



Kintaikyo Bridge

This bridge was built in 1673 by the lord of the Iwakuni Domain. The beautiful five linked wooden arches are an impressive sight, and Kintaikyo Bridge is one of the three most famous bridges of Japan. The bridge can be enjoyed in changing splendor in each of the seasons, with cherry blossoms in spring, cormorant fishing and nighttime views highlighted by fireworks in summer, the fall colors of the natural forest on Mt. Shiroyama in autumn, and blankets of snow in winter. Michelin Green Guide Japan ★★

⑥ Iwakuni Port ... 20 min by car / ⑧ Tokuyama-Kudamatsu Port ... 50 min by car / ⑦ Hirao Port ... 55 min by car



Iwakuni Art Museum with Kashiwabara Collections

Located a ten-minute walk from Kintaikyo Bridge, Iwakuni Art Museum exhibits a collection of ancient armor and weapons that is among the best in Japan. The collection of approximately 6,000 items includes porcelain ware, glass crafts, calligraphy, armor, swords, battle coats, and harnesses dating from the Nara Period to the Edo Period. Approximately 200 items are on permanent display, including the Battle of Kawanakashima and Battle Array of the Takeda Army 8-part folding screens. Michelin Green Guide Japan ★

⑥ Iwakuni Port 20 min by car +*20 min
⑧ Tokuyama-Kudamatsu Port ... 50 min by car +*20 min
⑦ Hirao Port 55 min by car +*20 min

*On foot from Kintaikyo Shimogawara parking area



Iwakuni Castle

Constructed in 1608 by the first lord of the Iwakuni Domain, this castle was demolished just seven years later under the imperial order limiting each domain to one castle. The present tower was restored in 1962. Inside the Momoyama Nanban style tower, scale models of the Kintaikyo Bridge, photographs, swords, and other items are on display.

⑥ Iwakuni Port ... 20 min by car +*40 min / ⑧ Tokuyama-Kudamatsu Port ... 50 min by car +*40 min / ⑦ Hirao Port ... 55 min by car +*40 min *By foot and ropeway from Kintaikyo Shimogawara parking area



The Street of White-Walled Houses

This street is the representative of Yanai City's sightseeing areas. The Street of White-Walled Houses, which was constructed during the Muromachi Period, is 200 meters long. It was designated as an Important Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings in 1984.

⑦ Hirao Port 15 min by car
⑩ Mukuno Fishing Port ... 30 min by car
⑧ Tokuyama-Kudamatsu Port ... 55 min by car



Mutsu Memorial Museum

In 1943, the battleship Mutsu sunk in the sea off Ihota following an explosion of unknown cause. This museum exhibits the personal articles of the sailors and parts of the ship that were retrieved.

⑩ Mukuno Fishing Port ... 30 min by car
⑦ Hirao Port 75 min by car
⑥ Iwakuni Port 90 min by car



Itsukushima Shrine

Itsukushima is one of the three great sights of Japan, one of its most famous shrines, known for its bold and original arrangement situated on the sea, and for its architectural beauty representing the perfect essence of the Shinden-zukuri style of palatial architecture from the Heian Period. The vermilion-painted shrine buildings are connected by corridors, and when the tide comes in appear to be floating in the sea. In 1996, Itsukushima Shrine was registered as a World Heritage Site. Michelin Green Guide Japan ★★★★★

⑥ Iwakuni Port ... 30 min by car +*25 min / ⑧ Tokuyama-Kudamatsu Port ... 60 min by car +*25 min / ⑩ Mukuno Fishing Port 65 min by car +*25 min *10 min by ferry +15 min on foot