

Trip

SAKAI-CITY - Round Trip

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the city of smiles and inspiration





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THEME: 1

NATURE

Breathtaking views along the coast from Tojinbo to Echizen Matsushima, lush forest scenery and the mountain-village culture of the Takeda district. Enjoy the beautiful nature that can only be seen here.



Lush mountains, fertile land and beautiful coastline. Thriving in harmony with nature, Sakai City has much to offer. Come and visit, we promise that Sakai will inspire you!

THEME: 4

FOOD

From fresh seafood to delicious locally grown produce on fertile lands - enjoy the delicacies of Fukui.



THEME: 2

HISTORY

An array of historic and cultural locations including Maruoka Castle and Mikuni Minato Port will stimulate your intellectual curiosity. Feel the spirit and culture of people from a bygone age.



THEME: 5

HOTSPRING /STAY

Enjoy the view of a crimson sunset over the Sea of Japan at Mikuni Onsen, or admire the lush mountains at Maruoka Onsen. A special time awaits you at both locations.



THEME: 3

EXPERIENCE

Learn about the cultural heritage of Sakai City through traditional crafts such as Mikuni lanterns and Echizen bamboo dolls. Visits to the city's aquarium and amusement parks are also highly recommended.



THEME: 6

EVENT

Various events such as traditional festivals and fireworks displays are held each season. Come and experience these events for yourself if you visit.



自然 NATURE

Tojinbo

Tojinbo has been designated as a national natural monument of Japan and a place of scenic beauty. It features a spectacular landscape of columns of giant rocks that stretch for about 1 km.

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SURROUNDING AREAS



Oshima

A mysterious island surrounded by original forest. It has long been worshiped as the "Island of God" by the locals.



Echizen Matsushima

Floating in the clear ocean water, these islets boast breathtaking natural beauty with various shapes of crystalline rocks.

OTHER AREAS

Takeda District

Enjoy an abundance of nature year round in a quintessential Japanese landscape, created by the forests, mountain streams, and the mountain-village culture.



The cliffs viewed from the sea, looking impressive at a height of over 20m.

A panoramic aerial view of Tojinbo.

歴史 HISTORY

Maruoka Castle

Maruoka Castle was built in 1576 by order of Nobunaga Oda, in preparation for war. It is considered to be one of the 12 castles in Japan that have preserved their original structures.



SURROUNDING AREAS



Shonenji

This temple houses the grave of Yoshisada Nitta, a feudal warlord who was killed in battle in the 1300s. Mitsuhide Akechi, another warlord who left us the "Black Hair Legend," is also said to have lived here for 10 years in the 1500s.



Senko no Ie

Featuring a distinctive structure, this is the oldest private house in Fukui, and is also one of the most important historical buildings in Japan.

OTHER AREAS

Mikuni Minato

Mikuni Minato prospered as a port for Kitamaebune (northern-bound ships), which have been certified as part of Japan Heritage. The historic cityscape evokes the memories and prosperity of bygone days.



Takidanji

This ancient temple built in the 1300s boasts many temple treasures, some of which are national treasures. Designated as a place of scenic beauty in Japan, the garden is a must-see.



SPRING



SUMMER



AUTUMN

体験 EXPERIENCE

TRADITIONAL CRAFT AND CULTURE

Echizen Take Ningyo no Sato (Bamboo Doll Village)

Discover a large collection of bamboo dolls and craftwork made in the motif of local customs and Japanese cultural traditions. You can also view the craftsman's workshop and make bamboo crafts yourself.



Lantern Making Experience (Itoya Chochin Shop)

Make your own authentic Chochin lanterns by attaching painted Washi paper to lantern frames.



Shamisen Experience

Play the Shamisen (traditional Japanese musical instrument) in a tatami room in a Hanamachi (Geisha neighborhood) atmosphere.



Bonsai Workshop

Experience bonsai making in a Machiya (traditional wooden townhouse). Create a unique bonsai by planting the tree in a pot of your choice.

Itoya Chochin Shop

Echizen Take Ningyo no Sato

Echizen Matsushima Aquarium
Kitamae Mikuni
Shibamasa World
Maruoka Castle
Chiku Chiku Bon Bon

ENJOY MOTHER NATURE



Enjoy the unique experience of staying in a Japanese school.

