**Access Guide**

**Train**
- From Tokyo: Take JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line at Tokyo or Ueno Station, or take JR Utsunomiya Line (Tohoku-Kansen Line) from Ueno Station. From Asakusa, take Tobu line to Utsunomiya.
- From other prefectures:
  - Tokyo-Utsunomiya Line: 1 hour 40 min.
  - Ueno-Utsunomiya Line by Rapid train “Rabbit” 1 hour 25 min.
  - Sapporo-Utsunomiya Line: 2 hours 30 min.

**Car**
- From Tokyo to Downtown: Take the Tohoku Expressway to Utsunomiya I.C. Choose the I.C. that is most convenient for you.
  - Highway: 1 hour 20 min.
  - Tohoku-Shinkansen Line: 1 hour 40 min.

**Access Guide**

1. **Utsunomiya → Nikko**
   - Train: Change at Utsunomiya to JR Nikko Line 45 min and get off at Nikko Station. Dr. take the Kuroiso bus bound for Nikko Tohoku Shrine from JR Utsunomiya station 80 min.

2. **Utsunomiya → Kinugawa**
   - Bus: Take Kanto Bus bound for Kinugawa from JR Utsunomiya station 90 min and then take the bus bound for Kawakonsen 20 min.

3. **Utsunomiya → Nasu-Shiobara**
   - Bus: Take Kanto Bus bound for Kinugawa from JR Utsunomiya station 90 min and then take the bus bound for Kawakonsen 20 min.

4. **Utsunomiya → Tochigi-Ashikaga**
   - Train: Take JR Tohoku Line (Utsunomiya Line) get off at Ashikaga Station.

5. **Utsunomiya → Mashiko-Motelegi**
   - Bus: Take Kanto Bus bound for Kinugawa from JR Utsunomiya station 90 min and then take the bus bound for Kawakonsen 20 min.

**Very close to TOKYO.**
- Only 50 minutes by SHINKANSEN.

**Very convenient to NIKKO and other locations...**
- Utsunomiya is your gateway to Tochigi.

**How to go to UTSUNOMIYA?**

- **200 km**
- **JAPAN**
The Utsunomiya Agricultural Park “ROMANTIC-MURA”

Romantic Onsen House
The onsen house provides a relaxing and healthy atmosphere for visitors and uses a natural hot spring. You can enjoy nature in an open-air bath and also be satisfied in an indoor bath with the full aroma of Japanese cypress. Both baths' hot water is alkaline and good for your skin. Also, there are many facilities, like a 25 meter swimming pool, wet or dry sauna, and an outdoor pool. (Swimming suits needed. Rental available.)

Utsunomiya local beer
You should try the first local beer of Utsunomiya. The Romantic Brewery makes beer with local barley. You can enjoy hand made pizza and grilled food with fresh beer. Having lunch on the terrace with local barley. You can enjoy hand made pizza and grilled food with fresh beer. Having lunch on the terrace

Going to shiny Rose Garden
There are many sections such as the flower hall, green house, and vegetable factory, where you can see orchards, many varieties of flowers, and plants. You will also learn about agriculture for the future.

Shiki no Mori, Tsuru no Sato, Herb Farm Kusayanakuden
(Residential Garden)
Don’t miss the lavender festival in June.

Stone Village “OYA”

The symbol of the home of stone is the gigantic Heiwa Kannon Statue. In 1948, this statue was created as a memorial to those who had died in World War II. It took 6 years to finish. It’s amazing that it was carved only by hand.

The oldest carved Buddhist reliefs in Japan
These beautiful reliefs in Oya Kanoe Kuilai, founded Oya Temple in 810. The main building is in the entranceway to a cave on sheer rock. The reliefs are referred to as Oya Megali butsu, and are designated as Special Historical Sites and Important Cultural Properties

Restaurant
This restaurant is located in an Oak grove. Through the windows, you can see green areas, sky and clouds. What a nice view!!

It’s located in Utsunomiya Banka no Mori, and it is a good place to see changes in the seasons. The museum exhibits 20th century art like Magritte and Chagall, and also show posters and furniture made in Western countries.

