

Spring



Cherry Blossom Viewing Spots

Nagoya Castle is an exemplary cherry blossom viewing spot of Nagoya, with nearly 1,000 trees decorating the area around the castle, and you can enjoy the illumination of the castle and cherry blossoms during the cherry blossom festival season. Tsuruma Park, the Yamazaki River, and the weeping cherry blossoms of Mt. Togoku are also famous as beautiful cherry blossom viewing spots.



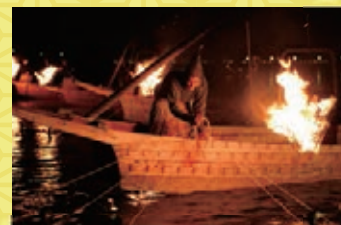
Nagoya through the seasons

Summer



World Cosplay Summit

Japanese manga, anime, and games are popular worldwide. Every year, cosplayers who have won tournaments in their own countries and regions gather in Nagoya to determine the world champion. A parade for participants is held in the city, and throngs of onlookers come to watch excitedly.



Cormorant fishing on the KISO River

Ukai (cormorant fishing) is a traditional fishing method boasting a history of nearly 1,300 years. With national treasure Inuyama Castle in the background, cormorant fishermen lit by bonfires on their boats handle up to 12 cormorants at one time. You can see them up close from viewing boats as they catch river fish with their skillful handling of cormorant reins. On the Kiso River, ukai fishermen started daytime fishing ahead of anywhere else in the nation, so you can see the fine skills of cormorant fishermen more vividly than at night.

Autumn



Nagoya Festival

This is one of the largest festivals held in Nagoya in autumn. The bold figures of Oda Nobunaga, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, and Tokugawa Iyeyasu (three historical heroes from the Nagoya area) are recreated in all their glory with a parade of over 700 people that stretches down the main boulevards like a classic scroll painting. There are also many diverse events, held mainly in Hisaya Odori Park, featuring traditional dances, concerts, and local cuisine.



Autumn leaves

Autumn brings a rush of color to the trees throughout the Nagoya area, heralding the long-awaited season of stunning autumn leaves. Tokugawa Garden and Shirotori Garden are excellent places to catch the seasonal sights while enjoying the beauty of traditional Japanese garden arrangements.

Winter



Nabana no Sato

This park has one of the largest illumination events in all of Japan, which has become a sign of the winter season in the Nagoya area. The "Tunnel of Light" in particular is a masterpiece, at 200 meters in length, with 1,200,000 individual lights.



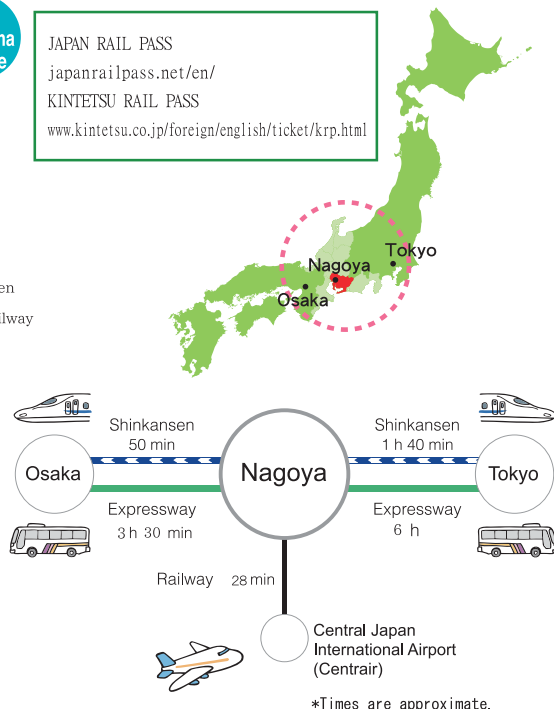
Atsuta Jingu Shrine

Atsuta Jingu Shrine is the second largest Shinto shrine in all of Japan, after Ise Jingu Shrine, and is visited by about 7 million people annually. It is especially crowded on New Year's Day, when many people come to pray.

Nagoya is a convenient entryway to sightseeing in the Chubu Region. Your exciting journey starts here!



