

Enakyo Gorge

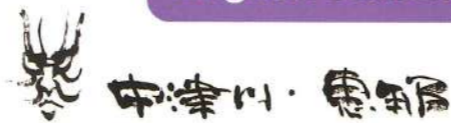
Gifu Prefecture

Take your time enjoying the charms of the Nakatsugawa and Ena region. See the historic Nakasendo and mountain castles. Why not experience the present Nakatsugawa and Ena while tracing the footsteps of our past?

Relaxing Trip

Nakatsugawa & Ena

English edition



Mitsuhide Festival



Tsukechi Gorge



Local Kabuki Theater



Kinefuri Hanauma Festival

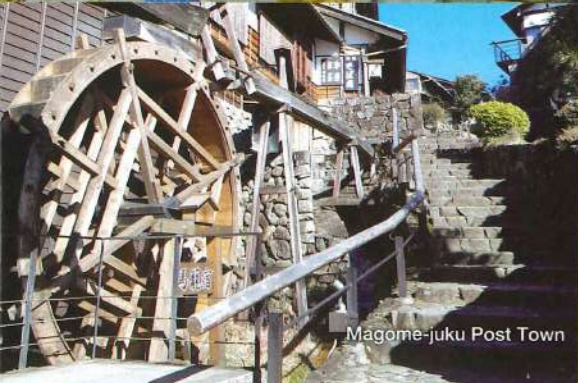


Sakaori Terraced Rice Fields



Gohei Mochi

Kuri Kinton



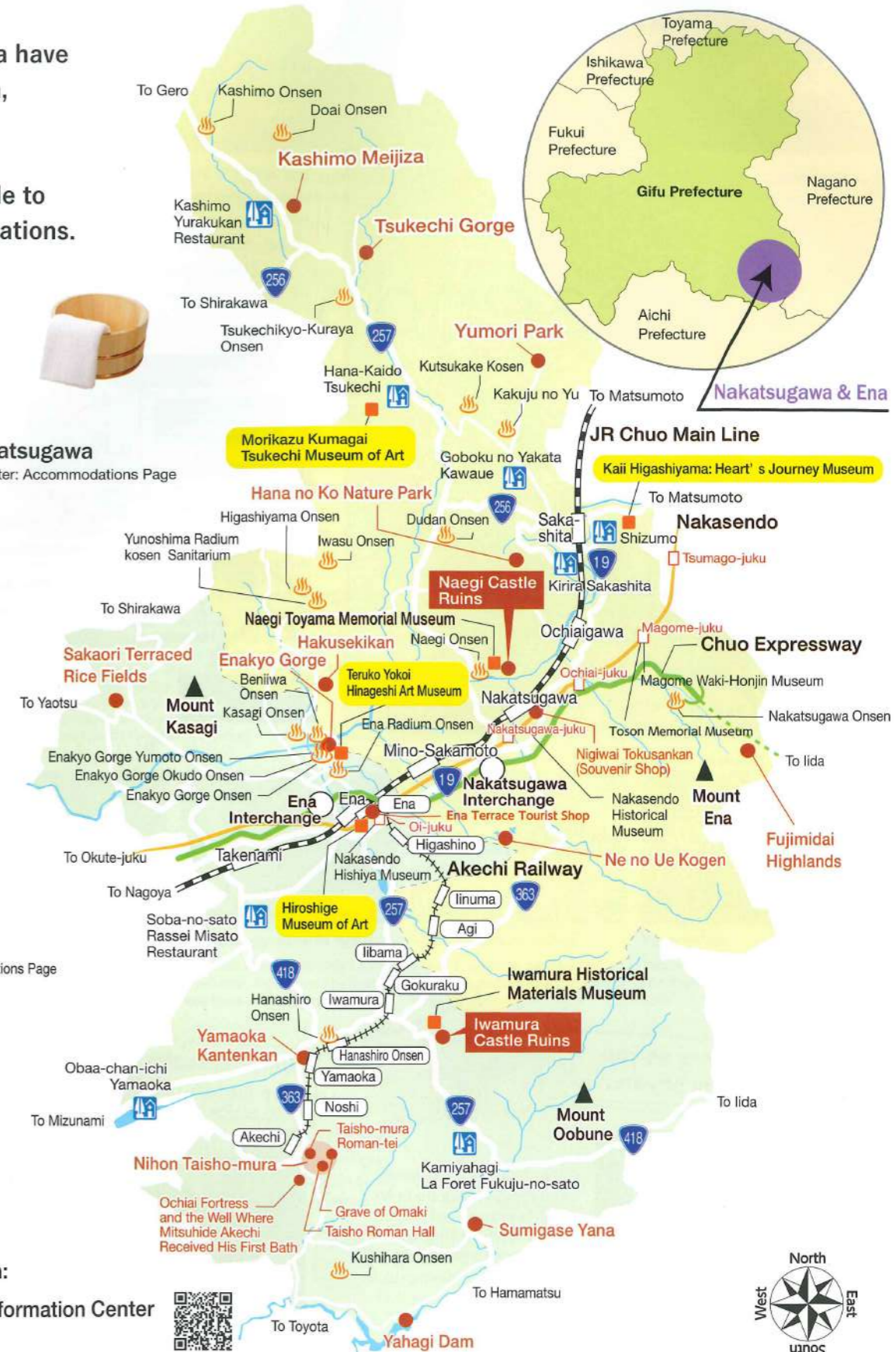
Magome-juku Post Town



Lion Dance

Have your fill of fun, then kick back and relax.

Nakatsugawa and Ena have many excellent onsen, including medically beneficial kosen. You can use a QR code to search for accommodations.



Where would you like to stay tonight?
Search for accommodations in Nakatsugawa
Nakatsugawa Tourist Information Center: Accommodations Page



Get some R & R



Where would you like to stay tonight?
Search for accommodations in Ena.
Ena City Tourism Association: Accommodations Page



Get some R & R

For Tourism Information:

Nakatsugawa Tourist Information Center
Phone: 0573-62-2277

Ena City Tourism Association
Phone: 0573-25-4058

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Mountain Castle

Nakatsugawa Official Historical Site

This castle atop a bluff offers picturesque views.

Naegi Castle Ruins

