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Nearby!

Welcome to Chiba Prefecture!

Chiba Prefecture is home to Narita Airport making it the gateway to Japan. It neighbors Tokyo and is easily accessed from Haneda Airport as well. Visitors can experience Japanese culture and enjoy uniquely Japanese scenery.



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Chiba Prefecture borders Tokyo to the east and is home to Narita Airport which welcomes more than 15 million international tourists annually. While Narita Airport is a Japanese airport that is well known around the world, most people arriving from abroad end up traveling to Tokyo right away. This is such a pity. In Chiba Prefecture, visitors can relax alongside gorgeous nature and beautiful oceans and enjoy a variety of experiences. The prefecture also features many historical locations where visitors can experience firsthand the culture and traditions of Japan. Because Chiba does not get as crowded as Tokyo, visitors can enjoy temples, museums, and other historical buildings at a leisurely pace. Chiba, with its oceans and temperate climate, is also great for enjoying cuisine packed with agricultural and livestock products and fresh seafood. We hope everyone who reads this pamphlet has a wonderful time experiencing the nature of Chiba Prefecture and the culture and traditions of Japan!

A SHORT TRIP FROM



NARITA AIRPORT

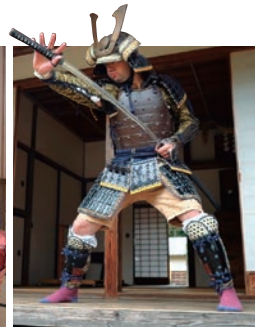
Narita

The history of **Naritasan Shinshoji Temple** stretches back to the year 940. The "three-story pagoda" built in 1712 is especially a must-see for visitors. Its brilliantly-colored carvings which have been restored are spectacular. The temple welcomes more than 10 million visitors annually. The 800-meter **omote-sando (front approach)** connecting Naritasan Shinshoji Temple to Narita Station is also a must-see. Its historical buildings give off an enchanting atmosphere and is the perfect place to buy souvenirs like sake and rice crackers.



Boso-no-Mura

Boso-no-Mura is a representation of a Japanese townscape 150 years ago where visitors can feel as if they've gone back in time and learn about the traditional way of life and technology in the Chiba Prefecture region. It is visited regularly by tourists from abroad and the **experiences of trying on armor** at the samurai residence and **participating in a tea ceremony** at the tea house are popular. Next door is a facility called **Cosplay no Yakata** where visitors can rent historical costumes to dress up like ninja or samurai.



Sakura

The interiors of three **Sakura Samurai Houses** in the historical district are open to the public. There is a small path surrounded by a bamboo grove that is a great spot for photos nearby. The **National Museum of Japanese History** actively incorporates reconstructed models in its exhibitions of Japanese history and culture.



Sawara

Sawara is known for being an **historical townscape**. Long ago in the Edo Period (1603-1868), rivers and canals were used to transport many goods and supplies from Sawara to Edo. By participating in the **Sawara Boat Tour**, visitors can view the town as it was seen by merchants during that time.



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The Brewing Industry of Chiba Prefecture

Its ability to procure an abundance of high quality materials and transport products using water allowed the prefecture's soy sauce, mirin, and sake industries to flourish. Chiba Prefecture leads Japan in soy sauce production. Soy sauce, mirin, and sake are essential seasonings in Japanese cuisine. They are used in sauce for eel and for simmering fish, among other things. Soy sauce pairs perfectly with sushi and seafood rice bowls and these are eaten after dipping in soy sauce. Chiba Prefecture is also one of Japan's major sake producing areas with approximately 40 brewers.



Brewery Tours
Tokun Brewery
(Katori City)



Inumahonke (Shisui Town)



Mirin Production & Sales
Nagareyama Akimoto
(Nagareyama City)



Soy Sauce Factory Tours
Yamasa Soy Sauce Taste
Experience Hall (Choshi City)

Makuhari New City (Makuhari - Shintoshin)

Makuhari Messe is one of the largest convention centers in Japan which hosts various events such as trade fairs, exhibitions, concerts, and others. The Japanese Garden **Mihama-en** located nearby is a must-see. Enjoy the taste of matcha green tea and traditional sweets at the tea house.



