

School Exchange/ Homestay / Rich Cultural Experience

Educational Travel in Chiba, Japan



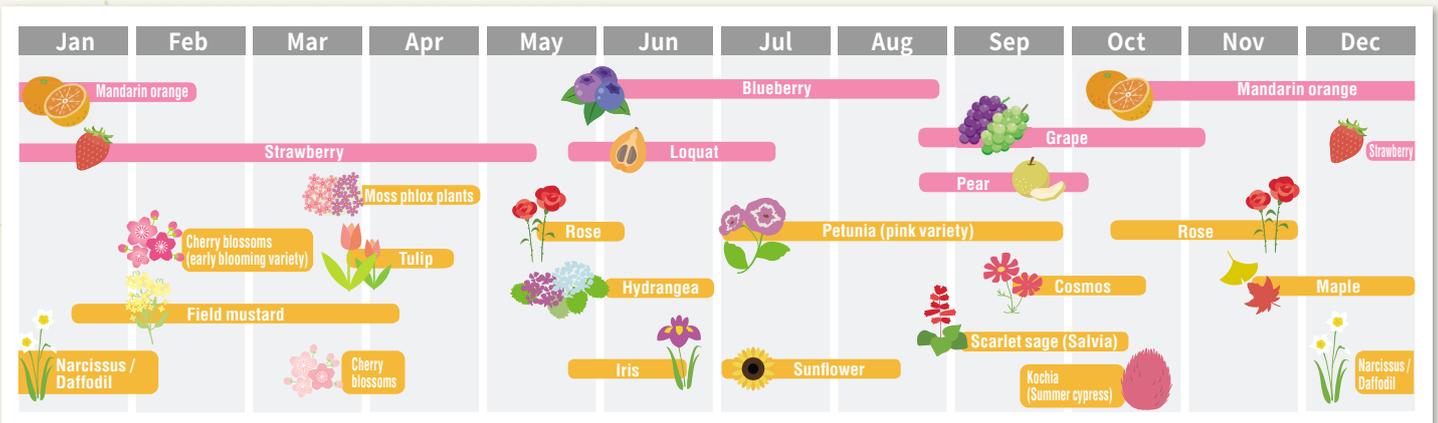
Overview of Chiba Prefecture

Chiba Prefecture is facing the Pacific Ocean on the east side and Tokyo Bay on the west side.

It is part of the capital area of Japan, located next to Tokyo, and has Tokyo Disney Resort, which is called a land of dreams. It also has Narita International Airport, which serves as the air gateway to Japan, connecting Japan to the world. The prefecture is home to facilities related to science technology and cutting-edge industry, outlet malls, and entertainment facilities. There are also facilities where you can learn history and culture and enjoy abundant nature. A variety of educational tours are available and include activities in nature and stays at farmer's houses.



Chiba's Flowers and Fruits Calendar





Suigo Sawara Ayame Park

Akebonoyama Agriculture Park

Boso no Mura /
Cosplay no Yakata

The Historic Town of Sawara

Naritasan Shinsho-ji Temple
Naritasan Park

Narita Airport

Sakura Furusato Square

Hiyodori-zaka Slope

Sakura Castle Ruins Park

Strawberry Picking

Sammu Naruto Strawberry Trust Association

ZOZO Marine Stadium
AEON MALL Makuhari New City
Mitsui Outlet Park Makuhari

Haneda Airport

Mihama-en Japanese Garden
"Shorai-tei" tea house

Umihotaru Parking Area

Mitsui Outlet Park
Kisarazu

Country Farm
Tokyo German Village

Kasamori-Kannon Temple

Shirako Onsen

ICHIHARA
Elephant Kingdom

Mother Farm

Yoro Valley

Mt. Nokogiri
Nihon-ji Temple

Nomizo Falls

Ubara
Katsuura UnderSea Park

Roadside Station Hota
Elementary School

Oyama Senmaida

Kamogawa Sea World

Tateyama Castle /
Shiroyama Park

Awa jinja Shrine

Choshi
Electric
Railway

Inubo

Educational Tours in Chiba Prefecture

Many Hands-on Learning Facilities

Chiba Prefecture has many interesting “hands-on” facilities that are the most important and best part of educational tours: hand-rolled sushi making, tea ceremony experiencing, paper fan making, bamboo shoot digging in mountains, enjoying with animals on huge farms, etc. There are also many other facilities and places for hands-on learning.