Chiku Chiku Bon Bon

A former elementary school renovated into accommodation that offers various programs for you to make the most of the natural resources of Takeda and try what can only be experienced in this nature-rich mountain village.



Echizen Matsushima Aquarium

Touch sharks and octopus, feed sea turtles and fish at this experience-based aquarium. It exhibits dolphins, penguins and 7,000 fish and shellfish of about 350 species.



Shibamasa World

In addition to its many rides, this amusement park also boasts a vast lawn area and a stunning seascape. The parks giant slides attract many visitors in the summer.

GUIDED TOURS



Volunteer Guide Kitamae Mikuni

Join a tour in Tojinbo or Mikuni Minato, where a guide will offer brief backstories of the local history, nature and culture.



Maruoka Sightseeing Volunteer Guide
Visitors can learn all about the charms of Maruoka Castle on this guided tour.

食

FOOD

OTHER POPULAR FOODS



Flower Scallion



Koshino Ruby (Tomato)



Fried Tofu



Local Sake



Wakasa Beef



Koshi-Hikari (Rice)

Echizen Crab

The king of winter culinary delights whose rich flavor will thrill any gourmet. In particular, Echizen crab from Mikuni Port is well known for being offered to the royal family every year.
[Fishing season] From early November to late March



Soba with Grated Daikon (radish)

A famous soba in Fukui, soba from Maruoka features an exceptional aroma and flavor, and is best when served with grated daikon radish.

Spot Prawns

The spot prawns caught in Mikuni has a sweet taste and a delicate texture that melts in your mouth.



温泉・宿泊 HOT SPRING /STAY

Mikuni Onsen

Mikuni Onsen has many open-air baths where you can soak in a hot bath while watching the sunset. Revitalize your body and mind by taking in the refreshing air rich in marine minerals from the sea.



Maruoka Onsen

Enjoy the beauty of mother nature in each season at this hot spring located beside the Takeda River Valley. Refresh your body and mind by eating hearty dishes and soaking in the hot springs.

ONSEN DAY TRIP CITY



Iki Iki Plaza Kasumi no Sato Onsen

A five-minute drive from Maruoka Castle, this natural hot spring is a great day trip in the idyllic countryside.



Mikuni Onsen Yourport

A publicly operated natural hot spring where you can enjoy watching the sunset over the Sea of Japan while soaking in a hot bath.



行事 EVENT

SPRING

Maruoka Castle Cherry Blossom Festival (Maruoka Castle)

In early April, you can enjoy the fantastic views of Maruoka Castle with the cherry blossoms lit up by lanterns at night. Certified as one of "Japan's Top 100 Cherry Blossom Viewing Spots," the cherry blossoms at Maruoka Castle are a must-see.



Mikuni Festival (Mikuni Shrine-Mikuni City Center)

One of the three major festivals in the Hokuriku region held for three days between May 19th and May 21st. In the middle of the festival (on the 20th), floats over six meters in height line up in front of Mikuni Shrine.

Takeda Village Weeping Cherry Festival (Takekurabe Plaza)

In mid-April, more than 100 weeping cherry trees bloom and are lit up after dark, attracting many who come to enjoy the stunning views of the cherry blossoms at night.



SUMMER

Mikuni Fireworks Display (Mikuni Sunset Beach)

A fireworks display representing Hokuriku, which is held on August 11 each year. Approximately 10,000 fireworks light up the midsummer night sky, while the famous making the water sparkle like giant flowers in the Sea of Japan.



AUTUMN

Mikuni Minato Obi no machinagashi (Mikuni City Center)

Dancers walk in procession dancing through the distinctive city to the tune of "Mikunibushi," a traditional folk song from this region, accompanied by shamisen (traditional Japanese instrument) and flute. "Obi no machi" refers to "a town with narrow streets like kimono sash belts".



Maruoka Old Castle Festival (Maruoka Castle)

A festival held around Maruoka Castle every October. It features the "Gomangoku Parade," where feudal warlords parade around in a 400-strong entourage.



