

Tourist Guide Map of Sightseeing City Tsuchiura

Historic Route,
Lakeside Route
Countryside Route
Seasonal Delights,
Seasonal flowers,
and Cycling Tour



Events and Seasonal Delights

Spring



●土浦桜まつり・流鏝馬まつり ●Manabe Elementary School ●MAP D-5 ●Ottonuma Park ●MAP B-8

Cherry blossom Festival and Yabusame (horseback archery) Festival

During the brief flowering of the cherry trees each spring, a wide range of events are held in locations such as Kijo Park, the Sakuragawa and Shinkawa Rivers, Manabe Elementary School, Ottonuma Park and Ryugamine. The *Yabusame* (horseback archery) Festival is one of the three big *yabusame* of the Sanno school in Japan. The festival is intended to rid the area of monkeys and to bring a good harvest and peace.



●Shinkawa River ●MAP G-9

Late March to early April



●Sakuragawa River ●MAP F-11 ●Kijo Park ●MAP F-9



●Heroic Horseback Archery Festival ●MAP B-2 (Hie-jinja Shrine)

●かすみがうらマラソン兼国際盲人マラソン
かすみがうら大会

Kasumigaura Marathon and International Blind Marathon

The largest citizens' marathon in Japan takes place on the shores of Lake Kasumigaura. The beautiful lake view all along the route makes this race an enduring favorite with runners. ●MAP H-10



●Many marathoners run the course around Lake Kasumigaura.

Cherry blossom viewing bus
A convenient bus tour of the best cherry blossom viewing sites



●観光帆船運航

Sightseeing Hobikisen

Late July to mid-October

One of the pleasures of summertime in Lake Kasumigaura. The boats set sail every Saturday, Sunday and public holiday in the afternoon, from late July to mid-October. A tour boat cruise is especially recommended. ●MAP F-7

●Traditional net-fishing by sailboat

●The *hobikisen*, a beautifully shaped boat sailed on Lake Kasumigaura



Summer



●土浦キララまつり

Tsuchiura Kirara Festival

First Saturday and Sunday in August

Ekimae-dori Street, Tsuchiura Port

The Tsuchiura Kirara Festival is an event unique to summer in Tsuchiura. Watch the Tanabata ("Star Festival") dance and cruise the bay in a sightseeing boat. ●MAP G-10



●Kirara-chan, the festival mascot

●からかさ万灯

Karakasa-Mando

August 15

Washi-jinja Shrine: 1890 Obatake, Tsuchiura

This traditional festival dating from the Edo Period features offerings of fireworks to pray for a good harvest, peace on Earth, and a harmonious household. The spectacle of fireworks with 6-meter-high, 5-meter-long umbrellas descending like a waterfall is surely one of the most electrifying sights of Tsuchiura summers. The festival has won national commendation and is designated an Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Ibaraki Prefecture. ●MAP C-4



Event Calendar May—August

Mid-April to mid-May	土浦生き生き鯉のぼり (電城公園ほか) Tsuchiura Iki Iki Koinobori (carp streamers) (Kijo Park and other locations) ●MAP F-9	Colorful carp streamers can be seen in the spring wind at Tsuchiura Castle Ruins (Kijo Park) and Ekimae-dori Street
Late May	土浦華月まつり Tsuchiura Satsuki Festival (Niihari SC, Sun Apio) ●MAP C-4	Artfully crafted Satsuki Azalea Bonsai and beautiful flowers are on display as gardeners vie for the festival's coveted award. Gardener-direct sales are also available.
June 10, "Time Day"	刻の太鼓 Toki-no-Taiko ("Time Drum") ●MAP F-9	The gate to the turrets that remains intact today informs the time of day to the Tsuchiura castle town. A scenery from the Edo period that is still alive in Modern Japan.

Ocean Day, July	泳げる霞ヶ浦市民フェスティバル Kasumigaura Swimming Citizens' Festival (Suigo People's Lodge) ●MAP E-7	This event is held every Ocean Day, a national holiday, to raise awareness of environmental issues and bring people closer to Lake Kasumigaura.
Late July	土浦祇園まつり Tsuchiura Gion Festival (downtown Tsuchiura)	A procession of parade floats, an o-mikoshi, (portable shrine) and costume lions called shishi trace a route through the city, accompanied by the resounding strains of a marching band. The highlight is the impressive o-mikoshi, which weighs over one metric ton.
Late August	真綿のまつり Manabe Festival (Manabe district)	Put together by nine neighborhood associations, this traditional ritual of Tsuchiura's Manabe district carries on for three days of magnificent floats, shishi dances and much more.

