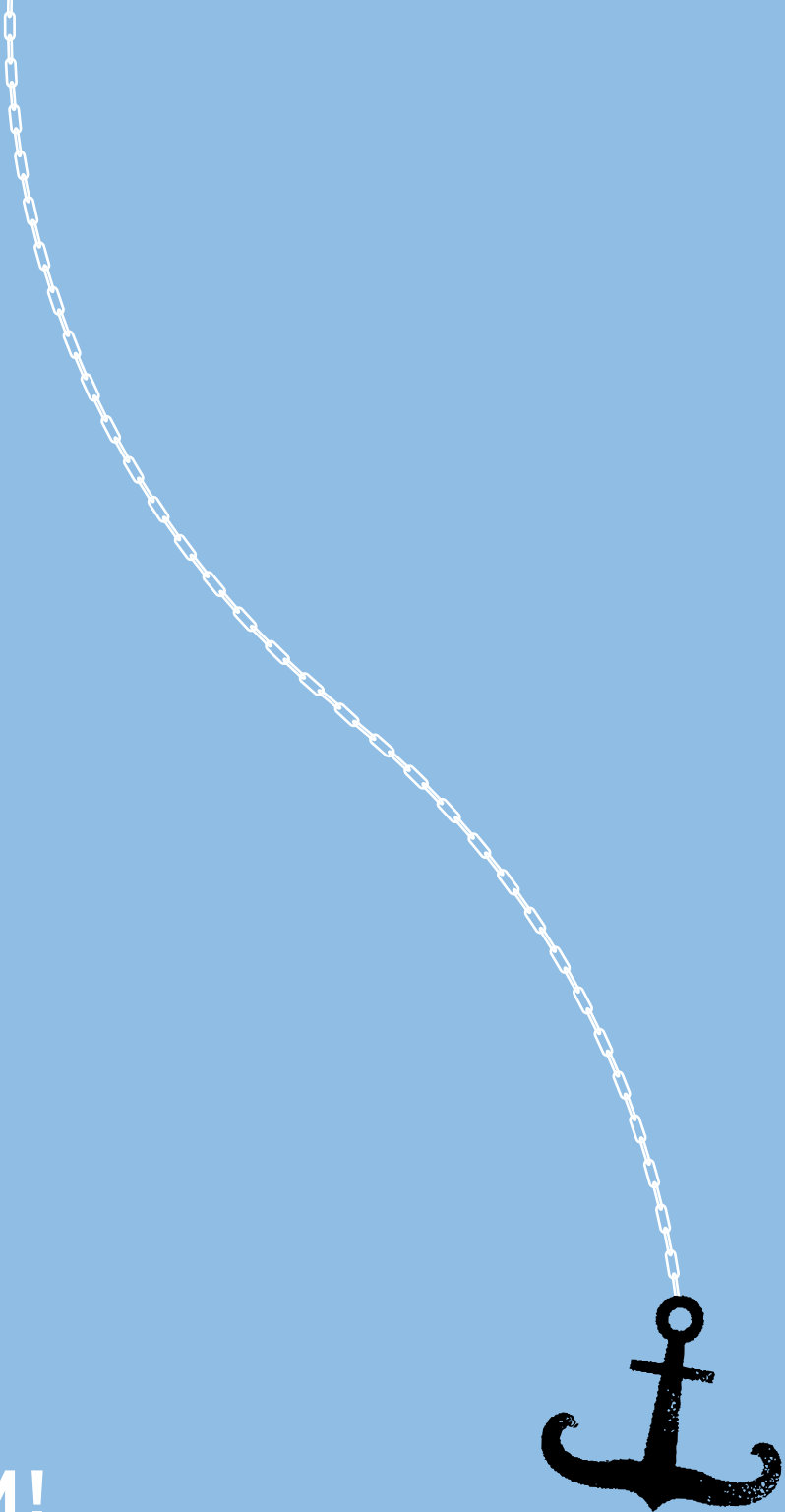


Kure City Tourism Guidebook

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TRAVEL GUIDE BOOK

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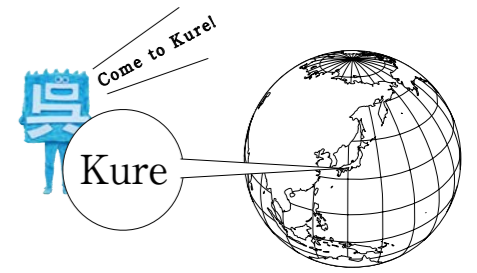


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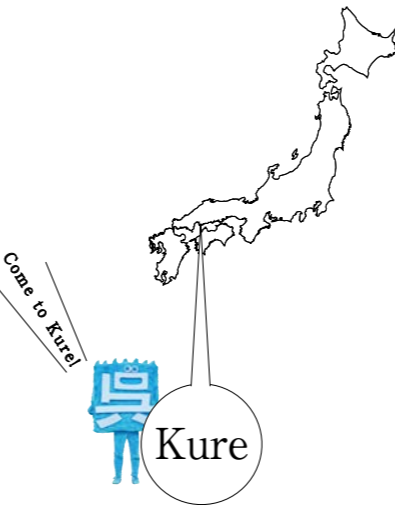
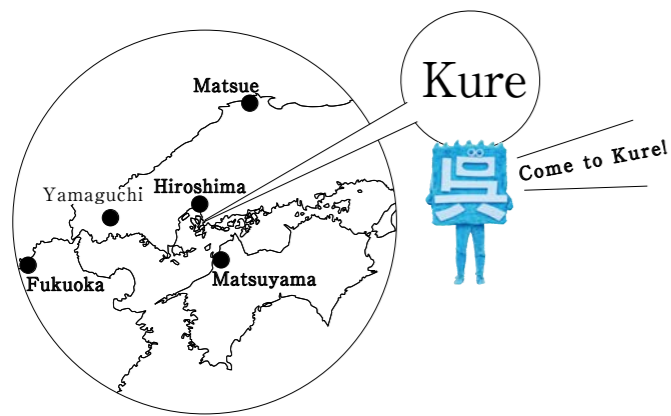
Being surrounded by the sea, Japan has various seaside towns

that have their own atmosphere.

