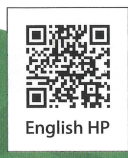


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## Kintaikyo Bridge Area MAP

### I W A K U N I

Visit Historical Sites in Iwakuni Castle Town



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### Tourist facility fees (as of September 2024)

Kintai Bridge	Junior high school students above ¥310, Elementary school students ¥150 (round trip)
Ropeway	Junior high school students above ¥560, Elementary school students ¥260 (round trip)
Iwakuni Castle	Junior high school students above ¥270, Elementary school students ¥120

A set of discount tickets is available for the Kintaikyo Bridge, the Ropeway, and the Iwakuni Castle./ Junior high school students above ¥970, Elementary school students ¥460

Kashiwabara Art Museum	Adults ¥800, High school and university students ¥500 Elementary and junior high school students: ¥200 (closed on Tuesdays)
Kikkawa Historical Museum	Adults ¥500, High school and university students ¥300 Elementary and junior high school students: ¥200 (closed on Wednesdays)
Iwakuni White Snake Museum	High school students above ¥200 Elementary and junior high school students ¥100 (Open all year round)
Sakai sake Brewery Art Museum "Gokyo Bunko"	Adults ¥700 University students ¥500 (Closed on Wednesdays)

## 1 Iwakuni Castle



Iwakuni Castle was built in 1608 by the first feudal lord of Iwakuni, Hiroie Kikkawa. The present castle tower was restored in 1962 and now stands facing more towards the east side of the grounds. Iwakuni Castle is a threefold, four-story castle built in the Momoyama-Nanban-Zukuri style, which refers to a particular architectural style of the period. Swords and armor from the Sengoku period (late 15th - early 16th century) are displayed inside the castle. From the top of the castle, you can enjoy a beautiful view of Iwakuni City and perhaps the various islands of the Seto Inland Sea on a clear day.

Opening hours: 9 am to 4:30 pm

A set of discount tickets is available for the Kintaikyo Bridge, the Ropeway, and the Iwakuni Castle

Closed: Ropeway inspection days

## 2 Ropeway



From Sanroku Station (foot of the mountain) to the top of Mt. Shiroyama (elevation:200m), it takes three minutes by gondola. From the gondola, visitors can enjoy a beautiful view of the Kintaikyo Bridge, Iwakuni Castle town, the city and the airport. On a clear day, you can see the islands scattered across the Seto Inland Sea.

• Opening hours: 9 am to 5 pm,

A set of discount tickets is available for the Kintaikyo Bridge, the Ropeway, and the Iwakuni Castle.

Closed on inspection days

## 3 Traditional Japanese Culture and Art Exhibition(Kashiwabara Art Museum)



This museum is famous for its collection of traditional weapons. The display includes samurai armor, swords, ceramics, glassware, calligraphy works, and furnishings of the Iwakuni domain lords. 200 items are on permanent display and others are changed four times a year.

Opening hours: 9am to 5 pm (open until 4 pm from December to February) Closed: Tuesdays



## 4 You Can See The Lucky White Snakes up close (Iwakuni White Snake Museum)



The Iwakuni White Snake is an albino with ruby-red eyes and a shiny white body. It is very rare, designated a national natural treasure, and can only be seen in Iwakuni. It is called "a messenger of God" and is cherished by the local people for their good-luck and fortune. At the Iwakuni White Snake Museum, visitors can observe and learn about them through ancient documents, skeletal specimens, and educational videos. English translation is available at the museum.

Opening hours: 9 am to 5 pm, Open all year



## 5 Kikko Unosato- Cormorant Training Facility



Take a close look at the cormorants that are actually used in the Cormorant Fishing at the Kintaikyo Bridge! The classic summer scene in Iwakuni is the traditional "Cormorant Fishing at the Kintaikyo Bridge". This facility raises cormorants for fishing and you can watch the cormorants up close through wire nets. In addition to the Training Space, where you can watch the cormorants train and feed, there is also an Exhibition Space, where you can learn about the history of cormorant fishing across Japan, through videos and panel exhibits. With free WiFi and a baby feeding room, the Exhibition Space can also be used as a place to take a short break.