Nationally famous fireworks displays, unique summer events and flower competitions in each season vie for the visitor's attention. And don't forget to try the city's distinctive curry.

●土浦全国花火競技大会

Tsuchiura All Japan Fireworks Competition

This competitive event has been lighting up the summer night sky in Tsuchiura since 1925. One of Japan's "three great fireworks festivals," this event attracts fireworks artists from throughout Japan, as the name suggests. ●MAP C-6

Early October



Star mine



12-inch shell

Original display



Autumn

A truly dazzling fireworks festival

●土浦新能

Tsuchiura Takigino (Takigi Noh Play)

Tsuchiura Castle Ruin (Kijo Park)

Takigino, the performance of Noh drama by firelight at night, is offered every year on the anniversary of the 1998 restoration of the castle's east tower. The reflections of the performers' masks in the bonfire light on a pitch-black stage make the performance a truly magical event. ●MAP F-9



Bonfire flickering on the stage

Late September

●土浦市産業祭

Tsuchiura Industrial Festival

Kawaguchi Shopping Mall

This festival introduces the wide range of businesses active in Tsuchiura, complete with exhibitions, producer-direct sales, and more. ●MAP G-10



A combined effort of the city's commercial, industrial, agricultural, and tourism worlds, this festival is replete with compelling exhibits and sales.



Late October

●土浦カレーフェスティバル

Tsuchiura Curry Festival

Kawaguchi Sports Park

To present Tsuchiura as a curry capital, the restaurants and hotels of this city compete to create original curries made using lotus root and other local ingredients. Sample and compare the various tastes.

●MAP H-10

☎029-826-1111



Late November



The festival draws delighted crowds every year. Sample the incredible assortment of flavors.

●日本一のれんこん料理フェア

Japan's #1 Renkon (Lotus Root) Cooking Fair

November

Hotels and restaurants throughout the city

This gourmet event uses lotus root from the #1 producer in Japan. Held for a period of month, the festival was inaugurated to familiarize people with the delicious taste of lotus root, which had long been thought to offer beauty and health benefits.

☎029-830-4444 (JA Zen-Noh Ibaraki Kennan Vegetable Fruits Station)



Enjoy lotus root delicacies at various restaurants in Tsuchiura city

Winter



●土浦の雛まつり

Hina Doll Festival (Hina-Matsuri)

Mid-February to early March

Tsuchiura Machikado Kura Daitoku and other shops

The Hina Doll Festival is held at about 70 locations scattered around Tsuchiura Machikado Kura, a merchant storehouse at the center of town. The *hina-ningyo* dolls are exhibited in a fascinating range of styles, including *tsurushi-hina*, a brightly colored handmade hanging doll inherited from the Edo and Meiji periods; *karen-bina*, a doll that (fittingly for the #1 producer of lotuses in Japan) is made of lotus leaves and flowers; and *kasumi-ningyo*, fashioned from Kasumi pond-snail shells. ●MAP G-10

Hina-ningyo, handed down from ancient tradition; adorable *tsurushi-ningyo* add some glamour to this antique home.



Karen-bina doll made from lotus leaves

Event Calendar September–February

Mid-September	ムーンライトコンサート Moonlight Concert (various locations in central Tsuchiura)	The bright moonlight lends the right mood to these jazz concerts.
November 1 to 15	土浦菊まつり/菊花品評大会 Tsuchiura Chrysanthemum Festival (Kijo Park) ●MAP F-9	This chrysanthemum exhibition and competitive show features some 800 painstakingly cultivated specimens of chrysanthemums.
Mid-December	ウィンターフェスティバル Winter Festival (Tsuchiura–ekimaedori Street, shopping streets around the city)	Entire sections of downtown Tsuchiura are gaily decorated and illuminated for this exciting midwinter event.