Enjoying Wonderful Experiences with Host Families

Many families actively participate in the homestay program and welcome students from abroad; their kind hearts are important assets of the program. Our team of coordinators will assist you in finding schools that suit your students' majors and travel plans, enabling them to engage in international exchange activities. Since there are many minshuku guesthouses, especially in the rural areas of the prefecture, it will be a perfect experience for students to spend time in nature and create unforgettable memories by interacting with kind Japanese host families.



Various Educational Travel Programs in Chiba Prefecture

Chiba Prefecture has many facilities which are suitable for various educational travel programs. At those facilities, where you can learn about the history and culture of Japan, you can develop a spirit of openness to different cultures. There are also many nature-related facilities, science technology facilities, and cutting-edge corporate facilities, making Chiba Prefecture a perfect place for educational travel of students in a wide age range.



Factory Tour (Nippon Steel Kimitsu Works)



SDGs Program (Okinoshima Island, Tateyama City)

Schools in Chiba Prefecture

High Schools



High Schools

School Types	The number of schools
Public	128
Private	62
Total	190

High Schools with Specialized Courses

School Types	Course	The number of schools
Public	Agricultural	14
	Commercial	9
	Technical	23
	Domestic Science	5
Private	Cooking	1
	Commercial	3
	Domestic Science	1
	Art	1
	Cooking	1

Area	City / Town / Village	Public	Private	
Katsunan	Ichikawa City	7	7	
	Funabashi City	11	5	
	Narashino City	3	1	
	Yachiyo City	3	3	
	Urayasu City	2	2	
East Katsushika	Matsudo City	8	2	
	Noda City	3	2	
	Kashiwa City	9	5	
	Nagareyama City	4		
	Abiko City	2	2	
	Kamagaya City	2		
Hokuso	Choshi City	3	1	
	Narita City	4	1	
	Sakura City	4		
	Asahi City	2		
	Yotsukaido City	2	2	
	Yachimata City	1	1	
	Inzai City	1		
	Shiroi City	1		
	Tomisato City	1		
	Sosa City	1	1	
	Katori City	3	1	
	Shisui Town		1	
	Sakae Town			
	Kozaki Town			
	Tako Town	1	1	
	Tonosho Town			
	East Kazusa	Mobara City	3	2
		Togane City	2	1
		Katsuura City		
		Sanmu City	2	
Isumi City		1		
Oamishirasato City		1		
Kujukuri Town		1		
Shibayama Town				
Yokoshibahikari Town			1	
Ichinomiya Town		1		
Mutsuzawa Town				
Chosei Village				
Shirako Town				
Nagara Town				
Chonan Town				
Otaki Town	1	1		
Onjuku Town		1		
Minami bosu	Tateyama City	2	1	
	Kisarazu City	2	4	
	Ichihara City	5	2	
	Kamogawa City	1	1	
	Kimitsu City	2	1	
	Futtsu City	2		
Sodegaura City	1			
Minamiboso City	1			
Kyonan Town				
Designated city	Chiba City	22	9	
	Total	128	62	



Teacher's Voice

SMK SERI HARTAMAS Principal

The first time I came to Japan I was impressed with its culture of cleanliness and environmental preservation, and also that this is a culture of respect for the people around you. The schools I saw were also very clean and everywhere you got a sense of how important nature is for the Japanese people; the way they deal with recycling is a good example of that.

These exchange programs bring students together and allow them to communicate on a more intimate level; that way they learn about each other's country and culture. Furthermore, from their host families, they get to experience Japan's family values and perhaps also develop a personal sense of these people's sense of punctuality, care for the environment, and so forth. It is my hope that students will bring these positive aspects of Japan back to their home country.

I want to thank this program's sponsor, Chiba Prefecture and particularly the town of Tako. The students can learn about Japan from newspapers and magazines but by taking part in such a program they get a chance to actually feel Japan's culture. It's a wonderful program and I hope more students will have the opportunity to participate in the future.

Student's Voice

SMK SERI HARTAMAS Student

I was impressed with the cleanliness of Japanese cities and streets. Also, the food was delicious!

Japanese students showed me how to juggle using the kendama and how to make origami; these are actually harder than they seem but the students made every effort to teach me how to do them. Their genial manners, gestures and jokes made the language barrier disappear.

Everyone in Japan was very warm but also very polite; I realized how important it is for them to maintain a sense of distance.

