

Let's Go Out! Tokai City MAP

The facilities and shops introduced in this pamphlet, among others, are presented in the map below.



Access
20 minutes by train from Central Japan International Airport Station to Otagawa Station.

- Accommodation Facilities**
- ◆ The Kato Hotel (MAP▶B-4)
Address: 18-1, Osuhama, Takayokosukamachi TEL: 0562-33-3333
 - ◆ Business AOI Hotel (MAP▶B-4)
Address: 2-17, Hamayashiki, Yokosukamachi TEL: 0562-33-3838
 - ◆ Tokai Workers' Center (MAP▶B-4)
Address: 1-7, Masugata Takayokosukamachi TEL: 0562-33-3377
 - ◆ Tokai City Hotel (MAP▶C-4)
Address: 5, Maedamen, Fukushima-machi TEL: 052-601-3300
 - ◆ Tokai Center Hotel (MAP▶D-4)
Address: 1-8-11, Fushimi, Fukushima-machi TEL: 052-604-6111
 - ◆ Nawa Plaza Hotel (MAP▶D-1)
Address: 1-51, Nawamachi TEL: 052-604-7575
 - ◆ Mare Hotel Tokai (MAP▶B-4)
Address: 17-1, Osuhama, Takayokosukamachi TEL: 0562-33-2222

- Taxi** For inquiries and reservations, contact the following taxi companies.
- Chita Tsubame Taxi TEL/ 052-604-3322
 - Shachi Daiichi Kotsu TEL/ 052-604-2323
 - Meitetsu Chita Taxi TEL/ 0569-37-1500
 - Anzen Taxi TEL/ 0562-32-6005
 - Care Taxi Tokai TEL/ 0120-0876-56

- Legends!**
- Public facilities
 - Places to visit, etc.
 - Historic places, temples, etc.
 - Parks, leisure facilities, etc.
 - ◆ Accommodation Facilities

Guidebook to see, learn and have fun in Tokai City 2016.1

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Have fun in Tokai City, Aichi

Seasonal flowers
Filled with greenery and flowers

Tokai Festival Fireworks
Busting with people ♪

Machizukuri Ouen Taishi (City Support Ambassadors) will show you around!

Tokai City is here!

A city of steel and orchids

Tokai City Guidebook

Included a **MAP** of the city.

Events held throughout the year ♪

It's huge! Great Buddha of Shuurakuen

Great man from Tokai City! Heishu Hosoi

Otagawa Station is bustling with activity.

Whatever you do...

Industrial Tours

Learn about the history! Historical sites

Captivating! Ota Festival Owari Yokosuka Festival

Lots of shops with delicious sweets

What did he make?

<http://www.tokaikanko.com/>

Tokai City Tourist Association (Tokai-shi Kanko Bussan Plaza) 82-1 Ushiroda, Ota-machi, Tokai-shi, Aichi 477-0031 TEL: 0562-32-5149

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April

Cherry Blossom

3-1 Chuo-machi MAP ▶ C-4

Oike Park

1100 cherry trees representing 7 varieties

During the daytime, take a stroll through the tunnel of cherry trees with pink flower petals dancing around you. After sunset, relax and see the lit-up cherry trees reflecting on the water surface. Come to Oike Park and bring a picnic lunch. Recommended period for cherry blossom viewing: Late March to early April

Facilities: Strolling path, athletic facility, plum grove, Japanese iris garden, small animal zoo, baseball field, multi-purpose field, open-air stage, tennis court

During the Oike Park Cherry Festival, the cherry trees are lit up at night

See beautiful cherry blossoms at these places too!

Kake ryokudo
Kawazu Sakura
(a variety of cherry tree)

Hirachi Park

Nakanoike Park area

Enjoy the Flowers

Parks in Tokai City are filled with flowers and nature!

April Azalea



There is a rose tunnel in Oike Park!

May

Rose

64-2 Motohama-machi MAP ▶ A-4

Motohama Park

Come and see 2,000 roses representing 100 varieties in the Rose Garden and the Fountain, too! The many varieties of roses richly and brightly color the garden. Look for rare varieties of roses. Enjoy the color and fragrance of spring in Motohama Park, enveloped in the aroma of roses. Recommended period for flower viewing: May to June

Facilities: Lawn square, rose garden, athletic playground equipment, indoor stage, fountain, stream

December

Maple

2-1 Nishi-Hazama, Arao-machi MAP ▶ C-2

Shuurakuen Park

550 maple trees representing 7 varieties and a Great Buddha statue. In the tea ceremony room "Oumeian" you can relax and enjoy Japanese tea and sweets while viewing beautiful autumn foliage. Come to Shuurakuen Park to see the changing of the seasons. Recommended period for autumn foliage: End of November to beginning of December

Facilities: Walking path, camp site, herb garden, Fureai Garden

You can see maple trees lit up at night from Oumeian.