Museum Shop
You can buy crafts, post cards and stationary here. This shop also has high quality accesso-

The Utsunomiya Museum of Art

TOCHIGI PREFECTURAL MUSEUM OF FINE ART

This museum exhibits landscapes, Western paintings like Turner and Constable, Japanese paintings, prints and crafts. Some work is related to Tochigi and artists who are from Tochigi. There is also much modern art from all over the world.

The Utsunomiya Agricultural Park

The total volume of mining space is about 20,000 square meters, extending a full 60 meters below ground level. The air is a cool 13°C throughout the year.

Strange shape You will be impressed with the view. Here is a Stone Wonder Land!! The view from Oya Keikan Park is fantastic.

Big space This place shows the mining history of Utsunomiya. The total volume of mining space is about 20,000 square meters, extending a full 60 meters below ground level. The air is a cool 13°C throughout the year.
FUTAARAYAMA SHRINE
MAP P-A
This is a good place for you to start in order to get acquainted with the history of Utsunomiya. The City of Utsunomiya has grown and prospered around Futaarayama Woods, and Futaarayama Shrine has been the spiritual center of the daily life of the citizens of Utsunomiya to date. People visit and pray on occasions like New Year’s Day and Shichi-go-san gala day for children of three, five and seven years of age. Students go there to ask for help in their entrance examinations. The Shrine was erected about 1,600 years ago to the spirit of Toyokiirihikonomikoto, the founder of Utsunomiya. It used to be called Shimotsuke-ichinomiya, from which, some argue, the name of the city, Utsunomiya had been derived. The treasures of the Shrine, iron guardian dogs and a helmet are national important cultural properties.

Country’s Important cultural assets
FORMER SHINOHARA FAMILY RESIDENCE
日置家旧宅 Kyu shinohara jutaku
MAP P-B
This is the former residence of one of the old and respectable families of Utsunomiya, the Shinohara family. This fine building made of pale green Oya stone is a good accent on the scenic city. There are many other buildings made of Oya stone with aged walls, which are comforting to the eyes of pedestrians. Find your favorite and take some pictures and they are sure to become warm reminders of your happy trip.

Country’s Important cultural assets
CATHOLIC MATSUMAGAMINE CHURCH
松が谷牧場教堂 (Matsumagamine kyokai)
MAP P-C
Built in 1735, this great statue of Buddha is popular because it is believed to help you accumulate wealth. Sitting in the compound of Zenganji Temple, this 3.6m high statue is called the Buddha Statue of Tree Soybeans. The folklore says that many long years ago, when the bellowers were at a loss how to raise enough money to erect a statue of Buddha, one traveling priest donated 3 soybeans and suggested to grow them and the money for the statue would be raised dome day, and sure enough the statue was built just as the priest predicted. Why don’t you visit this popular statue of Buddha and ask a blessing?

Country’s Registered cultural assets
HACHIMINYAMA PARK
八王子山公園
MAP P-D
Famous for its beautiful flowers, Utsunomiya Tower and The Suspension Bridge are located inside this park. The park used to be a privately owned garden that had been made in 1906. Inside this vast park with natural ups and downs are about 700 cherry trees and about 2,300 azaleas of about 30 varieties. People flock to the park during the season. You can take an extensive view of Utsunomiya City with Nikko and Nasu Mountains as a background when you go up the Utsunomiya Tower standing at the center of the park. Enjoy riding go-carts and visiting small animal’s zoo, and don’t forget to challenge the 1.5m wide and 100m long Suspension Bridge.

HORSE CHESTNUT STREET
マラニミの里道 (Marronnier no namikimichi)
MAP P-G
An invitingly beautiful street flanked on both sides by horse chestnut trees. The tree is designated as the Tree of Tochigi Prefecture, as Tochigi means a horse chestnut tree in Japanese. They were planted in 1938 and counting 62 at present. The bright green leaves and lovely pink and white flowers decorate Utsunomiya in early summer and when the autumn comes these trees bear nuts. This scenic street with an atmosphere of some European street is a good place to go for a leisurely stroll.

