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From Kyoto	JR RAILWAY	Kyoto Station	Limited Express Thunderbird on the Kosei/Hokuriku Lines	Tsuruga Station	Approx. 52 minutes		
		Kyoto Station	Special Rapid Service	Omi-Imazu Station	JR Bus	Obama Station	Approx. 1 hour 50 minutes
		Kyoto Station	Limited Express Maizuru on the San'in Main Line	Higashi-Maizuru Station	Obama Line	Obama Station	Approx. 3 hours
	RENT-A-CAR	Kyoto-Higashi IC	Meishin Expressway	Maibara JCT	Hokuriku Expressway	Tsuruga IC	Approx. 1 hour 40 minutes
		Kutsukake IC	Kyoto Jukan Expressway	Ayabe JCT	Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway	Oi-Takahama IC	Approx. 1 hour 20 minutes
		Kyoto Station	Kosei Road Route 161	Omi-Imazu Station	Route 303/Route 27	Obama Station	Approx. 2 hours
From Osaka	JR RAILWAY	Osaka Station	Limited Express Thunderbird on the Tokaido/Kosei/Hokuriku Lines	Tsuruga Station	Approx. 1 hour 20 minutes		
	RENT-A-CAR	Toyonaka IC	Meishin Expressway	Maibara JCT	Hokuriku Expressway	Tsuruga IC	Approx. 2 hours 20 minutes
		Toyonaka IC	Meishin Expressway	Oyamazaki JCT	Kyoto Jukan Expressway	Ayabe JCT	Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway
From Tokyo	JR RAILWAY	Tokyo Station	Hokuriku Shinkansen Kagayaki or Hakutaka	Tsuruga Station	Approx. 3 hours		
		Tokyo Station	Hikari or Kodama	Maibara Station	Limited Express Shirasagi on the Hokuriku Line	Tsuruga Station	Approx. 2 hours 40 minutes
	RENT-A-CAR	Tokyo IC	Tomei/Meishin Expressways	Maibara JCT	Hokuriku Expressway	Tsuruga IC	Approx. 5 hours 10 minutes
From Nagoya	JR RAILWAY	Nagoya Station	Tokaido Shinkansen Hikari or Kodama	Maibara Station	Limited Express Shirasagi on the Hokuriku Line	Tsuruga Station	Approx. 1 hour
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	RENT-A-CAR	Ichinomiya IC	Meishin Expressway	Maibara JCT	Hokuriku Expressway	Tsuruga IC	Approx. 1 hour 30 minutes
From Kanazawa	JR RAILWAY	Kanazawa Station	Hokuriku Shinkansen Kagayaki, Hakutaka or Tsurugi	Tsuruga Station	Approx. 41 minutes		
	RENT-A-CAR	Kanazawa Nishi IC	Hokuriku Expressway	Tsuruga IC	Approx. 1 hour 24 minutes		
From Kansai International Airport	JR RAILWAY	Kansai Airport Station	Limited Express Haruka	Shin-Osaka Station	Limited Express Thunderbird on the Hokuriku Lines	Tsuruga Station	Approx. 2 hours 20 minutes
	RENT-A-CAR	Kansai International Airport IC	Hanshin Expressway	Kumiyama JCT	Meishin/Hokuriku Expressways	Tsuruga IC	Approx. 2 hours 40 minutes
		Kansai International Airport IC	Hanshin Expressway	Kumiyama JCT	Kyoto Jukan/Maizuru-Wakasa Expressways	Oi-Takahama IC	Approx. 2 hours 30 minutes
From Chubu Central Airport	RAILWAY	Central Japan International Airport Station	Meitetsu μSKY Limited Express	Nagoya Station	Limited Express Shirasagi on the Hokuriku Line	Tsuruga Station	Approx. 2 hours 20 minutes
	RENT-A-CAR	Centrai-Higashi IC	Meishin Expressway/Hokuriku Expressway	Tsuruga IC	Approx. 2 hours 30 minutes		
From Komatsu Airport	JR RAILWAY	Komatsu Airport	Limousine bus	Komatsu Station	Hokuriku Shinkansen Tsurugi	Tsuruga Station	Approx. 1 hour 10 minutes
	RENT-A-CAR	Komatsu Airport	Ataka Smart IC	Hokuriku Expressway	Tsuruga IC	Approx. 1 hour 30 minutes	

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TSURUGA / MIHAMA / WAKASA / OBAMA / OHI / TAKAHAMA

Photo taken at Rainbow Line Summit Park

NATURE

A view that can only be seen in Tsuruga and Wakasa, where the mountains, lakes, and sea meet. This is a place where you can indulge in the beauty of nature and enjoy a relaxing time.