Among them, the Seto Inland Sea area now has been attracting much attention.

Kure City, adjacent to Hiroshima City, is located in the area.

Beautiful landscape of islands. Warm-hearted local people. Vibrant town.



Various traditions handed down from ancient times. Delicious food.

The seaside town Kure has a variety of faces.

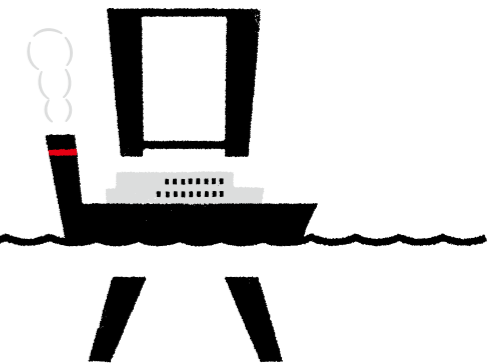
Why is Kure hot now?

To find the answer, don't you want to visit the city as many times as you like?

Now popular "Kure-shi" (Kure City's official mascot) is

also waiting for you, saying,

'Come to Kure! Enjoy Kure!'



Yamato Museum (Kure Maritime Museum)



The world's largest battleship "Yamato" which was built in Kure has been re-created at 1/10 scale and displayed at the museum, along with other large items such as a "Zero Fighter" and a human torpedo "Kaiten." The history of Kure developed along with the modernization of Japan, and science and technology of shipbuilding and steelmaking that supported the history have been handed down to the present day.

- 9:00-18:00 (Last entry 17:30)
- close Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
- Open every day during Golden Week (April 20-May 5), summer vacation (July 21-August 31), and New Year's holiday (Dec 29-Jan 3).
- Adults (includes college students) ¥500, High school students ¥300, Elementary and junior high school students ¥200 *Extra charge for special exhibition
- 🅑 Approx. 285 cars (pay parking)
- ☎ 0823-25-3017

Alley Karasu Kojima

The only park in Japan where you can see submarines up close. It has a retro-inspired atmosphere with former navy arsenal brick buildings.

- At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurashijima Line" or "Aga Ondo no Seto Line" bus. Get off at "Sensuitai-mae" and walk for one minute.
- 🅑 28 normal size cars, 10 buses (Free of charge)
- ☎ 0823-23-7845 (Kure Tourism Information Plaza)



JMSDF naval vessel open to the public

At JMSDF Kure Naval Base, one naval vessel is open to the public every Sunday. A different naval vessel is chosen every week so you can enjoy revisiting many times. (*You may take photos outside the naval vessel. Advance reservation required. For more information, contact Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)

- Every Sunday 10:00- 13:00- 15:00- *Reception starts 20 minutes prior to the opening time. Please come to the Keisenbori Main Gate.
- At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurashijima Line" or "Aga Ondo no Seto Line" bus. Get off at "Showa Futo-mae" and walk for one minute.
- 🅑 Not Available (walk for 5 minutes from the Alley Karasu Kojima parking)
- ☎ 0823-22-5511 (Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)

Exciting location.
Your Kure experience starts here.

Take a leisurely stroll around Kure Port where you can see large tankers under construction, cranes, and ships that come and go with the breeze leaving a scent of history.



Kure, a city of Japan Heritage.

Naval Station Yokosuka, Kure, Sasebo and Maizuru
"The city allows you to experience the powerful modernization of Japan"



JMSDF Kure Museum

The only museum in Japan that displays a real submarine out of water. In addition to the submarine that is open to the public, the history of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and minesweeper activities are introduced.

- 9:00-17:00 (Last entry 16:30)
- Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.), December 29 ~ January 3
- Free of charge
- 🅑 Parking lot available next to Yamato Museum (pay parking)
- ☎ 0823-21-6111



Yushio-Type Submarine "Akishio"

Length: 76.2m (about the size of a jumbo jet)
Height: 16.3m (equivalent to a five-story building)
Weight: 2,250 tons
● Launched in 1985, and decommissioned in March, 2004.

Hill Overlooking History

From here you can take an overall view from the Historical dock site where the battleship Yamato was constructed till the former Kure Naval Arsenal Shipyards which symbolize the history of Kure after the Meiji period. Also the Shiki Haiku Memorial Stone (Hototogisu Kuhi), and the Great "Ah" Battleship Yamato Monument are located on the hill.

- At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take "Kure Kurahashijima Line" or "Aga Ondo no Seto Line" bus. Get off at "Shikikuh-mae" and walk for three minutes.
- 🚫 Not Available



Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department Building (Former Kure Naval Station Building)



A representative brick building of Kure completed in 1907 (Meiji 40). The combination of bricks and granite strikes a beautiful color contrast. Open to the public every Sunday.

- (*Advance reservation required. For more information, contact Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)
- Every Sunday 10:30-11:30 13:00-14:00
- At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" or "Aga Ondo no Seto Line" bus. Get off at "Sokanbu-mae" and walk for one minute.
- 🚫 Not Available
- ☎ 0823-22-5511 (Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)



Nagasaki Park (Former Navy Cemetery)

Kure Japan Heritage Map

Since the establishment of Kure Naval Station in 1889 (Meiji 22), Kure developed as a naval base city. There are still a lot of historical sites, ruins, and remains related to Kure Naval Station. Let's stroll around Kure while experiencing the powerful modernization of Japan.



Kure Maritime Museum (Yamato Museum)

Former Kure Naval Arsenal Shipyard Shipbuilding Dock Big Roof (Only the outside is viewable from Hill Overlooking History)

Alley Karasu Kojima

Former Kure Naval Arsenal Site of Navy Engineer Training Center and surrounding naval remains

Irifuneyama Memorial Museum

Former Official Residence of Commander-in-Chief of the Kure Naval Station

Former Kure Naval Arsenal Clock Tower

Former Detached Room of the Residence of Fleet Admiral Togo

Map of Kure Naval Port

Former Powder Magazine of Takagarasu Battery

Hill Overlooking History

Kure Trade Warehouse Transportation Ltd.

