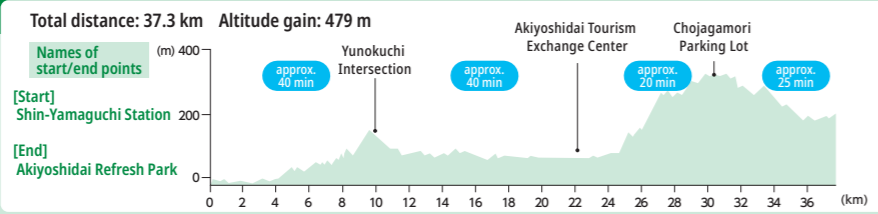


### 1-1 Akiyoshidai Green Karst Highway

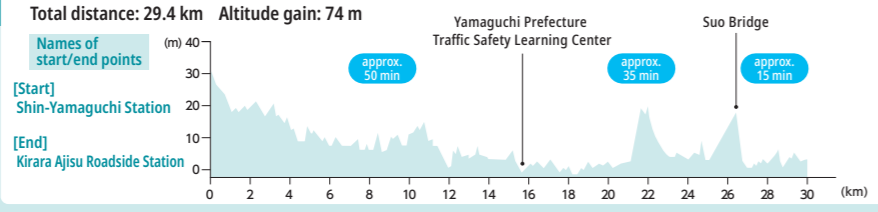
This route starts at Shin-Yamaguchi Station, the gateway to the prefectural capital of Yamaguchi City, and takes you through the magnificent Akiyoshidai karst plateau that was formed 350 million years ago. The sublime landscape of this karst plateau, one of the largest in Japan, boasts a beauty that will captivate everyone who sees it.



Akiyoshidai MAP B-3 Akiyoshidai MAP B-3 Akiyoshido Cave MAP B-3 Akiyoshido Cave MAP B-3

### 1-2 Akiyoshidai Green Karst Highway (Fushino River Route)

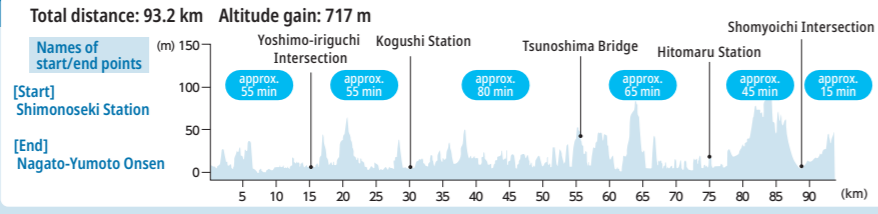
This route starts in Yamaguchi, the "capital of the West" that thrived under the Ouchi clan of shugo-daimyo (feudal lords) during the Muromachi period, and takes you along Fushino River, which runs from north to south through the center of Yamaguchi City. This is a flat route overall that is ideal for beginners and families.



Yuda Onsen (foot bath) MAP B-3 Five-Story Pagoda of Ruriko-ji Temple MAP B-3 Cherry blossom trees along Ichinosaka River MAP B-3 Suo Bridge MAP B-3

### 2 Tsunoshima Bridge Blue Ocean Sea Route

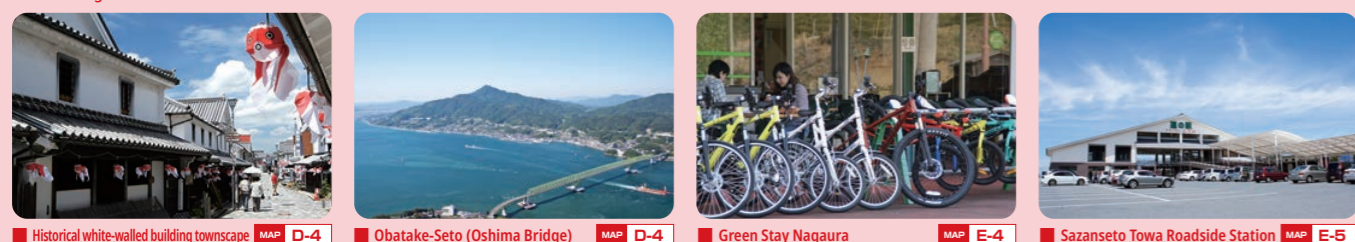
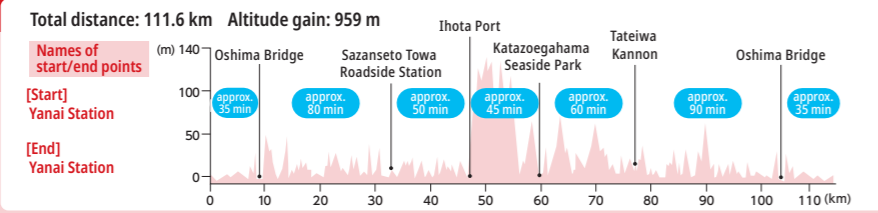
This route starts at Shimonoseki Station, the gateway from Kyushu, and heads to Tsunoshima Island, famous for having some of the most beautiful scenery in Yamaguchi Prefecture, with Hibikinada visible on the left. It goes along the calm Yuya Bay and eventually ends at Nagato-Yumoto Onsen, a famous hot spring with the longest history in Yamaguchi Prefecture.