Oumeian



January Orchid

July Lotus

Hirachi Park MAP ▶ D-2

A park with a beautiful sloped lawn
Location: 1-1 Hoshu, Nawa-machi, Tokai-shi

Tokai Municipal Agricultural Center MAP ▶ C-4

At the Orchid Greenhouse, many varieties of orchids are cultivated and new varieties are grown and displayed. Home gardening and cooking classes for Tokai residents are available. Other events are held here as well.
Location: 1 Hachimanshita, Fukushima-machi

Tokai Flower Show MAP ▶ B-4

This is a major flower and green festival of Tokai City, a Town of Greenery and Orchids. The event features displays of orchids and orchids for sale. The event venue is enveloped in the sweet aroma of flowers
Period: Fourth Saturday and Sunday of January
Venue: Tokai Gymnasium
Location: 1 Masugata, Takayokosuka-machi

Ohori Ryokudo

Seeing the moss phlox along the path is a moving sight indeed!
Location: Higashiohori, Kagiya-machi

Donden hiroba MAP ▶ B-4

Near Meitetsu Otagawa Station
The plaza has a variety of different events attracting many visitors
Location: 23-1 Ushiroda, Ota-machi

June Hydrangea

May

Rabbitear iris

7-1 Yamada, Fukushima-machi MAP ▶ E-4

Uenodai Park

Featuring 2600 rabbitear irises representing 9 varieties and a beautiful Japanese garden. Purple and white rabbitear irises bloom in vivid green. In the traditional Japanese garden, there is a pond where rabbitear irises bloom and a red Taiko Bridge crosses the pond. It is the best spot for photographs, so be sure to bring your camera with you! Recommended period for rabbitear iris viewing: Early to mid-May

Facilities: Japanese garden, rabbitear iris garden, multi-purpose plaza, tennis courts, hydrangea garden

June Japanese Iris

Oike Park



April Moss phlox

Ohori Ryokudo



March Plum

Oike Park



Tokai City has a number of fine companies

There is no multilingual support available at these facilities.

Let's do some industrial sightseeing!

You can see, touch and learn Industrial sightseeing facilities in Tokai City. Gather your friends and make reservations by phone. We'll see you there!

Learn about the progress of the forging technology used in automobile manufacturing and the history of the many blacksmiths in the Chita Peninsula. You'll be impressed!

Make sure to wear comfortable shoes!

Aichi Steel, Forging Technology Museum

Aichi Steel Corporation MAP▶C-2

Experience the huge scale of forging business on a tour where you can see processes like thinning the red-heated steel board right before your eyes!

See for yourself! The advancements in forging technology and the history of the Ono-style forge

Roles and history of forging works for automobile manufacturing and the progress of forging technology are shown through demonstrations and visuals. Ono-style forged products are displayed and a forging scene is reproduced in a diorama.

Location: 1 Wanowari, Arai-machi
Tel: 052-604-1111
Business hours: 9:00 ~ 12:00 1:00 ~ 5:00 pm (entry until 4:00 pm)
Closed: Weekends, end-of-year and New Year holidays, Golden Week, company's summer break
Reservation: Please make reservations at least 1 day ahead.
http://www.aichi-steel.co.jp/sp_info/forg.html

Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation

Nagoya works, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation MAP▶B-3

Watch as steel is transformed into a variety of products using the world's most advanced technology!

The company produces a multitude of steel products by melting iron ore in the only blast furnace in the Chubu area. Come and feel the real thrill of a factory.

Location: 5-3 Tokai-machi Tel: 052-603-7047
Business hours: 9:00 ~ 11:00 am 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm
Closed: Weekends, holidays and days the factory is closed
<http://www.nssmc.com/index.html>

Daido Steel

Chita Factory, Daido Steel Co., Ltd. MAP▶A-4

The long line of factory buildings is a sight to see! A great looking display room is a lot of fun!

Helping to make dreams to come true in the automotive, IT and medical industries!

As one of the largest continuous production factories in the world, production here meets high standards and responds to diverse needs. Visitors are taken on a tour of the special steel production processes from melting raw material and continuous forging to rolling and inspection. Come and see the grand scale of the factory.

Location: 39 Motohama-machi
Tel: 0562-33-3101
Business hours: 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm
Closed: Mondays, Sundays, holidays, other
<http://www.daido.co.jp/index.html>

Kagome Memorial Hall

Ueno Factory, KAGOME Co., Ltd. MAP▶C-3

Learn about history of Kagome and "the secret of the sauce."

