main tower. Put your shoes in the bags provided at the entrance and carry them with you
- As staircases in the main tower are very steep, we recommend wearing non-slip socks
- Leave large luggage in lockers at the shop

See here for Matsumoto Castle official website

Convenient e-tickets "Matsumoto Castle and other facilities joint-admission ticket" now on sale!

Matsumoto City Museum of Art

A large collection of works by Matsumoto City native Yayoi Kusama on display

In addition to the gigantic sculpture by Matsumoto native and world-renowned avant-garde artist Yayoi Kusama that adorns the entrance, the museum is a hub for art in Matsumoto, displaying artwork connected to the city and holding special exhibitions.









Matsumoto City Museum

"Matsumoto as a whole is a museum," and this is a core facility with over 100 years of history and housing more than 120,000 precious documents and artifacts

Matsumoto on the whole is known as a "roofless museum," and in addition to Matsumoto Museum, there are many facilities around town such as Matsumoto City Timepiece Museum, the Japan Ukiyo-e Museum, and Matsumoto Folk Craft Museum.





National Treasure

Former Kaichi School

Pseudo-Western-style elementary school building epitomizing the period when Western culture entered Japan

Completed in 1876, the Former Kaichi School has a high octagonal tower topped by a weather vane at its center, arched windows, clouds floating above a dragon, and above that a pair of angels holding a plaque reading "Kaichi School." It was designated as an important cultural property in 1961 and a national treasure in 2019.

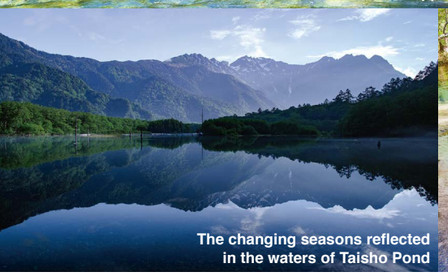


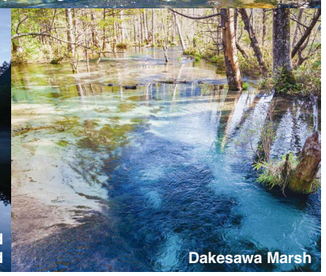


HEALING

Suddenly, your heart feels lighter. Matsumoto has scenery that makes you feel that way.
The sky is impossibly high, and majestic mountains and trees brimming with vitality slowly soothe us.


Kappa Bridge, called the symbol of Kamikochi


The changing seasons reflected in the waters of Taisho Pond


Dakesawa Marsh

Kamikochi

Heal both body and soul out in the still bounty of nature and perfectly clean air

At an elevation of about 1,500 m, Kamikochi is a nationally-designated Special Scenic Spot and Special Natural Monument in Japan. Due to its beauty, it's said that this is the place the gods came down to earth. Plants begin to awaken as a late spring advances from late April, while lush greenery is gorgeous against the clear summer skies, and the cool air in the shade of the trees soothes visitors. When the brief summer ends, the lovely fall mountains tinged with red and gold are also a sight to behold.

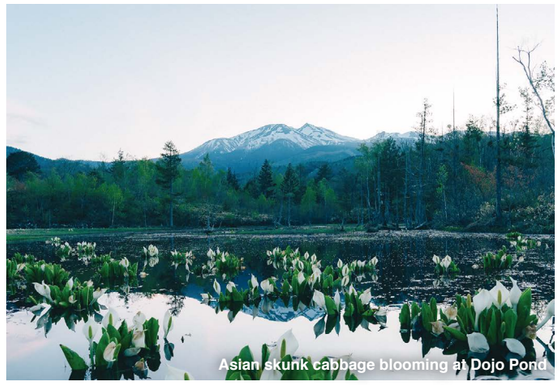
Any time from late April to mid-November is the best season to visit. Kamikochi's magical scenery continues to enthrall visitors from around the world.

Norikura Highlands

You can come in contact with beautiful nature that changes with the four seasons, and thoroughly experience the majesty of nature

At the southern end of the Northern Japan Alps, Norikura Highlands is a mountain resort at elevations of 1,200–1,800 m. It's a charming area with mountain climbing routes where you'll find stunning scenery and an assortment of hiking trails visiting forests and waterfalls.

Beginning to bloom with the melting of the snow, Asian skunk cabbage is beloved as the flowery harbinger of spring. Mt. Norikuradake offers a 360-degree view of majestic scenery which includes the Northern Alps. The fall foliage and multitude of stars shimmering in the winter sky are also worth seeing.


