

The most biggest fest in Takatori town

高取城

THE 37TH TAKATORI CASTLE FESTIVAL

Guest



Taiga Nakano

The cast of the NHK Taiga drama "Toyotomi Brothers!", scheduled to air in 2026.



Sun. Nov. 23rd
10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Free Admission / Rain or Shine

Matsuno Gate (Takatori Playground)
And Tosa Kaido Street in Takatori Town, Nara

*15 minutes walk from Kintetsu Railway, Tsubosakayama Sta.
Parking & Shuttle bus are available at Takatori Town Office.

Google Map



More Info



MAIN AREA PROGRAM

Matchlock gun demonstration / Iaido martial arts / Tate(stage sword combat) performance /
"Histrical Parade" / Nankin-tamasudare (street performance) / "Yume-odori" dance / "Yosakoi-odori" dance





Taiko Drum Opening

The opening act will be performed by the Taiko drum group 'Wadaiko Kojō,' who have been active since 1997.



Takatori-jo Castle Ruins Special Exhibition

Exhibition about panels and diorama recreating Takatori Castle in its heyday, and illustrations related to Takatori Castle.

Matchlock Gun Demonstration

A matchlock guns demonstration will be held at the main venue. Don't miss the thunderous firings performed by the Osaka Castle Gun Corps, the Kudoyama Gun Corps, and the newly formed Takatori Castle Gun Corps.



Uemura's Nagayamon Gate

The side gate of Uemura's Nagayamon Gate will open. You can look inside at a valuable modern samurai residence from outside the fence. Please note the opening hours.

Opening Hours: 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM



Historical Parade

The procession of merchants, samurai retainers, and people in armor walks along Tosa-Kaido Street. This year, they will depart from the main venue and walk toward the station at the town's entrance.



Ema of "Namode-odori Dance"

Three precious Edo-period votive plaques, depicting rain-making rituals and their fulfillment, will be specially exhibited at Kojima-jinja Shrine.



The Stone Walls Bathed in Autumn Colors

Takatori-jo Castle Ruins, one of Japan's Three Great Mountain Castles, is also famous as a light hiking course. Along the ascent, you'll encounter the mysterious Saruishi (Monkey Stone), a rare water moat typical of mountain castles, the Kunimi Yagura ruins with splendid views, and stone walls that increase in number as you approach the summit.

In autumn, you can admire the vibrantly colored maple trees around the stone walls of the main keep's ruins. Let's enjoy hiking to the summit while feeling the autumn atmosphere.

※Visitors should wear comfortable walking attire and be mindful about the descent time.

Maegawa Family Special Exhibition

The Maekawa family's historical collection of sankin-kōtai travel diaries with modern Japanese translations and valuable materials from the Takatori Domain are on display.



Tsubosaka-Dera Temple

Statues of Lord Toyotomi Hidenaga and Lord Honda Toshimasa.

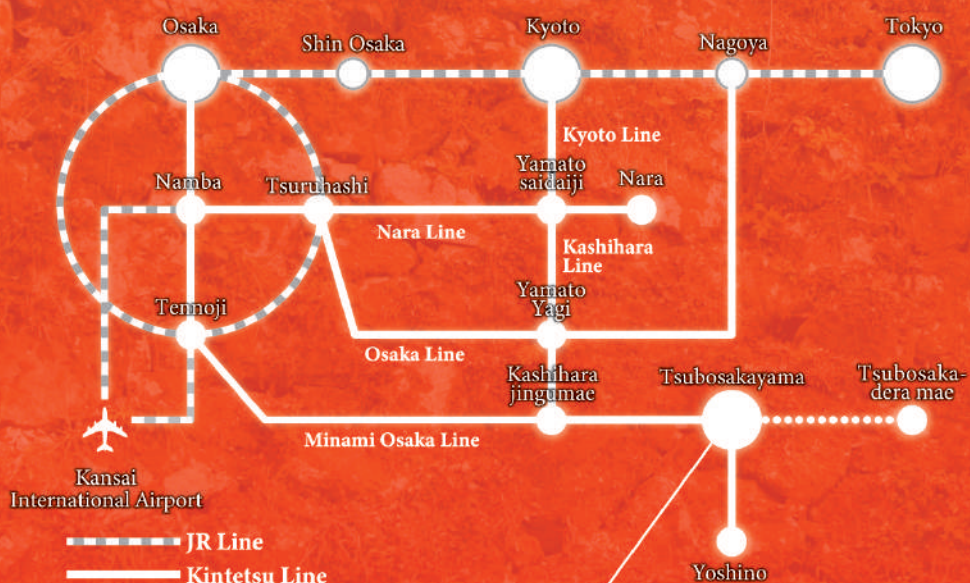
The Kanchōdō Hall houses wooden statues of Lord Toyotomi Hidenaga and Lord Honda Toshimasa, Lord of Takatori Castle, created during the Edo period.

Entrance Fee Discount
JPY 800 → JPY 700
(If you bring this flyer)

Entrance Fee + "Ominugui"
(Cleaning of the Great Buddha)
Special Price JPY 1,000



Nighttime light-up in progress.



90min from Kyoto
60min from Osaka

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