Learn about "Kagome" brand from Tokai City

Location: 108 Higashiyashiki, Arai-machi Tel: 052-603-1161
Open: 9:00 ~ 11:00 am, 1:00 ~ 3:00 pm
Closed: Weekends, holidays and days the factory is closed Number of visitors: up to 25 visitors
Reservations: Make reservations 1 week prior to the day you plan to visit
<http://www.kagome.co.jp/company/>

Gas Energy Exhibit Hall

Toho Gas Co., Ltd. MAP▶C-1

It is fun >

Let's think about global warming and energy!

See, feel, have fun learning about the relationship between the environment and energy in the Exhibit Hall themed "Global Warming and Energy." The hall is filled with exhibits using familiar items from everyday life to help make you more environmentally conscious.

Location: 507-2 Shimo-machi
Tel: 052-603-2527
Open: 10:00 am ~ 5:00 pm (Entry until 4 pm)
Closed: Saturdays, holidays (if Sunday is a holiday, the following day), end-of-year and New Year holidays, Obon holidays (summer), and specially designated days
<http://www.tohogas.co.jp/gas-enekan/>

Dainichi Ofukuroan

dainichi Co., Ltd. MAP▶C-5

Lots of pickles and other dishes. Pickling class available.

Location: 1 Minamihiro, Fukushima-machi
Tel: 052-604-0296
Number of participants: from 10 to 40
Opened: Factory tour / 10:00 ~ 12:00 Closed Sundays
Manyo Restaurant / 11:00 am ~ 2:00 pm Closed first of each month
Ofukuroan / 9:00 am ~ 6:00 pm Closed first of each month (If the first falls on a weekend, then closed Monday)

Reservation required / free of charge

Kamameshi is recommended for lunch after the factory tour.

Kamameshi (flavored rice cooked with vegetables)

Pickle buffet

Tokai City boasts the highest shipment volume of butterbur in Japan! At the buffet corner of the Manyo Restaurant, there are many pickles and other dishes for you to try!

Coca-Cola East Japan

Coca-Cola MAP▶C-1

Wow! Coca-Cola!

Beverages you drink everyday are produced here!

Here you can learn about the beverage production process which takes place in a very clean environment under strict quality control and learn about the environmental measures implemented by Coca Cola.

Location: 266-18 Tonowari, Minami Shibata-machi
Tel: 052-602-0413
Open: 9:30 am ~ 3:30 pm
Closed: Weekends, holidays, days the factory is closed
<http://www.ccej.co.jp/plant/>

Chita Medias Network

Chita Medias Network Inc. MAP▶B-4

This is how TV and radio programs are created!

See the studio where TV shows you watch every day are filmed! See what it's actually like to work at a TV studio!

Chita Medias Network is a cable TV company producing programs closely related to the local community serving Tokai City, Obu City, Chita City and Higashiura Town. Visitors are not only able to see how the TV studio works but are also able to try their hands at announcing, switching from one camera to the next, and being DJs in the radio booth.

Location: 165 Shimohamada, Ota-machi
Tel: Management and Planning 0562-33-7101 (weekdays 9:00 am ~ 6:00 pm)
Tour hours: Monday ~ Friday 9:00 am ~ 6:00 pm (excluding holidays)
Number of visitors: 5 ~ 20
Age: Elementary school children and older
Content: TV studio and FM studio tour, negotiable
<http://www.medias.co.jp/>

Monozukuri Center

Aron Kasei Co., Ltd. MAP▶B-1

Take a look behind the scenes of everyday life. You'll be surprised at what you find.

"Exhibition room" shows the history of the company. The "Water flow demonstration court" allows you to follow "the path of waste water," a process that normally remains unseen. "Experience House" is a place to try the products, and there is more information on manufacturing.

Location: 30-6 Shimo-machi
Tel: 052-601-3651
Hours: 10:00 am ~ Noon, 1:00 ~ 5:00 pm
Capacity: up to 30 visitors per tour
Closed: End-of-year and New Year holiday, summer and holidays when the company is closed.
<http://www.aronkasei.co.jp/index.html>

Onkochishindokoro Akinai shiryoukan

(Place of discovery from the past) (museum) MAP▶B-5

Open the door and step into the past!

Nishimaruya began its business at Yokosuka in 1887 as a cooper and was a convenience store and supermarket business pioneer. Here articles from everyday life during the good old days of the Meiji, Taisho and Showa eras are on display giving you a glimpse of the economic advancement and history of the past.