Asian skunk cabbage blooming at Dojo Pond



Utsukushigahara Highlands

The vast panorama from the plateau looks out over more than 40 mountains listed in the 100 Famous Japanese Mountains

Located at the northernmost end of Yatsugatake-Chushin Kogen Quasi-National Park, Utsukushigahara Highlands is one of Japan's leading plateaus. At its center towers Ogato, one of the 100 Famous Japanese Mountains. It's popular for a wide variety of trails, including the Alps Overlook Trail with majestic views of the Northern and Southern Alps and Mt. Ontake as you walk. The symbol of the highland, Utsukushi Tower also serves as a fog bell tower to let you know your location in heavy fog. And when the weather is fine, you can even see Mt. Fuji.

Open period: late April to late November



Matsumoto's hot springs are wonderful

**Matsumoto's hot spring areas make the most of their respective natural features and scenery.
Elegant buildings and hot springs that warm both body and soul have soothed many people since long ago.
And with open-air baths, you can enjoy vibrant greenery in spring and summer, trees turning red and gold in fall,
and Nagano's beautiful snowscapes in the stately,
crisp air of winter, making your experience all the more special.
Warm your body to the core and get recharged.**

Matsumoto City's hot springs also have a range of day-trip bathing facilities.
See here for details ▶

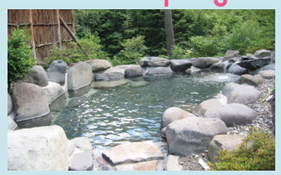
Utsukushigahara Hot Springs



With more than 1,300 years of history, it was used as a health resort by the castle lord who ruled Matsumoto and developed into a hot spring area as bath guests increased.

Utsukushigahara Hot Springs is a collective name of Oboke, Yunohara, Fujii, and other hot springs. There are a various inns both large and small.

Tobira Hot Springs



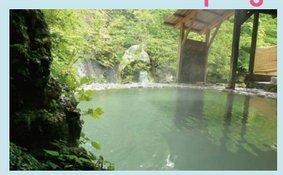
Heading toward Utsukushigahara Highlands from downtown, in the upper reaches of the Susuki River, there's a hot spring in the tranquil mountains at an elevation of more than 1,000 m, and it's said to be a location the gods visited to bathe in antiquity. There is one inn and a day-trip hot spring facility.

Asama Hot Springs



This historic hot spring was used by the lords of Fukashi Castle (present day Matsumoto Castle) from the Muromachi period (14–16th century), and a bathing facility was built in the Edo period (17–19th century) for the exclusive use of the castle lord. Called Matsumoto's parlor, it blends the good old atmosphere beloved by the literati with the charm of modern facilities.

Shirahone Hot Springs



Milky white and with the sulfur odor common to hot springs, this bath water is loaded with carbonates and is very silky. There are 10 inns, each with its own hot spring source, their spring qualities varying slightly and each inn named after the name of the source.



Soba Noodle Making

Soba, Nagano's precious food Tastes even better when you make it yourself

For most people, Nagano Prefecture means soba (buckwheat noodles). Matsumoto has Norikura Highlands and Nagawa, both famous for growing soba, and you can taste genuine hand-made soba noodles at shops all over town, each devoted to their own taste. Luckily, you can also try soba noodle making activities at some soba shops in town. Of course, soba is delicious to begin with, but the soba you eat after successfully kneading, rolling, and cutting it yourself takes that flavor to a new level.



Temari Candy Making

Try traditional candy making at a historic shop in Matsumoto, famous for candy

You can try your hand at making candy styled after "Matsumoto temari ball" folk craft at a historic candy shop that continues to use Matsumoto's spring water and Nagano-grown rice as ingredients. Use a traditional technique involving scissors to make round and swirled candies in the relaxed atmosphere of a tatami room, and those candies can be brought home as souvenirs. Just the sort of activity you'd find in a city famous for candy like Matsumoto.

Sake Brewery Tour

Learn the history of sake brewing where the air is clean and water abounds

The air is so clean, the climate is one of low humidity even in summer and cold, dry winters, spring water abounds due to the water from snow melting in the mountains, and there's high quality rice. Matsumoto has all the components for delicious sake, and there are distinctive sake breweries such as old ones established in the 19th century or ones that do everything by hand. Some sake breweries set up direct outlet, and some give tours of their facility if you make reservations in advance. Take a brewery tour to learn more about sake.