Mid-February	花の展覧会 Flower Exhibition (Niihari SC, Sun Apio) ●MAP C-4	An exhibition with lovingly cultivated flowers such as alstroemeria. Enjoy sights of spring before it starts.
Third Sat. of every month	いかつべ市 Ikappe Ichi Market (Tsuchiura wholesale Market) ●MAP B-8	Local merchants sell delicious fresh and processed foods.
Four to six times a year	まちなか元氣市 Machi Naka Genki-ichi (Downtown central Tsuchiura area)	Sunday market unique to the Tsuchiura area featuring local specialties and curry shops.



A breathtaking experience in narrow paths
that conjure up feelings of the Edo Period.

A Stroll along Historical Paths

The castle resembles a turtle
floating on the surface of the
moat

● 亀城公園 (土浦城址)

Kijo Park

(Tsuchiura Castle Ruins)

A park containing the Hon-maru (castle keep) and Nino-maru (surrounding castle walls). The East and West Turrets have been restored. The gate to the turrets remains intact and is the only turret gate in the Hon-maru (castle keep) to remain standing in the Kanto region.

☎029-826-1111 (Tsuchiura Commerce and Tourism Department) ●MAP F-9
📍1-13 Chuo, Tsuchiura 🚶Entrance free of charge

Spring Cherry trees



▲ Approximately 70 cherry blossom trees brighten the ruins of the castle in the spring
▲ The Turret Gate is the first registered historical ruin of Ibaraki Prefecture.



Castle town vistas that still remain today

● 歴史の小径

Historical paths

Walking courses surrounding the ruins of Tsuchiura Castle and the Machikado Kura old storehouses that pass various types of historical buildings. Japanese-style street lamps are located along the carved granite paving stones of Nakajo-dori Street where all electric cables are buried underground. This evokes sentimental scenes of the old town.

☎029-826-1111 (Tsuchiura City Town Planning Department) ●MAP F-9



▲ The area around Nakajo-dori Street, which prospered as a post town along the old Mito Kaido route.
▲ Enjoy a walk along the paths

Acquiring a knowledge of
Tsuchiura's history and culture

● 土浦市立博物館

Tsuchiura City Museum

The museum details information on the history and characteristics of the Tsuchiura castle town. This includes information on the Tsuchiura Family's culture based on a main theme of "Daily Life of People Raised near Lake Kasumigaura".

☎029-824-2928 ●MAP F-9 📍1-15-18 Chuo, Tsuchiura 🕒9:00 AM to 4:30 PM 🗓Mondays and national holidays (also closed the following day if a national holiday falls on a Monday) 🧑Adults ¥105, elementary/junior high/high school students ¥50. Entrance fee also includes admittance to the east turret of Tsuchiura Castle.



The museum stores 83 artifacts such as short swords originally belonging to the Tsuchiura Clan and designated as national treasures.



Scenery that remains unchanged from the castle town days and the Maekawaguchi Gate

Togakuji Temple

等覺寺

The copper bell has been designated as a national important cultural property, and it was donated to the Gokurakuji Temple by Hattori Tomoe during Ken'ei (1206 - 1207). It was later moved to Tsuchiura Castle and finally returned in 1884. The rich sound of the bell can be heard on New Year's eve. ●MAP F-10



Tokoji Temple

東光寺

Established in 1607. It is said that the Ruriko-Den building within the temple precinct is beneficial for people suffering from eye trouble. The openwork design of the twelve Oriental Zodiac animals are a must see. The Karajishi and Amano-jaku carvings are also worth seeing. ●MAP F-10



Map of Must-see Spots



Jinyuji Temple

神龍寺

Built in 1532. The Jinyuji Temple became the family temple of the Tsuchiura Clan, who were the domain lords of Tsuchiura during the Edo Period. The temple provided them with sanctuary. The Tsuchiura National Firework Competition was first held here by Akimoto Baiho, a resident priest, to commemorate the memory of those who died in the Kasumigaura Navy Air Service. ●MAP F-9



Kofuku Inari Shrine

幸福稲荷

The Kofuku Inari Shrine was based on the Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto when the Gion district (Tsuchiura's first contemporary shopping area) was established in 1935. ●MAP G-10