Daikure Co., Ltd. Kure No. 2 Factory



Walk through the town of Kure, which still retains vestiges of the former times when it flourished as a naval port.

Maybe the naval personnel strolled around here viewing this scenery?

Reflecting on its history, enjoy the atmosphere characteristic of Kure at your own pace.

Irifuneyama Memorial Museum



The former official residence of the Kure Naval Station Admiral, a National Important Cultural Property is located inside the museum. It was restored as it had been in 1905 (Meiji 38) based on the original documents found recently. Its walls and ceilings of the European-style part of the building are covered and decorated with "Kinkarakami" (Japanese gilded embossed paper), which are worth looking.

The former Naval Base Tower Clock was constructed inside the former Naval Base in 1921 (Taisyo 10), and kept its time till the end of the war together with Kure Base. It is the oldest electric parent-and-child system clock still working in Japan. The melody coming out from the tower four times a day was composed by elementary and junior high school students in Kure.

- 9:00-17:00 (Last entering until 16:30)
- Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday), December 29-January 3. *No closing during August.
- Adults (University students and older) ¥250, High school students ¥150, Elementary and junior high school students ¥100
- Thirteen-minute walk from JR Kure Station. By bus, at Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" or "Aga Ondo no Seto Line" bus, get off at "Meganebashi" and walk for three minutes.
- 🚗 Approx. 122 cars (pay parking)
- ☎ 0823-21-1037



Bijutsukan-Dori and Kure Municipal Museum of Art

Bijutsukan-Dori (Art Museum Street) heals the hearts of passersby. It has been selected as one of Japan's best 100 streets.

Kure Municipal Museum of Art stands on this moderate slope. It collects and exhibits a variety of excellent artworks from Japan and overseas.

- Same as Irifuneyama Memorial Museum
- 🚗 122 cars (pay parking)

With too many exciting spots, Kure will surprise you!



Battleship Yamato is also hiding here!

This popular secret spot is located on the Bijutsukan-Dori and the road in front of Former Navy Cemetery (the main gate of Nagasaki Elementary School). Let's find manhole covers that depict the Battleship Yamato!



WHAT'S KURE BOOM?
KURE CITY
CENTRAL AREA



Seto Inland Sea has its own healing view where beautiful islands are located.

Mt. Noro, part of the Setonaikai National Park, is the spot in which the Kawajiri and Yasuura area takes pride.

For the Setonaikai National Park, the mountain is 839 m high, the second highest next to Mt. Rokko in Kobe.

After taking in the beautiful view of a group of islands, enjoy your stay to the full.



Sazanami Skyline

A main road toward Mt. Noro. You can enjoy seasonal landscapes such as a row of cherry trees and colorful autumn leaves as well as the scenery of beautiful islands in Seto Inland Sea.



■ About one hour by car from Kure City center

Green Pia Setouchi Resort

A resort facility blessed with a rich natural environment and a mild climate. Everyone, from children to senior citizens, can enjoy sports and various activities at the resort. Facilities include swimming pools, a ground golf area, a wide grass area, and much more. Guest rooms command full views of the Seto Inland Sea. Spend a great time at this spacious resort facility in the Seto Inland Sea surrounded by nature.

■ About one hour by car from Kure City center
 🚗 1,800 normal size cars, 400 buses (Free of charge)
 ☎ 0823-84-0262



Noro Kogen Lodge

This is an ideal place to enjoy food from Mt. Noro. Specialty dishes including wild boar hotpot and dishes that use seasonal ingredients are served. You can also view the group of islands connected by Akinada Bridge and Kamagari Bridge from Hachimaki Viewing Platform (mountainside), Kabuto Rock Viewing Platform (summit area), and Hoshi Furu Viewing Platform (summit area).

■ Refer to the website; www.norosan.or.jp/
 ■ About 2-hour walk from Akikawajiri Station *Free shuttle service is available from Akikawajiri Station.
 ■ About one hour by car from Kure City center (via Sazanami Skyline)
 🚗 Approx. 200 cars (Free of charge)
 ☎ 0823-87-2390



Kure makes you forget everything about your hectic daily life!



Food Stalls of Kuramoto Street

This is a unique street in Japan where electricity as well as water and sewer services are provided for food stalls.

You can visit the street at night and enjoy food at both fashionable stalls that offer creative cuisine and old-style stalls.

Ten-minute walk from JR Kure Station

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Tatsukawa Line" bus and get off at "Chuo 3-chome."
 ■ City-run parking lots, etc., are available (pay parking).
 ● Car navigation search (Kure City Library ☎0823-21-3014)
 ☎ 0823-23-7845 (Kure Tourism Information Plaza)



KURE CITY CENTRAL AREA

Haigamine

At 737m above sea level, you can enjoy a 360-degree grand panoramic view from the observatory. The beautiful night view of the port town is known as one of the best three views in the Chugoku-Shikoku region. This is a romantic spot where it is said that couples who can find the lines of lights that look like the letters "Kure" will marry.



■ About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
 🚗 Approx. 6 cars (Free of charge)
 ☎ 0823-23-7845 (Kure Tourism Information Plaza)

Nagasako Park (Former Navy Cemetery)

Established in 1890 (Meiji 23) as a cemetery for naval personnel. There are many memorial monuments including a monument to war dead of the battleship Yamato.

■ Free of charge
 ■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take "Naganoki Nagasako Line" bus and get off at "Nagasako-cho."
 🚗 Approx. 7 cars (free of charge)
 ☎ 0823-25-1362 (Preservation Society for the Former Kure Navy Cemetery)



Remembering Suzu from the Manga "In This Corner of the World."

This is one of the locations for the Manga "In This Corner of the World," which depicted Kure during the Second World War.

This is the place where the heroine Suzu walked in front of a storehouse.

The storehouse Mitsugura in the old Sawahara family residence was established in 1809 (Bunka 6).

It was uniquely built using both straw walls and plaster walls, and it has been designated as an Important Cultural Property.