WINTER

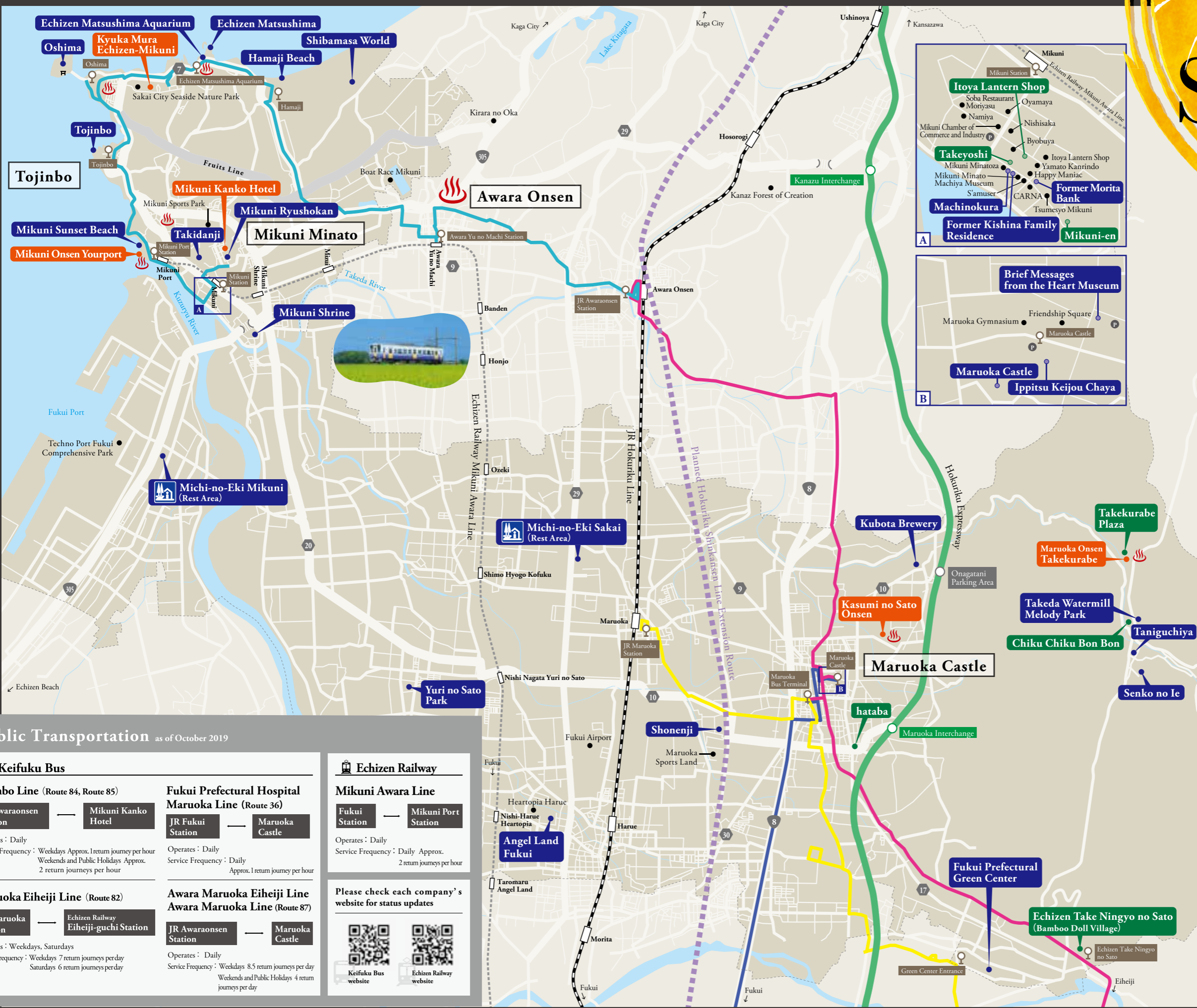
Mikuni Minato Crab Festival (Mikuni Sunset Beach Parking Lot)

Held in November when the crab fishing season commences, the festival offers ocean-fresh Echizen crabs.