Miso Brewery Tour

Nagano Prefecture leads Japan in miso production. Matsumoto has many miso breweries, and there are a variety of flavors to enjoy. At a historic miso brewery that uses traditional brewing methods, you can take a miso brewery tour and see huge cedar vats that can each hold 4,500 kg of miso.

Japanese Taiko Drum Activities

Feel the beat of taiko drums from head to toe

Matsumoto City is known for the Taiko Festival at Matsumoto Castle, which draws taiko drumming groups from all over Japan, and there are taiko activities where even beginners can get patient instruction on how to hold the sticks, stand, and strike the taiko.



Temari Ball Activities

Traditional folk crafts with a cute twist

Matsumoto temari balls are a famous folk craft from Matsumoto, and techniques for making them have been passed down since the 18th century. You can try temari-making with materials and techniques geared toward beginners.





Tanabata Doll-making Activities

Since the 18th century, people in Matsumoto have traditionally hung ornamental dolls from their eaves for *tanabata* (the Star Festival). Every July, a Matsumoto Region Tanabata doll-making workshop is held to keep this tradition alive.

NIGHT LIFE
When the sun goes down, Matsumoto has another wonderful side.

See the "night face" of Matsumoto

An impressive sight hanging in the darkness





Light up at Matsumoto Castle, a National Treasure

First on the list for things to see in Matsumoto City after sunset is the illumination of Matsumoto Castle's keep. You can see it from sunset to 10 p.m. year-round, and you can enjoy the keep standing in the darkness and reflected in the moat in a different way from Matsumoto Castle during the day. In cherry blossom season, rows of blossoming cherry trees along Matsumoto Castle's north side and the Metoba River are lit up, producing beautiful corridors of light.

Going out after the sun goes down

Night spots to experience Matsumoto's culture



Matsumoto has a number of charming locations at night. Nakamachi and Nawate Street both have personality and are dotted with a variety of shops where you can ease away any weariness from your travels. Actually, Matsumoto is a "bar town." It's easy enough to stop by one and experience Matsumoto's culture as you enjoy some local sake. You can also enjoy unique live music clubs such as you'd expect in a place like Matsumoto that's also known as a music town, or play some darts in an amusement bar.



Traditional Costume Activities



The best way to learn tradition is to dress up!
Feel like you've traveled back in time

There are kimono and yukata, of course, but you can also enjoy costume activities by walking around town dressed in armor or a ninja costume. Walking around national treasure Matsumoto Castle in a traditional costume just feels different. Lightweight armor made of flexible plastic can be worn for a long time without being tiring, so you can thoroughly enjoy being a samurai, an exciting experience you can make real here in Matsumoto.



Skiing and Snowshoeing

Leave footprints in the powder snow as you push forward

In Kamikochi or Norikura Highlands, home to ski resorts, hiking tours in snowshoes to go see the sights in the snowy mountains are popular. Cross frozen lakes or do some sledding as you enjoy the great outdoors. Norikura Highlands half-day trail is mainly downhill, so even children, the elderly, or those who think they lack stamina can do it without worries. In the winter months, you can only enter Kamikochi on foot from the Kama Tunnel, but enter with a guide to enjoy the inverted reflection of the Hotaka Mountain Range in Taisho Pond and the silvery beauty of the Northern Japan Alps' mountains.



Cycling

Many cyclists from Japan and abroad visit Matsumoto. There are a variety of cycling routes, including ones that take in stunning scenery or visit filming locations, long riding trails that cover the whole prefecture, and trails to enjoy nature in the highlands on a mountain bike. Head out and you may well feel the seasonal flow.



Camping

Dynamic nature abounds in Matsumoto, and you can enjoy stunning scenery at campgrounds in various locations. Forget frantic daily life and spend some relaxing time in the majesty of nature.

Matsumoto City Official Site introduces programs and activities for you to enjoy Japanese culture and traditions. Access it here ▶

In Matsumoto, there are lots of things you'll want to taste and lots to buy.



Soba

It's said Nagano Prefecture became famous for soba (buckwheat noodles) because it has ideal conditions for growing buckwheat—high elevation, heavy fog, and short daylight hours caused by the surrounding mountains. In the western part of Matsumoto, Nagawa district and Norikura Highlands are famous for growing it, and downtown is packed with shops serving handmade soba noodles, while Nagawa's *toji soba* is known as a local food for winter.