Ryotei Kagetsuro

料亭 霞月楼

An old Japanese restaurant established in 1889 and an important part of Tsuchiura's history, which has been visited by many famous people, including Isoroku Yamamoto, Charles Lindbergh and his wife, and former prime minister Shigeru Yoshida. It contains many must-see items, such as documentation on the Graf Zeppelin and many important documents from World War II. ●MAP F-10



Let's visit late Edo storehouses

●土浦まちかど蔵 大徳

Tsuchiura Machikado Kura Daitoku (old storehouses)

These four storehouses, the Mise Kura, the Sode Kura, the Moto Kura, and the Mukai Kura were built at the end of the Edo Period (mid 19th century) and renovated into facilities providing information on sightseeing. Rental bicycles are also available.

☎029-824-2810 (Tsuchiura Tourist Association)

●MAP G-10

📍1-3-16 Chuo, Tsuchiura

🕒9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

📅Dec. 29 to Jan. 3

🎫Entrance free of charge



◀ Drop by to pick up some information
▼ The Daitoku storehouses, which were originally a merchant's house and a drapery store, are now used to distribute information on local sightseeing and culture.

Get your sightseeing information and taste our exclusive curry

●土浦まちかど蔵 野村

Tsuchiura Machikado Kura Nomura (old storehouses)

The main storehouse of the Nomura merchant family, which has history dating back to the Edo Period (1603-1868), the Sode, the Bunko, and the Renga storehouses have been renovated. They now provide exhibitions and lectures on local folklore, as well as offer sightseeing information, etc. Tsuchiura's local curry is also available in the Kura coffee shop.

☎029-824-2810 (Tsuchiura Tourist Association)

●MAP G-10 📍1-12-5 Chuo, Tsuchiura

🕒9:00 AM to 6:00 PM (coffee shop opens at 10:00 AM)

📅Dec. 29 to Jan. 3

🎫Entrance free of charge, Tsuchiura Zeppelin Curry (served with a drink) ¥850



▲ The Nomura storehouses contain archive exhibitions on folklore and naval aviation cadet training.
◀ Enjoy popular local curry at the Kura coffee shop

An out of the way location

Manabe District

真鍋地区

●旧制土浦中学校本館

Main Building of the Old Tsuchiura Junior High School A modern, timber-built Western building.

This is located within the present-day Tsuchiura First High School, built in 1904. This gothic building with its refined design and decorations exudes a sense of beauty and has been designated as a national important cultural property. Open to the public on the second weekend of each month.

☎029-822-0137 (Tsuchiura First High School)

●MAP D-5 📍4-4-2 Manabe, Tsuchiura

🎫Entrance free of charge

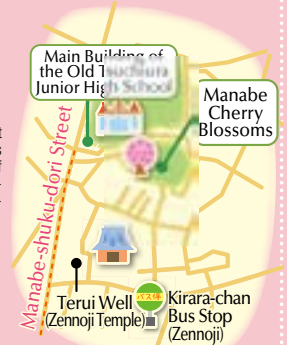


●真鍋宿通り

Manabe-shuku-dori Street The old town panorama can still be seen today.

This old street with its rich atmosphere of a post town for travelers is faithfully preserved today.

●MAP G-8



●照井の井戸 (善応寺)

Terui Well (Zennoji Temple)

A well that has not dried up in over 300 years

The water from this well was channeled to Tsuchiura Castle by the head of the Tsuchiura Clan during the Edo Period. There is also the legend that the water originally gushed from the ground where the Buddhist monk Kobo-Daishi thrust a monk staff. ●MAP G-7



Souvenirs of Tsuchiura

The pride of our city!

Tsuchiura, the city by the lake, is a treasure trove of fresh and processed marine products, including wakasagi fish and eel.

Another highly acclaimed food is curry made from lotus root, a specialty in this curry capital.

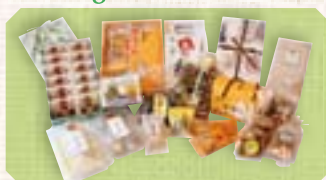
Traditional confectioneries are another favorite in Tsuchiura, which retains the historic atmosphere of a Japanese castle town.