Bichanohana, Honshu's westernmost point MAP A-4 Kitaurakido Hohoku Roadside Station MAP A-3 Tsunoshima Bridge MAP A-2 Nagato-Yumoto Onsen MAP B-3

### 3 Southern Seto Orange Sea Route

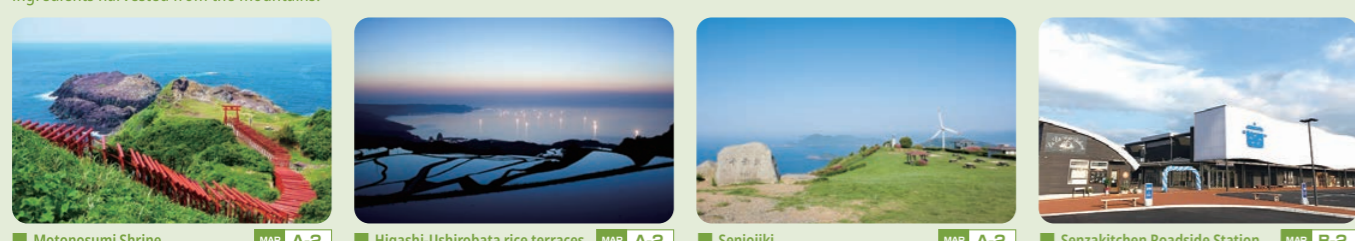
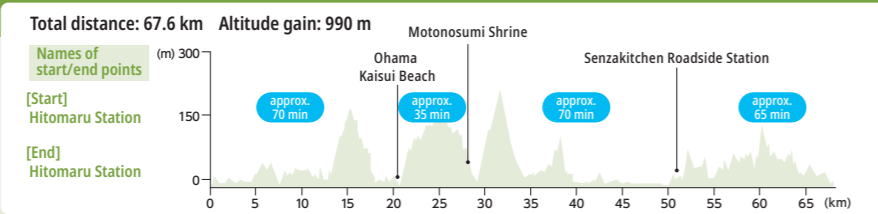
This route starts and ends at Yanai, famous for its historical white-walled building townscape, and brings you around Suo-Oshima, an island open to cyclists. It offers a pleasant ride in the sea breeze while allowing you to enjoy views of the beautiful islands of the Seto Inland Sea and mikan orange farms.



Historical white-walled building townscape MAP D-4 Obatake-Seto (Oshima Bridge) MAP D-4 Green Stay Nagaura MAP E-4 Sazanseto Towa Roadside Station MAP E-5