Mount Nokogiri

Mt. Nokogiri stands at 329 meters (1079 feet) and is characterized by its steep wall-like cliffs. Visitors can enjoy a splendid view from the **Nokogiriyama Ropeway**. The view of Tokyo Bay from the western side of Mt. Nokogiri is particularly breathtaking. Worship hours at **Nokogiriyama Nihonji Temple** are from 8:00AM-4:30PM with a charge of ¥700 (from April 2020).



Train Trips

~ Kominato Railway / Isumi Railway ~

These two nostalgic local railway companies run down the center of Chiba Prefecture. Set off on your journey while enjoying the view from the windows of their small trains. Along their rails, passengers can take in the beautiful waterfalls and views of **Yoro Valley** and **Otaki** with its Japanese-style castles and quaint castle town atmosphere.



◀ Kominato Railway ▶



◀ Isumi Railway ▶

Ichinomiya

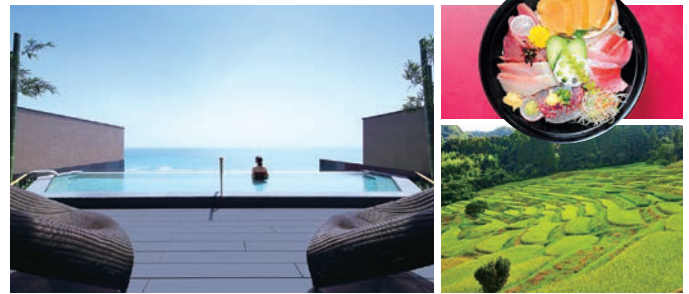
Ichinomiya is visited by many surfers throughout the year. In addition to the ocean, Ichinomiya also boasts spots such as cafes along **Surf Street** and historical areas where visitors can easily drop by.



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Kamogawa

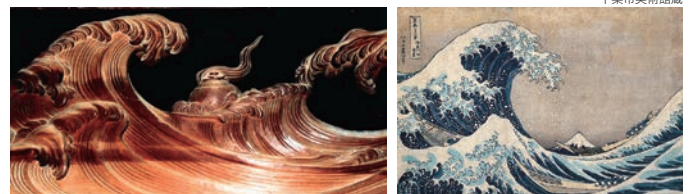
Kamogawa has many popular accommodations where visitors can take in a magnificent view while enjoying fresh and seasonal fruits of the land and sea. There are also **hot spring resorts** with an ocean view. Visitors will also want to make a trip to **Oyama Senmaida Terraced Rice Fields**.



Gyoganji Temple

At **Gyoganji Temple** in Isumi City, visitors can see the works of woodcarver Ihachi who inspired the famous wave painting by Katsushika Hokusai. Open to the public on weekends only (13:00AM-3:30PM ¥500). http://www.isumi-kankou.com/ihachi_en/index.html

