

Hokuso Area, Kujukuri Area

北総・九十九里エリア Walking around historic towns



1 Naritasan Shinsho-ji Temple / Naritasan Omotesando Street

This is the head temple of Chisan school of Shingon sect of Buddhism founded by Kancho Da-soro (the head priest of a Buddhist sect) in 940. Fudomyoo (Cetaka) enshrined in the temple was carved and consecrated with a deep devotion by Kukai (aka Kobo Daishi) at the behest of Emperor Saga. During the first three days of the new year, this temple attracts no less than 3 million people.



Open 7 days a week Admission free JR Narita / Keisei-Narita Sta. (KS40) 10min

2 The Historic Town of Sawara

Sawara, which has learned the spirit of love for nature from the rich flow of the Tone River and the sophistication from Edo (old Tokyo) honorably claimed the title of "Edo Masam better than Edo itself" is valued as "Live Town", retaining the atmosphere of those days.

Koedo-Sawara Small Boat Trip

This is a small boat trip where you can enjoy the scenery along the Ono River that runs through the center of Sawara. You just need to get on the boat at the foot of Toyotashi bridge in front of the Inoh Tadataka Museum, and you will gently slide down the restful flow of the riverbank. You can enjoy Sawara full of Edo Period atmosphere from the boat.



Varies depending on the facilities JR Sawara Sta. 10min

3 Boso no Mura / Cosplay Annex

This is an interactive museum. Set in a splendid natural environment, you can enjoy a hands-on experience learning about the changes that have occurred in clothing, food, housing and crafts over the ages from ancient times, as well as the traditional lifestyle of the people of the Boso region.

Boso no Mura: 9am-4:30pm (Mon, etc) ¥300 Cosplay Annex: 9am-5pm (Mon, etc) ¥1,000-6,000

4 Sakura Castle Ruins Park

An historic park where you can still see the remains of the local castle and its moat from the Edo period. History aside, you can enjoy the cherry blossoms in spring and the splendid colors of the leaves of ginkgo and maple trees in autumn.

Open 7 days a week JR Sakura Sta. (JO33) 15min Admission free Keisei-Sakura Sta. (KS35) 5min

5 Old Samurai Residences

With three restored samurai residences from the Edo period, you can get to know how life was like for the members of Japan's ruling class.

9am-5pm (last admission 4:30pm) JR Sakura Sta. (JO33) 15min Mon, etc ¥250 Keisei-Sakura Sta. (KS35) 20min

6 The Hotta House

Hotta Masatomu, the local lord of Sakura, used to live in this house. The reception room, living room, and other areas are collectively designated as nationally important cultural properties. The garden is also registered as one of the nation's designated Places of Scenic Beauty.

9:30am-4:30pm (last admission 4pm) Mon, etc ¥350 JR Sakura (JO33) / Keisei-Sakura (KS35) Sta. 20min

7 Sakura Furusato Hiroba Square

The windmill by the side of Inbanuma Pond is a symbol of the relationship between Sakura City and the Netherlands. Around the Square, you can enjoy tulips in April (Best in mid-April), fireworks and sunflowers in summer, and cosmoses in autumn.

Open 7 days a week Admission free Keisei-Sakura Sta. (KS35) 10min

8 Inuma Honke / Kinoeno omya

"Inuma Honke" is a 300-year-old sake brewery famous for a sake brand called "Kinoeno Masamune." It offers a brewery tour, allowing visitors to see the whole process of sake brewing (the tour is offered only on Saturdays from October to around April and requires a reservation). On the premises, a renovated 300-year-old folk house accommodates a restaurant, "Kinoeno omya," where you can enjoy lunch and dinner in a traditional atmosphere.

11:00-15:00 (L.O. 14:00) / 17:00-21:00 (L.O. 20:00) Wed only for lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. JR Shizu (JO34) / Keisei-Shizu (KS37) Sta. 10min

9 Inubosaki Lighthouse

This is a prime chalky brick lighthouse built in Western style by British architect in 1874. It has been selected as one of the 100 best historical lighthouses in the world and one of the 50 best lighthouses in Japan.