【The old Sawahara family residence (Mitsugura)】

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Sanjo Niko Takaramachi Line" bus. Get off at "Higashi Chuo 2-chome" and walk for 3 minutes.
 ☎ 0823-25-3462 (Kure City Cultural Promotion Section)



Japan Coast Guard Academy Brick Hall Japan Coast Guard Museum

Brick Hall is a brick building established in 1914 (Taisho 3). It is a valuable building that conveys the old days when it supported modernization of Japan as a "Navy's first manufacturing site." Now the hall is used as a multi-purpose hall for concerts, etc. You can feel the brilliance of technology and design sense at that time. Japan Coast Guard Museum is located on the premise, and it exhibits various materials concerning maritime security, including the bridge of the patrol vessel Amami, which received gunfire while in pursuit of a suspicious vessel. You can learn the history of Kure which has guarded Japanese waters.

(*The Museum is viewable. Advance reservation required. For more information, contact General Affairs Section, General Affairs Department, Japan Coast Guard Academy)

■ 9:00-16:00
 ■ Close Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, New Year holiday (December 28-January 4)
 ■ Free of charge
 ■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Yoshiura Tenno Line (bound for Tenno)" bus. Get off at "Kaijo Hoan Daigakko Iriguchi" and walk for 10 minutes.
 ☎ 0823-21-4961 (General Affairs Section, General Affairs Department, Japan Coast Guard Academy)



Hiroshima Prefectural Beach



This complex resort area providing natural experiences includes a beautiful beach selected as one of Japan's best 100 beaches. You can also enjoy various activities such as stargazing at the astronomical observatory with one of the largest Maksutov type telescopes in Hiroshima Prefecture without being prevented by city lights, marine sports like kayaking, or ancient seaweed salt-making. After these activities, relax at the natural radon hot spring facility, Yasuragi no Yakata.

■ In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka." Get off at "Eino Center" and walk for 25 minutes.

(Pick up service at "Eino Center," "Koigahama," "Oura" and "Tado" is available. If you are staying at "Kagayaki no Yakata," please consult us.

■ About 45 minutes by car from Kure City center

🅓 Approx. 100 cars (Free of charge)

☎ 0823-66-1177



The satisfying leisure & resort area with a beautiful beach selected as one of Japan's best 100 beaches.

Kamagari

Shotoen Museum



Shotoen's buildings include Gochiso Ichibankan, where materials related to Korean envoys are displayed, Akarino Yakata, where lighting equipment from all over the world is displayed, and Tojikikan, where domestic and foreign ceramic works are displayed.

■ 9:00-17:00

■ Close Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)

■ Adults ¥800, High school students ¥480, Elementary and junior high students ¥320

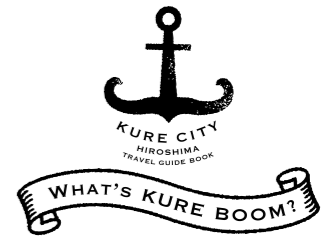
🅓 About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center

☎ 0823-65-2900

Let's travel to the Edo period, when Korean envoys visited Japan and received a grand welcome.

Shimokamagari "AKINADA TOBISHIMA KAIDO" AREA

Have a leisurely tour of the seven islands in the Akinada Tobishima Sea Route.



"AKINADA TOBISHIMA KAIDO" AREA

Cottage Kamagari (dome type, highland type)

At this self-catering cottage, you can relax while viewing the scenery of Akinada. It is an ideal accommodation for your family, friends and cyclists. You can also have a barbecue on the patio.

🅓 One car per building (Free of charge)

Hiroshima Prefectural Beach Kamagari Parking (100 cars, free of charge)

☎ 0823-66-1177



Megumi no Oka Kamagari

A hands-on experience facility where you can also experience dyeing, craft, pottery, and herb tea at herb workshop.

■ 9:00-17:00

■ Close Tuesdays and New Year's holiday

Details: Strawberry picking Around January to May, Mikan orange picking Around November to December on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays (reservations required)

■ In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka." Get off at "Eino Center" and walk for 30 minutes.



■ About 45 minutes by car from Kure City center

🅓 Approx. 100 cars (Free of charge)

☎ 0823-70-7111



Drive from Akinada Bridge at a relaxed pace enjoying the scenery through the windows. Sometimes, cycle the road feeling comforting sea breeze. Cross seven bridges to travel from an island to another. Spend calm, leisurely time.

Boom! Boom! Refresh yourself by cycling the seven islands.



The cycling course on the Akinada Tobishima Sea Route has few ups and downs and less traffic, allowing even beginners to fully enjoy cycling. There is only one traffic light (Mitoshiro, Shimo-kamagari Island).

Refresh yourself by cycling at your own pace viewing beautiful islands and feeling comforting sea breeze in Setouchi.

Deai no Yakata Kamagari

Kamagari General Tourist Information Center, where Tobishima Sea Route specialty products are also available. From the observatory, you can view the exceptionally beautiful setting sun.

■ 9:30-17:00 (open throughout the year)

■ About 35 minutes by car from Kure City center

🅓 Approx. 30 cars (Free of charge)

☎ 0823-68-0120



Kamagari Hot Springs Yasuragi no Yakata

This natural radon hot spring facility offers different kinds of interesting baths including a sauna, herbal medicine bath, jacuzzi, and a whole-body bath using low-frequency electric current. The view of the Akinada Sea is magnificent.

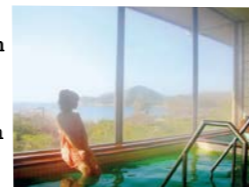
■ 11:00-20:00

■ Close Tuesdays (Open, when Tuesday is a national holiday.)

■ Adults ¥500, Children ¥400

🅓 Hiroshima Prefectural Beach Kamagari Parking (100 cars, free of charge)

☎ 0823-66-1126



Rantokaku Art Museum and Hakusetsuro

Within a tranquil yet magnificent atmosphere created by Japanese architecture, works depicting the beauty of the Seto Inland Sea (sea, pine, etc.) are on display. You can also see works by artists who has a close connection to this island.

After enjoying these works, visit a Japanese-style room in Hakusetsuro which serves powdered green tea and has a mysterious feature called "dondengaeshi" - a revolving door that reveals a hidden passage.