The outside and inside walls of this genuine Romanesque architecture are mostly made of Oya Stone. It is noble and majestic with the twin towers in the front. And its classical features have changed little over since its construction in 1932. Registered national cultural property.

BRONZE STATUE OF BUDDHA OF THREE SOYBEANS
大三つ豆の仏像 (Daizu santsubu no kanabutsu)
MAP P-B
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THE BIG GINKGO
大きいquiv (Ginkgo)
MAP P-D
A precious natural product of Utsunomiya City. This marvelous tree related to the ruins of the castle of Utsunomiya is 400 years old and has been a loyal witness of the long history of Utsunomiya. It is 33m high and its branches spread out 10m eastward and westward and 13m southward and northward, being the well-deserved symbol of Utsunomiya City.

How to get there: From JR Utsunomiya Station, take Kanto Bus headed for Sakurashin-gakuin komanyu or to Tomatsuri via Kiyosumi and after about 5 min get off at Baicho Futaarayama Shrine-mae · Contact:Tel028-635-5271 Utsunomiya-shi Hanawada 5-2-70

How to get there: From JR Utsunomiya Station, take Kanto Bus headed for Sakurashin-gakuin komanyu or to Tomatsuri via Kiyosumi and after about 6 minutes’ ride get off at Arakcho-mae. 6 minutes’ walk from the bus stop.

How to get there: From JR Utsunomiya Station, take Kanto Bus headed for Sakurashin-gakuin komanyu or to Tomatsuri via Kiyosumi and after about 6 minutes’ ride get off at Arakcho-mae. 15 minutes’ walk from the bus stop. Contact:Tel028-632-6002 Utsunomiya-shi Hanawada 5-2-70

How to get there: From JR Utsunomiya Station, take Kanto Bus headed for Sakurashin-gakuin komanyu or to Tomatsuri via Kiyosumi and after about 6 minutes’ ride get off at Kanto-cho-mae. 1’s minute’ walk from the bus stop. Contact:Tel028-622-3823 Utsunomiya-shi Hanawada 5-2-70

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Explore Historic sites.

Country’s Registered cultural assets
ST. JOHN CHURCH
聖ヨーハ教会 (St. John kyokai)
MAP P-10
Ingenuously beautiful church with the use of Oya stone both the bell tower and the chapel are made of Oya stone, which give them the beauty of simplicity. The interior is decorated with exposed logs and their natural curves are creating a space suitable for a chapel. Built in 1933. Registered national cultural property.

How to get there:From JR Utsunomiya Station, take Kanto Bus headed for Sakurashin-gakuin komanyu and get off at Sakurashin-junmon 2 minutes’ walk from the bus stop. · Contact:Tel028-632-3823 Utsunomiya-shi Sakuracho 3-2-37
cocktail & gyoza in UTSUNOMIYA

COCKTAIL IN UTSUNOMIYA

Enjoy a world of cocktails They say there are about 3,000 to 5,000 cocktail recipes. There are so many that nobody bothers to count. Try to find your favorite kind of cocktail, as you would try to find your type of lover, from nobody bothers to count. Try to find your favorite kind of drink to original recipe, enjoy a cocktail, as you would try to find your type of lover, from nobody bothers to count. Try to find your favorite kind of drink to original recipe, enjoy a cocktail.

Reason #1: The climate. The summer is hot and the winter is cold in Utsunomiya, as it is located inland. You need a lot of stamina to overcome this severe climate, and gyoza is a food that gives you stamina. It is a food culture born from the climate of Utsunomiya.

Reason #2: There used to be an army post in Utsunomiya, and the No.14 Division of the Japanese Imperial Army stayed there. Gyoza was originated in the north-eastern region of China, where the No. 14 Division stayed during World War II. Rumor has it that they came to love gyoza during their stay in China, and when they came back home, they let the people of Utsunomiya know about the good taste of gyoza.