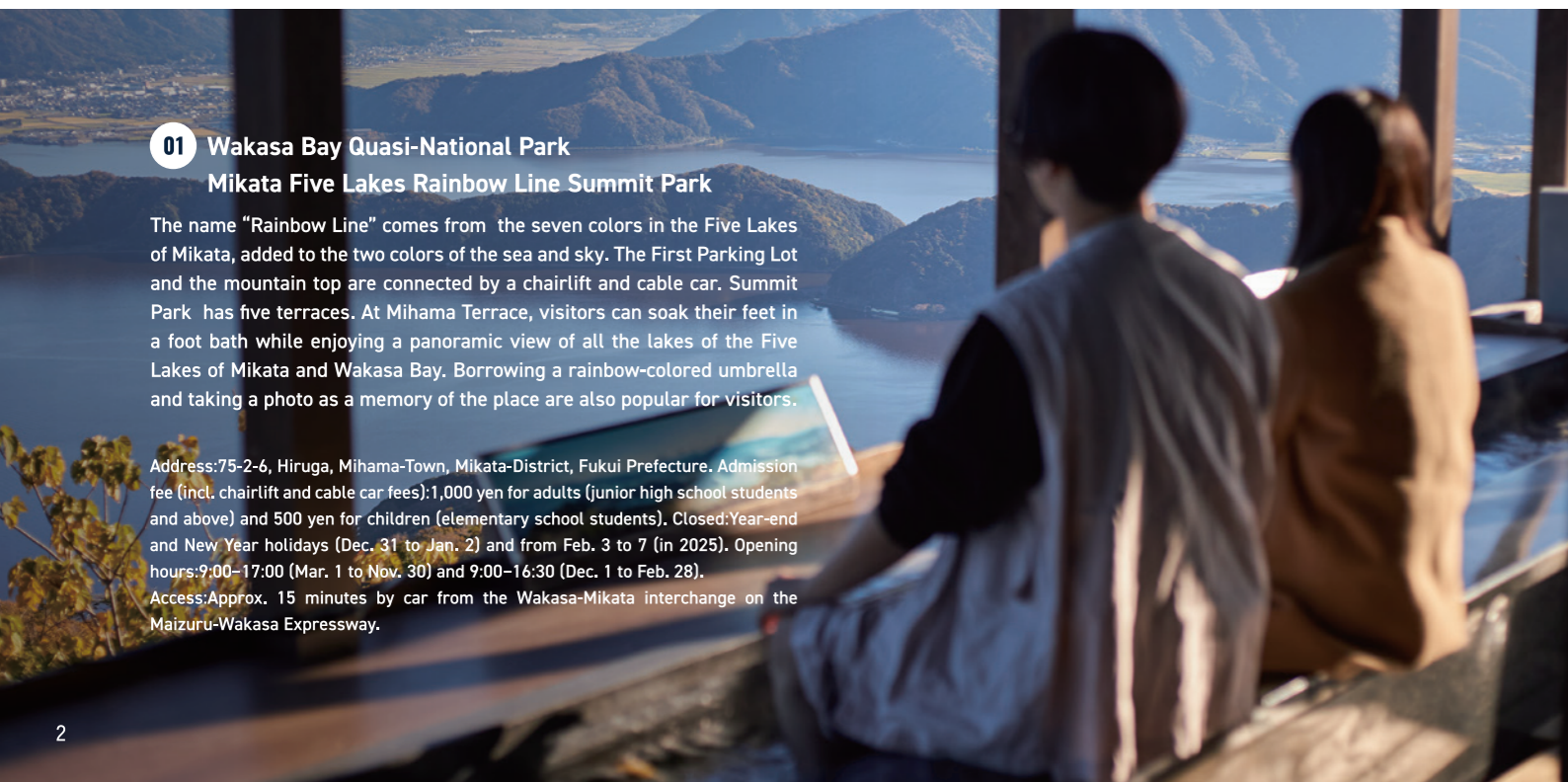
Drive along the Prefectural Route Mikata Five Lakes Rainbow Line to Summit Park. At Mihama Terrace in the park, soak your feet in a foot bath while enjoying a panoramic view of the Five Lakes of Mikata, known as the "Five-Colored Lakes," and Wakasa Bay below. At Nakayamadera Temple, which is located halfway up Mt. Aoba in Takahama Town, there is a spot where you can take beautiful photos like paintings of the spectacular view of this town. At the nearby Aobayama Herbal Village, you can experience nature and enjoy promoting your health by eating food with medicinal herbs and brewing medicinal tea.