Location: 5-1 Sengen, Takayokosuka-machi
Tel: 0562-33-4105
Open: 10:00 am ~ 5:00 pm
Capacity: up to 5 persons
Closed: irregular holidays
Reservation required / free of charge

Super Top / Nishimaruya

Heartwarming Concert Piano Salon

As a contribution to the local area, Nishimaruya holds regularly scheduled free concerts (even number months) at its store.

You can purchase YUKARI (shrimp cracker) that are freshly baked. (Limited only on weekdays, after 2pm)

Main store (shop)
Location: 61 Sannowari, Yokosuka-machi
Tel: 0562-33-5111
Business hours: 9:00 am ~ 6:00 pm
Closed: 1st to 3rd January and every Sunday

Learn the History and Culture

of Tokai City

Do you know about the many institutions and great men of Tokai City?

Heishu Hosoi Memorial Hall and Tokai City Local History Museum

MAP▶D-3

In the hall there is the "Heishu Memorial Exhibition Room," where Heishu's paintings and writings are on exhibit, the "Heishu Hall," an information section, and the Oumeikan, a lecture hall named after the school he opened in Edo. It is a memorial hall where you can relive the teachings of Heishu Hosoi. His words in calligraphy writing still touch the hearts of those who read them.



Heishu Memorial Hall and Folk Museum

- ◆ Open: 9:00 am ~ 4:30 pm ◆ Entrance: Free
- ◆ Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, then closed the next day), end-of-year and New Year holidays (Dec. 29th ~ Jan. 3rd)
- ◆ Parking: for 28 cars and 2 buses

Heishu is known for his famous words!



Get your own commemorative stamp

Great men of Tokai City

Heishu is known for his famous words!
Whatever you do, you must have courage.



MAP▶C-3

The Square of Learning / Kake Park



Heishu Hosoi

Born 1728 – deceased 1801

Born in Tokai City, Aichi, he was a scholar who significantly influenced school and social education in the domain. He is particularly famous for being the first principal of Owari Domain's Meirindo School, and the teacher of Harunori (Yozan) Uesugi, the lord of the Yonezawa Domain. He is the pride of Tokai City as one of the great men originating from the city. Tokai City has made a sister city agreement with Yonezawa City (the city Harunori Uesugi originated from). The words Heishu Hosoi sent to Harunori Uesugi, "Yunarukana yunarukana yuniarazushite naniwomotte okonawanya" meaning "Whatever you do, you must have courage" became the root of the cultural institution "Yunaru." Heishu Hosoi is the model for Tokai City's character, "Heishu-kun."

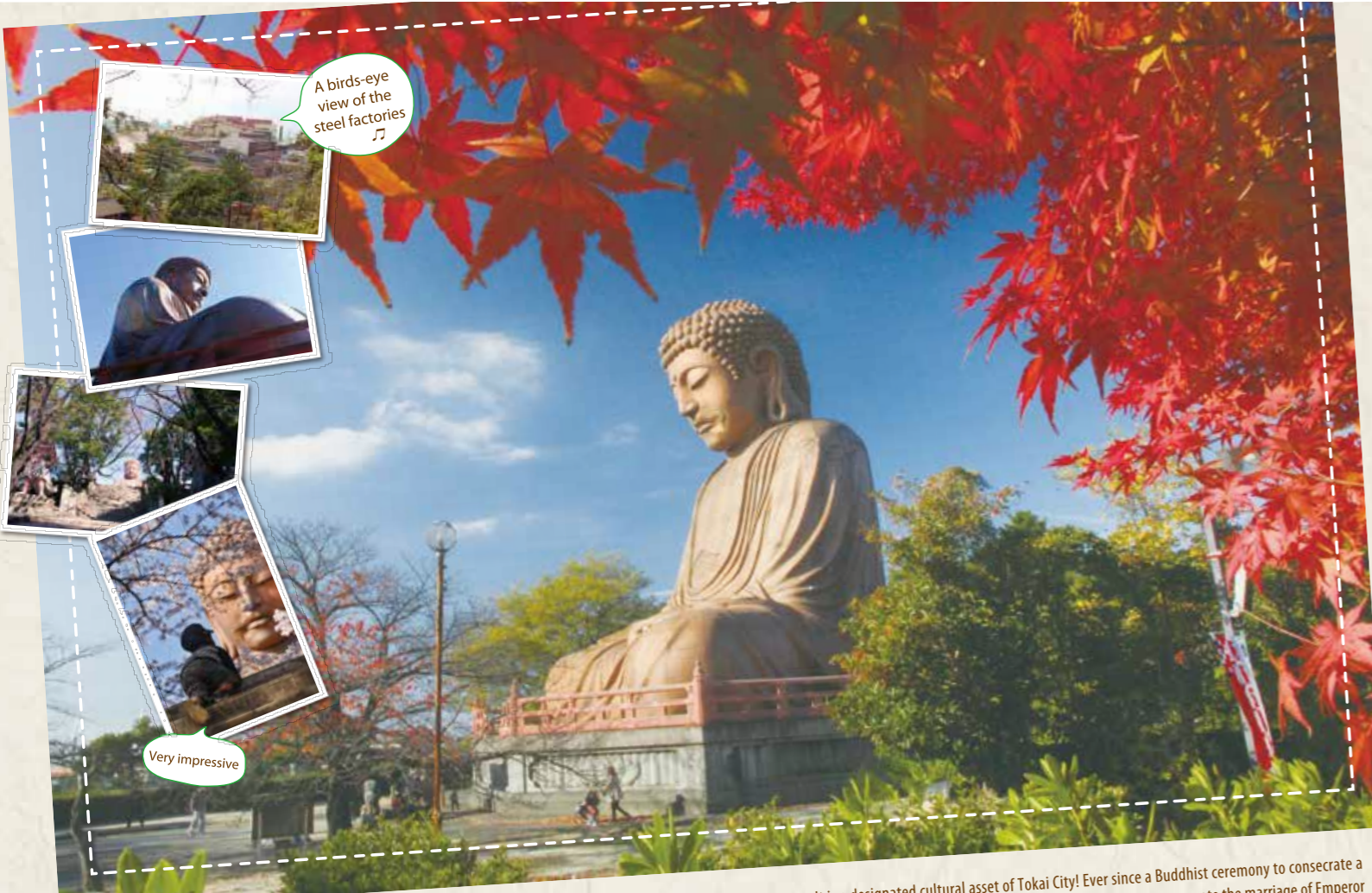
Yozan Uesugi is known for his famous words!
If you put your mind to it, you can do it; if you do not, you cannot—that is true for all things. When something cannot be done, you are the one to blame for not putting your heart into it.