8:30am-4pm (varies depending on the season) Open 7 days a week (closed in bad weather) ¥300 Choshi Electric Railway Inubo Sta. (CO09) 7min

10 Chikyu no Maruku Mieru Oka Ocean View Observatory

It is located on the top of Mt. Atagoyama, the highest spot of Shimousadaichi plateau. You can command a panoramic view as you see Kashimadate (the Sea of Kashima), the Tsukubasan, Kujukurihama Beach on the west and Byobugaura from there. The view is truly stunning and the both ends of the horizon enable you to feel the roundness of the earth.

9am-6:30pm (Apr-Sep) / 9am-5:30pm (Oct-Mar) Open 7 days a week (closed in bad weather) ¥420 Choshi Electric Railway Inubo Sta. (CO09) 15min

11 Sammu Naruto Strawberry Trust Association

Sammu is a city famous for its strawberries (January through May). Along Route 126 and Prefectural roads 76 and 121, there are so many strawberry farms one next to the other that people call that area "Strawberry Road".

Varies depending on the farm (Please refer to the website) ¥1,200-2,000 (depending on the season) Sammu Naruto IC 2:20min (depending on the location)

12 Mobar Park

It is the park that was selected as one of the 100 best cherry blossom viewing spots in Japan. In spring, over 2,000 cherry blossoms fill the park followed by azaleas and hydrangeas in full bloom. You can enjoy this beautiful scenery all the year around, but in particular during autumn you will find yourself amazed by the colors of the leaves and ginkgo.

Open 7 days a week Admission free JR Mobar Sta. 7min

Minami (Southern) Boso Area

南房総エリア Enjoy a day to the full, surrounded by nature!

13 Country Farm Tokyo German Village

It has many enjoyable places such as a vast stretch of lawn where you can play freely, the largest putting golf field in the Kanto area, a grass skiing slope, a roller coaster and a zoo for kids. The flowers that make the entire village colorful all the year around and the illuminations (November through March) that light up the winter night are very popular.

9:30am-5pm (varies depending on the season) Open everyday Check the website for details. JR Anegasaki or Sodegaura Sta. 20min

15 Mother Farm

This is a tourist farm located on Mt. Kano that offers a magnificent view of mountains of the Boso Peninsula, Tokyo Bay, and Mt. Fuji. With expansive grounds of 2.5 million square meters, this farm is home to various animals including cows, horses, sheep, and alpacas. It also hosts daily events and shows where visitors can interact with the animals. Popular events include the "Sheep Show" (sheep shearing) at Agrodome and "Cow Milking Experience." Also popular are the large-scale picturesque flower gardens with canola flowers in spring as well as petunias, the "momoro toki" (pink bread) in summer. Additionally, you can enjoy various other activities including riding the Ferris wheel and bumper jumping from 21 meters high. The souvenir shops sell original Mother Farm sweets and homemade ham and sausages. Some popular park food includes their signature inguikan mutton dishes and soft-serve "cream" for seasonal fruit and vegetable-picking, you can enjoy strawberries, fillitears, sweet potatoes, and more depending on the time of day.

9:30am-4:30pm (varies depending on the season) Please refer to the website ¥1,500. JR Sanukimachi Sta. 25min JR Kimitsu Sta. 35min

18 Kamogawa Sea World

In the place where the Pacific Ocean spreads out before your eyes, you can enjoy a wide variety of shows performed by killer whales, dolphins, sea lions, and belugas. Especially the performance of the killer whales are very powerful, and you probably won't have the occasion to see it anywhere else in Japan. On the other hand, the performances by dolphins and sea lions are very winsome, and it can heal you somehow. Upon entering the exhibition pavilion, which simulates a natural ecosystem, you will find yourself surrounded by 800 varieties of marine and river animals for a total of 11,000 animals kept inside the structure. You can use this place for studying purposes as well.

9am-4pm (varies depending on day and the season) Please refer to the website ¥3,300. JR Awa-Kamogawa Sta. 10min (Shuttle Free)

14 Mt. Nokogiri Nihon-ji Temple

Mt. Nokogiri is a 329.4-meter-high mountain. The mountain consists of tuff that, thanks to the fact that is suitable for construction, it used to be a quarry from the Edo period. Since the shape of the exposed mountain side has a saw-toothed shape, it was given the name of "nokogiri," which means "saw." The view from "Jigoku-nozoki," which is situated near the top of the mountain is both beautiful and thrilling. The slope on the south side of the mountain is the temple grounds. The temple, Nihon-ji was built by the Buddhist monk called Gyoku at the behest of Emperor Shomu about 1,300 years ago. You can visit the largest Buddha statue carved on a rock face with a height of 31 meters, Hyakushaku-Kannon statue, which might remind you of the Bamian Buddha and the 1,500 stone figures of Aihats.