Tsukudani



Local tastes unique to an area with a strong marine food industry. Wakasagi fish and sweetened boiled crucian carp are available.

Baked goods of Tsuchiura



Sweets associated with Tsuchiura-han (95,000-koku) and sightseeing spots are sold here.

Lotus root, the local specialty



Lotus root



Salad dressings



Sablé biscuits



Processed goods

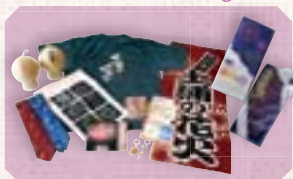
Lotus root from the #1 producer in Japan is made into sweets and other processed foods.

Hitachi-aki-soba



Buckwheat noodles are prized for their excellent aroma, flavor, and sweetness. Soba powder and dried noodles make ideal gifts.

Fireworks-related goods



A wide selection of neckties, T-shirts, and cookies themed on the All-Japan Fireworks Competition are available.

Komachi-related goods



Postcards, handkerchiefs, and other products depicting the legend of Komachi are popular souvenirs.

Soy sauce

With its abundance of soybeans and wheat, the Tsuchiura area is an ideal location for fermenting soy sauce. The unique flavor of the local soy sauce has been a continuing tradition since the region's first soy-sauce distiller was founded in 1688.



Tsuchiura Curry Tales

Tsuchiura's famous Zeppelin Curry is made with a vegetable base and features a mild taste. It is available in a sealed plastic pouch, ideal for a souvenir or gift.

Where to buy souvenirs of Tsuchiura

●観光物産館 きらら館

Kirara-Kan souvenir shop

●MAP H-10 ☎029-824-6110

📍2-35 Ariake-machi, Tsuchiura

●土浦まちかど蔵「大徳」

Tsuchiura Machikado Kura Daitoku

●MAP G-10 ☎029-824-2810

📍1-3-16 Chuo, Tsuchiura

●国民宿舎「水郷」

Suigo People's Lodge

●MAP E-7 ☎029-823-1631

📍255 Oiwa, Tsuchiura



Bask in the cool breeze as you admire the view from the shore of this vast lake.

Lake Kasumigaura offers countless ways to have fun.



A Lake That Seems to Extend Forever ● 霞ヶ浦 Lake Kasumigaura

● MAP F-7

With an area of 220 square kilometers and a length that stretches from southeastern Ibaraki Prefecture to northeastern Chiba Prefecture, Lake Kasumigaura is Japan's second-largest lake. Pleasure craft can be seen on its gentle waters from summer to autumn.



Boating and water sports are available.

Get in touch with nature for a holiday you'll never forget!

● 霞ヶ浦総合公園

Kasumigaura Comprehensive Park

Kasumigaura Comprehensive Park is a spacious all-purpose leisure facility on the shores of Lake Kasumigaura. Amenities include a pool, a gymnasium, a restaurant, a hotel run by the government, the Nature Center, and a tennis court.

☎029-826-4829 (Nature Center) ● MAP E-7
1051 Oiwata, Tsuchiura 19:00 AM to 4:30 PM
(Pool: to 5:00 PM; Tennis courts: to 9:00 PM; Gymnasium: 8:30 AM to 9:00 PM). ☎Every Mon. (the following day if Mon. is a public holiday. Pool is open every day from July 19 to August 31.)
¥Park admission is free. Pool: Adults ¥800, high school students ¥400, elementary and junior high school students ¥200, preschool children free. Tennis courts (2 hours on weekdays): ¥1,640 Sat., Sun., holidays: ¥2,040 ☎15 min. from JR Tsuchiura Station by Kanto Tetsudo Bus bound for Ami, get off at Kasumigaura Sogo Koen (Kasumigaura Comprehensive Park). ☎Parking is available for 850 vehicles.