Yozan Uesugi

Born 1751 – deceased 1822

A feudal lord during the mid Edo Period (1603-1868), and the 9th lord of Dewa Province, Yonezawa Domain. He restructured the Yonezawa Domain, which was on the verge of returning its land to the shogunate. He is famous for having been a prominent lord during the Edo Period.
Statue of Yozan Uesugi: Yonezawa City (Uesugi Museum)



A birds-eye view of the steel factories



Very impressive

Great Buddha of Shuurakuen

MAP▶C-2

It is a designated cultural asset of Tokai City! Ever since a Buddhist ceremony to consecrate a newly-constructed Buddha statue was held in 1927 to commemorate the marriage of Emperor Showa, the statue of Buddha has stood as a symbol of Tokai City very much loved by its residents.

Oumeian

MAP▶C-2

Oumeian, standing on the hill of the Shuurakuen Park, is a tea ceremony room named after a school opened in Edo by Heishu Hosoi. How about enjoying "maccha" while looking at the garden that changes scenery every season?

2-1 Nishihazama, Arao-machi

In the Tokai-shi Shiawase-mura 052-601-0005



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Tea and other dishes look scrumptious!



Fun Fact:

One of the largest in Japan!

The reinforced-concrete statue is 18.79 meters high (in a sitting position). It is larger than the Great Buddha statue in Nara, and one of the largest reinforced-concrete structures in Japan.

Saikichi Yamada, who erected the statue, is a great man!!

He was a businessman originally from Mino. He got the idea for the Moriguchizuke pickles that have become a popular product from this area. He was also the first man to produce and sell canned food in Aichi Prefecture. There are many facilities that he established in addition to the Great Buddha statue in Shuurakuen. He was also involved in the start of Chukyoshinpo newspaper publication, and Atsuta Denki Kido (streetcar company). He was a member of the Nagoya Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Nagoya City Assembly, and Aichi Prefectural Assembly. Kitafuku, a company Saikichi established, still manufactures and sells Moriguchizuke pickles under the name of Kitafuku Sohono.



Saikichi Yamada

1852-1937



Mechanical doll

Festivals!



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The alluring of float festivals in Tokai City

◆ History of the Floats which are designated cultural assets of Tokai City

Many of these floats were built in the late Edo period with history going back approximately 210 years. They are still carefully maintained by members of each festival preservation group and by local residents. Take a look back into history through the history of these 9 floats.

◆ The Awe of Donden (Donten)

Shafts of the front wheel are hoisted up and with the front wheel afloat, and the float is spun around with vigor. This is called Donden (or Donten) and is the finale of the float festival which is accompanied by music, and scattering of confetti from the small cabin structure on top. You'll be overwhelmed by the energetic cheers of the float carriers.