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Sakai City MAP



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Public Transportation as of October 2019

Keifuku Bus

Tojinbo Line (Route 84, Route 85)

JR Awaraozen Station — Mikuni Kanko Hotel

Operates: Daily
Service Frequency: Weekdays Approx. 1 return journey per hour
Weekends and Public Holidays Approx. 2 return journeys per hour

Fukui Prefectural Hospital Maruoka Line (Route 36)

JR Fukui Station — Maruoka Castle

Operates: Daily
Service Frequency: Daily Approx. 1 return journey per hour

Maruoka Eiheiji Line (Route 82)

JR Maruoka Station — Echizen Railway Eiheiji-guchi Station

Operates: Weekdays, Saturdays
Service Frequency: Weekdays 7 return journeys per day
Saturdays 6 return journeys per day

Awara Maruoka Eiheiji Line Awara Maruoka Line (Route 87)

JR Awaraozen Station — Maruoka Castle

Operates: Daily
Service Frequency: Weekdays 8.5 return journeys per day
Weekends and Public Holidays 4 return journeys per day


Echizen Railway

Mikuni Awara Line


Fukui Station — Mikuni Port Station

Operates: Daily
Service Frequency: Daily Approx. 2 return journeys per hour

Please check each company's website for status updates



Keifuku Bus website



Echizen Railway website

GREAT VALUE TRAVEL PASS

- Echizen Railway 1-day travel pass**
Valid on Saturdays, public holidays, year-end and new-year holidays (*except August 11)
Adult 1,000 yen Child 500 yen
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Perfect for sightseeing in the Tojinbo area!
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Michi-no-Eki Mikuni (Fureai Park Sanrihama)



Located along the road to Tojinbo and Echizen Beach, the rest area offers local vegetables and souvenirs made in Fukui. You can find a wide variety of pickled third-year flower scallion, a specialty of Sanrihama.

Michi-no-Eki Sakai (Sakai Community Center Inesu)



A farmer's market built next to Michi-no-Eki Sakai. As well as farm-fresh local products such as vegetables, rice, rice cakes, miso and tofu, sushi and deli foods are also popular.

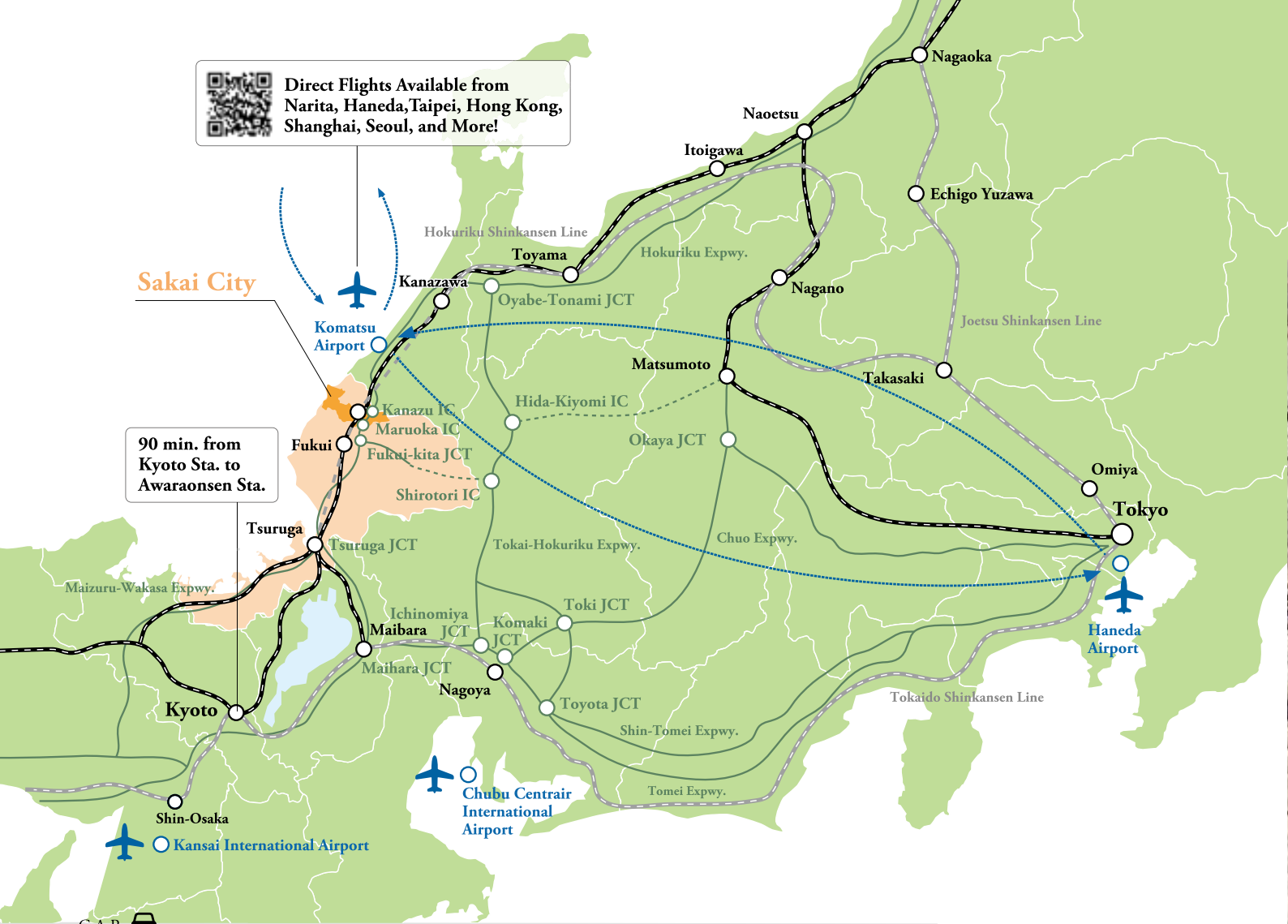
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Awaraoansen Sta.



