



HITACHINAKA SIGHTSEEING GUIDE

Hitachinaka City Ibaraki Prefecture in Japan





Hitachinaka Area Map

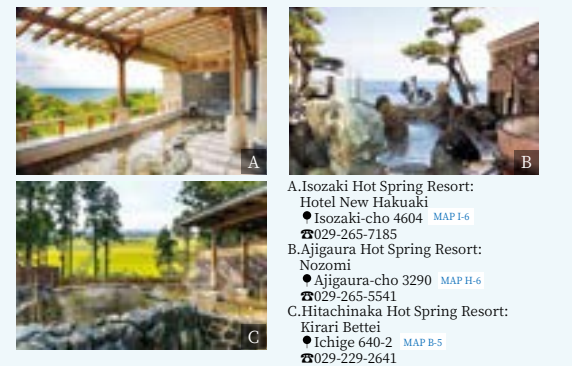


Hitachinaka Seaside Railway, Minato Line

A local railway that entered service in 1913. Loved over generations for its retro aura. Also worth noting are the station name signs, whose design symbolizes the region.



Natural Hot Spring Resorts



- A. Isozaki Hot Spring Resort:
Hotel New Hakuaki
● Isozaki-cho 4604 MAP I-6
☎029-265-7185
- B. Ajigaura Hot Spring Resort:
Nozomi
● Ajigaura-cho 3290 MAP H-6
☎029-265-5541
- C. Hitachinaka Hot Spring Resort:
Kirari Bettei
● Ichige 640-2 MAP B-5
☎029-229-2641

Accommodations

Hotel Crystal Palace	☎029-273-7711	Odaira 1-22-1
New Central Hotel Katsuta	☎029-274-0048	Omote-cho 20-3
Hotel Route-Inn Hitachinaka	☎050-5847-7331	Ichige 945-11
Hotel Suncity Katsuta	☎029-272-1111	Katsutachuo 7-6
Hotel Crystal Plaza	☎029-275-1111	Katsutachuo 3-4
Terrace Inn Katsuta	☎029-219-7211	Katsutachuo 1-3
Life Inn Katsuta Station West	☎029-270-0333	Takeda 1118-3
Brighten Hotel Mimaruya	☎029-272-2820	Katsutaizumi-cho 1-14
Hotel Crown Hills Katsuta	☎029-354-2755	Omote-cho 11-6
APA Hotel Hitachinaka Katsuta Ekimae	☎029-212-8200	Katsutachuo 10-7
Villa: Dan	☎029-291-6557	Yamanoue 3-10-1
Isozaki Hot Spring Resort: Hotel New Hakuaki	☎029-265-7185	Isozaki-cho 4604
Ocean Front Hamada-Kan	☎029-265-7211	Ajigaura-cho 4
Coco Hawaii	☎029-212-8318	Ajigaura-cho 442

Cultural Heritage



Torazuka Tomb MAP F-7

In this keyhole-shaped tumulus spanning 36.5m in length that was built at the end of the Kofun era, colored murals within the stone burial chamber were discovered in 1973. It is one of East Japan's leading nationally-designated historical sites. The colored murals inside the tumulus' stone burial chamber are open to the public for a limited time in the spring and fall seasons.



Former Site of Ithinkaku/Minato Park MAP G-9

This villa of the Mito Domain was built in 1698 at the order of Tokugawa Mitsukuni, the second lord of the Mito Domain. While the building was destroyed by fire due to conflict in 1864, the site is currently popular among citizens of Hitachinaka City as Minato Park. Japanese black pine trees that are over 300 years old and Chinese dunce cap plants grow inside the park.



Takeda-shi Yakata MAP G-6

The Takeda area of Hitachinaka City is the place of origin of the Kai Takeda Clan, known through the famed general Takeda Shingen of the Sengoku era. On display here are materials related to the origins of the Kai Takeda Clan as well as suits of armor, katana swords, articles excavated from sites in Takeda, and more.

Flowers

Hitachi Seaside Park MAP G-4

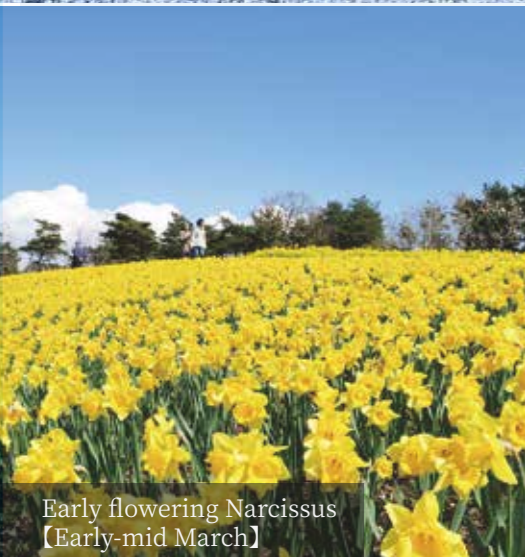
This nationally-run park is a target of attention outside of Japan as well.

A colorful array of flowers for all four seasons are in bloom here, delighting the eyes of visitors.