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Nagoya Castle



World Cosplay Summit



Nagoya TV Tower
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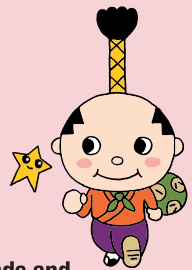
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NAGOYA
Shopping & Dining Guide



Sightseeing



Nagoya, the largest city in Central Japan, is rich in culture and history. You can also shop for global brands and enjoy various gourmet foods.

The Tokugawa Art Museum / Tokugawaen

This museum houses a collection of more than 10,000 daimyo dogu items (furniture and equipment used by feudal lords) that were inherited by the Owari Tokugawa family and mainly consists of the personal effects of Tokugawa Ieyasu. It also has a "Tale of Genji" Picture Scroll, a national treasure. In Tokugawaen, you can enjoy many blooming flowers of this Japanese Daimyo garden, constructed in a traditional style with a pond and walking paths.



Nagoya Castle

Nagoya Castle, known for the *kinshachi* (gold-plated tiger-headed carp statues) on its roof, is a symbol of Nagoya built in 1612 at the behest of Tokugawa Ieyasu (the founder and first shogun of the Tokugawa Shogunate). The *donjon* (main castle tower), rebuilt in 1959, has rich interior exhibits in addition to its beautiful exterior. Hommaru Palace, next to the main keep, was formerly used as a residence and government office and is open to the public since its completion of restoration in 2018. Interior wall paintings and traditional wooden architecture using aromatic cypress wood combine to make Hommaru Palace truly elegant, on par with Nijo Castle in Kyoto.



LEGOLAND® JAPAN RESORT

This is the first outdoor theme park featuring Lego® blocks in Japan, where you can enjoy over 40 rides, shows, and attractions. This is also the only place where you can see MINILAND, which uses only Lego® blocks to recreate 10 landscapes and townscapes selected from across Japan. Come visit this fun-filled interactive theme park!

Higashiyama Zoo & Botanical Gardens

This urban-type zoo and botanical gardens are located approximately 18 minutes from Nagoya Station by subway. Higashiyama features a zoo, botanical gardens, an amusement park, and an observation tower. The zoo houses approximately 500 species, the largest number in Japan. The animals include the most popular and handsome western lowland gorilla named Shabani, Tushima wildcats, a species native to Japan, and other animals from around the world. The huge botanical gardens have displays of approximately 7000 species that make use of the natural terrain. Cherry blossoms in spring and foliage lighted up in fall, the most beautiful scenery in the city, are all very popular among visitors.



Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium

This massive aquarium has 50,000 specimens from 500 different species on display, and features many exciting events. Dolphin performances are held every day in Japan's largest pool. The aquarium is composed of the North Building where you can meet marine mammals such as orcas and beluga whales, and the South Building where you can enjoy exhibits with various other animals such as sea turtles, penguins, and fish. The aquarium is also easily accessible from nearby downtown Nagoya.



Nagoya City Science Museum

Based on the concept of Watch, Touch and Discover, this comprehensive science museum allows children and adults alike to enjoy interacting with science through various exhibits and experiences. The exterior design emphasizes the spherical "Brother Earth" planetarium, listed in the Guinness World Records at the time of its construction as the largest in the world with an inner dome diameter of 35 meters. In addition, the museum houses nearly 220 different exhibits, including four large-scale, entertaining exhibits where you can experience natural wonders, such as a 9-meter tall artificial tornado.



Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology

This museum was established by the Toyota Group to preserve and exhibit, as valuable industrial heritage, a factory built in 1911 that remains on the grounds where the Toyota Group began. It consists of a Textile Machinery Pavilion and an Automobile Pavilion, which, via dynamic exhibits of machinery and demonstrations by operators, offer an easily understood introduction to changes in industry and technology, focused on the textile machinery and automobiles the Toyota Group has been involved in.

SCMAGLEV and Railway Park

This park introduces the evolution of high speed rail technology through rolling stock exhibits from conventional trains all the way to the SCMAGLEV, with a primary focus on the Tokaido Shinkansen. It also features a Shinkansen driving simulator and one of the largest, meticulously detailed railroad dioramas in Japan, reproducing scenery along the route of the Tokaido Shinkansen, for fun-filled learning about the mechanisms of railroads and the history of their development.