The Naegi Castle Ruins are located on a high cliff that towers over the right bank of the Kiso River, which runs through Nakatsugawa. The tower is 170m above the river. One unique feature of the ruins are the stone walls, which integrated some of the many naturally occurring massive boulders of the mountain into their construction. In modern times, an observation deck was added to the castle tower so that visitors could enjoy the gorgeous views of Mount Ena and the Kiso River. In April 2017, the Naegi Castle Ruins were selected for inclusion in the "Continued Top One Hundred Castles of Japan" list.



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Scenic Views from the Tower Ruins

The observation deck offers a lovely view of Mount Ena and the Kiso River, including a full panoramic view from Nakatsugawa to Ena's Mount Kasagi.



Attractions of Naegi Castle Ruins

Please contact the archives at the Naegi Toyama Memorial Museum a week in advance if you would like a volunteer guide from the Naegi Castle Ruins to assist you.

Naegi Toyama Memorial Museum
Phone: 0573-66-8181

Fees

Natural Boulders Oyagura (Large Tower)	Superb View Tower With Observation Deck	Must-see View Kasagi Tower	Guardian Deities of Castle Lord Eight Great Dragon Kings
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Visit the two major mountain castle ruins!

Majestic, cleverly constructed stone walls surround both mountain castles.

Ena Gifu Historical Site

Iwamura Castle Ruins

With its magnificent stone walls, The Misty Castle is one of the top three castles in Japan.