01 Wakasa Bay Quasi-National Park Mikata Five Lakes Rainbow Line Summit Park

The name "Rainbow Line" comes from the seven colors in the Five Lakes of Mikata, added to the two colors of the sea and sky. The First Parking Lot and the mountain top are connected by a chairlift and cable car. Summit Park has five terraces. At Mihama Terrace, visitors can soak their feet in a foot bath while enjoying a panoramic view of all the lakes of the Five Lakes of Mikata and Wakasa Bay. Borrowing a rainbow-colored umbrella and taking a photo as a memory of the place are also popular for visitors.

Address:75-2-6, Hiruga, Mihama-Town, Mikata-District, Fukui Prefecture. Admission fee (incl. chairlift and cable car fees):1,000 yen for adults (junior high school students and above) and 500 yen for children (elementary school students). Closed:Year-end and New Year holidays (Dec. 31 to Jan. 2) and from Feb. 3 to 7 (in 2025). Opening hours:9:00-17:00 (Mar. 1 to Nov. 30) and 9:00-16:30 (Dec. 1 to Feb. 28). Access:Approx. 15 minutes by car from the Wakasa-Mikata interchange on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway.



02 Nakayamadera temple(Mt.Aoba)

Located at the foot of Mt.Aoba, which is called "Wakasa Fuji," Nakayamadera temple is an ancient temple with an honorable origin. Famous for the hidden statue of Batou-kannon, the statues of the guardian kings at the temple gate, and the main hall, the temple is the only designated national Important Cultural Property in Takahama Town. From the middle gate on the temple grounds, visitors can see the streets of Takahama and beautiful Wakasa Bay. Taking pictures here has become popular among the young Japanese.

Address:27-2, Nakayama, Takahama-Town, Ohi-District, Fukui Prefecture. Admission fee:400 yen. Closed:New Year's holidays (Jan. 1 to 3). Opening hours: 9:00-16:00.

Access:Approx. 30 minutes by car from the Oi-Takahama interchange on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway, or approx. a 40-minute walk from Mitsumatsu Station or Aonogo Station on the JR Obama Line.



03 Aobayama Herbal Village

Mt.Aoba is known for its treasure trove of medicinal herbs. Aobayama Herbal Village is a place where visitors can check the health of the mind and body through food and activities dedicated to medicinal herbs. Especially recommended is the brewing of medicinal tea, where visitors can choose a theme from among health, beauty, and blood pressure and use a tool called Yagen to grind the herbs into a powder. Visitors can also enjoy mountain climbing from the village.

Address:2-4, Nakayama, Takahama-Town, Ohi-District, Fukui Prefecture. Fee:1,000 yen per person for making herbal tea (tax included). Closed:Wednesdays. Opening hours:10:00-17:00.

Access:Approx. 25 minutes by car from the Oi-Takahama interchange on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway, or approx. a 40-minute walk from Aonogo Station on the JR Obama Line.