◆ Sophisticated Technology of Mechanical Dolls

Mechanical dolls sitting on each of the 9 floats each do different things: write, do headstands, draw a bow, etc. Marvel at the sophisticated technology of the Edo Period.

◆ Fantastic Night Float Parade

The Donden (Donten) of the float lit with lanterns is mesmerizing. Enjoy a scene that is completely different from the daytime. At night the floats are illuminated and the mesmerizing night "Donden," completely different from that of daytime, is a spectacle to behold.

Mechanical doll



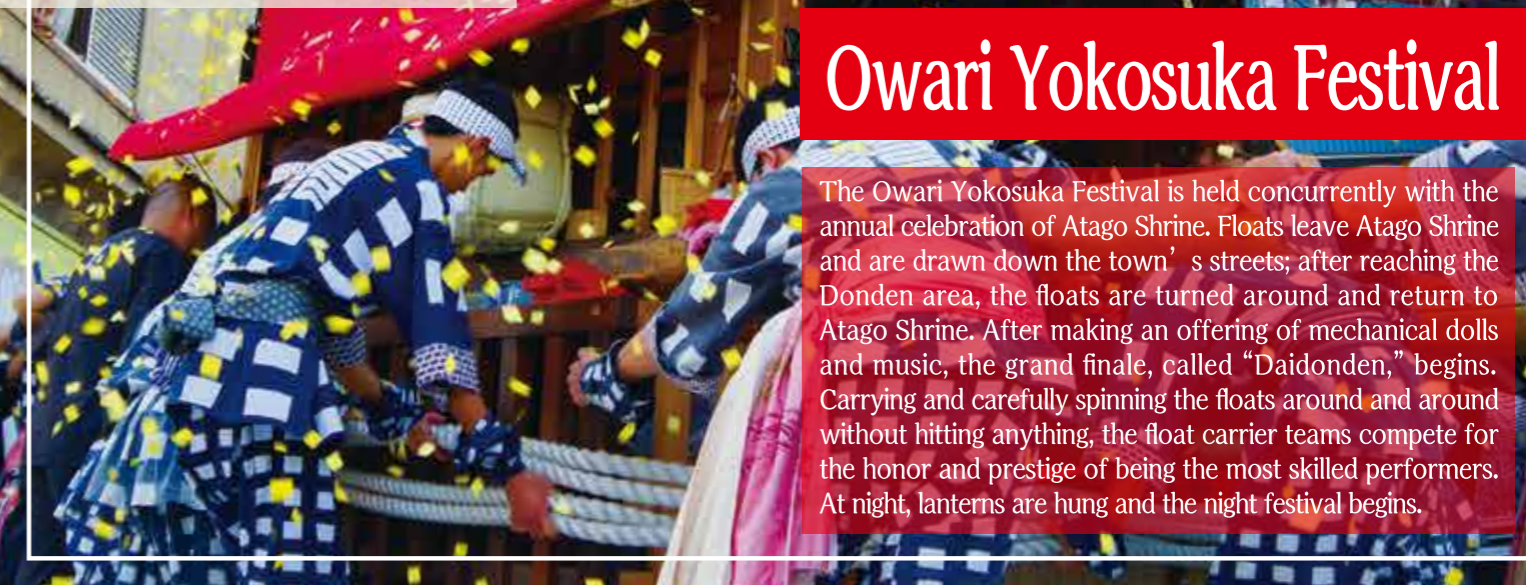
Ota Festival

The Ota Festival is held concurrently with the annual celebration of Omiya Shrine. It is a grand festival with 4 huge floats, each weighing approximately 5 tons, parading down the street with music. The highlight of the festival is Donden; carrying the float and spinning it around. The sight of the floats being spun around so many times is truly a sight to behold. Performances of mechanical dolls are another event not to be missed!



Owari Yokosuka Festival

The Owari Yokosuka Festival is held concurrently with the annual celebration of Atago Shrine. Floats leave Atago Shrine and are drawn down the town's streets; after reaching the Donden area, the floats are turned around and return to Atago Shrine. After making an offering of mechanical dolls and music, the grand finale, called "Daidonden," begins. Carrying and carefully spinning the floats around and around without hitting anything, the float carrier teams compete for the honor and prestige of being the most skilled performers. At night, lanterns are hung and the night festival begins.