8am-5pm (close at sunset during winter) Open 7 days a week ¥950. JR Hamanakusa Sta. 8min Ropeway Sanroku Sta. 20min

16 Kazusa Academia Park

A science and industrial park surrounded by lush greenery. In its 278-hectare site, research institutes in biotechnology, incubators and a hall for conventions are located. You can also stay at a high-quality hotel or enjoy a pool.

Varies depending on the facilities 10min (highway Bus Aquale) JR Tokyo Sta. 30min

17 Oyama Senmaida (Rice Terraces)

Known for being the terraced rice field nearest to Tokyo, this 3.2-hectare spread over 375 fields arranged in a staircase pattern is a beautiful rural scenery that brings to mind that Japanese traditional landscape is still actual. It has been chosen as one of "Japan's 100 best terraced rice fields."

9am-4pm (not available in case of road closed) Free (Toll: ¥3,140 standard-sized car, ¥800 ETC) Open 7 days a week. JR Kisarazu Sta. 30min 20min

19 SHIROYAMA PARK (Tateyama Castle)

Visitors can enjoy a variety of seasonal flowers including 500 cherry trees. On the hilltop you will find the Tateyama Castle (Hakkenden Museum) from where you can enjoy a stunning view. There used to be a castle belonging to a samurai general named Satomori-ehi back in the Sengoku era. Halfway up the park there is the Tateyama City Museum.

9:30am-4pm (varies depending on day and the season) Mon, etc (Tue when Mon is a holiday), New Year holidays ¥900. Keisei Matsudo Line Miaki Sta. (KS74) 15min JR Tateyama Sta. 10min

20 Umihotaru Parking Area

It is a real area floating in Tokyo Bay. It has shops that offer you specialties of Chiba Prefecture, restaurants where you can enjoy your meal with a view of the sea and game centers. It's aimed at people of all ages. The view from the deck of the 5th floor is magnificent.

Open 7 days a week (not available in case of road closed) Free (Toll: ¥3,140 standard-sized car, ¥800 ETC) JR Kisarazu Sta. 30min

Bay Area, Tokatsu Area

21 Makuhari-Shintoshin & Makuhari Messe

The area that straddles between Mihama-ku and Chiba City. It has a complex convention center, Makuhari Messe. It was built with the concept of Futuristic International City where Business, Residence, Learning and Play are combined.

Varies depending on the facilities JR Kahimmakuhari Sta. (JE14) 5min

22 Japanese Garden "Mihama-en" 見浜園

This is a Japanese garden of 1.6-hectare where you can enjoy traditional Japanese culture for both foreign visitors and local residents. Its style is a Chisham (a pond and a fountain) Kawayu (walk-through), where a pond is in the center of the garden, and mountains, rivers, seas, and woods are expressed and visitors can enjoy change of four seasons of nature by walking through the garden.

8am-5pm (last admission 4:30pm) Please refer to the website ¥100. JR Kahimmakuhari Sta. (JE14) 7min 10min

23 Funabashi H.C. Andersen Park

Having taken its name from Funabashi's sister city relationship with Odense, the city in Denmark where the famous fairy tale author Hans Christian Andersen was born, this vast park features a hundred of different flowers blooming all over the year. According to TripAdvisor, H.C. Andersen Park ranked third among Japan's theme parks and tenth among Asia in 2015.

9:30am-4pm (varies depending on day and the season) Mon, etc (Tue when Mon is a holiday), New Year holidays ¥900. Keisei Matsudo Line Miaki Sta. (KS74) 15min Chiba Kita IC 30min

24 Shimizu Park

One of Japan's most famous cherry blossom spots, and home to some fabulous flowers in every season as well as spectacular autumn leaves. Available facilities include field athletics, a camping and barbecue area, a pony ranch, "Aquaventure", and more.

Varies depending on the facilities Free (Varies depending on the facilities) Tobu Urban Park Line Shimizu-koen Sta. (TD15) 10min

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