Cormorant fishing is an ancient method of catching ayu (sweetfish), which live in clear river waters. "Cormorant fishing at Kintaikyo Bridge" is said to have been carried out beside Kintaikyo Bridge in the Edo period (1609-1868). At present, the tradition is conducted every year from June 1 to September 10, for the purpose of cultural preservation and tourism.

Information

Open hours: 9 am to 5 pm All year round

Time required 10 min

Access: 10 min walk from Kintaikyo Bridge

Admission free



## 6 Kikkawa Historical Museum



The Kikkawa clan, lords of the former Iwakuni clan, has a history of more than 800 years. This museum holds the clan's possessions, which include about 7,000 pieces of historical materials and traditional artifacts and displays them by changing its exhibits three times a year.

\*Admission fees are subject to change due to special exhibitions. Opening hours: 9am to 5 pm (the door will be closed at 4:30 pm) Closed: Wednesdays (if it falls on a national holiday, the next day will be closed) and New Year holidays, also closed when changing exhibitions.



## 7 Sakai Sake Brewery Art Museum "Gokyo Bunko" and Tenkoku Engraving Workshop



This museum has a collection of the Four Treasures of Literature - calligraphy, painting, seal engraving, inkstone - and displays them. There is also a Tenkoku (seal engraving) experience workshop where visitors can carve their own original Kanji (Chinese characters) seals. Opening hours: 9 am to 5 pm Closed: Wednesdays (also closed when changing out exhibitions)

Tenkoku Engraving Workshop

- Workshop fees:Adults: 2,500 yen, college students: 2200 yen, high school students and below: 2000 yen

- Duration: 30 minutes or more - Reservations: Priority for visitors with reservations



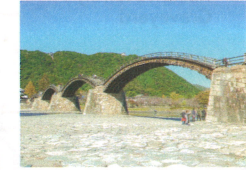
## 8 Kintaikyo Bridge



Kintaikyo Bridge is one of the most famous wooden bridges in the world built in 1673 by the feudal lord, Hiroyoshi Kikkawa, during the Edo period (1603-1868).

The smoothly curved wooden arches are considered one of the most sophisticated and original pieces of modern bridge engineering. The present bridge was reconstructed in 1953 using traditional methods and techniques. Kintaikyo Bridge is one of Japan's most precious treasures. Visitors enjoy the bridge with its beautiful surrounding nature, seasonal flowers and trees, as well as the view of the traditional castle town.

A set of discount tickets is available for the Kintaikyo Bridge, the Ropeway, and the Iwakuni Castle.



## 9 Iwakuni Sake Tasting with reasonable fee(Visitor Center "Honke Matsugane")



Enjoy the atmosphere of the Edo period (1603-1868) merchant's townhouse, which has been designated a Tangible Cultural Property.

Taste five varieties of Iwakuni's fine sake brewed with pristine water, starting from 100 yen per cup (up to 5cups per person)

A merchant's townhouse built around 1850 is used as a visitor center. Tasting of local dishes and fine sake are available for a reasonable fee. And events like a suit of armor experience are held here.

Opening hours: 9 am - 5 pm (Open until 6 pm from April to August), Open all year, Free admission



## Soft Cream (Soft-serve ice cream)

After crossing the Kintaikyo Bridge, you'll see a lot of shops and stores in the area. A variety of good local food using local ingredients and specialties of Iwakuni City and Yamaguchi Prefecture is served there. Among them, 'Soft Cream (soft-serve ice cream), one of the specialties of Iwakuni, is a must-try. What makes the ice cream shops so special is the wide range of flavors. There are more than 100 flavors in the area. Visitors will have a lots of fun choosing a flavor as they go from one shop to another.



## Iwakuni Sushi

Iwakuni Sushi is pressed sushi made by layering local ingredients in a unique way. It is said to have been served to Lord Kikkawa, lord of the Iwakuni Domain during the Edo period (1603-1868), and is also known as "Tonosama-Sushi" (lord's sushi). Each restaurant has its own recipe and visitors enjoy different tastes and styles of Iwakuni Sushi. \*The image is for illustration only and may differ from the actual product.



\*The information is current as of September 2024.