

An oasis in the hearts of the people!
A beautiful park where greenery,
flowers, and sculptures delight

Centered around Lake Tokiwa, one of the largest lakes in Yamaguchi Prefecture, Tokiwa Park features an amusement park, a zoo, a botanical garden, and more. One of the most popular tourist destinations in the prefecture, it has also been selected as one of the 100 best urban parks in Japan for its scenic beauty. The 5.7 km-long walking trail around the lake is the perfect place to relax and enjoy seasonal flowers, including cherry blossoms, irises, hydrangeas, and peonies.



Lake Tokiwa

Tokiwa Museum
A botanical museum that takes you around the world

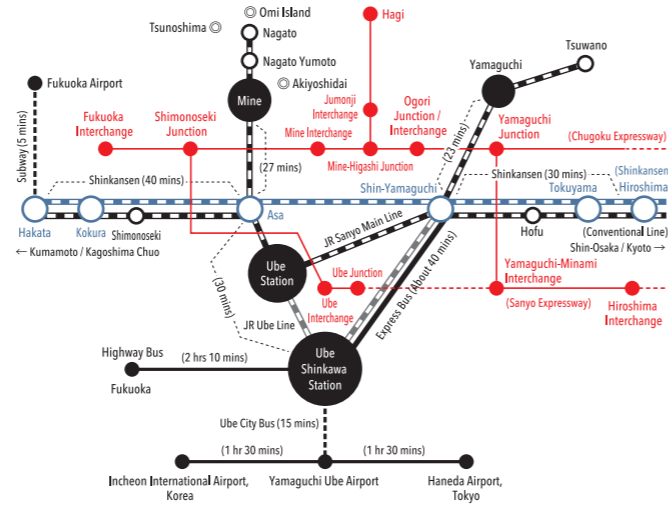
UBE Biennale Sculpture Hill

Tokiwa Amusement Park

Tokiwa Zoo

Coal Mining History Museum

Access to downtown Ube



From Tokyo (By airplane)	Haneda Airport → Ube Airport: About 1 hour and 30 minutes, Ube Airport → Downtown area: About 15 minutes by taxi
From Hiroshima (By Shinkansen and Express Bus)	Hiroshima Station → Shin-Yamaguchi Station (Sanyo Shinkansen): About 30 minutes, Shin-Yamaguchi Station → Ube Shinkawa Station (Express Bus): About 40 minutes
(By car)	Chugoku Expressway Ogori Interchange → Downtown area: About 35 minutes
From Fukuoka (By Shinkansen and JR Ube Line)	Hakata Station → Asa Station (Sanyo Shinkansen): About 40 minutes Asa Station → Ube Shinkawa Station (JR Ube Line): About 30 minutes
(By car)	Sanyo Expressway Ube-Shimonoseki Route / Ube Interchange → Downtown area: About 15 minutes
JR (By JR Ube Line)	Shin-Yamaguchi Station → Ube Shinkawa Station: About 50 minutes Ube Station → Ube Shinkawa Station: About 10 minutes
Ube City Bus	Shin-Yamaguchi Station → Ube Shinkawa Station: About 75 minutes (Board bus bound for Ube Shinkawa Station)

For inquiries about sightseeing in Ube City

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TEL. 0836-34-2050
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U B E T O U R I S T G U I D E

[Ube, a remarkable city]



A city of greenery, flowers, and sculpture

Ube,
Yamaguchi

Full of handy information!
Right, let's take a trip to Ube!

Nature Activity Park Tokiwa Park

<https://www.tokiwapark.jp/>
Inquiries: Tokiwa Park Department
254 Oki-Ube, Ube (inside Tokiwa Lake Hall)
☎ 0836-54-0551





International Outdoor Sculpture Competition
UBE BIENNALE

sculpture

**Contemporary Sculpture Exhibition:
Look, Touch, and Enjoy**

The UBE Biennale is a sculpture exhibition held once every two years in Ube City. It is the oldest international outdoor sculpture competition in the world, and the prize-winning works have become an integral part of the lives of Ube's citizens. The main venue, Tokiwa Park, is home to Ryokichi Mukai's iconic "Ant Castle" (1962) and about 100 other permanent exhibits. What is exciting is that you are able to not simply look at the works, but actually touch some of them as well.



Meet lively and happy animals!

Tokiwa Zoo

animal

It's so exciting to see them relax and enjoy themselves!

"Why don't they get out if there's no cage?" Hearing these cries of surprise is the most remarkable thing about this zoo. The zoo has adopted "habitat-based exhibits" that allow wild animals to display their natural behaviors in ways which take advantage of their fear of water, or which displays some animals together that would not normally be seen otherwise. The zoo features a variety of animals, mainly monkeys from around the world, and visitors can interact with them and also try feeding them.

Tokiwa Museum

plant

**A botanical museum
that takes you around the world**

A large collection of unique plants
that give you a taste of the world!

A huge collection of plants representing the continents of the world, including one of the largest baobabs in Japan and a 1,000-year-old olive tree! The museum is divided into eight zones where you can experience changes in temperature, humidity, and even fragrance. The North and Central America Zone, with giant cacti over two meters tall, and the Oceania Zone, with trees that have survived since the age of the dinosaurs, will make you feel as if you are traveling around the world.



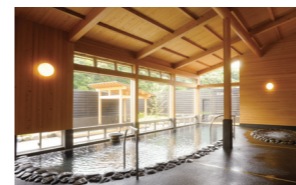
Watanabe Memorial Hall

Completed in 1937, this music hall is renowned both in Japan and abroad for its outstanding acoustics.



Zen meditation at Sorin-ji Temple

Ryushin-tei, the oldest garden in Yamaguchi Prefecture, is designated as a national place of scenic beauty. Sunday and early morning meditation are open even to beginners.



Hot Springs

Kusukusu no Yu, located in the Kusunoki Komorebi no Sato complex, is popular for its natural hot springs that provide a unique sense of Japan.



Act Village Ono

Lake Ono, located in the northern part of Ube, offers a variety of recreational activities such as canoeing, hiking, and camping.

Ube's Specialty Products

How about a classic local specialty to take home as a souvenir?

Ube Kama

The secret of its wonderful taste is "fish, water, and craftsmanship." It is characterized by its perfect firmness and concentrated umami flavor.



Tamashige Koto

Established in 1894, these cute palm-sized koto (approx. 10cm) make a perfect ornament or gift!



Taka Sake

On the principle that "making sake starts with making rice," the brewery largely uses its own Yamada Nishiki rice to produce its sake.



Akama Inkstones

This is a traditional craft that has been handed down from generation to generation at Akama Suzuri no Sato. These inkstones are made to order and will last a lifetime.

Ube Ramen

This ramen, with soft noodles and a pork bone broth known as "kusauma" (strong aroma but tasty), is unique to Ube.