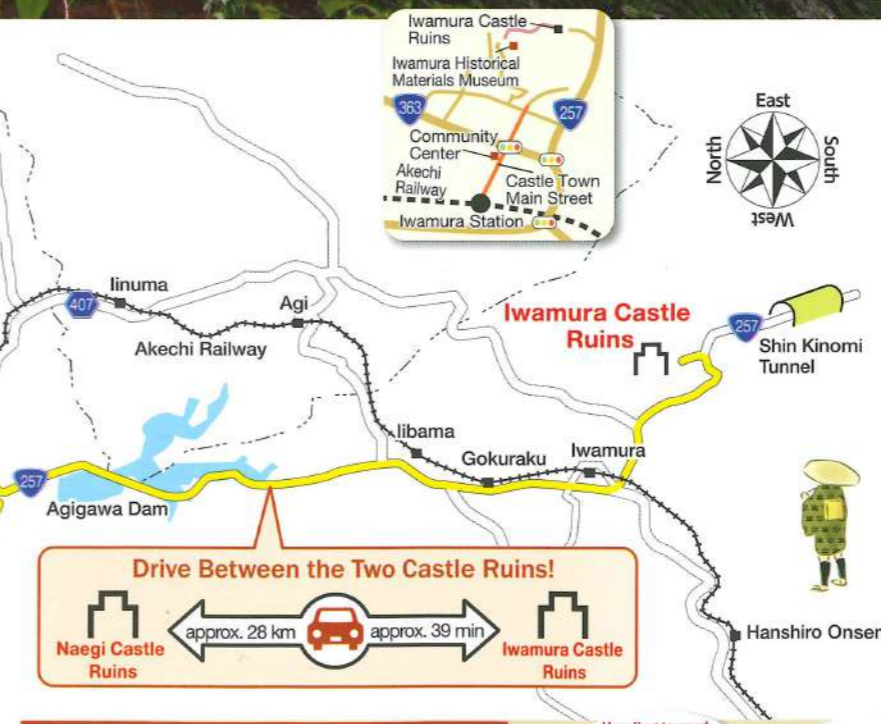
Iwamura was constructed at the highest elevation in the country, 717m, making it one of the top three mountain castles in Japan. It was also selected for the "Top One Hundred Castles of Japan" list. Its construction made skillful use of the 180m difference in elevation for defensive purposes, as well as the local climate, where fog is prevalent. Thus, it is also known as the Misty Castle (Kiriga-jo). The original structure is no longer standing, but its legendary Misty Well (Kiriga-i) remains.



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Touring Iwamura Castle Town

Just grab a bite while walking around!
Main Street connects the ruins to Akechi Railway, Iwamura Station. Some homes still remain from the feudal period, when the town flourished under the rule of various great men and the Mistress of the Castle.



Drive Between the Two Castle Ruins!
Naegi Castle Ruins ← approx. 28 km (approx. 39 min) → Iwamura Castle Ruins

Attractions of Iwamura Castle Ruins

If you would like a tour guide for Iwamura, please contact:
Ena City Tourism Association, Iwamura Office
Phone: 0573-43-3231

Iwamura Historical Materials Museum
Phone: 0573-43-3057

Fees

Heading toward the inner citadel! Restored Feudal Lord's Estate	Not there yet! First Gate	A little farther! Hachiman Shrine Ruins	You made it! Inner Citadel
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A Oi-juku (Sixty-Nine Stations of the Kisokaido, Oi (Hiroshige))



B Nakatsugawa-juku (Nakatsugawa on a Clear Day) (Sixty-Nine Stations of the Kisokaido, Nakatsugawa (Hiroshige))



Unknown Nakatsugawa-juku (Nakatsugawa in the Rain) (Sixty-Nine Stations of the Kisokaido, Nakatsugawa (Hiroshige))



C Ochiai-juku (Sixty-Nine Stations of the Kisokaido, Ochiai (Hiroshige))



D Magome-juku (Distant View From the Pass Near Magome Station (Eisen))