30 specialty stores! So many! You can say Utsunomiya is a city of gyoza, as there are as many as 30 specialty gyoza stores! There are many ways of cooking, and you can enjoy boiled or fried gyoza. There are a wide variety of ingredients, too. There is even a full course dinner of gyoza. As it is low in price as well as delicious, it is popular among the young and old alike. People quite often enjoy gyoza in Utsunomiya. You can reasonably say that gyoza is the fast food of Utsunomiya.

It is only natural that you will find a statue of gyoza just outside of the eastern entrance of JR Utsunomiya Station. It is a statue of Venus wrapped in Gyoza, which may give you a mysterious feeling. As the statue is carved out of Oya stone, it is sure that you are looking at a very unique statue!

Yellow crucian carp is for good health. A folk tale says that a long time ago, when there was an outbreak of smallpox in the region, a local fisherman caught a yellow crucian carp. He gave it to one of the smallpox patients, who miraculously recovered. The yellow crucian carp made of paper has become a good-luck charm for good health and is a popular souvenir.

Fukube ware made of bottle gourd nuts. The dried nut shell is called Fukube in Japanese. This natural material is cleverly made into masks, charcoal containers, flower vases, and ornaments for alcoves. Above all, masks are very unique and local friendly. This Fukube ware is expected to fight against evil for you, but you might doubt their effects as they look too lovely to be tough fighters.

Oya stone ware made from Oya stone (local material). Frogs, turtles, garden lanterns, and a whole lot of other things are made out of it. As Oya stone is soft and easy to work with, it can be made into almost any shapes. From frogs, turtles and Tanuki, to garden lanterns, images of Buddha, and figures, they are favored by many people.

How about taking some home?

SPECIAL PRODUCTS

As you know, orchids are elegantly beautiful. Utsunomiya is the number one production center of orchids in Tochigi Prefecture. There is a huge variety of orchids/Paphiopedilum, Cymbidium, and Cattleya, to name just a few. Sweet, delicious strawberries shining bright red. Tochigi Prefecture is the number one producer of strawberries in Japan. We recommend our original brands, Nyoho and Tochiotome to satisfy your taste.

Why are Utsunomiya apples so tasty? To find the answer, why don’t you drop by one of the fruit gardens and wander through the trees? As there are so many kinds of apples to enjoy. And as you know, an apple a day keeps the doctor away, so why don’t you have some?

Very nutritious dried gourd shavings (Kanpyo) Dried gourd shavings contains lots of dietary fiber, iron, phosphorus, and calcium. For example, it contains 3 times as much calcium as milk, and accordingly it is good to eat before and after childbirth, and for those with high blood pressure. Tochigi Prefecture is producing 90% of the dried gourd shavings produced in Japan.

JAPANESE RICE WINE “SAKE”

High quality water and rice make Utsunomiya’s local sake. Utsunomiya sake has quality water running from Nasu and Nikko Mountains flowing into the Kanto Plain. Rice grows in good soil with quality water and good care and local people working with passion and love are the secrets of the high quality sake of Utsunomiya.

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FURUSATO MIYA FESTIVAL
ふるさと宮祭り

The first Saturday and Sunday of August. This festival's main theme is "Encounter & Communication." It takes place in Utsunomiya's main street, Odori, and there are many performances like Ohayashi, Mikoshi, parades, Taiko. Mikoshi have an especially powerful atmosphere. In 2 days, about 80 Mikoshi are carried around the streets, and you can see the biggest festival in the North Kanto area.

JAPAN CUP
ジャパンカップ

The last Saturday and Sunday of October. The Japan Cup cycling road race (Around Shinrin Park) Men who want to win the cycling race come from all over the world to Utsunomiya. There are hilly and flat sections for the racecourse, so both riders and viewers will be excited about this race. This is a fantastic event for cyclists around the world.

HANAMI
桜見

Beginning of April, about 800 cherry trees are blooming all over Utsunomiya. The most famous are HACHIMARUYAMA Park and SHINKAWA River. Cherry blossoms are lighted up at night and you will find many people eating and drinking with families and friends under beautiful cherry blossoms.

It's Exciting and Fun!