LIFE IN THE OLD DAYS

The Saba Kaido facilitated the exchange between Wakasa and Kyoto. Here visitors can enjoy the enriching atmosphere of the old days.

The Saba Kaido (literally "Mackerel Road") refers to the road from Obama in Fukui to Kyoto. The name is derived from the mackerel that were caught in Wakasa Bay and then salted and transported to Kyoto. Along this road, historic streetscapes have been preserved in the Kumagawa-juku and Obama-nishigumi areas that convey the lifestyle of the past to the present day. Visitors can stay overnight to experience life as it was then. Experience being a ninja at the dojo (gym) in Kumagawa-juku and enjoy geisha entertainment in Sancho-machi at the western end of Obama-nishigumi. This is a part of Japan that you do not know.



Kamado Lunch at Yao-Kumagawa



Sancho-machi

04 Yao-Kumagawa

Yao-Kumagawa is an old private house located in Kumagawa-juku, a post town along the Saba Kaido, which now serves as an inn. We would like you to experience a Kamado lunch when staying at the inn. This lunch program is only offered to one group per day. In this program, the finest Koshihikari rice will be cooked using a kamado, or old-style Japanese wood stove, and you will eat the rice with pickles and miso soup made from carefully extracted broth. English speaking staff is available. Feel free to come and experience the program.

Address: 30-6-1, Kumagawa, Wakasa-Town, Mikatakaminaka-District, Fukui Prefecture. Number of rooms: 4 (all non-smoking), free Wi-Fi available. Opening hours: Check-in: 16:00-18:00 / checkout: 11:00. Access: Approx. 12 minutes by car from the Wakasa-Kaminaka interchange on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway, or approx. 15 minutes by bus from Kaminaka Station on the JR Obama Line.



here for accommodation reservation.



05 Obama Machiya Stay

The Obama-nishigumi area has been designated a Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings. Several inns use old private houses that have been renovated to maintain the appearance of traditional townhouses and are rented out to tourists. In particular, Sancho-machi was once a vibrant entertainment district. The rows of houses with lattice doors are worth a look. Eating out is good, but it is also a good idea to buy local food and cook it yourself.

Address of the front desk: 24-45-2, Wakuri, Obama-City, Fukui Prefecture. Number of rooms: 8 (all non-smoking), free Wi-Fi available.

Opening hours: Check-in: 15:00-19:00 / checkout: 10:00. Access to the front desk: Approx. a 30-minute walk from Obama Station on the JR Obama Line, or approx. 1 minute by car from the Obama interchange on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway. Pick-up/drop-off service available (for an additional fee).



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ACTIVITY



Wakasa Bay Cycling Route(Waka-Cycle)

Waka-Cycle is a 126 km cycle route in Fukui Prefecture that connects JR Tsuruga Station and JR Wakasa-Takahama Station. Here, riders can enjoy the sights of the Tsuruga/Wakasa area, including the beautiful natural scenery, historic townscapes, temples and shrines, the culture based on the history of trade that remains in the ports and along the streets, and the rich food of the area. In addition to the Waka-Cycle for serious cyclists, there are also short courses with rental bikes in each city and town, which can be enjoyed in a casual way by visitors who do not normally cycle.

here for details. >>>
Official Waka-Cycle website



Gokoichi Cycle

Gokoichi is an easier cycle route around the five beautiful The Five Lakes of Mikata that can be enjoyed as a day trip. The 33-kilometer route takes about 4 hours to complete. Since the route is relatively flat and the scenery changes as you pass by each lake, the route is also recommended for beginners. Highlights include the scenery of the fishing village near the harbor and the lakeside course where cyclists can ride at a leisurely pace.

Photo by Nobuhiko Tanabe

facilities where you can rent a bicycle. >>>
Official Waka-Cycle website



06 Wakasa Pearl Mamiya

Wakasa pearls are cultivated in the northernmost pearl farm in Japan. The pearls are characterized by their fine texture and deep luster. The secret to their beauty is the seasonal temperature difference in the seawater caused by the low temperatures in winter. The Wakasa Pearl Mamiya specialty store handles the entire process from growing to selling pearls. The store offers a popular crafting experience program where visitors can make pearl accessories, such as pendants and earrings. Of course, the products are also available for purchase there.