■ 9:00-17:00

■ Close Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)

■ ●Rantokaku Art Museum/Adults ¥500, High school students ¥300, Elementary and junior high students ¥200,

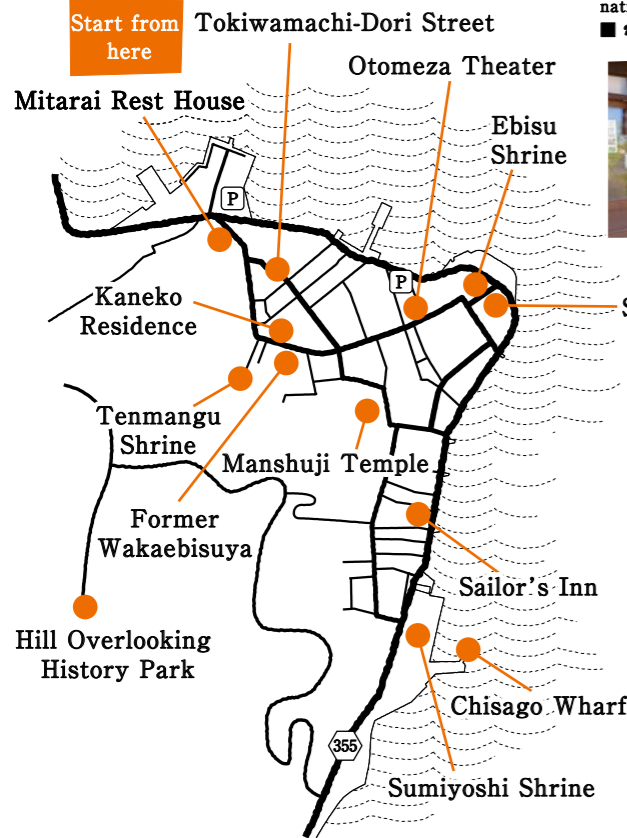
●Hakusetsuro/Adults ¥400, High school students ¥240, Elementary and junior high students ¥160

🅓 About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center

☎ 0823-65-3066



A port town known for its favorable winds and rising tides
Let's explore Mitarai!
 Recommended walking course
 (Approx. 90 minutes)



Mitarai Rest House

(Yutakamachi Tourist Association)

A rest station with a retro-inspired appearance, where you can get information on sightseeing spots in the Mitarai District.

- 9:00-17:00
- Close Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
- ☎0823-67-2278



Mitarai Shichikyoochi Ruins

Former Kaneko Residence

A document states that a military agreement (Mitarai Treaty) was concluded here between Choshu Domain and Hiroshima Domain to overthrow the Shogunate. This building is quite important for us to learn about the connection between Mitarai and Hiroshima Domain. It is said that Ryoma Sakamoto and Shintaro Nakaoka also visited this residence.



Former Wakaebisuya

The largest tea house in Mitarai where courtesans provided services during the Edo period when Mitarai Port flourished. (Prefectural historical site)



Sumiyoshi Shrine

If you cross the stone arched bridge beside the tall stone lantern, you will come to Sumiyoshi Shrine, which is dedicated to the god of maritime transport business. The main hall of the shrine is constructed in Sumiyoshi-zukuri style, which is rare in Japan nowadays. Visitors can enjoy cherry blossoms which bloom in spring on the grounds of the shrine. (Prefectural Important Cultural Property)

Sailor's Inn

This house partitioned in three units constructed in the Edo period is a former sailors' inn, which offered accommodations for travelers at that time.

Manshuji Temple

This temple is dedicated to the Buddhist deity of Mercy who is said to have saved the life of Kiyomori Taira. On the grounds of the temple, there is also a Jizo statue for health, which is said to have the power to answer prayers.

Chisago Wharf

A breakwater constructed in 1828. A turtle and a crane are carved at the base of the breakwater in the hope that the port would prosper for tens of thousands of years. It is said that if you rub the turtle and crane, your wishes for eternal youth and immortality will come true.



Mitarai Shichikyoochi Ruins

This is the building where Sanetomi Sanjo, known for his role during the Meiji Restoration, is said to have stopped on his way to Choshu. (Prefectural historical site)



Ebisu Shrine

A shrine dedicated to Ebisu, the god of prosperity in business. Only the torii is standing facing the sea, as the approach to the main hall from the torii is separated by a prefectural road. (Prefectural Important Cultural Property)



Tokiwamachi-Dori Street

Otomeza Theater

This theater was used as a drama or movie theater until around the 1960s, and later turned into a plant for sorting Ocho mikan oranges. It has been restored as a theater and is used for showing popular dramas and movies.

Tenmangu Shrine

On the grounds of the shrine, there is a well from which the name Mitarai (literal meaning: washing hands) originated, as Michizane Sugawara (a court scholar, poet, and prominent political figure) is said to have washed his hands with the water from the well. It is also said that practicing calligraphy at the beginning of the year using water from this well will make you intelligent. There is also a monument of Harukichi Nakamura, who achieved "a round-the-world trip with a bicycle" for the first time as a Japanese in the Meiji period.



A port that still retains vestiges of the Edo period while you wait for a favorable wind and a rising tide.

Yutaka



"AKINADA TOBISHIMA KAIDO" AREA

Mitarai Township

Mitarai flourished as a town known for its favorable winds and rising tides in which Kitamae-Bune dropped. In the town, many buildings and historic sites that still retain vestiges of the mid to end of the Edo period still stand, such as small and large merchant houses, tea houses, sailors' inns, shrines and temples, creating a unique atmosphere. In 1994, the Mitarai District was designated an Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings.



- In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka" and get off at "Mitarai-ko."
- About one hour and 10 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅑 Mitarai Parking (5 cars, free of charge), Mitarai Kamono Parking (40 cars, free of charge)
- ☎0823-67-2278 (Mitarai Rest Station)

Hill Overlooking History Park

The park is located on top of a hill overlooking Mitarai District.