Date / First Sunday of October and the day before
 Location / Omiya Shrine, Ota-machi (MAP▶B-4)
 Groups / Arako-gumi, Sato-gumi, Ichiba-gumi, Kurokuchi-gumi
 Number of floats / 4
 Type of float / Chita-type

Donden area / Omiya Shrine, event square in front of Otagawa Station, etc.
 Recommended spot to watch / On the morning of the festival, 4 floats parade along the Ota River toward Omiya Shrine, the 4 elegant floats are reflected on the smooth surface of the Ota River, where they resemble a wide picture scroll.

Date / Fourth Sunday of September and the day before
 Location / Atago Shrine, Yokosuka-machi (MAP▶B-4)
 Groups / Kitamachi-gumi, Motomachi-gumi, Kotsu-gumi, Daimon-gumi
 Number of floats / 5
 Type of float / Nagoya-type

Donden area / West and south sides of Yokosuka-machi intersection, etc.
 Recommended spot to watch / The Daidonden performance at the cross-section on the west side of Yokosuka-machi intersection is the climax of the festival.

Pilgrimage Experience Chita Shikoku Hallow Ground

The pilgrimage to 88 Temples in the Chita Peninsula is one of the famous 3 major Shikoku pilgrimages (the other two being the pilgrimage to 88 Temples in Sasaguri Shikoku (Fukuoka) and the pilgrimage to 88 Temples in Shodoshima (Kagawa).) The route consists of 88 temples in different areas, 3 founding temples and 7 additional temples for a total of 98 temples. Located in the Chita Peninsula, the pilgrimage route is 194 km long, and can be started from any point. Go on a pilgrimage to find happiness and be sure to get your red stamp on your copy of the sutra at each stop!



Kanpuku Temple MAP▶C-4

The 82nd temple of the Chita Shikoku pilgrimage. The palace in the main hall is designated a national cultural asset as it showcases the construction technology of the Kamakura Period. The principle Buddha statue called "Ekadasamukha (eleven-faced Kannon Bosatsu)," which is not ordinarily open to the public, and the main hall are designated prefectural cultural assets.



Miroku Temple MAP▶C-4

The 83rd temple of the Chita Shikoku pilgrimage. The temple is impressive with countless big red lanterns decorating the octagonal Hokyoin-to Pagoda in the center. Circling this Hokyoin-to Pagoda dockwise 3 times is said to make your wish come true.



Gennyu Temple MAP▶D-4

The 84th temple of the Chita Shikoku pilgrimage. Statues of four heavenly kings (Jikoku-ten, Zochō-ten, Komoku-ten, and Tamon-ten) enshrined at the tower gate are worth seeing.



Seisui Temple MAP▶D-3

The 85th temple of the Chita Shikoku pilgrimage. This is a convent treasuring openness and accepting all that seek asylum. Sho Kanzenon Bosatsu, which is not open to the public, is known to be the work of Dengyou Daishi and is designated a cultural asset by Tokai City.



Kannon Temple MAP▶C-3

The 86th temple of the Chita Shikoku pilgrimage. Famous as the temple where Heishu Hosoi received his first schooling. The sight of a huge camphor tree, said to be over 700 years old is simply breathtaking. Kannonji Chochin Festival is famous as an eccentric night festival with a competition to snatch offered lanterns.

Historical Sites in Tokai City

Historical sites include ruins such as shell mounds, settlement remains, castle remains and tumulus that are of high historical and academic value and designated as important cultural assets by the national and local government. Some of these are found in the most unexpected places too!



Matsusaki Shiseki Park MAP▶B-4

A famous ruin on Chita Peninsula related to salt making from the late Tumulus Period to the late Heian Period. The salt production system and the large amount of earthenware being unearthed attract attention.



Iwayaguchi Tumulus MAP▶B-5

A structure from about the end of the 6th century. It has the largest scale horizontal stone chamber on the Chita Peninsula.



Yokosuka Palace MAP▶B-4

A second house built by Mitsutomo Tokugawa, the second lord of Owari, in 1666. There is a stone monument and a guide board that tells the story of the time.



Manyo Kahi
(a monument inscribed with a poem)



Choeki Tumulus MAP▶C-3

This monument was built to honor the holy spirit of Nagamasu, who was the priest of Houkoku Temple. Many people visit the monument because of a rumor that says all wishes will come true to those who visit. Written wishes are hung on the wall of the temple hall.



Suwa Shrine MAP▶B-5

A famous shrine attracting visitors for the first prayer of the year. On the premises of the Suwa Shrine is a monument inscribed with a Tanka poem about Ajuchigata, which became the origin for the name of Aichi Prefecture.



Narihira Tumulus MAP▶D-4

This is the tower of Ayame, a lady of the court who died of a broken heart after coming to this land to be with the man she loved, Ariwara-no-Narihira. Of the five tower statues, the one that is said to be most aesthetically pleasing is called the Narihira Tumulus.