Address:31-28, Inumi, Ohi-Town, Ohi-District, Fukui Prefecture. Experience program fee:Making a strap from 1,650 yen and making an accessory from 3,300 yen. Closed:Year-end and New Year holidays (Dec. 28 to Jan. 4) * May be closed at times. Opening hours:10:00-17:00. Access:Approx. 5 minutes by car from the Obama-nishi interchange on the Hokuriku Expressway, or approx. a 25-minute walk from Wakasa-Hongo Station on the JR Obama Line. Duty free shop.





07 Nihonkai Sakanamachi Seafood Market

This seafood market is one of the largest on the Sea of Japan coast with about 50 specialty stores, including local Tsuruga seafood stores and restaurants. Try the Fuku-Fuku Don (Shin-Hashigomeshi), a bowl of rice topped with seafood. Purchase a set of 10 tickets for 2,000 yen. First, exchange the tickets for a bowl of rice, then choose your favorite toppings from the special map and use the tickets to make your own original Fuku-Fuku Don. There are items other than toppings that can be exchanged for tickets.

Address:1-1531, Tsuruga-Town, Tsuruga-City, Fukui Prefecture.
Closed:Please visit our website. Opening hours:10:00-18:00.

*Will be closed at 17:00 on December 31. *Some stores may be closed temporarily or irregularly.

Access:Approx. 10 minutes by car from the Tsuruga interchange on the Hokuriku Expressway, or approx. 10 minutes by bus on the Shopping Route of the Gurutto Tsuruga Shuyu Bus Service from JR Tsuruga Station.

FOR MORE SIGHTSEEING

08 Kehi jingu Shrine

This ancient shrine houses seven gods and is known as the "First Shrine of the Echizen Province" or the "Tutelary Deity of the Hokuriku Region." The approx. 11-meter-high Torii gate is one of the three largest wooden Torii gates in Japan, along with the Kasuga Taisha Shrine in Nara and the Itsukushima-jinja Shrine in Hiroshima. The shrine is designated as a national Important Cultural Property.



Address:11-68, Akebono-Town, Tsuruga-City, Fukui Prefecture
Admission fee:Free
Open all year round
Opening hours:5:00-17:00 (6:00-17:00 in winter)
Access:Approx. 10 minutes by car from the Tsuruga interchange on the Hokuriku Expressway, approx. a 15-minute walk from JR Tsuruga Station, or in front of the Kehi jingu Shrine bus stop on the Gurutto Tsuruga Shuyu Bus Service.

here for more tourist information. >>>
Minato Tsuruga Tourism Association



09 Mihama Lake Center

Visitors will tour the Five Lakes of Mikata, a Ramsar Convention wetland and Japan's Important Agricultural Heritage, on Japan's first renewable energy battery-powered pleasure boat. On this 50-minute guided tour, visitors can enjoy the scenery of the Five Lakes of Mikata, the color of which changes with the seasons, from the surface of the water.



Address:24-4-1, Hayase, Mihama-Town, Mikata-District, Fukui Prefecture
Admission fee:1,980 yen for junior high school students and above, 990 yen for elementary school students and free for pre-school children
Closed:Wednesdays and year-end and New Year's holidays
Opening hours:9:00-17:00.
Access:Approx. 15 minutes by car from the Wakasa-Mihama interchange on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway, or approx. 15 minutes by rental bicycle from Mihama Station on the JR Obama Line

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Wakasa-Mihama Tourism Association



10 Varve Museum

This is a museum dedicated to varve, the striped geographic formations on the bottom of Suigetsuko Lake, one of the Five Lake of Mikata. Varve is recognized as the world's standard scale for chronological dating. In the museum, 45 meters of varve, which is an accumulation of 70,000 years, has been processed into a display of stained glass. This is the longest in the world. The changes in humans and the environment over the past 70,000 years are also displayed.



