



 Tottori Prefecture



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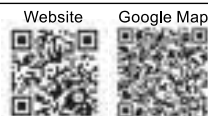
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Shikano Castle Ruins Park

How to enjoy "HANAMI"



Tips on what to prepare for flower viewing

- A picnic sheet comes in handy for flower viewing as most places have no benches.
- Disposable kairo heat packs and jackets are good to have as daytime temperatures can drop in April. They are a necessity for night time viewing!
- Trash bags: be sure to take home your own trash.

※ You can find the above items at any 100 yen store. Be well prepared to enjoy flower viewing to the fullest.



Dango sweets or flowers? Enjoy the food galore sold at stalls!

- The variety of food stalls of light snacks (takoyaki, taiyaki, and other) set up during the cherry blossom season makes flower viewing all the more festive and exciting!



Things to beware of during the flower viewing season

- Many roads near popular flower viewing spots tend to be heavily congested in urban areas. Please use public transportation.
- Be careful not to bend or shake branches.
- It is courteous to keep voices down and not play loud music as it may disturb other people enjoying flower viewing.
- Don't forget to bring cash as credit card payments not accepted at food stalls.

Let's enjoy
"HANAMI"!!!

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Eastern Tottori Prefecture



See reflections of a sakura tunnel in the heart of the city

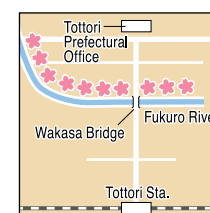
Rows of Cherry Trees Along Fukuro River

From Moto-machi to Zaimoku-cho (Wakasa Bridge-Yutokoro Bridge) in Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

Along the river, a row of 2-km long cherry trees form a sakura tunnel in spring. It is a popular viewing spot that is close to Tottori Station. During the viewing season, paper lanterns are lit up at night showing beautiful reflections of soft sakura petals in the water.

Transportation Access

- 10 min walk from JR Tottori Station
- 15 min from Tottori Expressway's "Tottori IC"



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"Sakura Garden" in Inaba Senbon (1000 trees) Sakura Park

Fuse, Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

Just as the name refers, this park is filled with a 1,000 somei-yoshino cherry trees. The sakura blossoms that cover a slope near the recreation ground are worth seeing.



Transportation Access

- 15-min bus ride from JR Tottori Station. Take the "Yoshioka Line" and get off at "Fuse". 5-min walk from bus stop.
- 5 min from Sanin Expressway's "Tottori Nishi IC"



Early April ~ Mid April

Cherry Trees Along Chizu's Riverbank

Chizu, Chizu Town, Yazu-gun, Tottori Prefecture

Enjoy viewing cherry blossoms along Sendai River. Take a 1.3-km long stroll to see all of the beautiful 180 somei-yoshino cherry trees, some with impressive branches that appear to hover over the surface of the water.



Transportation Access

- 10-min walk from JR Chizu Station
- 10 min from Tottori Expressway's "Chizu IC"



Tottori's best viewing spot! A must-see!

Early April



Sakura petals and castle ruins -
this is the real Japan!

Late March
~ Early April



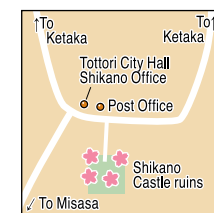
Kyusho Park

Higashi-machi, Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

This is the most popular viewing place in Tottori. Many people come to see the soft shades of pink against the backdrop of Tottori Castle ruins and the historical Jinpukaku building which make the cherry blossoms look all the more beautiful. At the entrance of the park, there is a designated tree that provides the blossoming forecast in Tottori.

Transportation Access

- Take the 100 yen loop bus "Kururi" (green course) from JR Tottori Station. Short walk from "Jinpukaku - Kenritsu Hakubutsukan" bus stop.
- 20 min from Tottori Expressway's "Tottori IC"



Shikano Castle Ruins Park

Shikano, Shikano-cho, Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

This castle dates back to the Warring States Period. It is embellished in pink all around with 500 somei-yoshino cherry trees. When the lanterns are lit up at night, many people come to see the beautiful sakura reflections in the water of the castle moat.

Transportation Access

- 80 min bus ride from JR Hamamura Station. Take the "Hakuto Kaigan Line" and get off at "Tatemachi". 7 min walk from bus stop.
- 9 min from Sanin Expressway's "Hamamura-Shikano Onsen IC".