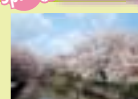
Spring Tulips

Mid-to-late April
Some 30,000 tulips form a beautiful scene of contrasting colors



Tulip flowers surround Dutch-style windmills

Manabe District Cherry trees of the Shinkawa River 新川の桜



When these approximately 200 Yoshino cherry trees (*prunus yedoensis*) are in full bloom, the branches hang low over the water, forming an unforgettable tunnel of cherry blossoms. The reflection of the blossoms in the water is a magical sight. ● MAP G-9

Mushikake District: Hasukawara District Cherry trees of the Sakuragawa River 桜川の桜



The road from the Kasumigaura river mouth to Mushikake is lined with approximately 500 cherry trees. A leisurely walk alongside the riverbed is highly recommended. ● MAP F-11

Cuisine center of Tsuchiura

At Suigo, guests can admire a sweeping view of Lake Kasumigaura while dining on the local delicacies. All rooms offer a lake view.

Your home for great food in Tsuchiura

Suigo People's Lodge 国民宿舎「水郷」

With a location on the shores of Lake Kasumigaura in Kasumigaura Comprehensive Park, Suigo offers dishes made with local ingredients such as lotus root and freshwater fish.

☎029-823-1631 ● MAP E-7 ☎255 Oiwata, Tsuchiura
☎Check-in: 3:00 PM Check-out: 10:00 AM
¥Accommodations per person with two meals: ¥6,825
Zepplin curry: ¥730
☎From JR Tsuchiura Station, take the Kirara-bus and get off at Kokumin Shukusha Suigo.
☎Parking is available for 50 vehicles.



Sightseeing Boat

観光遊覧船

- White Iris
- Jetfoil Tsukuba

Experience the natural beauty of Lake Kasumigaura, Japan's second-largest lake, in an enjoyable 30–40-minute cruise. The boats operate as observation boats on Sat., Sun., and holidays from late July to mid-October.

☎029-822-2437 (Lux Marina) ☎029-823-9708 (Joyo Travel)
● MAP H-10 ☎Tsuchiura Port (Kawaguchi 2-chome) ☎9:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Departs approx. once an hour, subject to change by season).
¥Adults ¥1,500, children ¥750 ☎10 min. walk from JR Tsuchiura Station.
☎Parking is available for 100 vehicles.



Lotus fields ハス田

Amid the green foliage of lotus leaves, blossoms of bright white and pink stand out in vivid contrast. Don't miss the large panorama provided courtesy of the Ibaraki Kasumigaura Environmental Science Center. ● MAP F-7

Lotus



Kasumigaura Cycling Road 湖沼自転車道

This route offers captivating views of Lake Kasumigaura, Japan's second broadest lake, to enjoy as you cycle. The Kasumigaura Cycling Road runs a total of 40 km, from Tsuchiura via the cities of Kasumigaura and Namekata to the final destination, Itako. Plenty of interesting sights line the route, including several farmer-direct produce stands. ● MAP F-7

Fishing 釣り

There are many excellent fishing spots within Tsuchiura City. Sites on Lake Kasumigaura and the Sakuragawa, Shinkawa, and Bizen rivers attract fishers from every corner of Japan.



Ibaraki Kasumigaura Environmental Science Center 茨城県霞ヶ浦環境科学センター

This center is packed with fun and engaging exhibits on the history of Lake Kasumigaura, water environments, and the Earth's environment, as well as offers fascinating nature-observation tours and seminars year-round. Training rooms, discussion rooms, and conference rooms are also available.

☎029-828-0960 ● MAP G-7 ☎1853 Okijuku-machi, Tsuchiura ☎Exhibits: Daily 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM Discussion rooms: Wed. to Sat. 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM, Tues. and Sun. 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. ☎Mon. (following day if Mon. is a holiday) ¥Admission is free (fees apply for use of the multipurpose halls and training rooms). ☎20 min. from JR Tsuchiura Station by Kanto Tetsudo Bus on the Otsuya loop line, get off at Takano Iriguchi (Takano entrance) and walk 10 minutes.
☎Parking is available for 120 vehicles.





Rural areas of natural beauty

Idyllic rural scenery woven by nature, relax with rural mountain scenery

Touch the legend of Komachi in a peaceful mountain village



A visit to a place of legend

●小町の里

Komachi-no-Sato

The legend of Ono-no-Komachi, a great poet and reputed peerless beauty of the Heian period (794–1185), lives on in this village, whose landmark is a 7m-wide waterwheel. Points of interest include Komachi-no-Yakata, the visitor center where materials about Komachi are exhibited, a farmer's market, and a soba shop. Don't leave without trying the Hitachi-aki-soba. Around this village you'll also find Komachi's gravesite and a stone on which she is said to have sat. Enjoy the atmosphere of history along with the tranquility of the countryside.

