

Sightseeing Spots:



Lake Shinji

Shimane's sightseeing symbol, Lake Shinji, is the seventh largest lake in Japan and has a circumference of 45km. The brackish water supports an abundance of aquatic life, including sea bass and shijini clams, which are among the seven delicacies of Lake Shinji. The little shijimi boats that dot the lake in the early morning paint a poetic picture, and the sun sinking behind the tiny island of Yomegashima is not to be missed. Sunsets are best enjoyed on from the grounds of the *Shimane Art Museum**.

ACCESS to Shimane Art Museum* :

- 15 minutes from JR Matsue Station on foot.
- 6 minutes from JR Matsue Station by Matsue City Bus Southern Inside Loop. Get off at Kenritsu Bijutsukan-mae Bus Stop.
- Travel by Lakeline Bus (Sightseeing Loop Bus). Get off at Kenritsu Bijutsukan-mae Bus Stop.
- 5 minutes by car from Sanin Expressway Matsue-nishi Off-ramp.



Matsue Castle

***National Treasure**

Completed in 1611, Matsue Castle was built over a five-year period by Yoshiharu Horio, founder of Matsue City. The central tower is the only such remaining in the Sanin Region and from its top floor visitors are treated to a panoramic view. Beautiful camellia and cherry blossoms fill the castle grounds during spring and is a recognized symbol of our historic city.

ACCESS:

- 2 km from JR Matsue Station. 10 minutes by Ichibata bus, disembark at Kencho-mae bus stop (in front of Shimane Prefectural Office).

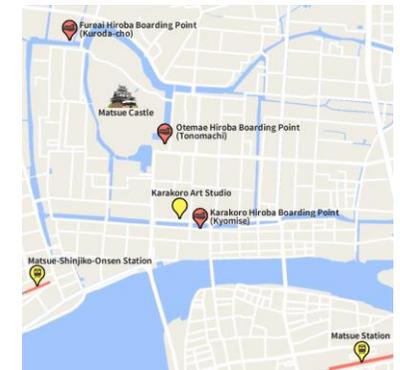


Horikawa Sightseeing Boat

A small boat takes passengers around Matsue Castle and through the city's canals. Along the way, passengers will pass under 16 bridges some low enough so that the boat's awning must be lowered to pass – a fun experience for all. *Kotatsu* heaters are placed in the boat during winter and passengers can literally experience the 'warmth' of Japanese tradition.

ACCESS:

- There are three boarding piers where you can embark and disembark freely to explore the City of Water by boat or on foot. The total length of one full tour is approximately 40 minutes.





📍 Matsue City



Yuushien

Yuushien is a traditional Japanese-style garden located in the centre of Daikonshima Island. Unlike the garden of the Adachi Museum of Art, it is designed as a walk-through garden with ponds, streams and small waterfalls.

ACCESS:

- Two kinds of buses go to Yuushien Garden from JR Matsue Station. A city bus for Yatsuka-cho (Platform 6, Line 70, 50 min), or an Ichibata Bus (also departing from Shinjiko Onsen Station) bound for Sakaiminato (Platform 9, 25 min)

- Yuushien Garden is 15km from JR Matsue station (30 min by car).

Areas nearby Matsue



📍 Yasugi City



① Adachi Museum of Art **Michelin Green Guide Japan** ★★★★★

Yasugi City's star attraction is the Adachi Museum of Art. It is ranked highly by international standards, and home to the best Japanese garden nationwide.

ACCESS:

- About 25 minutes by train from JR Matsue Station to JR Yasugi Station
- Accessible by free shuttle bus from JR Yasugi Station

📍 Izumo City



② Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine **National Treasure**

Izumo Taisha, a national treasure, is Japan's tallest shrine. The god Okuninushi resides here, and it is also home to Japan's largest shimenawa, a sacred rope made of straw.

ACCESS:

- About 1 hour by train from Matsue Shinjiko Onsen Station to Izumo Taisha Mae station (Ichibata Railways)

📍 Ōda City



③ Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine **UNESCO World Heritage Site**

The western part of Shimane, Iwami, is home to the Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine, which was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. Located nearby is Mt. Sanbe (1,126 m), Shimane's tallest mountain.

ACCESS:

- About 25 minutes by train from JR Matsue Station to JR Ōdashi Station
- About 20 min by bus from JR Ōdashi Station. Get off at either the Omori Daikansho-ato or Omori bus stops.