Early April ~ Mid April

Aoshima Island, Koyama-ike Park

Takazumi, Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

Located in Koyama Pond which is the biggest pond in Japan, this island becomes brightly colored with somei-yoshino and 30 other varieties of cherry trees. Rapeseed blossoms compliment the sakura blossoms in this season, adding contrasting colors to a must-see scenery!



Transportation Access

- 20 min bus ride from JR Tottori Station. Take the "Yoshioka Line" and get off at "Aoshima Koen". Bus stops right by the pond.
- 5 min from Sanin Expressway's "Yoshioka Onsen IC"



Late March ~ Mid April

Tenmayama Park

1664-91 Funaoka, Yazu Town, Yazu-gun, Tottori Prefecture

Around 1000 cherry trees can be viewed along the trail that leads to the park located in the middle of Tenmayama.



Transportation Access

- About 1 hour train ride from JR Tottori Station. Take the "Wakasa Line" to Wakasa and get off at "Inaba Funaoka Station". 10 min walk to the park.
- 10 min from Tottori Expressway's "Kawahara IC"

Matching scenery: cherry blossoms
by the station and tracks

Wakasa Station

345-2 Wakasa, Wakasa Town, Yazu-gun, Tottori Prefecture

Just as the name Wakasa (young blossoms) implies, one can expect to find beautiful cherry blossoms at this station. You can also enjoy flower viewing from the train as many cherry trees are planted along the track, between Koge and Wakasa stations.

Transportation Access

- From JR Tottori Station, take the Wakasa Line to Wakasa and get off at "Wakasa Station".
- 30 min from Tottori Expressway's "Kawahara IC" via Route 29



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Relax in an onsen
and enjoy the view

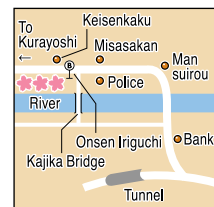
Misasa Onsen Yanase Park

Misasa, Misasa Town, Tohaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture

This park is located in the famous hot spring (onsen) town, Misasa. Close by, you will find "Kajika Bridge", a popular spot for foot bathing. Listen to the soothing sound of the river flowing while dipping in Misasa Onsen and enjoy the beauty of cherry blossoms.

Transportation Access

- 25 min bus ride from JR Kurayoshi Station. Take the "Agei-Misasa line" and get off at "Onsen Iriguchi" just in front of the park.
- 30 min from Sanin Expressway's "Hawai IC"
- 20 min from Sanin Expressway's "Tomari-Togo IC"



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Cherry Trees Along Old Kurayoshi Line Ruins

Nishi Kurayoshi-cho, Kurayoshi City, Tottori Prefecture

This was once a national railway track. It is now used as a cycling road in Kurayoshi and a 3.9-km line of beautiful cherry trees can be viewed along this road. Why not rent a bike and enjoy cycling?



Transportation Access

- About 15 min bus ride from JR Kurayoshi Station. Take the citybus and get off at "Nishi Kurayoshi". 10 min walk from the bus stop.
- Rent a bike at Kurayoshi Shirakabe Dozogun Tourist Info Center (15min by bike) or Kurayoshi Station Tourist Info Desk (45min by bike)
- 40 min from Yonago Expressway's "Yubara IC"

Early April
~ Late April

Early April

Kanzaki-jinja Shrine

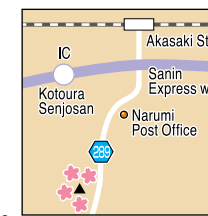
210 Akasaki, Kotoura Town, Tohaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture

Discover a 16m-long ceiling relief of a dragon inside the shrine - one of the largest dragon reliefs in Japan! In early April, the shrine becomes lively with its "Kojin Markets" as people come to enjoy the flower viewing.



Transportation Access

- 5 min bus ride from JR Akasaki Station. Take the "Akasaki line" and get off at "Kojin-machi". 6 min walk from the bus stop.
- 5 min from Sanin Expressway's "Kotoura Senjosan IC" via Route 9.



Transportation Access

- 30 min bus ride from Akasaki Station. Take the "Senjosan line" and get off at "Shonen Shizen-no ie". 3 minutes walk from the bus stop.
- 15min from Sanin Expressway's "Kotoura Senjosan IC"

Famous mountain embellished with 4000 trees.

