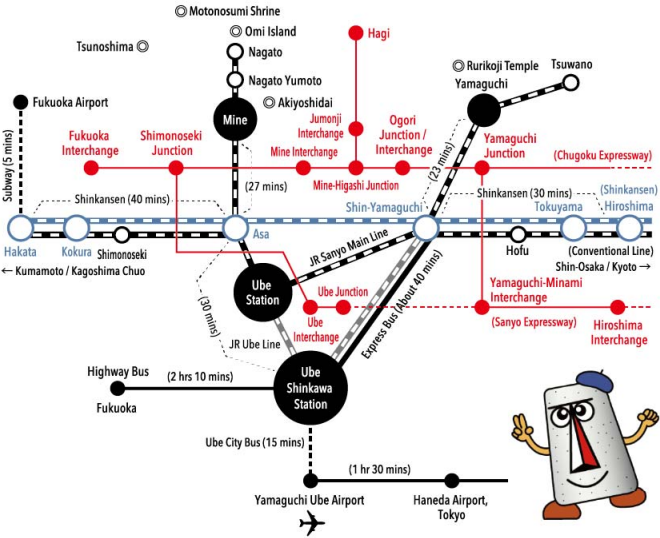


An oasis in the hearts of the people!  
A beautiful park where greenery,  
flowers, and sculptures delight

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. Not only is it one of the most popular tourist destinations in the prefecture, but it has also been selected as one of the 100 best urban parks in Japan. 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.



### Access to downtown Ube



<b>From Tokyo</b> (By airplane)	Haneda Airport → Yamaguchi Ube Airport : About 1 hour and 30 minutes, Yamaguchi Ube Airport → Downtown area: About 15 minutes by taxi
<b>From Hiroshima</b> (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
<b>From Fukuoka</b> (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
<b>JR</b> (By JR Ube Line)	Shin-Yamaguchi Station → Ube Shinkawa Station: About 50 minutes Ube Station → Ube Shinkawa Station: About 10 minutes
<b>Ube City Bus</b>	Shin-Yamaguchi Station → Ube Shinkawa Station: About 75 minutes (Board bus bound for Ube Shinkawa Station)

### For inquiries about sightseeing in Ube City

Tourism Exchange Division, Ube City Office  
MAIL [kanko@city.ube.yamaguchi.jp](mailto:kanko@city.ube.yamaguchi.jp)  
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<http://www.city.ube.yamaguchi.jp>  
Ube Convention & Tourism Bureau  
1-6-44 Tokiwacho, Ube, Yamaguchi 755-0031  
<http://ube-kankou.or.jp>

Tourism Website  
(Japan Travel)



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[Ube, a remarkable city]



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

## Nature Activity Park Tokiwa Park

<https://www.tokiwapark.jp/>  
Inquiries: Tokiwa Park Division  
254 Oki-Ube, Ube (inside Tokiwa Lake Hall)







## International Outdoor Sculpture Competition UBE Sculpture Triennale

*sculpture*

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

The UBE Sculpture Triennale is a sculpture exhibition held once every three 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 alpacas and goats.

Tokiwa Museum

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

*plant*

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

Featuring a huge collection of plants representing the continents of the world, it includes 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.



#### Kiwa Beach (Kiwa La Beach)

At low tide, you can see one of Japan's largest sandbars. It's a great spot for taking photos of the beautiful scenery.



#### 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.



#### Kotozaki hachimangu shrine

It has been loved by the people as the guardian deity of Ube City since it was established in 859. There is a wide variety of amulets and talismans available to suit a variety of wishes.

## 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!



#### 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.



#### 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.

