

Ports & Excursions



Sakaiminato, Japan

Wedged between sea, sky and mountains, this small fishing port has been esteemed for centuries for its superb seafood. Here, the Sea of Japan yields up both crab and hon-maguro, the prized Bluefin tuna esteemed by gourmets around the world. Sakaiminato is also your gateway to a very ancient region of Honshu. West of the city lies Izumo-taisha, one of the oldest and holiest shrines in Shinto. This area is dotted with burial mounds from Japan's Bronze Age. The town of Matsue boasts the celebrated "Black Castle," a six-story, black-walled castle that home to a clan of the mighty Tokugawa dynasty that ruled Japan for over 250 years. And to the east rises the great snow-capped summit of Mt. Daisen, considered one of the four most scenic mountains in all Japan.

Also a common sight ashore are the Yokai - approximately 100 bronze statues of supernatural characters as imagined by famed manga comic author Shigeru Mizuki, who was born in Sakaiminato. The Yokai have become synonymous with the town and delight visitors at every turn.

Points of Interest

1 Izumo Grand Shrine

One of the oldest and most important Shinto temples in Japan, Izumo is mentioned in two oldest written accounts of early 8th century chronicles of ancient Japan.

2 Hinomisaki Shrine and Light house

The shrine's elegant, vermillion buildings boast fine carvings of dragons, tigers and cranes while the lighthouse is the tallest stone masonry lighthouse in Japan.

3 Matsue Castle

One of the oldest surviving castles in Japan, Matsue is called the "plover". With the black wooden walls of its six-story donjon, it's one of the few black castles in Japan.

4 Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the mine was the largest silver mine in Japan and operated for nearly 400 years.

5 Adachi Museum of Art

Founded in 1970, the Museum features a collection of modern Japanese painting and one of the finest gardens in Japan.

6 Tottori Flower Road (Hanakairo)

The 124-acre Tottori-Hanakairo Flower Park is one of the largest flower garden in all Japan.

7 Mizuki Shigeru Museum

The Museum commemorates this Sakaiminato native son, the celebrated manga artist whose Yokai characters line a city street.

8 Yushien Garden

This classic Japanese circuit garden on Daikon-shima island features peonies, pine trees, koi ponds, waterfalls and streams.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours



Izumo Grand Shrine & Lake Shinji (Guided in English) YGJ-100 | Sakaiminato, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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8.5
hours

from \$119.00

Izumo-taisha is one of the oldest and most important Shinto shrines in Japan. Driving by Lake Shinji, Japan's 7th largest lake and famous for the scenic beauty. Visit the Shimane Museum of Izumo Ancient History for a look at the temple's long history before exploring the shrine itself. Visit Hinomisaki, home to an elegant temple and the tallest stone masonry lighthouse in Japan.



Izumo Grand Shrine & Lake Shinji (Guided in Japanese) YGJ-104 | Sakaiminato, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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Tottori Flower Park (Guided in English) YGJ-220 | Sakaiminato, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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4
hours

from \$119.00

Experience the lovely blooms and fountains at Tottori Hanakairo Flower Park and then sample your way through the candy factory. This charming half-day sightseeing excursion from Sakaiminato on the main island of Honshu brims with eye candy while satisfying the sweet tooth!



Tottori Flower Park (Guided in Japanese) YGJ-224 | Sakaiminato, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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hours

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Special Interests



Matsue Castle, Horikawa Boat Ride & Museums (Guided in English) YGJ-130 | Sakaiminato, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

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7
hours

from \$189.00

Tour the Adachi Museum of Art, home to a collection of modern Japanese paintings and one of the finest gardens in Japan. Explore Matsue Castle, nicknamed the "plover castle". After lunch, cruise Matsue's scenic canals before visiting the Lafcadio Hearn Memorial Museum.



Matsue Castle, Horikawa Boat Ride & Museums (Guided in Japanese)
YGJ-134 | Sakaiminato, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:



7 hours

from \$129.00

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Adachi Museum & Its Garden (Guided in English)
YGJ-200 | Sakaiminato, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:



4.5 hours

from \$89.00

Tour the Adachi Museum of Art, home to a collection of modern Japanese paintings and one of the finest gardens in Japan.



Adachi Museum & Its Garden (Guided in Japanese)
YGJ-204 | Sakaiminato, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:



4.5 hours

from \$69.00

Tour the Adachi Museum of Art, home to a collection of modern Japanese painting and one of the finest gardens in Japan.