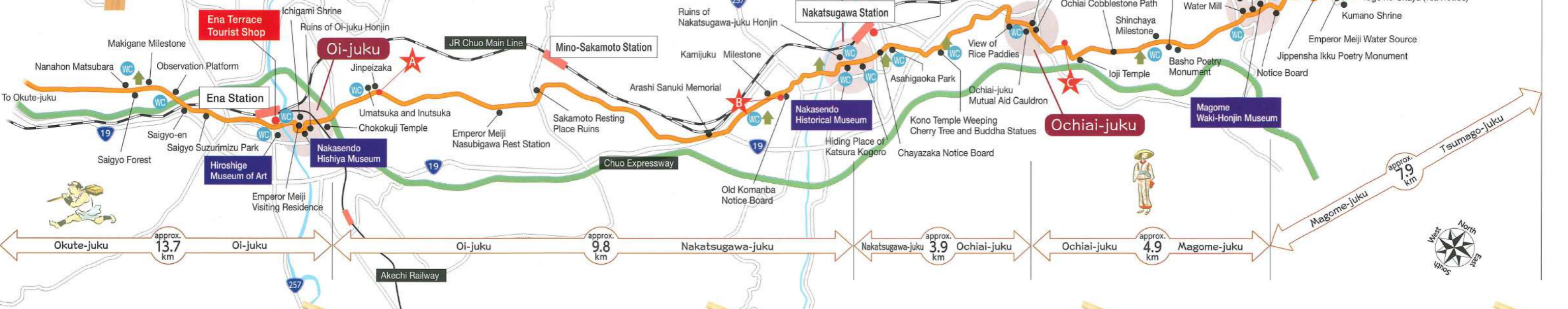
- ★ The stars represent the area believed to be depicted in each woodblock print.
- WC Restroom
- ↑ Rest Area

広重と英泉 Hiroshige and Eisen
The Nakasendo is also known as the Kisokaido, borrowing the name of the picturesque Kisoji route. This collection of ukiyo-e woodblock prints of the Nakasendo's 69 stations was drawn by the Edo-era artists Hiroshige Utagawa and Eisen Keisai. It displays the splendor of nature while conveying the feelings of travelers.

Nakasendo Traveling the Nakasendo

Tracing the footprints of travelers and historical figures along the route

The Nakasendo was one of the Five Routes established in the Edo period. It was a major route stretching from Nihonbashi in Edo to Sanjo Ohashi (Sanjo Bridge) in Kyoto. It covered a distance of 135 ri, 32 cho (approximately 534km or 332 miles). The Nakatsugawa and Ena regions contain four out of its 69 stations.



Listen to a Guide As You Roam Around Oi-juku

Nakasendo Oi-juku

Oi-juku was once a bustling hub of travel with 41 inns. Enjoy a stroll around the station and its famous places with a volunteer guide.

Tour the Sweets Shops Around Nakatsugawa-juku

Nakasendo Nakatsugawa-juku



Signboard of a Confectionary Shop With a Long History

Nakatsugawa is the birthplace of kuri kinton and has had a plethora of Japanese confectionary shops since olden times. Travelers can enjoy taking in the history of the town as they peruse the shops.

Walk cobblestones as you think on travelers of yore.

Nakasendo Ochiai-juku



Ochiai Cobblestones

The appeal of Ochiai-juku must surely lie in its cobblestones, of which it has a whopping 840m altogether. Some date back to the Edo period and have remained to this day.

Walk the streets of Magome-juku's own literary master, Toson Shimazaki.

Nakasendo Magome-juku



Toson Memorial Museum

In addition to its Toson Memorial Museum, Magome-juku also has the distinction of being a rare post town constructed atop a hill. The roughly 8km hiking course between Magome-juku and Tsumago-juku is quite popular.