My interest in Japan grew with this visit and I'm considering going to college or seeking employment there in the future.



Elementary Schools and Junior High Schools

Elementary Schools

School Types	The number of schools
Public	744
Private	10
Total	754

Junior High Schools

School Types	The number of schools
Public	359
Private	24
Total	383

Chiba
Total 1327

Public Schools
1231

Private Schools
96

A typical school calendar in Chiba Prefecture and possible timing for visits

Junior high schools and high schools

Schools in Japan have either a semester system or a trimester system.

*Please feel free to contact us regarding elementary school visits.

The new semester is starting!

*15% of all the schools in Chiba

*85% of all the schools in Chiba

Semester System

Trimester System

<p>4 Apr</p> 	<p>Spring holiday, until around Apr. 5 First semester Entrance ceremony</p>	<p>Spring holiday, until around Apr. 5 First semester Entrance ceremony</p>
<p>5 May</p> 	<p>Midterm exam (late May) * A few of the schools with a semester system have their exam in May.</p>	<p>Midterm exam (mid- or late May) * Many of the schools may not be ready for accepting students in May.</p>
<p>6 Jun</p> 	<p>School festival Sports day Midterm exam (early or mid-June)</p>	<p>School festival Sports day</p>
<p>7 Jul</p> 	<p>Summer holiday, starting around Jul. 21</p>	<p>Final exam (early July) Summer holiday, starting around Jul. 21</p>
<p>8 Aug</p> 	<p>Summer holiday, until around Aug. 28</p>	<p>Summer holiday, until around Aug. 31</p>
<p>9 Sep</p> 	<p>Final exam (early September) The end of the first semester Autumn holiday</p>	<p>Second semester School festival</p>
<p>10 Oct</p> 	<p>Autumn holiday, until around Oct. 6 Second semester School festival Sports day</p>	<p>School festival Sports day Midterm exam (mid- to later October)</p>
<p>11 Nov</p> 	<p>School trip (second graders) Midterm exam (mid-November)</p>	<p>School trip (second graders)</p>
<p>12 Dec</p> 	<p>Winter holiday, starting around Dec. 24</p>	<p>Final exam (early December) Winter holiday, starting around Dec. 24</p>
<p>1 Jan</p> 	<p>Winter holiday, until around Jan. 6</p>	<p>Winter holiday, until around Jan. 6 Third semester</p>
<p>2 Feb</p> 	<p>Entrance exams Final exam (mid-February)</p>	<p>Entrance exams</p>
<p>3 Mar</p> 	<p>Graduation ceremony (early March) Spring holiday, starting around Mar. 25</p>	<p>Graduation ceremony (early March) Final exam (early March) Spring holiday, starting around Mar. 25</p>