Command a full view of Mitarai, Kurushima Straits, and the Shikoku mountain range. You can also enjoy different scenery in each season while walking the lane that winds through the mikan orange orchard

- In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka." Get off at "Mitarai-ko" and walk for about 30 minutes.
- About one hour and 20 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅑 Approx. 10 cars (Free of charge)
- ☎0823-67-2278 (Mitarai Rest Station)



Mikan Museum

The museum introduces the history of mikan orange growing in Yutakamachi, and the passion and care that past growers dedicated to mikan oranges. You can see exhibits such as life-sized replicas of the eight main citrus fruits grown in Yutakamachi, and a model diorama representing Ocho District in around 1965.

- 8:30-17:15
- In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Yutaka/Toyohama" and get off at "Danchi Center."
- About one hour by car from Kure City center
- Free of charge
- 🅑 Yutaka Citizens Center Parking (53 cars)
- ☎0823-25-3181 (Tourism Promotion Section)

Red-Throated Divers Exhibition Room

Fishing using red-throated divers is a traditional fishing method in Toyohama, which boasts 300 years of history. It exhibits a very rare fishing method in the world, in which all of red-throated divers, fishermen, and juveniles work together to fish sea breams and Japanese sea bass.



- In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka." Get off at "Toyohama Shisho"
- Toyohama Machizukuri Center 1F
- 8:30-17:15 *Open on Saturdays and Sundays as well as weekdays

Alley in the Town for Fishermen

The Onoura District has been a town for fishermen since a long time ago. Carry the "Onoura Exploration Map" and walk along the alley that has a retro-inspired atmosphere.



- *"Onoura Exploration Map" can be found at Toyohama Citizens Center, etc.
- 🅑 About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
- ☎0823-68-2211 (Toyohama Citizens Center)



Toyohama



KURAHASHI AREA

This is a scenic place featuring beautiful beaches and romantic shipbuilding tradition as depicted in Japanese Manyoshu poetry.

Take a longer walk from Ondo Area to Kurahashi Area.

There you will find people living with the sea from ancient times, history of shipbuilding, and valuable natural beauty that is never changed by time.



Katsuragahama Beach

The white sandy beach, with green pine tree groves and a vast, blue, island-spotted sea, has been selected as one of Japan's best 100 beaches. Beautiful scenery, unchanged since olden times, stretches along the beach view. "Kurahashi Island," once called the "Island of Nagato," prospered with shipbuilding and marine transportation.

- At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus and get off at "Katsuragahama Onsenkan."
- About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅐 175cars (114 cars in the Hot Springs Facility parking lot, 75 cars in the adjacent parking lots such as Manyo no Sato, free of charge)
- ☎ 0823-53-2575



Natural Hot Springs Katsuragahama Hot Springs Facility

Located across from the beach, these hot spring baths are rich in sodium chloride, and effective for treating 24 different ailments. The baths also have a beneficial effect on sunburnt skin after bathing.

Enjoy seafood at the restaurant serving the local food.

- 10:00-21:00 (Weekdays and Saturdays) 9:00-21:00 (Sundays and holidays)
- Close Mondays (Closed on the next day, if Monday is a national holiday.)
- Junior high school students and older ¥600, Elementary school students ¥300 (Pre-schoolers Free of Charge)
- About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅐 175 cars (free of charge)
- ☎ 0823-53-2575



Mt. Hiyama

From Ooiwa (big rock) at the summit of Mt. Hiyama, you can command a breathtaking 360-degree view over the inland sea as far as the Shikoku mountain range. On a clear day, you can see both Shikoku Mountains and Yamaguchi in the same view.

- At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Hiyama Tozanguchi" and walk one hour and 40 minutes.
- About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅐 Approx. 10 cars (Free of charge)

Nagato Shipbuilding History Museum

Many shipbuilding and marine transportation models including ancient and modern wooden ships are on display here. At the center of the museum, you can enter a reconstructed Kentoshi Ship (used to take Japanese envoys to Tang China more than 1,200 years ago) and explore the interior.

- 9:00-16:30
- Close Mondays (Closed on the next day, if Monday is a national holiday.)
- Adults ¥200, High school students ¥120, Elementary and junior high school students ¥80
- About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅐 175 cars (114 cars in the Hot Springs Facility parking lot, 75 cars in the adjacent parking lots such as Manyo no Sato, free of charge.)
- ☎ 0823-53-0016

Legend has it that Kiyomori Taira, as the sun was about to set, waved his fan, forcing it to rise again long enough for excavation to be completed.

Two red arched Ondo bridges are the most attractive feature of this small port town.

This area is filled with attractive spots such as a beautiful contrast among seasonal flowers, bridges, and the sea, as well as historical sites concerning Kiyomori Taira.

Ondo no Seto waterway

Legend has it that Kiyomori Taira opened up this waterway in one day. In the vicinity of the waterway, there are many interesting and beautiful spots such as Kiyomorzuka (a memorial for Kiyomori Taira), Ondo no Seto Park, the Eiji Yoshikawa literary monument, Takagarasudai, and the Himaneki Statue.

From a pedestrian bridge, No.3 Ondo Bridge (tentative name) built along with the opening of the No.2. Ondo Bridge, you can enjoy the spectacular views of the Ondo no Seto waterway and Kure Bay.

- About 25 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅐 Approx. 190 cars (Free parking inside the Ondo no Seto Park), 26 cars (No.3 Ondo Bridge)



"The shortest water course in Japan" Ferry at Ondo

Depending on the tide current, this ferry offers the shortest ride time of 3 minutes which is the shortest in Japan is also a popular sightseeing spot with retro-inspired atmosphere.