### 4 Kitanagato Scenic Power Spot Circuit

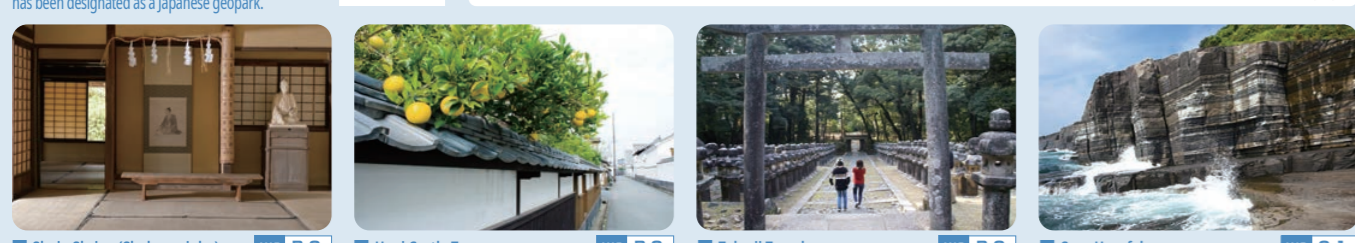
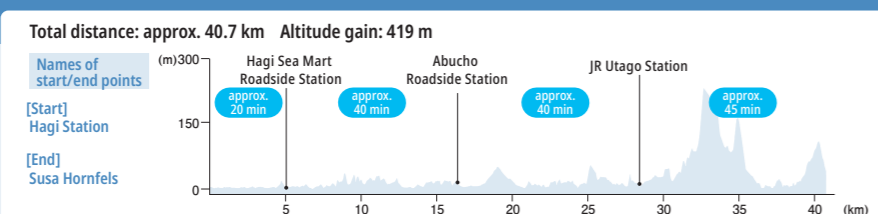
While this is a demanding route with steep slopes, it takes you to popular spots with spectacular views such as Motonosumi Shrine, the Higashi-Ushirobata rice terraces, and Senjojiki. You can stop by the Senzakitchen Roadside Station along the way to enjoy local seafood and ingredients harvested from the mountains.



Motonosumi Shrine MAP A-2 Higashi-Ushirobata rice terraces MAP A-2 Senjojiki MAP A-2 Senzakitchen Roadside Station MAP B-2

### 5 Hagi World Heritage Sea Route

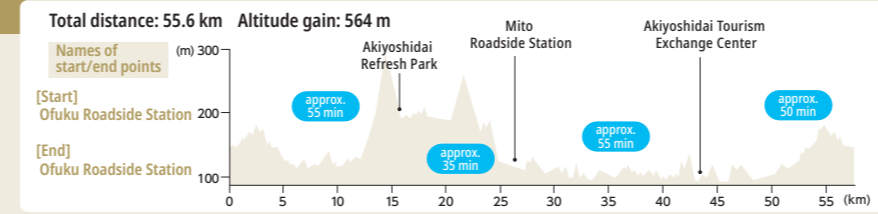
This route takes you on a tour of Shokosanjuku and the Hagi Reverberatory Furnace, which together comprise a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After passing through downtown Hagi, you will enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Sea of Japan and the Sogogawa Bridge, a favorite subject among railway photography enthusiasts, as you head for the Susa Hornfels, which has been designated as a Japanese geopark.



Shoin Shrine (Shokosanjuku) MAP B-2 Hagi Castle Town MAP B-2 Toko-ji Temple MAP B-2 Susa Hornfels MAP C-1

### 6 Akiyoshidai Geoadventure Circuit

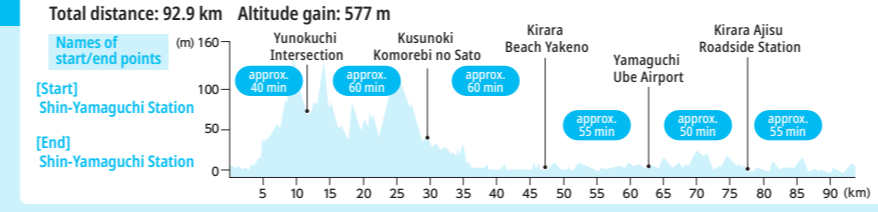
This route takes you on a tour of various spots that comprise the Mine Akiyoshidai Geopark. It features many spots where you can experience the area's long history, such as the Beppubent Pond, a beautiful pond with clear blue spring water that has been selected as one of Japan's top 100 water bodies, numerous limestone caves, and the sites of battles that took place at the end of the Edo period.