School Exchange and Homestay Guidelines

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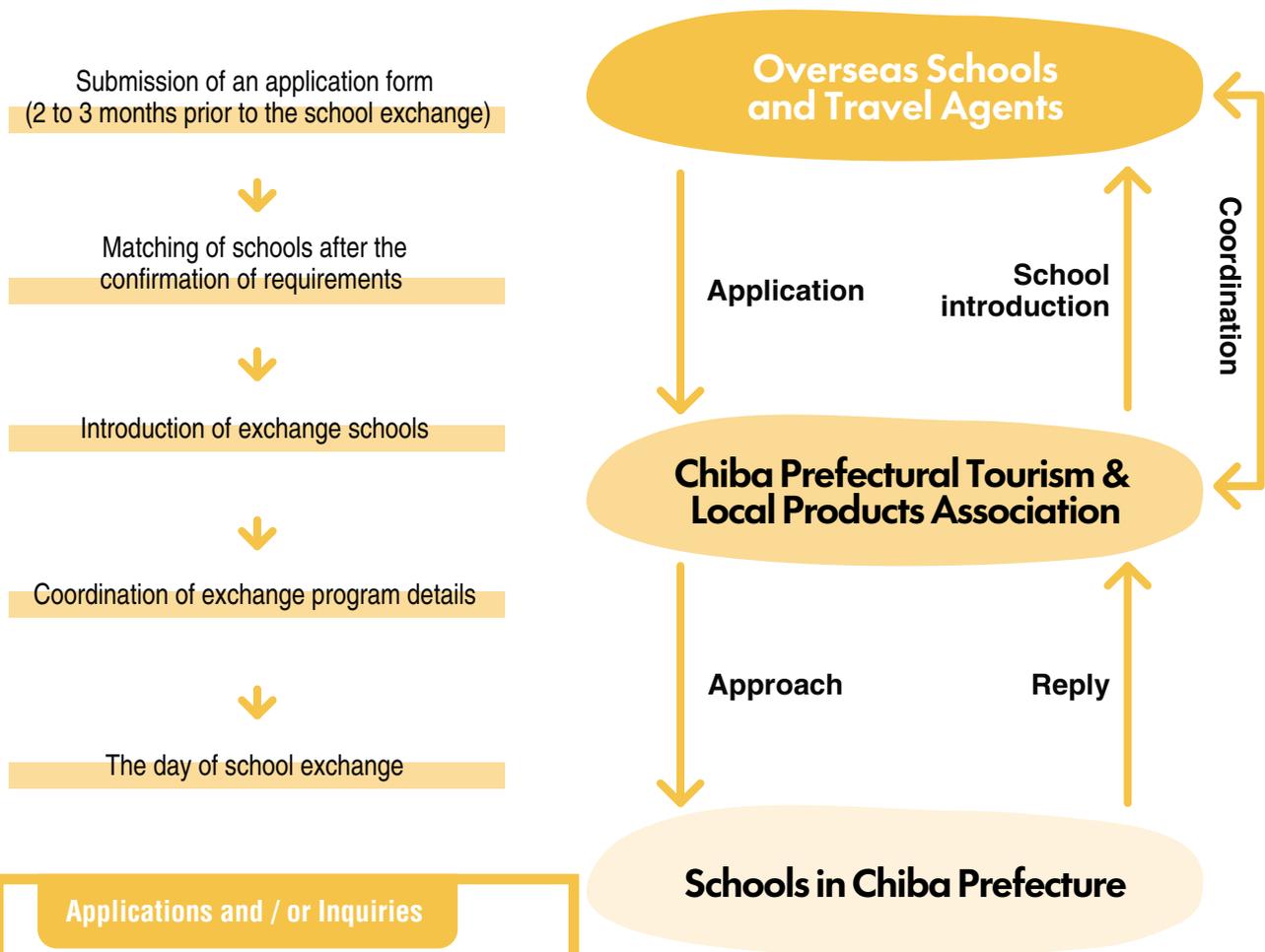
01 Application for School Exchange and Host Family

The application deadline is 2 to 3 months prior to your visit.

02 The Period for Your School Exchange and Homestay

Please make sure to set the period for your school exchange and homestay from late April to the end of June, mid-September to the end of November, or mid- to late January.

Flow from Application to School Exchange



Submission of an application form
(2 to 3 months prior to the school exchange)



Matching of schools after the
confirmation of requirements



Introduction of exchange schools



Coordination of exchange program details



The day of school exchange

Applications and / or Inquiries

Chiba Prefectural Tourism &
Local Products Association

kyouryo-ib@chiba-tpa.or.jp



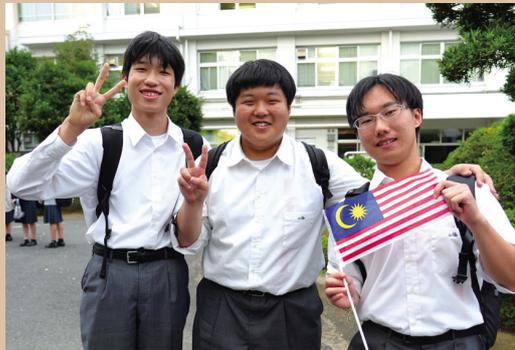
School Exchange Programs

Examples of School Exchange Programs 01



9:30

Arriving
at School



9:50

Joint
Cooking
Practice



12:00

Party
with Lunch





13:25

Welcome and Interacting Party



15:00

Farewell Party

School Exchange Programs

Examples of School Exchange Programs 02



13:30

Welcoming Ceremony



15:30

Exchange Activities



Japanese culture



Japanese culture



Kendo



Tea ceremony



Origami



17:00

Farewell Party



See you again!





Tea Ceremony



Kendo



Music



Calligraphy



Sports



Cooking



Homestay

Fine Private Homes to Stay at

Chiba Prefecture has many private homes where you can stay in rural areas. Students will experience daily life in an agricultural community in Japan. They experience farming by staying at a farmhouse, learn history and culture by visiting shrines and temples, join local festivals, and enjoy insect collecting and firefly observing in nature.