- At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" or "Aga Ondo-no-Seto Line" bus. Get off at "Ondo Watashi Fune Guchi."
- Adult ¥100, Children ¥50



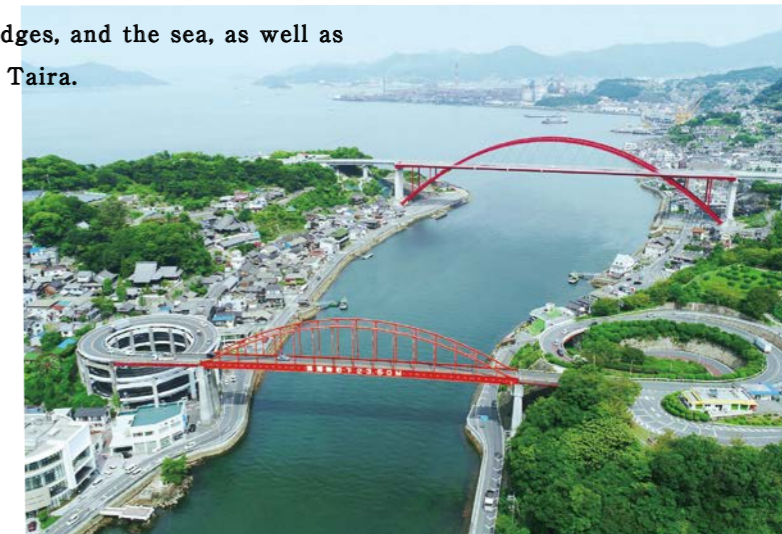
Ondo Township

Get on a ferry, get off at Ondo, and walk into the street. Then you can find a township that still retains vestiges of the Showa period.

- At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line." Get off at "Ondo" or "Kiyomorzuka."



ONDO AREA



Ondo Tourism & Culture Center "Uzushio"



This facility introduces the local folk "Ondo's Boat Song" and once-every-five-year Kiyomori Festival. From the deck in the facility, you can enjoy spectacular views of Ondo no Seto up close, including various sizes of ships which often come and go over the waterway.

- 9:30-17:00 (Free admission) Only restaurant 11:00-21:30
- Close Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
- At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Kiyomorzuka" and walk one minute.
- About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅐 "Ondo Ohashi Shita" parking lot (pay parking)
- ☎ 0823-50-0321





Ancient Seaweed Salt "Moshio" Making Experience

Making mineral salt, using ancient earthenware. You can taste salt from the island at home.
■ Kamagari Ancient Earthenware Salt-Making Experience Facility
■ 10:00-15:00 (Consultation required/Reservations required)
■ ¥5,000 up to 5 persons (¥1,000 for each additional person)
☎ 080-6304-0197 (Moshio no Kai office: Matsuura)



Himehijiki (hijiki seaweed bud) Salt-Making Experience

You can easily make delicious salt in about 40 minutes.
■ Kajigahama Shimokamagari-cho
■ 10:00-16:00 (Reservations required)
■ ¥3,500 up to 5 persons (¥500 for each additional person)
☎ 0823-25-3317 (Shimokamagari Citizens Center)



Astronomical Observation

Through one of the largest telescopes in Japan, let's observe stars above the night sky of Seto Inland Sea which has clean air.
■ Hiroshima Prefectural Beach in Kamagari-cho
■ Confirmation required
■ Adults ¥200 Children ¥100
☎ 0823-66-1166 (Kamagari B&G Marine Center)



Let's ride a cutter, sea kayak and canoe.

Let's enjoy the scenery of the Seto Inland Sea and sports!

■ Hiroshima Prefectural Beach in Kamagari-cho
■ ¥350 (Cutter boat experience)
■ Adults ¥3,000, Children ¥2,000 (Sea kayak lessons)
☎ Confirmation required 0823-66-1166 (Kamagari B&G Marine Center)



EXPERIENCE

Fully experience Kure with your five senses.

Enjoy a great deal of hands-on experiences related to food and nature in Kure, as it is surrounded by the sea. Have smiling moments with your family and friends.



If you come to Kure, try Kure gourmet specialties!

Experiencing local food can be the best part of a trip.

Traditional food that makes you reflect on its casual taste and history, mountain food grown in a warm climate, and seafood grown in calm sea.

Try a variety of delicious meals of Kure to make great memories.



GOURMET

【Hoso Udon (thin udon noodles)】



Hoso Udon has soft, thin noodles that require a short boiling time. It was loved by busy workers at a former naval arsenal as a quick meal.

【Kure Reimen (cold noodles)】



Kure Reimen has flat noodles and is served in a sweet, sour and spicy soup. It has been a favorite with locals as a soul food.

【Kure Maritime Self Defense Force Curry】



This curry reproduces the taste of the curry eaten by the people who belong to the naval vessels of the Maritime Self Defense Force Kure base. You can taste it at restaurants in the city.

【Chirimen (Baby Sardines)】



These dried and seasoned baby sardines are caught in the surrounding sea. Chirimen are all-natural without bleaching and famous nationwide.



【Oysters】

Kure produces the largest amount of oyster meat in Japan! Oyster Festivals are held in various parts of the city in winter. Large fresh oysters with the smell of the ocean will stimulate your appetite.

【Ocho Mikan (Mandarin Orange)】



The "Ocho Mikan" in Yutaka and Toyohama is a nationally recognized variety. It's known for its refreshing, sweet, and rich taste.

【Otakara (Treasure) Tomato】

Another name for tomatoes harvested in winter and spring. The "Otakara Tomato" in Kurahashi is characterized by its deep taste, deep red color, and firm texture.



【Lemon】

Yutaka is the birth place of "Ocho Lemon." It is characterized by its mild sourness, fresh flavor, and juiciness.



Ramune (lemon soda)



Rice omelet



Curry and rice



KAIGUN GOURMET

Healthy dishes for long voyages.

The search for healthy dishes was the start of Navy gourmet. Many studies were made in search for healthy dishes for crewmembers, such as adopting western cuisine, to prevent diseases during long voyages, as well as to prepare delicious meals for them, as eating was one of a few enjoyments inside a battleship. As a result of those efforts, Navy gourmet dishes were born. In Kure City, which is closely connected to the former Japanese Navy, we are working to revive those dishes based on cookbooks from the Meiji Navy and recipes from Showa navy ships. Try a few of these dishes, and experience the atmosphere from those days.



Coffee



Nikujaga (simmered meat and potatoes)



Let's stroll around and fully enjoy Kure.

From the excitement of city center to the leisurely atmosphere of islands.

Kure, with a variety of faces, will welcome you.

Check the recommended sightseeing spots on each page, and with the help of the map, try to travel around the areas you are interested in.