Oi-juku Honjin



Oi Bridge



Glazed Chestnuts



Nakasendo Historical Museum



Ochiai-juku Honjin



Ochiai Rice Paddies

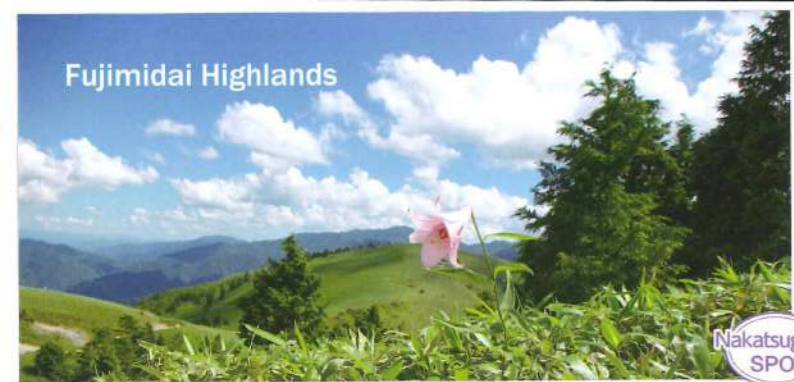


Masugata Water Wheel



Magome Waki-Honjin Museum

Fujimidai Highlands



Nakatsugawa SPOT

The Fujimidai Highlands, part of Enasan Mountain Range, reach a height of 1,739m and are located at the southern tip of the Central Alps. Part of the ascent can be done by car, making it a popular destination for young, fashionable female outdoor enthusiasts. The summit offers a majestic 360° panorama view of Mount Enasan and the North, South, and Central Alps. (Peak viewing time for fall foliage is early through late October.)

Let's Visit a Museum! Nakatsugawa



Kail Higashiyama: Heart's Journey Museum
Exhibits prints of quintessential Japanese painter Kail Higashiyama. The emotional connection to the area formed during the artist's youthful traveling days developed into a strong bond, leading him to donate over 500 works to the collection.

•Address: 1-15 Yamaguchi, Nakatsugawa •Phone: 0573-75-5222 •Hours: 9:30 AM-5:00 PM (Visitors admitted up to 30 minutes before closing time) Closed Mondays (or the next day when a Monday is a national holiday) and over the New Year holidays from Dec. 27 through Jan. 5, as well as occasional temporary closures. •Entrance Fee: General Admission 330 yen, Children junior high and under are free. (Group discounts available.)



Morikazu Kumagai Tsukechi Museum of Art
Exhibits the paintings of artist Morikazu Kumagai, who was known as a hermit of the art world. Its collection of approximately 500 pieces includes oil paintings, ink paintings, and various belongings of the artist. Of those, over 100 are oil paintings, the largest collection in the country.

•Address: 7713 Tsukechi-cho, Nakatsugawa •Phone: 0573-83-0050 •Hours: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM (Visitors admitted up to 30 minutes before closing time) Closed Mondays (or the next day when a Monday is a national holiday) and over the New Year holidays, as well as occasional temporary closures. •Entrance Fee: General Admission 700 yen, Children junior high and under are free. (Group discounts available.)



Hakusekikan (Stone Museum)
An interactive museum dedicated to the local mining and stonework industries.



Kashimo Meijiza
An important local theater established in 1894 thanks to the efforts of many villagers.



Ne no Ue Kogen (Ne no Ue Highlands)
A plateau at approximately 1,000m elevation. An azalea festival is held there annually in early May.