Ofuku Onsen MAP B-3 Beppubent Pond MAP B-3 Kagekiyodo Cave MAP B-3 Mito Roadside Station MAP B-3

### 7 Seto Inland Sea Adventure Circuit

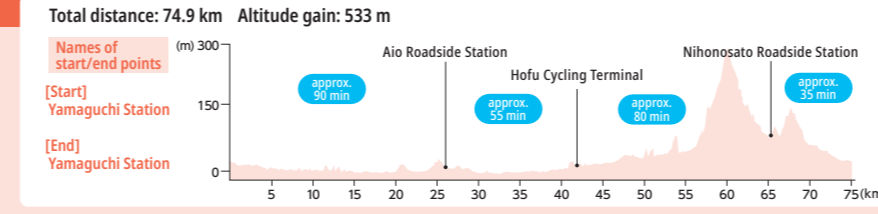
This route starts and ends at Shin-Yamaguchi Station and allows you to enjoy the changing scenery from the mountains to coastal areas. The latter half of the route continues along a relatively level path as it passes by Yakeno Beach, selected as having one of Japan's 100 most beautiful sunsets, and the kuguri-wa (pass-through rock) at Cape Motoyama.



Kusunoki Komorebi no Sato MAP B-4 Yakeno Beach MAP B-4 Kuguri-wa at Cape Motoyama MAP B-5 Tokiwa Park MAP B-4

### 8 Suo Den'en Cycling Circuit

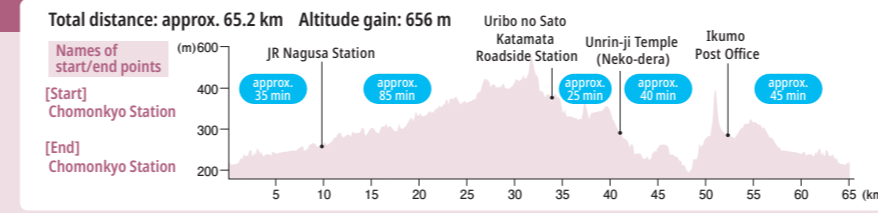
This route takes you along three cycling roads: Yamaguchi Akiyoshidai Park Cycling Road, Suo-Olan Cycling Road, and Sabagawa Cycling Road. The path is well maintained and gentle throughout, although the latter half of the route includes a mountain pass.



Yamaguchi Akiyoshidai Park Cycling Road MAP B-3-4 Hofu Tenman-gu Shrine MAP C-4 Sabagawa Cycling Road MAP C-3-4 Nihonosato Roadside Station MAP C-3

### 9 Ato MTB & SL Circuit

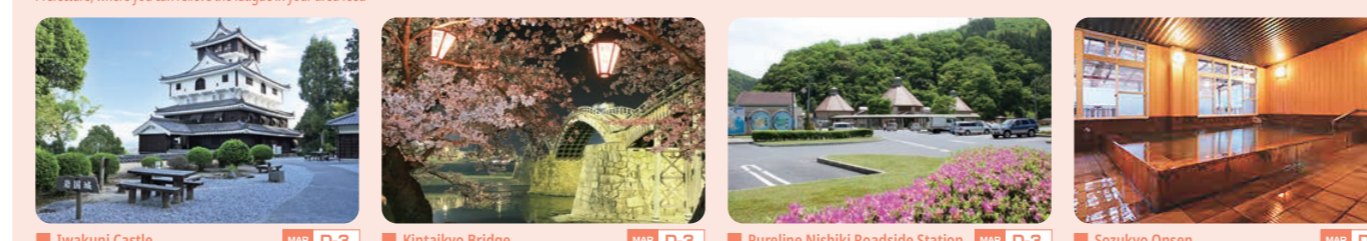
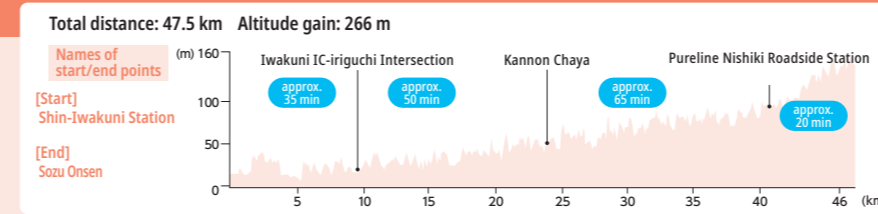
This route takes you on a tour of the hill country of Yamaguchi and Hagi cities, including stops at Tokusamine, where you can enjoy activities such as mountain climbing, MTB, and camping, as well as Unrin-ji Temple, also known as "Neko-dera" (Cat Temple). You can enjoy picking apples, riding bicycles alongside trains pulled by steam locomotives, and the peaceful country landscape dotted with many red roofs featuring Sekishu roof tiles.