They can experience daily life of Japanese people with their friends that they cannot experience in ordinary tours, and these experiences will be precious memories for them.

Here are some examples of homestay experiences in Chiba Prefecture.



Recommended! "Chiba-Style Homestay" in a Family-run Guesthouse

- Designed exclusively for student groups—no general guests, so you can enjoy a safe and comfortable stay.
- Each guesthouse accommodates four to six students, with two to three rooms available.
- The main purpose is to experience everyday life in a Japanese home.
- Take part in preparing meals, learn how to lay out a futon, and discover the customs of daily Japanese living.
- Unlike regular homes, these guesthouses are equipped with spacious kitchens and large communal baths.
- Yukata (light summer cotton kimono) are also available for a deeper cultural experience.
- Some guesthouses feature outdoor BBQ areas and offer fun evening activities like fireworks and suika-wari (watermelon splitting).



Major Districts with Minpaku Facilities

- 1 Urayasu City
- 2 Katsuura City
- 3 Minamiboso City



Characteristics of Homestay Types in Chiba Prefecture

General Household

- Students will go shopping together at supermarkets and cook dinner with their host family.
- Students may visit nearby attractions or facilities with their host family.
- Meals are enjoyed together at the family dining table.

Family-run Guesthouses

- While hosting student groups, these guesthouses do not accept other guests, allowing hosts to spend the entire day interacting with the students.
- With their spacious kitchen, students can help cook dinner and experience tasks such as setting the table.
- They can also experience laying out futon bedding in a tatami-mat room.
- As there are many rooms, students can use as many as they need.
- Yukata are provided.
- With two or more baths, students can relax and take their time bathing.
- Students can enjoy hands-on activities using the facilities and fields owned by the guesthouse.

Farm Experience Program

An agricultural experience program for elementary, junior high, and high school students in Minamiboso City. The program does not include accommodation (homestay).

The activity time is between 10AM and 3PM, and can be adjusted upon request. Activities include farm work and orchard work, which vary depending on the farm you visit and the season. If you wish, you can also join the farmer to prepare and enjoy lunch together. Please apply at least two months in advance.



Examples of Activities:

- Harvesting vegetables and fruits
- Rice planting and weeding
- Fruit picking and artificial pollination
- Pruning and gathering branches
- Other seasonal farm activities



► For more information, please contact the Chiba Prefectural Tourism & Local Products Association.
E-mail: kyouryo-ib@chiba-tpa.or.jp

Agriculture / Traditional Crafts



1

Futomaki Matsuri-sushi making experience

太巻き祭りずしづくり

“Futomaki Matsuri-sushi” is a traditional local dish from Chiba Prefecture, typically enjoyed on celebratory occasions. Various ingredients are carefully arranged so that floral patterns or characters appear in the cross-section when the roll is sliced. In this hands-on experience, participants learn about Japan’s sushi culture and traditional techniques from local residents while making their own Matsuri-sushi.

Contact: HANAMIYUI

+81-4-7099-8073 (Japanese only)
 kakashir410@gmail.com (Japanese only)



Reservation



2

Making One of Japan’s Top Three Traditional Uchiwa Fans (Boso Uchiwa)

日本三大うちわ (房州うちわ) づくり

Boso Uchiwa, designated as a traditional craft by Japan’s Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, is ranked as one of the country’s top three uchiwa (hand-held paper fan). These elegant fans are known for their delicate lattice-like “window” design, created by finely splitting bamboo and weaving the ribs together with thread. In this workshop, you can try your hand at part of the crafting process—such as applying washi paper, gluing, and finishing. Don’t miss this chance to experience a classic symbol of Japanese summer.

Contact: Uchiwa no Ota-ya

+81-470-33-2792 (Japanese only)
 order@ota-ya.net
 (English and Japanese available)



Reservation



3

The House of Cosplay in Doramu no Sato

ドラマの里コスプレの館

At this facility, visitors can try on costumes such as ninja outfits, Edo-period samurai attire, or traditional townspeople clothing. After changing, you can stroll through the adjacent “Boso-no-Mura” open-air museum and enjoy taking photos against the backdrop of recreated historical streetscapes. Costumes are available in a wide range of sizes for both children and adults.