Fukui



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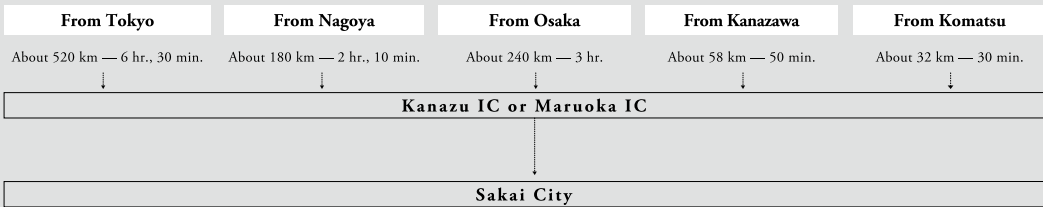


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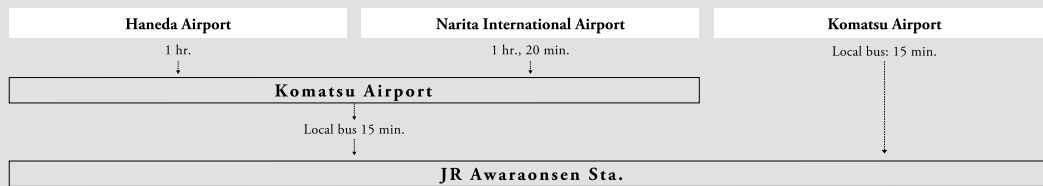
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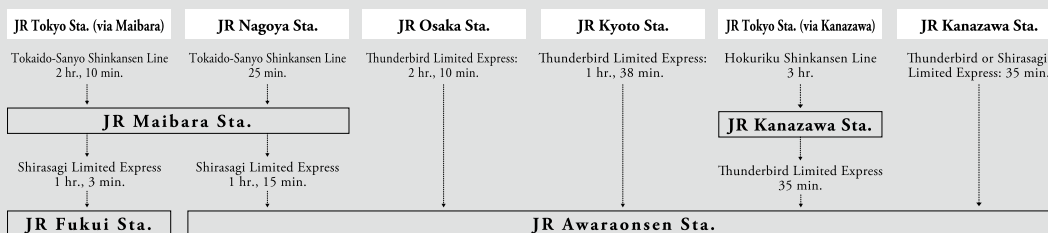
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