Address:122-12-1, Torihama, Wakasa-Town, Mikata-Kaminaka-District, Fukui Prefecture
Admission fee: 500 yen for adults and 200 yen for elementary, junior high, and senior high school students
Closed:Tuesdays, year-end, and New Year's holidays (Dec. 29 to Jan. 2).
Opening hours:9:00-17:00. (Enter by 16:30.)
Access:Approx. 5 minutes by car from the Mikatagoko Smart interchange on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway, approx. 5 minutes by car from Mikata Station on the JR Obama Line, or approx. 10 minutes by rental bicycle from Mikata Station on the JR Obama Line

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Wakasa-Mikatagoko Tourism Association



11 Miketsukuni Wakasa Obama Food Culture Museum

The facility includes a museum that showcases the history and culture of food, a kitchen studio where visitors can experience cooking, and a Wakasa Workshop where visitors can grind Wakasa lacquered chopsticks. It is also equipped with the Hama no Yu spa center. Visitors can fully experience the charm of Wakasa-Obama here.



Address:3-4, Kawasaki, Obama-City, Fukui Prefecture
Admission free. 1,300 yen for the chopstick grinding experience program (approx. 40 minutes)
Closed:Wednesdays (open if it falls upon a public holiday), year-end and New Year's holidays.
Opening hours:9:00-18:00 (9:00-17:00 from Nov. to Feb.)
Access:Approx. 5 minutes by car or a 15-minute walk from Obama Station on the JR Obama Line

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Wakasa-Obama Tourism Association



12 Jakushu Itteki Bunko

The Jakushu Itteki Bunko was built with the private fortune of Mizukami Tsutomu, who was born in Ohi Town and who received the Naoki Literary Award. Over 20,000 books and artworks, such as paintings, collected by Mizukami are displayed in the museum. Visitors can enjoy the world of Mizukami's literature in a theater facing a bamboo forest or in a garden rich in flowers and plants.



Address:33-2-1, Okada, Ohi-Town, Ohi-District, Fukui Prefecture
Admission fee:300 yen for adults and free for senior high school students and younger
Closed:Tuesdays and year-end and New Year's holidays (Dec. 29 to Jan. 3)
Opening hours:9:00-17:00
Access:Approx. 5 minutes by car from Wakasa-Hongo Station on the JR Obama Line, or approx. a 5-minute walk from the Ohi Junior High School bus stop on the Fukutetsu Bus.

here for more tourist information. >>>
Ohi Town Tourism Association



13 Wakasa Wada Beach

This beach was the first in Asia to be awarded the Blue Flag, an international environmental certification. The area is characterized by its clear and shallow sea and the white sand of the beach. During the time when swimming is allowed, lifeguards are on duty to ensure the safety of swimmers. The scenery from the beach is beautiful, and it has been selected as one of the "100 Best Sunsets in Japan."



Address:Wada, Takahama-Town, Ohi-District, Fukui Prefecture
Access:Approx. 10 minutes by car from the Oi-Takahama interchange on the Maizuru-Wakasa Expressway, or approx. a 10-minute walk from Wakasa-Wada Station on the JR Obama Line.