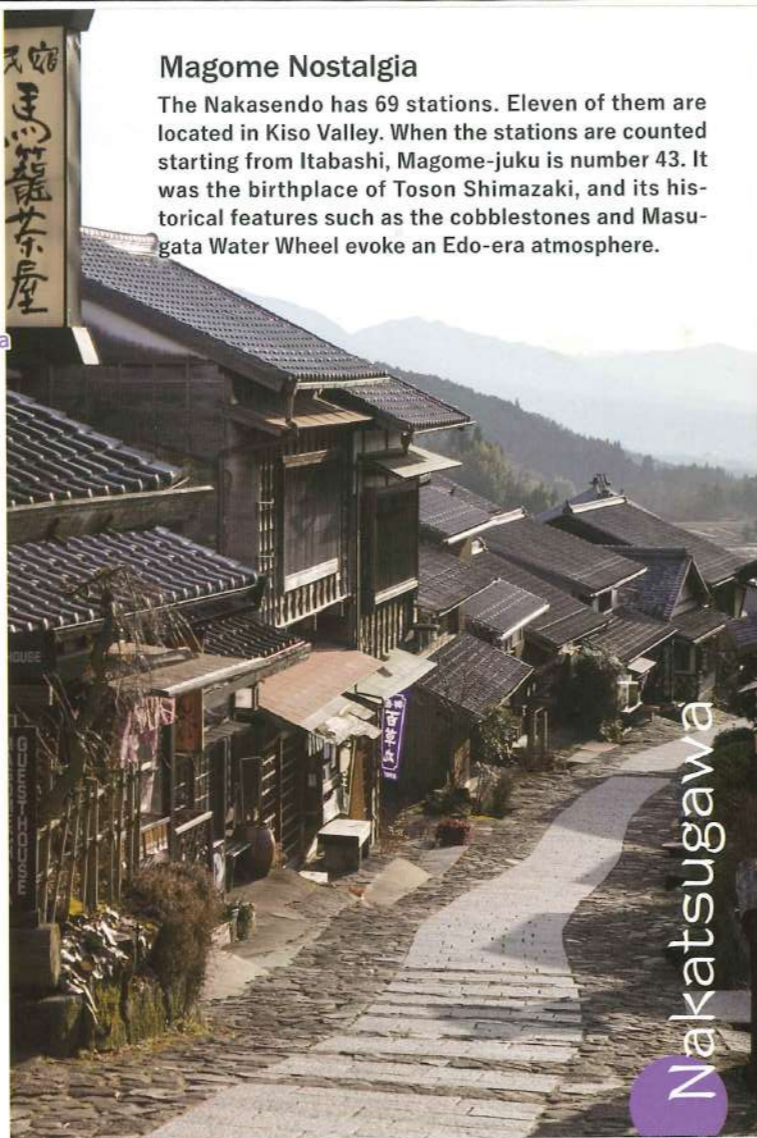
Hana no Ko Nature Park
A park with a campsite. It features an expanse of buckwheat fields.



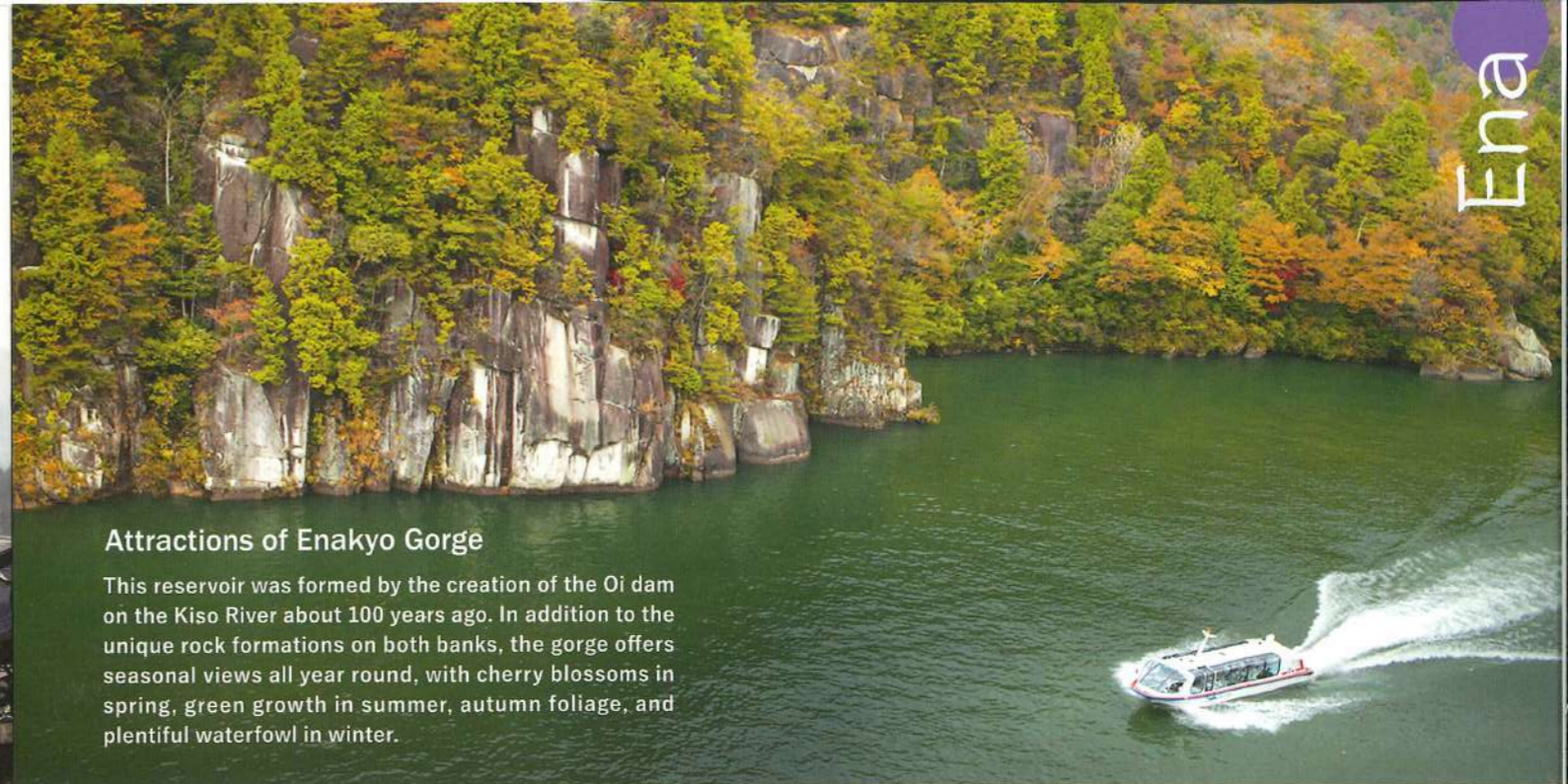
Yumori Park
You can enjoy a nice walk near the Ryujin (Dragon God) Waterfalls.