Imagawa Tumulus MAP▶B-5

The tomb of Yoshimoto Imagawa, who lost the battle against Nobunaga Oda in the Battle of Okehazama. It is said that the inscription "義基 (Yoshimoto)" was intended to prevent discovery by the enemy.

Experience the Seasons Annual Events

◆ Cherry Blossom Festival →see P.2



In the Oike Park, there are 1,100 cherry trees representing 7 varieties. When the trees are in bloom, the area is lit up at night. Events such as the tea ceremony conducted by the Shimin Bunka Kyokai (Citizen's Culture Association), and joint presentations are held.

Period / Late March to early April
Location / Oike Park

◆ Iris Festival →see P.3



About 8,000 plants representing 128 varieties of white, purple and reddish purple irises announce the arrival of early summer. Stage events are held, and the tea ceremony is performed in the open air.

Period / Late May to mid-June
Location / Oike Park

◆ Tokai Fireworks Festival



Everyone will speak of these fireworks as the most exciting event of the summer. The first fireworks display was first held the year following the establishment of Tokai City and remains an ongoing and important part of the City's history. Today, approximately 4,000 fireworks are set off with large star mines set off every 5 minutes. Many people from both inside and outside of the city come for the event. The grand mine star is the climax of the event. Watching the Eisa dance of Okinawa, an event held in a nearby baseball field, is also a lot of fun!
*Event content is subject to change.

Date / Second Saturday of August
Location / Oike Park

◆ Nippon Domannaka Festival, Otagawa Station Venue



This is the satellite venue of one of the largest dance festivals in Japan staged in midsummer Nagoya. Witness these spectacular dances as the end of the summer nears.

Date / Fourth Saturday of August
Location / Donden Hiroba

◆ Shojo Metta



A traditional festival in the Nawa District, in which huge dolls called Shojo Metta carrying Barin (large pieces of bamboo that have been split at the bottom) are paraded through the town accompanied by festive music.

Date / Fourth Saturday and Sunday of September
Location / Funatsu Shrine

◆ Owari Yokosuka Festival →see P.9



The festival is held concurrently with the annual celebration of Atago Shrine in Yokosuka-machi. The main attraction is Donden, which is carrying the float and spinning it around. The sight of the float being hoisted up will take your breath away!

Date / Fourth Saturday and Sunday of September
Location / Yokosuka-machi

◆ Tokai Autumn Festival



The largest event of the city with many fun items on the program, such as the Industrial Festival, Consumer Square Event, Cultural Festival, Agriculture Festival, International Day, and more. It is a 2-day event filled with autumn fun.

Date / Second Saturday and Sunday of November
Location / Motohama Park, Seitetsu Park, Citizens' Gymnasium

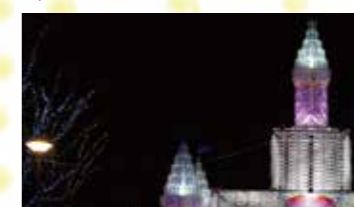
◆ Ota Festival →see P.8



The festival is held concurrently with the annual celebration of Omiya Shrine. Four large floats dazzle the crowds with a Donden performance complete with musical accompaniment. Dances by mechanical dolls are also a must see.

Date / First Saturday and Sunday of October
Location / Ota-machi

◆ Winter Illumination



Winter illumination is held with a different theme each year. The area is alive with activity as visitors flock to take pictures in front of the romantic main monument. A variety of events are held during this season.

Period / Early December to Mid-January
Location / Donden Hiroba

◆ Festival of Colored Leaves →see P.3



Leaves of Japanese maples and 7 varieties of large and small trees surround the Great Buddha in Shuurakuen as they turn red. Why not stop by the Oumeian tea ceremony room, to relax and enjoy some Japanese tea? There are also several other events held during this season as well.

Period / End of November to beginning of December
Location / Shuurakuen Park

◆ Tokai City Marathon



With the theme, "Running in Tokai, the city of steel and irises" the city marathon starts from the East Plaza of the Owari Yokosuka Station and many people gather to run and cheer, enjoy raffle giveaways, free drinks and more.

Date / Second Sunday of December
Location / Owari Yokosuka Station, East Plaza

◆ Tokai Flower Show



"Town of greenery and orchids." This is a flower and greenery event uniquely representing Tokai City. This huge event features all kinds of fun items on the program including a flower contest, sale of orchids and decorative plants, gardening classes, and more.

Date / Fourth Saturday and Sunday of January
Location / Tokai Citizen Gymnasium