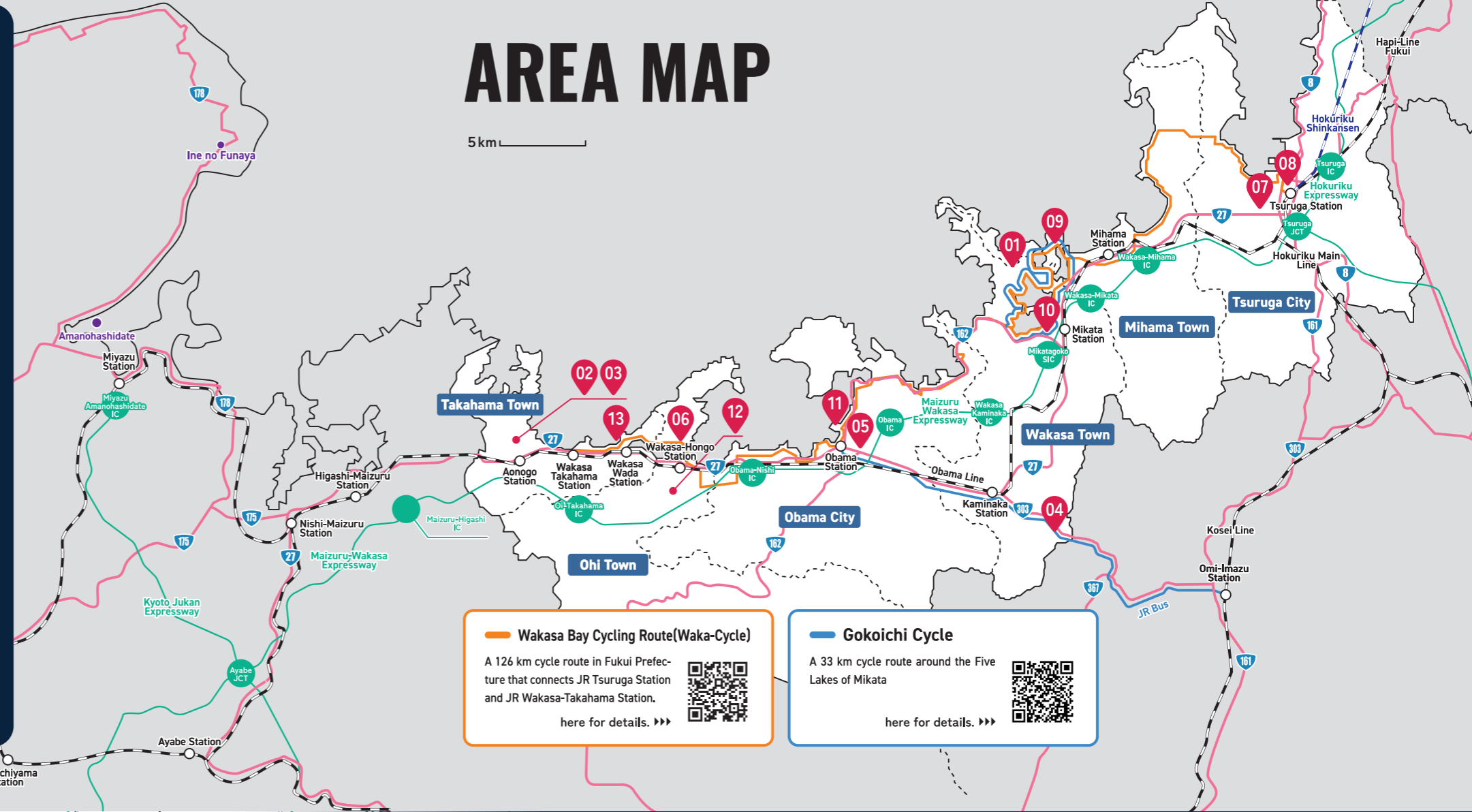
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Chopstick grinding experience is also available at Wakasa Chopstick Museum and Chopstick Store Seiwa.