Magome Nostalgia

The Nakasendo has 69 stations. Eleven of them are located in Kiso Valley. When the stations are counted starting from Itabashi, Magome-juku is number 43. It was the birthplace of Toson Shimazaki, and its historical features such as the cobblestones and Masugata Water Wheel evoke an Edo-era atmosphere.



Nakatsugawa



Attractions of Enakyo Gorge

This reservoir was formed by the creation of the Oi dam on the Kiso River about 100 years ago. In addition to the unique rock formations on both banks, the gorge offers seasonal views all year round, with cherry blossoms in spring, green growth in summer, autumn foliage, and plentiful waterfowl in winter.



Taisho Roman Hall

Nihon Taisho-mura

In Nihon Taisho-mura, the look of the town has been preserved from its silk-producing days, brimming with a Taisho-era atmosphere from the buildings to the scenery. Rentals of kimono with arrow-fletching patterns are popular and let one experience the feeling of traveling back in time to the romantic Taisho era.

•Address: 456 Akechi-cho, Ena (Nihon Taisho-mura Tourism Office) •Phone: 0573-54-3944 •Hours: General Hours (3/1-12/14): 9:00 AM-5:00 PM (Reception closes at 4:30 PM), Winter Hours (12/15-End of February): 10:00 AM-4:00 PM (Reception closes at 3:30 PM) •Closed For New Year Holidays (12/9-1/3) •Entrance Fee For All Facilities: Adults (High School or Above) 500 yen, Children (Elementary or Middle School) 300 yen Entrance Fee For One Building Only (Taisho Roman Hall, Taisho-mura History Museum, or Taisho Era Museum): *Adults (High School or Above) 300 yen, Children (Elementary or Middle School) 150 yen. Group discounts available. [Nihon Taisho-mura Website] <http://nihon-taishomura.or.jp/>



Ochiai Fortress and the Well Where Mitsuhide Akechi Received His First Bath

Birthplace of Mitsuhide Akechi



Grave of Omaki

Let's Visit a Museum! Ena



Teruko Yokoi Hinageshi Art Museum

Exhibits works by Teruko Yokoi, a world-renowned painter from Aichi prefecture. The building itself is an attraction as well. It is a nearly one-hundred-year-old wooden storage building that was dismantled from its original location in Takayama and reconstructed.