☎029-862-1002 (Komachi-no-Yakata)
●MAP B-1
📍491 Ono, Tsuchiura

The rural tranquility of Komachi-no-Sato

Asahi-toge Observation Park

朝日峠展望公園

This park lies on the Purple Line, a scenic stretch of Ibaraki's Route 236 and selected as one of the 100 Scenic Views. From the observation deck, the broad expanse of the Kanto Plain and majestic Mt. Tsukuba can be taken in at a glance. A bento (box lunch) is the perfect companion for this visual treat.

☎029-862-1002 (Komachi-no-Yakata)
●MAP C-1 📍Ono, Tsuchiura
🎫 Admission free 🕒 40 min. by taxi from JR Tsuchiura Station



Tojoji Temple 東城寺

This temple was constructed in 796 by Saisen, a disciple of Saicho (a monk and founder of the Tendai school of Buddhism), by order of the Emperor Kanmu. Located on the southeast face of Mt. Tsukuba, Tojoji and its related temple buildings are designated as Prefectural Cultural Treasures.

☎029-862-3013 ●MAP B-2
📍650 Tojoji, Tsuchiura



Komachi-no-Sato Area



A treasure house of fresh local foods

●JA土浦 サンフレッシュ新治

JA Tsuchiura "Sun Fresh Niihari"

☎029-862-3573 ●MAP B-3 📍514-1 Fujisawa, Tsuchiura

This store is filled with fresh local produce, whose quality and reliability is guaranteed by the name of the producing farmer displayed right on the box. Excellent fruit, vegetables, and flowers are on hand. At the establishment Mahora-an, you can also try the taste of Hitachi-aki-soba noodles.



Tsukuba Rin Rin Road

つくばりんりんロード

The view from this scenic route is spectacular both in spring, when the cherry trees bloom, and in the fall, when the sulfur cosmos bloom into lovely yellows and oranges.

●MAP A-4



Autumn Cosmos

Ryugamine 竜ヶ峰

From late March to mid April, some 700 cherry trees planted along the roadside are in full bloom, creating a magnificent tunnel of cherry trees.

●MAP D-2



Kiyotakiji Temple

清滝寺

Japanese myth tells that this spot was visited by Izanagi-no-Mikoto, the father of the Sun and the Moon. It is said that when Izanagi raised his spear, a waterfall burst from this point. The story gives rise to this temple's name, meaning "temple of the pure waterfall." Also known as the poet Ono-no-Komachi's pilgrimage site and the 26th amulet-issuing temple of the Kanto region, shrine visitors have been coming ever since.

☎029-862-4576 ●MAP C-2 📍1151 Ono, Tsuchiura



See, touch and experience Japan's Neolithic past

●上高津貝塚 ふるさと歴史の広場

Kamitakatsu Shell Midden History Plaza

The Kamitakatsu Shell Midden is the largest ancient mound of discarded shells on the shores of Lake Kasumigaura, built about 3000 to 4000 years ago. Declared a National Historical Relic in 1977, in 1997 it was opened to the public as Kamitakatsu Shell Midden History Plaza, a 5-hectare historical-artifact museum. This plaza includes an exhibit of a cross-section of the shell midden and a recreation of a pit dwelling of the era. In the archeological archive, visitors can view artifacts unearthed at excavation sites around Tsuchiura, such as kitchen middens and warrior burial mounds. The scenery blends with the neighboring Shishitsuka wetlands, creating an ideal vantage point for reflecting on both history and nature.

☎029-826-7111 ●MAP C-6 📍1843 Kamitakatsu, Tsuchiura 🕒 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM 🗓 Mon. and holidays (open during special exhibitions and on Culture Day)

🎫 Adults ¥105 Elementary, junior, and high school students ¥50 (Elementary, junior, and high school students are admitted free on Sat.)



Recreated pit dwelling at the Shell Midden Plaza

Shishitsukaoike Pond 穴塚大池

Throughout the seasons, this pond is alive with the chirping of wild birds, insects, and the emerald green of water plants. Try to be here from late July to mid-August, when the lotus flowers are in bloom.