Riding alongside trains pulled by steam locomotives MAP C-2-3 Chomonkyo Gorge MAP C-3 Apple-picking MAP C-2 Unrin-ji Temple (Neko-dera) MAP C-2

### 10 Nishikigawa Seiryu Highway

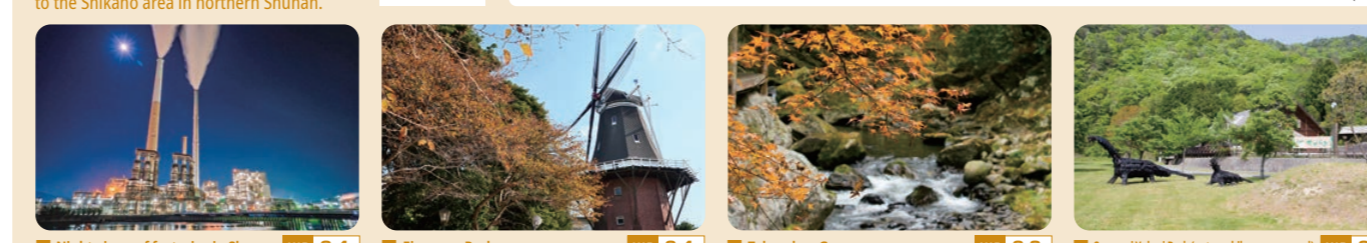
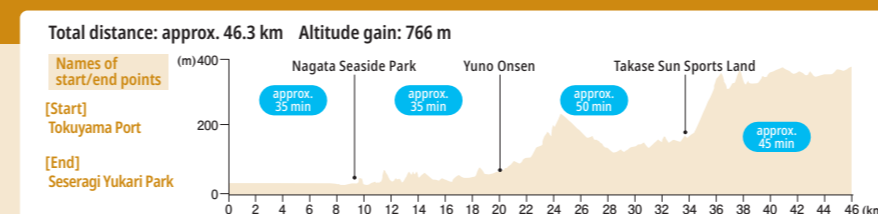
This route takes you through the Iwakuni castle town area that is home to Kintaiyo Bridge and Iwakuni Castle, the seat of power of the Kikkawa clan that was a vital pillar of the Mori-Ryosen system, before leading you along the pristine Nohki River to a mountainous area upstream. You will eventually arrive at Sozokyo Onsen, a secret hot spring located at the foot of Mt. Jakuchi, the highest peak in Yamaguchi Prefecture, where you can relieve the fatigue in your tired feet.



Iwakuni Castle MAP D-3 Kintaiyo Bridge MAP D-3 Pureline Nishiki Roadside Station MAP D-3 Sozokyo Onsen MAP D-3

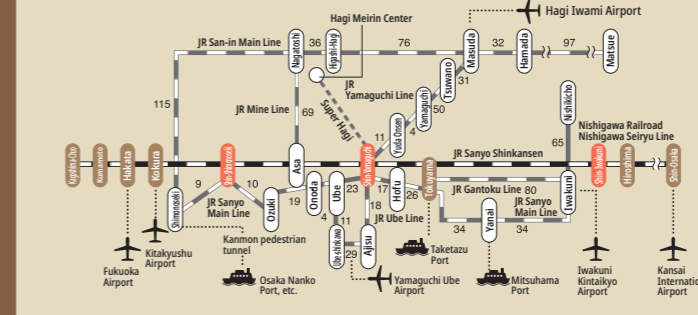
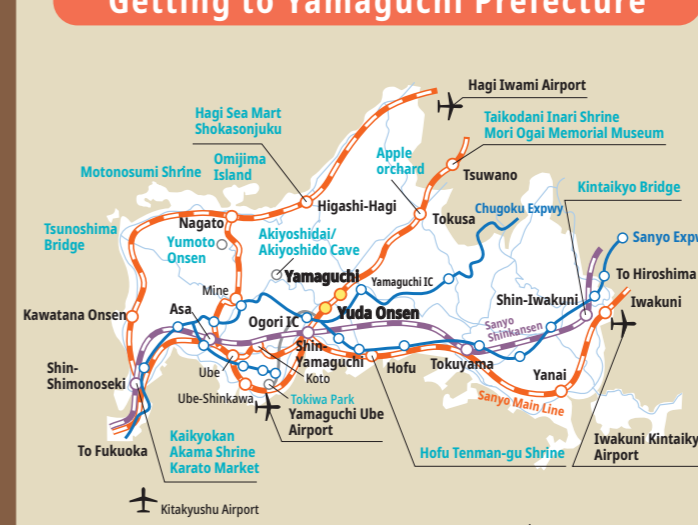
### 11 ALPINE Climb Highway