Milk Cream Bread

Nagano Prefecture's local bread features milk cream with condensed milk sandwiched between fluffy layers of bread. More than 10 kinds are produced in different parts of the prefecture, and the taste, shape, and packaging vary from shop to shop.



Pickles



Matsumoto has a culture of various types of pickles, including nozawana pickles, seasonal vegetables pickled in miso, pickles made with the lees from local ginjo sake, wasabi pickles, Azumi's special pickled greens, and Nagawa's special red turnip pickles.

Oyaki Dumplings

Cold and warm water are added to flour and buckwheat flour, kneaded, rolled into thin dough that's stuffed with vegetables and baked to make Nagano's famous local cuisine. There are shops near Matsumoto Station and Matsumoto Castle, and the dough and fillings are unique at each.



Iwana Char Fish

Iwana char fish raised in the many clear rivers of the Azumi and Nagawa area are grilled whole with salt, or can be eaten as sashimi or sweetened boiled fish. And shops in town serve iwana that's been slowly grilled with salt in an *irori* hearth.





Shinshu Miso

Matsumoto is blessed with clean air and water from melting snow. Some factories in town make long-aged miso, fermented 2 or even 3 years, as well as making miso balls by old-fashioned miso-making methods.

Sanzokuyaki (fried chicken)

A whole chicken thigh or breast is marinated in a soy-based sauce with garlic, sprinkled with potato starch, and fried for this local cuisine from Matsumoto. In addition to being served in town in restaurants and as school lunch, you'll also find this typical local dish in the prepared food section of supermarkets.





Fruit (grapes, watermelons, and apples)

Matsumoto City grows many kinds of produce. Grapes, apples, and watermelons are especially popular local specialties in the city and beyond. Shine Muscat, Kyoho, Nagano Purple, and Pione grape varieties are cultivated, as well as Nagano Prefecture's special apple varieties Akibae, Shinano Sweet, and Shinano Gold, collectively known as the Ringo 3 Kyodai® (The Three Apple Brothers).



Created in Matsumoto, where silk farming flourished in the 19th century, Matsumoto Daruma dolls are characterized by bushy eyebrows and round beards on their cheeks. Now, they grant various wishes such as to pass school entrance exams.

Matsumoto Daruma



Matsumoto Folk Craft Furniture

Nagano Prefecture has lots of quality wood from a wide variety of trees. Well-ventilated and dry, Matsumoto in particular is ideal for making furniture. The Japanese cherry birch used is so hard it makes working it by machine difficult, so an artisan's handiwork is the only way to give it new life as furniture.



Matsumoto Temari Balls

Created in the mid Edo period (18th century), Matsumoto temari balls continue to preserve important cultural techniques even now. Present day temari faithfully reproduce those of olden days, but add a colorful modern touch.



Japanese Confections

Humidity is low year-round and groundwater abounds in Matsumoto, so many fresh sweets and semi-perishable sweets are made, making this one of Japan's premiere sweets producers. Candy-making flourished in the Matsumoto Basin, and many long-established shops began in the Edo period (17–19th century).

Wine, Sake, and Craft Beer

Matsumoto has all the elements needed for sake-brewing, such as mineral-rich ground water from the Northern Japan Alps and seasonal climates, so local sake-brewing rooted in nature and the landscape has been passed down, while Yamabe and Shiga districts brew high quality wine. Craft beer shops have also increased in recent years.



Topics

Experience the "castle town," a popular sightseeing spot

Feel Japanese culture in a castle town, where old streets and buildings remain

"Castle town" refers to any of the towns built up around the castles of regional warlords from the Warring States period to the Edo period (15–19th century). Developing as centers of commerce, economics, and transportation, castle towns were the basis for the creation of many modern cities.

Even now, there are still many charming castle towns where the old castle and buildings remain all across Japan.

Matsumoto is one such castle town. Around Matsumoto Castle, many buildings and streets preserve the atmosphere of that time, and tourists from around the world never tire of them. A 5-min walk from Matsumoto Castle, Nawate Street is a shopping street with various shops in a continuous building like a row house. It's a pedestrian zone 24 hr/day, so feel at ease as you stroll around. Nakamachi Street mainly developed around a collection of sake businesses and kimono shops, and now you can enjoy the nostalgic atmosphere of the many earthen-walled warehouses that remain there, their *namako* walls bearing the typical simple black and white design.