+81-476-85-8155 (Japanese only)
 doramu-no-sato@town.sakae.chiba.jp
 (Japanese only)



Reservation



4

Chiba Prefectural Open-Air Museum Boso-no-Mura

房総のむら

This interactive museum features faithfully recreated buildings and streetscapes from different periods of Japanese history. Visitors can enjoy hands-on and engaging experiences while learning about traditional ways of life and cultural techniques. With a wide variety of activities—such as candle making, tea ceremony, and rice cracker grilling—it’s the perfect place to deepen your understanding of Japan’s heritage.

+81-476-95-3333 (Japanese only)
 mura@chiba-muse.or.jp (Japanese only)



Reservation



5

Fruit Picking

果物狩り

Chiba Prefecture, with its relatively mild climate throughout the year, boasts a thriving agricultural industry and offers many fruit-picking farms where visitors can enjoy hands-on experiences. Strawberry picking, especially popular from December to May, allows visitors to sample a variety of strawberry cultivars. Other seasonal offerings include blueberries from June to August and pears from August to October.

Reservation

JAL Agriport

☎ +81-476-37-6965 (Japanese only)
✉ jalagri-info@ml.jal.com
(English and Japanese available)



6

Tea Ceremony Service

呈茶サービス

Mihamaen is a traditional Japanese garden located within Makuhari Seaside Park in Chiba City, conveniently close to Tokyo. The garden features an authentic tea house called Shoraitei, where visitors can enjoy a serving of matcha tea accompanied by seasonal sweets. It's a wonderful opportunity to casually experience the Japanese tea ceremony while strolling through the garden.

Reservation

☎ +81-43-296-0126 (Japanese only)
✉ info-makuhari@seibu-la.co.jp
(Japanese only)



7

Wagashi Making Experience

和菓子づくり体験

Along the approach to Katori Jingu Shrine, one of the most famous ancient shrines in the Kanto region, is Iwatate Honten, a traditional wagashi (Japanese sweets) shop loved by locals in Katori City for over 130 years. Here, visitors can try making nerikiri, a classic type of wagashi. Skilled artisans provide careful guidance, making it easy even for beginners.

Reservation

☎ +81-478-57-3048 (Japanese only)
🌐 <https://thebase.com/inquiry/iwatateh-base-shop>



8

Indigo Dyeing Experience

藍染め体験

The Oyama Senmaida rice terraces in Kamogawa City consist of 375 terraced paddies, creating a stunning satoyama landscape. Here, visitors can try indigo dyeing using leaves harvested from abandoned farmland. By applying your favorite patterns, you create a one-of-a-kind handkerchief unique in the world.

Reservation

☎ +81-4-7099-9050 (English, Japanese)
✉ info@senmaida.com (English, Japanese)



Model Itinerary

A Course

Day 1

Narita Airport
(arrival in the morning)

Sawara and
Katori Jingu Shrine
(wagashi making experience)

Naritasan Shinshoji Temple
and Boso-no-Mura

Chiba City (overnight stay)

Day 2

Chiba City

School exchange program

Tour of local
industrial facilities

Homestay in Minamiboso City
(overnight stay)

Day 3

Minamiboso City

Home Visit (morning)

Mother Farm

Kamogawa City
(overnight stay)

Day 4

Kamogawa City

Kamogawa Sea World

Oyama Senmaida
Rice Terraces

Return to
Tokyo/Kanagawa

Katori Jingu Shrine

香取神宮

With a history of 2,600 years, this venerable shrine attracts over two million visitors each year. The main hall, decorated in black lacquer with green and gold accents, stands out for its striking beauty. The treasure hall houses more than 200 cultural assets including national treasures and important cultural properties, making it one of Chiba Prefecture's most prominent shrines.

1697-1 Katori, Katori City, 287-0017

8:30-17:00

Open 365 days

Free

JR Sawara Sta. 13 min
by Katori City Loop Bus

*Closed during December 29-January 3



Iwatate Honten

岩立本店

Along the approach to the shrine, you'll find rows of traditional confectionery shops, souvenir stores, and cafes. Iwatate Honten is a long-established Japanese sweets shop with a history of over 120 years. Visitors can enjoy classic confections passed down through generations, its popular warabi mochi (bracken starch dumpling), as well as new creations crafted with a focus on flavor and texture.