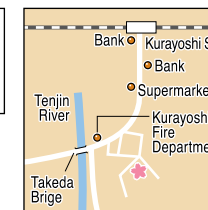
Senjosan Manbon Sakura Park

Yamagawa, Kotoura Town, Tohaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture

This mountain is well-known for its historical links to Emperor Go-Daigo. Take a scenic drive or enjoy a hiking course and make the most of Mt. Senjosan's abundant nature which offers a wide range of cherry varieties and numerous trees, including the late blooming yaezakura.

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Falling sakura petals
from the sky



Transportation Access

- 5 min bus ride from JR Kurayoshi Station. Take the "city line" and get off at "Yatsuya". 5min walk from the bus stop.
- Hire a bike from Kurayoshi Station Tourist Info Desk (15 min by bike)
- 45 min from Yonago Expressway's "Yubara IC"

Utsubuki Park

Nakano-cho, Kurayoshi City, Tottori Prefecture

This park features a range of cherry varieties and other flowers such as azaleas in spring. With the fresh greenery in summer, changing colors of foliage in autumn and camellias in winter, this park offers a different picture each season. It is also considered a healing place and is selected as one of "Japan's Best 100 Urban Parks".

Transportation Access

- 15 min bus ride from JR Kurayoshi Station. Take the "Park Square Line" or "Hirose Line" and get off at "Shiyakusho-Utsubuki Koen Iriguchi". 5 min walk from the bus stop.
- 25 min from Sanin Expressway's "Kotoura-higashi IC"



Gokurakuji Temple

130 Yatsuya, Kurayoshi City, Tottori Prefecture

Tottori Prefecture's largest weeping cherry tree can be found here. This 140-year-old tree is 16m high with a trunk circumference of 3.5m wide. It is graceful branches and beautiful dark shades of rose-pink blossoms attract many visitors. The evening light show is simply enchanting!

Transportation Access

- 5 min bus ride from JR Kurayoshi Station. Take the "city line" and get off at "Yatsuya". 5min walk from the bus stop.
- Hire a bike from Kurayoshi Station Tourist Info Desk (15 min by bike)
- 45 min from Yonago Expressway's "Yubara IC"

Central Tottori Prefecture

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One of Sanin's best places to view
cherry blossoms!



Early April
~ Mid-April

Western Tottori Prefecture

A spectacular display with
Mt. Daisen



Early April ~ Mid April
Hagiwara's Rows of Cherry Trees
1419-13 Hatai, Daisen Town, Saihaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture
In spring, this road is transformed into a 500-m long tunnel of cherry blossoms. Make the most of spring by walking or driving through this beautiful sakura tunnel.



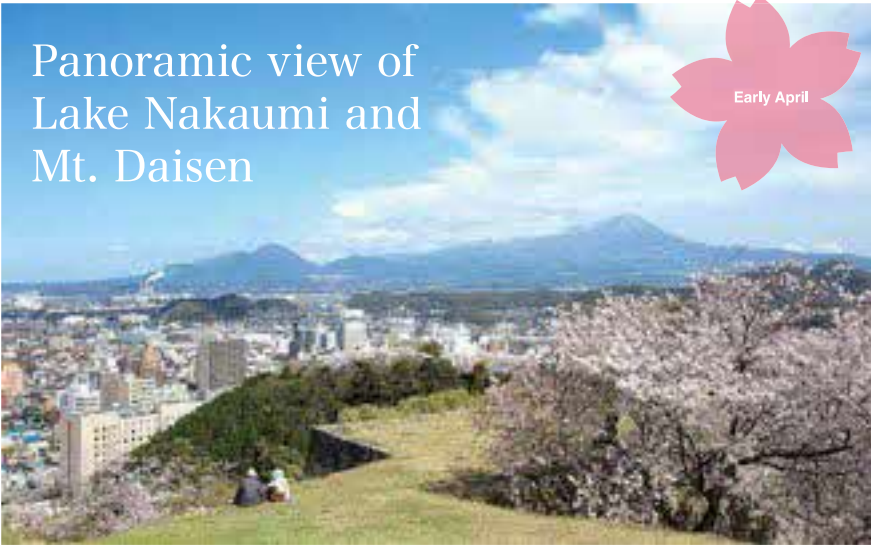
Transportation Access
10 min by taxi from JR Nakayama-guchi Station
16 min from Sanin Expressway's "Nawa IC"



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Nawa Park
528 Mikuriya, Daisen Town, Saihaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture
Located near Nawa-jinja Shrine, this park overlooks the Sea of Japan to the north and is one of the few places with a superb view of Mt. Daisen (to the south) in Tottori Prefecture.