Enjoying eating and walking with an assortment of local cuisine and souvenirs

Edo period sensibilities remain in the streets around Matsumoto Castle, and you can get takeout of Matsumoto specialties from many shops there. Enjoy walking around as you feast on freshly cooked rice crackers, steaming oyaki dumplings, *taiyaki* packed with sweet bean paste, or soft-serve ice cream made with rich milk from the dairy. Handcrafted at long-established shops, traditional "ame senbei" candies are a very popular souvenir of Matsumoto. Experience Nagano ingredients raised in bountiful nature and Japanese food culture here in Matsumoto.



Trip preparations guide

Matsumoto has lots of sunny weather year-round



Though there are lots of sunny days year-round and a comfortable climate in Matsumoto, morning and evening temperatures dip a bit. You might want to have a light jacket on hand even in summer just for the cooler mornings and evenings.



SPRING — When winter blends into spring and snow remains in the mountains

[Climate] The average temperature is about 11°C, but days can get up to almost 20°C. In addition, low temperatures are often in the single digits in this period. [Clothing] It's still not the season to be in light clothes. Have a windbreaker or functional outerwear just to be safe. Bring one extra layer in addition to your regular clothing and it should be just right. Those planning to go into the mountains or see cherry blossoms at night should remember to bring cold weather gear like gloves and mufflers.

SUMMER — Mornings and evenings are crisp even in midsummer, days are hot and dry

[Climate] August's average temperature is about 26°C. High temperatures are often over 32°C, but low temperatures get down to 22°C. [Clothing] Summer temperatures are high in Matsumoto. Airy clothing is recommended, but the area doesn't have the humid heat generally associated with Japan, but rather a dry heat. Since UV is strong here, take measures to prevent sunburn. Mornings and evenings get cool not just in the mountains but also in town, so bring something light to throw on just to be safe. If you plan to visit after mid-August, bring some long sleeves to handle the temperature difference between day and night.





FALL — A quaint season when scenery changes from month to month

[Climate] Some days in September have a high temperature over 30°C, but the climate is relatively mild. October's average temperature is about 14°C. In November, the low temperature cools to about 3°C. [Clothing] The seasons progress differently in town versus in the mountains, but you can both see the seasonal changes and feel them with your skin. Summer clothing is still okay in September, but you should consider winter clothing for October and November. Since it could snow, those going into the mountains should have cold weather gear to be safe.



WINTER — The stunning scenery of the white Northern Alps and brisk air

[Climate] The average temperature doesn't reach 2°C many days, and the high temperature is about 7°C. Even downtown goes below -5°C at times. There's lots of sunny weather, and snow fall is typically scant. It tends to snow when low pressure areas cross the south coast of Japan, with snow a few times totaling 10–20 cm of snow fall yearly. [Clothing] You need good cold weather gear. Don't forget functional innerwear, warm outerwear, gloves, a muffler, and a hat.

*Computed from the averages for 2020–2024 in JMA's "Monthly Values"

MATSUMOTO Tourist Map

[Map Legend]
- Sightseeing Spot and Activity Center
- Nature Activity Center
- Hot Springs
- Golf Course
- National Highway
- Toll Road
- Restricted Road
- Expressway
- Tunnel