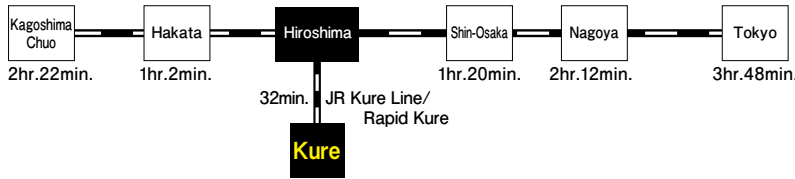
Get discount on your drive!

Purchase ¥1,000 or more in designated facilities in the Akinada Tobishima Sea Route area, and you will get a free one-way ticket for Akinada Bridge. Show your receipt to get the free ticket. *This service is only for those who paid the Akinada Bridge toll in cash *You cannot get the ticket at Akinada Bridge toll booth

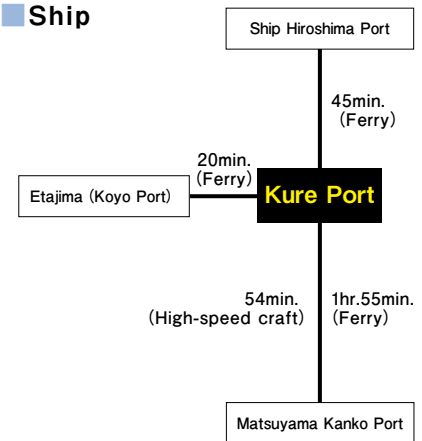
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Access to Kure

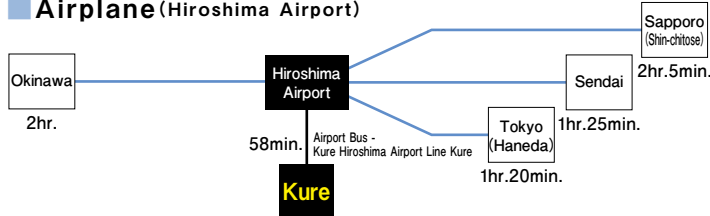
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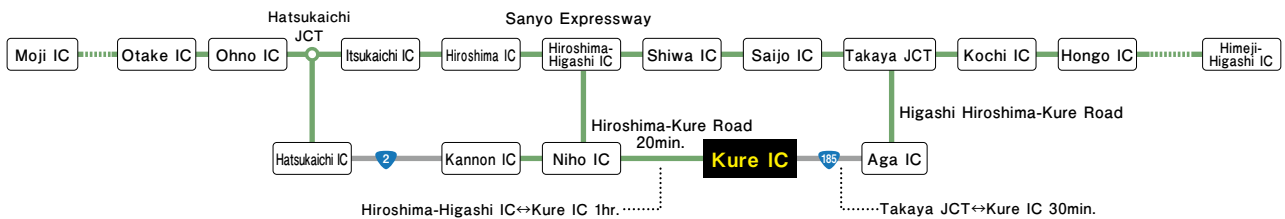
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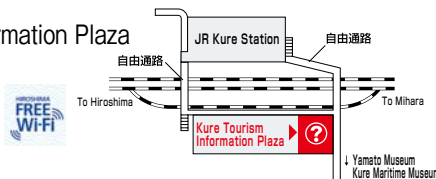
Automobiles



See below for Kure tourism information:

Kure Tourism Information Plaza

2-23-2 Takaramachi,
 Kure City 737-0029
 (Recre Building 2F)
 TEL (0823)23-7845
 FAX (0823)23-7850



Kure City Tourism website "Kure Navi"

<http://www.city.kure.lg.jp/life/3/>

A multi-language website that introduces Kure tourism information.

"Kure Area" Diary

<http://kuremachidiary.jp/>

Kure Tourism Association website

<http://www.kure-kankou.jp/>

Tour Guides and Volunteers

Make reservations at least one week in advance.

● Kure Tour Guide Volunteer Association

Guided tour of the entire Kure City
 Inquiries and applications: Kure Tour Guide Volunteer Association office
 (Inside the Kure Tourism Information Plaza)
 TEL 0823-23-7845 FAX 0823-23-7850

● Kurahashi Tourist Volunteer Guide Association

Guided tour of facilities near Katsuragahama - one of Japan's 100 best beaches (Free of charge)
 Inquiries and applications: Nagato Shipbuilding History Museum TEL 0823-53-0016

● Yutakamachi Tour Guide

Guided tour of Yutakamachi "Mitarai Preservation Area" (Fee-based)
 Inquiries and applications: Yutakamachi Sightseeing Organization
 (Mitarai Rest Station) TEL 0823-67-2278

Handy and Convenient "Travel Taxi"

The "Travel Taxi" is recommended for touring Kure.
 Taxis will take you around sightseeing spots characteristic of Kure.
 Inquiries and applications: Kure Tourism Information Plaza
 (Tel. 0823-23-7845)

Event Information

April 29 Kure Port Festival

A big event to celebrate spring in Kure. Full of attractions such as stage performance, a bazaar which is very international in character, and a big parade on Kuramoto-Dori Street.



Kure Port Festival

Saturday in late July or early August Kure Fireworks on the Sea

Large fireworks rocketing high into the sky with escort vessels in the background are magnificent.



Kure Fireworks on the Sea

October Korean Envoys Procession

In Shimokamagari, where Korean envoys stopped at a port during the Edo period, people march in a procession wearing period costumes just like in a historical picture scroll.



Korean Envoys Procession

November Kure Food Festival

The festival is held mainly on Kuramoto-Dori Street, where a great amount of delicious food is offered. In various open spaces, you can enjoy a variety of dishes such as "Nikujaga" (simmered meat and potatoes) and "Kure Hoso Udon" (thin udon noodles) originating from Kure.



Kure Fisheries Festival

December-January Illumination Road Kure

Kuramoto-Dori Street wrapped in illumination of objects representative of Kure, such as the battleship "Yamato." Enjoy illuminations while taking a walk on the street.

February Kure Fisheries Festival

A food festival that offers fresh oysters, which are popular in winter, and other seafood from the Seto Inland Sea.