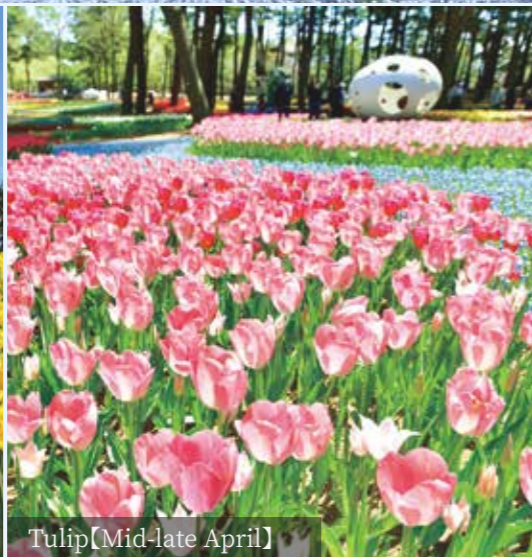
A former airfield of the Japanese Army, the park was used as a bombardment and shooting range by the US Army after the end of World War II. Following its return to Japan, local residents expressed a strong desire to maintain the park as a symbol of peace. Thus, a park with an abundance of flowers was born.



Nemophila【Mid-April to early May】



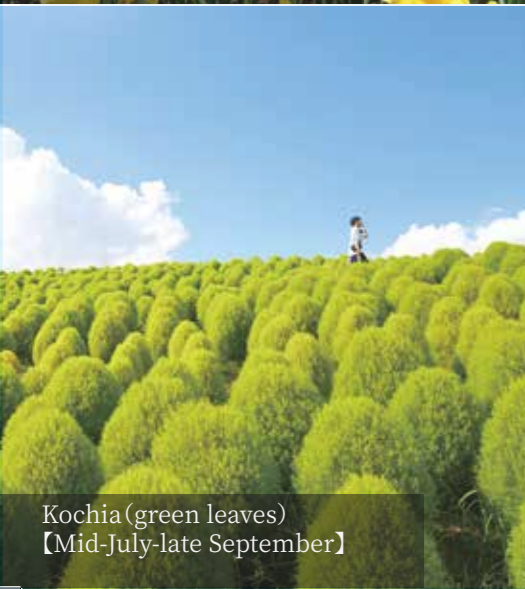
Early flowering Narcissus
【Early-mid March】



Tulip【Mid-late April】



Sunflower【Mid-August】



Kochia (green leaves)
【Mid-July-late September】



Kochia (light up)
【Early September-early October】



Kochia (red leaves) 【Mid-October】

Sea

Ajigaura Swimming Beach MAP H-6

The gorgeous coastline in the shape of a bow-like curve is the draw of this spot, which is populated by numerous swimmers once summer arrives.

As a natural hot spring resort is also adjacent to the beach, visitors can enjoy the whole day there.



Nakaminato Fish Market MAP G-9

An abundant lineup of seasonal seafood and local fish is available at this fish market, where visitors can savor sushi whose selling point is its sizeable fish toppings and fish rice bowls filled with the blessings of the sea to their heart's content.



Anglerfish Hotpot

Popular as one of Ibaraki Prefecture's leading winter dishes. The entirety of anglerfish, from its flesh to its organs, can be savored with this wholly-nutritious hotpot.





Sakatsura Isosaki-jinja Shrine

MAP I-6

Built in 856, this shrine is popular for its photogenic power spots, including the trees lining the approach to the main building and the torii gate from which the sea can be seen. The deity enshrined here is said to cure illness, and is also called the god of liquor and hot springs.



Sweet potatoes

The highest production volume of dried sweet potatoes in Japan!!

Sweet potatoes are boiled and slowly dried in the sun to make this health food, which is rich in dietary fiber and vitamins and free of additives. Many sweets containing dried sweet potatoes, such as gelato, shakes and madeleine cakes, are available.



Hoshiimo-jinja Shrine

MAP H-6

This shrine is noted for the gold color of its torii gate, the same color as dried sweet potatoes (“hoshii-mo”). Its deity promises those who pray to it that “everything they want (‘hoshii mono’) will be theirs.



Nakaminato Yakisoba

Stir-Fried Noodles

Characterized by its hand-pulled, basket-steamed noodles with a chewy texture, Nakaminato Yakisoba Stir-Fried Noodles have been locally adored for more than 60 years.

Stamina Ramen

This dish is characterized by its piping-hot, sweet-and-sour starchy sauce chock filled with liver, pumpkin, Chinese chives and other ingredients. Served as a “hot” version with the sauce poured on top of ramen and a “cold” version with it poured atop chilled noodles.



----- Hitachinaka City Access Information -----



Railway

From Tokyo apporox 1hour and 20min

Joban Line

Tokyo Mito Katsuta

From Narita apporox 2hour and 20min

Narita Line Trasfer Joban Line

Narita Abiko Mito Katsuta



Highway Bus

From Tokyo

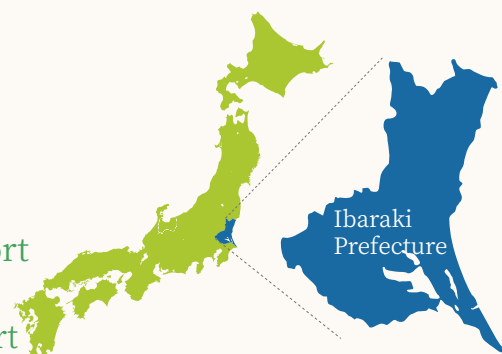
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From Narita Airport

apporox 2hour and 15min

From Ibaraki Airport

apporox 1hour and 10min



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Website



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