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Azumino City
Takayama City, Gifu Pref.
Mt. Kita-Hotakadake 3106
The highest point in Matsumoto
Karasawa
Mt. Chogatake 2677
Mt. Oku-Hotakadake 3190
Mt. Mae-Hotakadake 3090
Yokoo
Azusa River
Kamikochi
Mt. Nishi-Hotakadake 2909
Myojin Pond
Tokusawa
Kappa Bridge
Kamikochi Hot Springs
Kamikochi Bus Terminal
Mt. Yakedake 2455
Taisho Pond
Mt. Kasumizawadake 2646
To Toyama
Shin-Hotaka Ropeway
No private vehicles allowed in Kamikochi
(You have to take either a bus or a taxi from Sawando or Hirayu if you come by car.)
Nakanoyu Hot Springs
Kama Tunnel
Hirayu Hot Springs
Abo Tunnel (toll)
Abo Pass
Sakamaki Hot Springs
Azusa River
Japan Alps Area
Shimashima
Trailhead to Tokugo Pass
Ryushima Hot Springs
Inekoki Dam
Shin-Shimashima
Endo
Hata
Shimojima
ALPICO Kotsu Kamikochi Line
To Takayama
Hirayu-Otaki Waterfall
Yugawado
Sawando
Shirahone Hot Springs
Sawando Hot Springs
Maekawado
Midono Dam
Fuketsunosato Wind Cave
Azusa River
Norikura Skyline
Tatamidaira
Norikura Echo Line
Norikura Nature & Wildlife Conservation Center
Norikura Tourist Information Center
Super Rindo Forest Road
Nagawado Dam
Nagawado
Mt. Norikura Ski Resort
Norikura Hot Spring Resort Area
Sanbon-Daki Waterfalls
Shirakabatoge Pass
Mt. Kengamine (Norikuradake) 3026
Norikura
Ichinose-Enchi
Kurokawado
Shinnagawa Hot Springs
Nagawa Hot Springs
Mt. Hachimori 2447
Asahi Village
Nomugi Ski Resort
Shibusawa Hot Springs
Nomugi Pass
To Gifu
Kiso Town
Narai Post Town

No private vehicles allowed in Norikura
(accessible only by bus or taxi)
[Operational Dates]
・Norikura Echo Line: July 1—October 31
・Norikura Skyline: May 15—October 31
[Restricted Road Sections]
・Sanbon-daki - Tatamidaira (Norikura Echo Line)
・Hirayu—Tatamidaira (Norikura Skyline)
(Private car: All tourists must take a bus or a taxi from Norikura Kogen or Hirayu.)

To Hakuba
JR Shinonoi Line
Aoki Pass
Rokuzan Art Museum
Hotaka
Daio Wasabi Farm
Akashina
Anazawa Hot Springs
Shiga Fossil Museum
Adonis Flower Reserve
Ueda City
Hofukuji Pass
Kakeyu Hot Springs
To Ueda
Toyoshina
JR Oito Line
Azumino IC
Tazawa
Nagano Expressway
Toyoshina Golf Course
Matsumoto Tunnel
Matsumoto Asama Golf Course
Misayama Tunnel
Utsukushigahara Plateau Area
Alps Park
Kissei Cultural Hall
Asama Hot Springs
Lake Misuzu
Takeshi Pass
Hitoichiba
Azusagawa Service Area
Azusabashi
Shima-Takamatsu
Shimaichi
Joyama Park
Yokota Hot Springs
Matsumoto Castle, a national treasure
Utsukushigahara Hot Springs
Utsukushigahara Skyline
Takeshi Peak 1973
Azusagawa Furusato Park
The Japan Ukiyo-e Museum
Harmony Hall
Matsumoto City Hall
Kita-Matsumoto
Agatanomori Park
Matsumoto City Museum of Art
Matsumoto Performing Arts Centre
Nature Conservation Center
Ogato 2034
The Utsukushi-ga-hara Open-Air Museum
Azusagawa Academia Hall
Matsumoto IC
Matsumoto
Shiseiien
Shimonii
Oniwa
Shinanoaral
Nishi-Matsumoto
Azalea Line
Azusa River
Kitanii Matsumoto Daigakumae
Nagisa
Minami-Matsumoto
Matsumoto Castle Area
Utsukushigahara Highlands
Utsukushi Tower
Nimura
Moriguchi
Samizo
Kubota Utsubo Memorial Museum
Kobo-Yama Hill (Ancient Tomb)
Sanjiro Ranch
Nagawa Town
Hirata
Matsumoto Archaeological Museum
Sunpro Alwin Stadium
Shinshu Sky Park
Matsumoto Golf Course
Tobira Hot Springs
Tobira Pass
Venus Line
Murai
Baba Family Residence (Important Cultural Property)
Gofukuji (temple)
Shiojiri-Kita IC
Matsumoto Airport
Yamagata Village
Hirooka
Gakenoyu Hot Springs
Mt. Hachibuse 1929
Nagano Expressway
Shiojiri City
Okaya City
Shimosuwa Town

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Share cycle



With this service, you can borrow a bicycle from a dedicated bicycle parking area (Station) 24 hr/day, and can return it to a different Station from where you borrowed it. The bicycles are battery-assisted, so you can ride with ease (from 130 yen/30 min). Why not avoid the heavy traffic and go for a nice ride?
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