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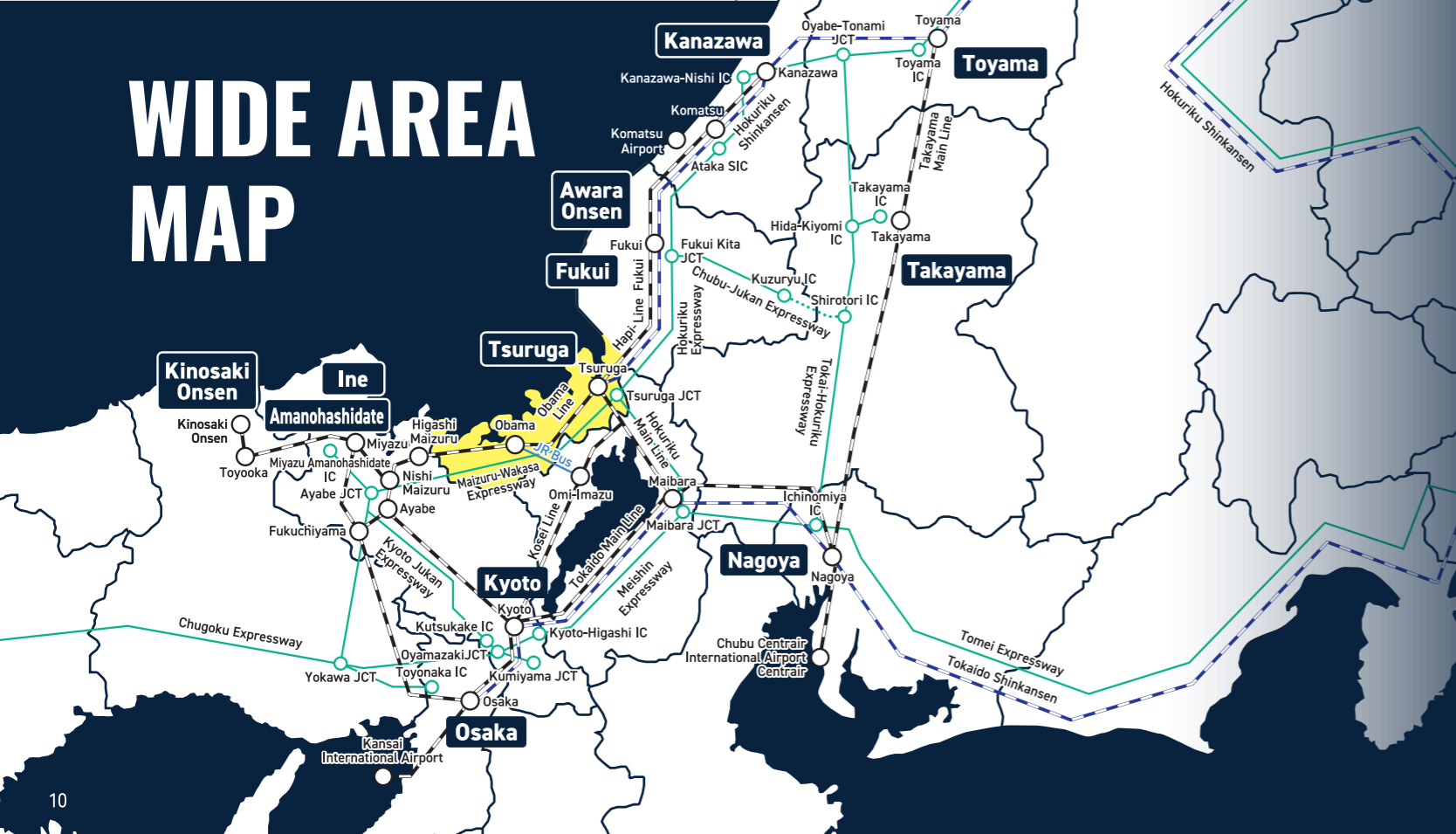
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WIDE AREA MAP



MODEL COURSE

Take an active trip by bicycle! 🚆 Train 🚌 Bus 🚗 Taxi 🚲 Rental bicycle

Tsuruga Station 🚲 Sightseeing around Tsuruga Station (Kehi jingu Shrine and Nihonkai Sakanamachi Seafood Market) 🚆++ Mihama Station 🚲 Mihama Lake Center 🚲 Sightseeing around Mihama Station (Wakasa Mihama Hamabiyori Roadside) 🚆 Tsuruga Station

Feel the culture and history of Japan

Kyoto Station 🚆++ Omi-Imazu Station 🚌 Kumagawa-juku 🚌 Obama Station 🚲 Miketsukuni Wakasa Obama Food Culture Museum 🚲 Sancho-machi 🚲 Obama Station 🚆++ Tsuruga Station 🚆 Kyoto Station

Accessible from Amanohashidate, a popular tourist spot

Amanohashidate Station Miyazu Station 🚆++ Around Wakasa-Takahama Station (Shiroyama Park and UMIKARA) 🚗 Aobayama Herbal Village 🚗 Uminpia Ohi area (Roadside Station Uminpia Ohi/SESEAPARK) 🚌 Wakasahongo Station 🚆++ Tsuruga Station