Local dishes



Hitsumabushi

This eel dish is best eaten in three servings of different styles. Scoop the rice and eel in the main container into your bowl three times. For the first serving, eat it as served to enjoy the original flavor of the eel. For the second serving, add an accent to the flavor with toppings such as wasabi, diced onions, and seaweed flakes. Enjoy a smooth and unadorned third serving seeped in tea. Locals finish the meal by eating one last serving in whichever style is their favorite.



Miso-katsu

This local dish symbolizes the collaborative culture of Nagoya with the combination of red miso sauce and tonkatsu (fried pork cutlet). Many people are surprised by the mild flavor of the salty-sweet miso sauce.



Nagoya-style Breakfasts

Nagoya coffee shops are said to have originated the "free breakfast" concept – serving free toast. Hardboiled eggs, a small salad, or other morning dishes come with the purchase of a beverage. The customers get an amazing amount of food for the price of a cup of a coffee. (Note: Not all coffee shops in Nagoya offer this "morning service". Be sure to check before arriving.)



Miso Nikomi Udon

This dish is made by simmering thick udon noodles in miso soup, then adding green onions, shiitake mushrooms, and chicken. Served piping hot and still bubbling in a ceramic pot, it really warms up your body in the middle of a cold winter.



Tebasaki

One of the region's most well-known and beloved dishes – particularly among young people – is tebasaki. These fried chicken wings are coated lightly in a salty-sweet glaze and then dusted with pepper and sesame seeds for a simple but delicious pub favorite. Wash them down with an ice-cold beer, and you have the perfect after-work treat!



Kishimen

Nagoya's kishimen noodles have a distinctive flat, thin shape. They are traditionally served in a light broth topped with fish cakes, boiled spinach, and fried tofu.

Tenmusu

This onigiri (stuffed rice ball) is unique to Nagoya. It is made by wrapping shrimp tempura in rice and seaweed, and rolling it into a single serving size. The flavor remains even when chilled, making it a very popular snack.

Shopping



Osu Shopping District

Osu is known as the most energetic shopping district in all of Japan, and is packed with every type of shop, from home appliance stores to vintage clothing boutiques, and even gourmet restaurants, so it is always overflowing with the vitality of countless shoppers. Besides shopping, you can enjoy sightseeing spots such as Osu Kannon Temple, Banshoji Temple, and Osu Engeijo Theater. Events are held throughout the year, including the Osu Setsubun Float Parade in February, the Osu Summer Festival in August, and the Osu Daido Chonin Festival in October.



Nagashima Resort

Nagashima Resort, located just 30 minutes from Nagoya by car, is a resort full of fun facilities including an amusement park, a natural hot spring, a shopping mall, and a nature park. This entertainment district has achieved a harmony with rich nature and diverse leisure facilities. Nagashima Spa Land is an amusement park featuring attractions such as the scream-inducing roller coaster Steel Dragon 2000, and has the second largest area of any amusement park in Japan. Jazz Dream Nagashima is one of the largest outlet malls in Japan, with many popular Japanese and foreign brands. There is also Nabana no Sato, a park where you can enjoy beautiful flowers throughout the year and gorgeous illuminations that decorate the park in winter. At Yuaminoshima, the resort's hot spring facilities, you can enjoy a spacious garden and open-air baths.



Nagoya Station

This is the entrance to the Chubu Region of Japan. It has many world-famous brand shops, department stores, and luxury restaurants, and is the most dynamic area in all of Nagoya. The two towers of Nagoya Station connect with a new adjacent building to form a complex three dimensional area that unifies a variety of functions.



Sakae

Sakae is the heart of the Nagoya business district, bustling with activity both on its streets and in its incredibly extensive underground shopping arcades. An endless selection of eateries serve delicious food from Nagoya and foreign cuisine to hungry visitors all night long. At nearby Hisaya-Odori Park, lush greenery surrounds the renowned Oasis 21 multipurpose facility, the Nagoya TV tower, and other tourist attractions.