千葉市美術館蔵



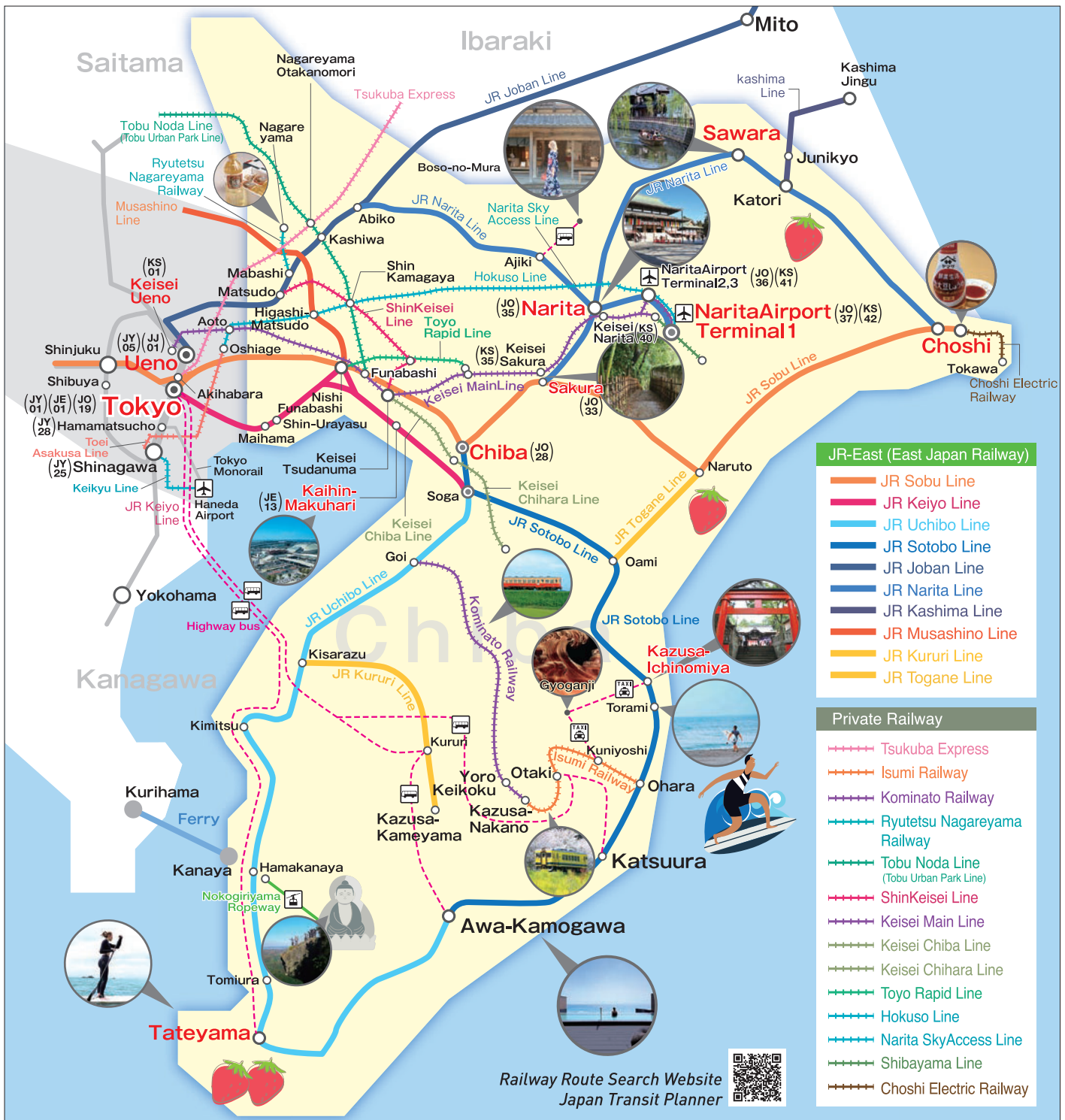
Active Trips

~ Cycling & SUP ~

Bicycles are available for rental at locations such as some of the tourist information desks attached to stations in Chiba Prefecture so make inquiries there. With its temperate oceans, Chiba is great for **surfing**. Recently, **SUP** (standup paddleboarding) which can be enjoyed by beginners as well is also popular.



Access



At Narita International Airport, there are tours allowing hassle-free sightseeing of the Narita area that begin and end at the airport for travelers on layovers or those staying in nearby accommodations. Participants can enjoy a memorable time experiencing the charming history, nature, and shopping around Narita Airport even if it's just for a short period of time.



Narita Airport Transit & Stay Program



Narita Airport Surrounding Areas Short Tourist Bus Excursions

Chiba Souvenir Shops at Narita Airport



Terminal 1



Terminal 2



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