•Address: 2632-105 Oi-cho, Ena •Phone: 0573-20-1181 •Hours: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM (Visitors admitted up to 30 minutes before closing time) •Closed Mondays (or the next day when a Monday is a national holiday) and over the New Year holidays, as well as occasional temporary closures. •Entrance Fee: General Admission 400 yen, Students (Grade School) 300 yen. (Group discounts available.)



Hiroshige Museum of Art

The museum focuses on ukiyo-e woodblock prints by creators such as Hiroshige Utagawa. Its 1,500 work collection features pieces about the Kisokaido (Nakasendo) such as the Sixty-Nine Stations of the Kisokaido collection.

•Address: 176-1 Oi-cho, Ena •Phone: 0573-20-0522 •Hours: 9:30 AM-5:00 PM (Visitors admitted up to 30 minutes before closing time) •Closed Mondays (aside from national holidays), the day after national holidays, and over the New Year holidays, as well as occasional temporary closures. •Entrance Fee: General Admission 520 yen, Special Exhibitions 820 yen, Children under 18 are free. (Group discounts available.)



Relax and enjoy a ride on a local train or pleasure boat!

Boats and trains offer plenty of individual mobility. Try a sightseeing boat tour of the renowned Enakyo Gorge on the Kiso River, or get a taste of the four seasons as you ride the Akechi Railways train on its weaving 25.1km path south through the Nakatsugawa-Ena region.



Enakyo Gorge Sightseeing Cruise

Enakyo Gorge features unique rocks and gorgeous panoramas. This jet boat is the perfect way to take in the seasonal nature views.

•Phone: 0573-25-4800 •Fee: Jet Boat: Adults 1,500 yen, Children (elementary school and below) 750 yen (but one free preschooler for each adult ticket). (Group discounts available.) •Duration: Approximately 30 minutes Available year-round (service times vary by season).

Available Year-Round!



Akechi Railway

Offers gourmet service all year. You can enjoy fine dining featuring local specialties right on the train along with the picturesque views.

•Phone: 0573-54-4101 •Cost: 2,500 yen ~ •Operates year-round (Tues., Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat., & Sun.) •Service Times: (Special Train) Departs Ena Station at 12:25 PM, reaches Akechi Station at 1:19 PM (Timetables subject to change).

Available Year-Round!

Reservation Required

Pick out your souvenirs here!!



Next to JR Nakatsugawa Station

Nigiwai Tokusankan (Souvenir Shop)

•Phone: 0573-62-2277 •Hours: 8:30 AM-6:00 PM •Closed over the New Year holidays (Dec. 29 through Jan. 3) and on the third Sunday in February.



Next to JR Ena Station

•Phone: 0573-25-4058 •Hours: 9:00 AM-6:00 PM •Closed over the New Year holidays (Dec. 30 through Jan. 4).



Get a taste of the region with its traditional chestnut confectionary culture!

Nakatsugawa and Ena are two of the leading chestnut-producing regions in Japan. Chestnut confections have been made there since olden times, and the two cities boast upwards of 50 Japanese sweets shops. The unique flavors of the region, born of the local culture's emphasis on seasonal festivals and customs, are a point of pride.



Gifu Prefecture produces 810 tons of chestnuts, the 4th highest volume in Japan. Nakatsugawa and Ena boast the highest and second highest production in the prefecture.



Mashed Sweet Chestnuts (Kuri Kinton)

A chestnut confectionary handmade by local artisans that conveys the spirit of autumn. It's a masterful creation that showcases the flavor of chestnuts with a soft, juicy texture.



Magnolia Leaf Sushi (Hoba-Zushi)

A regional offering in early summer. The aroma of fresh magnolia spreads through your mouth. Exploring the variations is part of the excitement!



Gohei Rice Cakes (Gohei mochi)

This regional treat stimulates the appetite with a fragrant aroma of chestnuts and walnuts as well as a salty-sweet sauce. It comes in ball or oval form.



Karasumi

A local sweet that was made at home during the Peach Festival (Girls' Day, March 3). Its charm lies in its sticky rice-flour texture and simple taste.