1896 Katori, Katori City, 287-0017

8:00-17:00

Thursdays

JR Sawara Sta. 13 min
by Katori City Loop Bus

*Closed during December 29-January 3



Experience the vibrant life of
sea animals and the powerful,
dynamic performances of orcas

Kamogawa Sea World

鴨川シーワールド

One of the few aquariums in Japan that keeps orcas, Kamogawa Sea World features four show stages where visitors can enjoy performances by belugas, orcas, dolphins, and sea lions. It is one of Kamogawa City's most popular attractions, and the facility also includes an all-you-can-eat restaurant, souvenir shops, and an on-site hotel.



1464-18 Higashi-cho, Kamogawa City 296-0041

9:00-16:00

*Hours may vary depending on the season.
Please check the official website for details.

No fixed holidays

*Please check the official website for details.

Adult 3,300 yen / Child (Elementary and junior high school student) 2,000 yen / Infant (age 4 and above) 1,300 yen

JR Awa-Kamogawa Sta. 10 min by free shuttle bus

JR Tokyo Sta. 120 min
by highway bus



Enjoy sweeping fields of pink blossoms and
delightful encounters with adorable animals

Mother Farm

マザー牧場

Mother Farm is a well-known tourist ranch in Chiba Prefecture. Within its vast grounds, you'll find not only the farm itself but also flower fields, an amusement park, an orchard, and glamping facilities, offering fun for visitors of all ages. Guests can interact with a variety of charming animals and admire spectacular seasonal flower displays throughout the year.



940-3 Tagura, Futsu City 299-1601

February-November: Weekdays 9:30-16:30, Sat, Sun and national holidays 9:00-17:00

December-January: Weekdays 10:00-16:00, Sat, Sun and national holidays 9:30-16:00

*Weekend and holiday hours apply during New Year holidays, spring break, Golden Week, and summer vacation.
Please check the official website for details.

Adult 1,500 yen / Child 800 yen

JR Sanukimachi Sta. 25 min by bus

JR Kimitsu Sta. South Exit 35 min
by paid direct bus



Muslim-friendly Locations in Chiba

Chiba Prefecture offers Muslim-friendly services at the airport, some hotels, and some restaurants as well.

Prayer Room



Narita Airport

Terminal 1: 2F (After Passport Control) / 5F (Before Passport Control)

Terminal 2: 1F (Before/After Passport Control)

Terminal 3: 2F (Public Area) / 3F (After Passport Control)

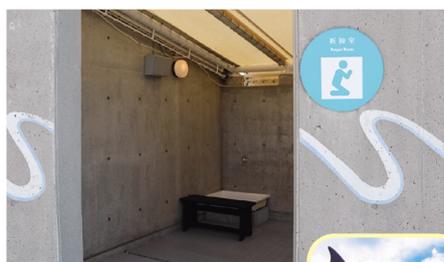


AEON MALL Makuhari New City

Grand Mall 4F Grand Terrace



MITSUI OUTLET PARK KISARAZU



Kamogawa Sea World



SHISUI PREMIUM OUTLETS®



Muslim-friendly Facilities

■ Restaurants ■ Hotels ■ Tourism facilities

Name	TEL	Access
AJIDOKORO TAKARAYA	+81-438-22-3765	https://takaraya.jp/menu/
DASHIDOKORO HAN-NARI	+81-43-308-6535	https://www.premiumoutlets.co.jp/shisui/brands/detail_1093.html
Homemade Udon Noodles KINEYA MUGIMARU	+81-476-32-7877	https://gourmet-kineya.co.jp/search/599/
La Toque	+81-476-34-6193	https://www.halalgourmet.jp/restaurant/473
Student cafeteria "Shokujin" (Kanda University of International Studies)	+81-432-73-1322	https://www.kandagaigo.ac.jp/kuis/main/shokujin/
HOTEL SPRINGS MAKUHARI SUIRAN	+81-432-96-3111	https://springs.co.jp/english/
SUSHI FUJINO	+81-474-03-4777	https://sushi-ichizyu.com/
KIKUYA	+81-476-36-8036	http://www.kikuya.site
MARROAD INTERNATIONAL HOTEL NARITA	+81-476-32-9111	https://www.marroad.jp/narita/
HOTEL SPRINGS MAKUHARI	+81-43-296-3111	https://springs.co.jp/english/
CHIBA PORT SQUARE	+81-43-307-6810	https://portsquare.jp/ *There is a prayer room



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<https://www.visitchiba.jp/educational-travel/>

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