●MAP C-6



Shishitsuka/Otto Area



Otonuma Park 乙戸沼公園

This 13ha park sits on what was once a long, narrow pond in the shape of a fishhook. Every spring the park's wonderful stock of some 900 Yoshino and Japanese cherries attracts throngs of admirers.

●MAP B-8



Access Map of Tsuchiura



Coming by Train

Ueno Sta.	Limited Express (Tokkyu) Super Hitachi, Fresh Hitachi	Tsuchiura Sta.
	45 min./¥2,520 (Reserved seat on local trains, regular season)	
	JR Joban line, local train	
	1 hr. 15 min./¥1,110	
Akihabara Sta.	Tsukuba Express Rapid (kaisoku)/Semi-Rapid (kukan kaisoku)	Kanto Tetsudo Bus
	50 min./¥1,150	30 min./¥510
Mito Sta.	Limited Express (Tokkyu) Super Hitachi, Fresh Hitachi	Tsuchiura Sta.
	30 min./¥2,360 (Reserved seat on local trains, regular season)	
	JR Joban line, local train	
	45 min./¥950	

Coming by Car

Ginza	Shuto Expressway	Mito IC	Joban Expressway	Sakura-tsuchiura IC
	24km/25 min./¥700		39km/25 min./¥1,300	
Mito IC			Joban Expressway	
			43km/25 min./¥1,300	
Ginza	Shuto Expressway	Mito IC	Joban Expressway	Tsuchiura-kita IC
	24km/25 min./¥700		47km/30 min./¥1,500	
Mito IC			Joban Expressway	
			35km/20 min./¥1,050	

*Times are estimates.

For directions, please contact:	Bus	JR Bus Kanto Tsuchiura Branch	029-821-5234
		Kanto Railway	029-822-3724
		Kantetsu Kanko Bus	029-822-3727
	Rail	JR Tsuchiura Station	029-821-0424

Car rental	Toyota Rent Lease Ibaraki	029-822-0100
	Toyco Rentacar	029-828-6661
Boat cruises	Lacus Marina	029-822-2437
	Joyo Kanko	029-823-9708



●レンタサイクル

Bicycle Rental

Renting a bicycle for a day is the most fun and convenient way to see all the famous sites in Tsuchiura. In this section, we explain how to rent bicycles here and where to find bicycle rental outlets around the city. Rental fee ¥500 per day plus ¥1,000 security deposit (refundable)

- 1 Inquire at the shop.
- 2 Write your name, address and telephone number on the bicycle rental form. Pay the fee and the ¥1,000 security deposit.
- 3 Ready to go. Have fun!
- 4 Return the bicycle and receive back your ¥1,000 security deposit.

Bicycle rental is available at:

●土浦まちかど蔵「大徳」

Tsuchiura Machikado Kura Daitoku

☎029-824-2810 (Tsuchiura Tourism Association) ●MAP G-10 ☎Daily 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM (bicycle rental is available until 5:30 PM). ☎Open everyday except December 29 to January 3 ☎1-3-16 Chuo, Tsuchiura ☎10 min. walk from JR Tsuchiura Station ☎Parking is available for 30 vehicles.

●国民宿舎「水郷」

Suigo People's Lodge

☎029-823-1631 ●MAP E-7 ☎Daily 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM ☎Open everyday ☎255 Owata, Tsuchiura ☎From JR Tsuchiura Station, take Kirara-chan Bus and get off at Kokumin Shukusha Suigo (Suigo People's Lodge). ☎Parking is available for 50 vehicles.

●小町の館

Komachi-no-Yakata

☎029-862-1002 ●MAP B-2 ☎Daily 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM ☎Every Monday and December 29 to January 3 ☎491 Ono, Tsuchiura ☎30 min. taxi ride from JR Tsuchiura Station ☎Parking is available for 50 vehicles.

●まちなか交流ステーションほっとワン

Machinaka Community Station Hot one

☎029-879-8815 ●MAP G-10 ☎Daily 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM ☎Every Wednesday ☎1-3-132 Kawaguchi, Tsuchiura ☎4 min. walk from JR Tsuchiura Station

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