This ascending route takes you from Tokuyama Port through a factory area boasting one of the 12 most beautiful night views of factories in Japan and into a mountainous area. After enjoying views of the calm Tokuyama Bay and the factory area, the route climbs along a mountain stream and leads you to the Shikano area in northern Shunan.



Night views of factories in Shunan MAP C-4 Eigenzan Park MAP C-4 Takasekyo Gorge MAP C-3 Seeragi Yukari Park (automobile campground) MAP C-3

### Getting to Yamaguchi Prefecture



\*The required durations (minutes) indicated for the JR San-in Main Line and JR Yamaguchi Line apply to express and limited express trains.  
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\*The required duration for the Super Hagi (bus) ride is 60 minutes.

## Yamaguchi Bicycle Vacations

# Cycling Map

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### Traffic Rules and Etiquette

- Ride in the leftmost vehicle lane in general.
- Ride with consideration for pedestrians.
- Always wear a helmet for safety.

#### Inspect your bicycle before riding.

Make sure to inspect your bicycle prior to departure to ensure a safe and comfortable ride. If you are not confident about the bicycle, seek advice at a bicycle shop or similar location.

#### Ride in the leftmost vehicle lane in general.

Bicycles are vehicles. By law, you should ride bicycles in the leftmost vehicle lane. Sidewalks with signs indicating "for use by bicycles and pedestrians" have been designated for bicycle use, but pedestrians have priority. If there are any pedestrians, you must reduce speed and maintain a safe distance as you pass them. You should stop and get off the bicycle if you cannot pass them safely. You should not ring the bicycle bell.

#### Obey the traffic rules.

- Bicycles must obey the traffic lights at intersections. If the light for going straight is red, you cannot turn left either. To make a right-hand turn, ride on the leftmost edge of the road and first cross the street, then make a 90-degree turn to the right and cross the street again.
- Bicycles must also obey stop signs and perform a "temporary stop" wherever stop signs are put up.
- You should ride bicycles in a single file. Do not ride bicycles parallel to each other.
- The headlamp should be turned on when riding in a tunnel. You should also turn on the headlamp if riding after dark is unavoidable.
- It is strictly prohibited to ride bicycles while intoxicated, with two people on a bicycle (with the exception of children under the age of six and tandem bicycles), while holding an umbrella, while using a cell phone, smartphone, headphones, or other similar devices.

#### Exercise courtesy toward pedestrians and residents while riding.

The road is not a racetrack. It is used by other people in the course of their daily lives. Always remember to be grateful for being allowed to ride your bicycle in places where others live. Make sure to reduce your speed when riding through residential areas. Whenever someone gets out of your way, you should say "Arigato!" (thank you) to make the interaction pleasant for both parties.

#### How to use hand signals: For both single riders and group riders

When riding a bicycle that lacks signal lights and brake lights, you should indicate your actions to drivers and cyclists behind you with hand signals. You should vocalize your actions as well. If circumstances do not allow for hand signals, vocalization alone is acceptable. Groups of cyclists will be safer if the cyclists in the back acknowledge the hand signals of those in front by shouting "Hai!" (okay).

Tandem bicycles may be ridden on public roads in Yamaguchi Prefecture.

### Services for International Visitors

Yamaguchi Free Wi-Fi

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### 12 Ishin no Shishi Highway

This route starts at the Kanmon Straits, the site of the Genpei War and the Shimonoseki War that took place at the end of the Edo period. It takes you on a tour of sites related to the Meiji Restoration, including Kozan-ji Temple where the Kheitai Militia led by Takasugi Shinsaku rose in revolt, other parts of the Chofu castle town, and Togyo-an Temple, where Takasugi Shinsaku's grave is. This route is a must-visit for history buffs.

### Famous Products from Yamaguchi Prefecture

Fuku (Hagi) cuisine

Kawaraboba

Sake

Mandarin orange hotpot

Kamaboko and chikuwa  
Uiro