Transportation Access
4 min walk from JR Nawa Station
5 min from Sanin Expressway and get off at "Nawa IC"



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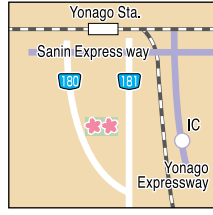
Panoramic view of
Lake Nakaumi and
Mt. Daisen

Tottori Hanakairo Flower Park

110 Tsuruda, Nanbu Town, Saihaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture

210 cherry trees blossom in spring, showcasing various shades, from white to dark pink. Enjoy also viewing 28 different kinds of brightly colored flowers (yellow and green flowers too). The joint display of cherry blossoms with Mt. Daisen in the background is a sight not to be missed!

Transportation Access
Take the free shuttle bus from JR Yonago Station (25 min)
20 min from Yonago Expressway's "Mizokuchi IC" or 10 min from "Yonago IC"



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~ Early April

Charming white lighthouse
brightens port city at night



Minatoyama Park and Yonago Castle Ruins

Kume-cho, Yonago City, Tottori Prefecture

Yonago's castle ruins overlook the city, Lake Nakaumi and Mt. Daisen in the distance. In front of Lake Nakaumi, people can enjoy taking a stroll under the beautiful cherry trees and admire the sculptures along Chokoku Road. You can also take a boat ride and enjoy viewing the cherry blossoms from Kamogawa River which flows beside the walkway.



Transportation Access
23 min walk from JR Yonago Station
Take Dandan Bus (dandan course) and get off at "Minatoyama Koen", 5 min walk from the bus stop.
8 min from Sanin Expressway's "Yonago-Nishi IC"



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Paper lanterns creating
the perfect sakura display

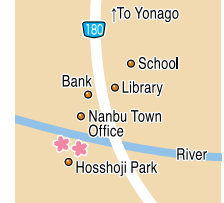


Shiroyama Park, Hosshoji River bank

1587-1 Kamobe, Nanbu Town, Saihaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture

Near the old Hosshoji Castle remains, over 700 cherry trees covering an area of 5.5km along the riverbank. This area is bustling with stalls during the sakura season and the night display of paper lanterns is simply magical!

Transportation Access
25 mins bus ride from JR Yonago Station. Take Hinomaru Bus "Hosshoji line" and get off at "Hosshoji Kami", 5 min walk from the bus stop.
15 min from Sanin Expressway's "Yonago Nishi IC"

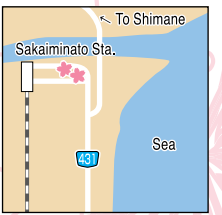


Sakai Daiba Park

10 Hana-machi, Sakaiminato City, Tottori Prefecture

The lighting of the 350 trees around Sanin's oldest wooden hexagonal lighthouse create a magical and beautiful port town atmosphere in Port Sakai.

Transportation Access
10 min bus ride from JR Sakaiminato Station. Take "Hama Loop Bus" (main course) and get off at "Daiba Koen - Umito Kurashi-no Shiryokan Iriguchi". The bus stop is in front of the park.
35 min from Yonago Expressway's "Yonago IC"



Shimane Prefecture



Matsue Castle
1-5 Tono-machi, Matsue City, Shimane Prefecture

Many somei-yoshino cherry trees and other varieties such as the yaezakura and shidarezakura (weeping cherry) decorate sections of Matsue Castle (national treasure) with beautiful shades of pink. The lighting at night is a sight not to be missed!

Transportation Access

- 10 min bus ride from JR Matsue Station. Take a Lake Line Bus and get off at "Kokuho Matsuejyo(Ootemae)". The castle is in front of the bus stop.
- Take a city bus from Ichibata Dentetsu's Matsue-Shinjiko-Onsen Station and get off at "Kencho-mae". 5 min walk from the bus stop.
- 10 min from Sanin Expressway's "Matsue Nishi IC"



Cherry Road
Nonami, Shimane-cho, Matsue City, Shimane Prefecture

When in full bloom, the cherry trees appear to form a 5-km long tunnel of soft pink sakura petals. The contrasting colors of cherry flowers and the sea are spectacular! Feel refreshed as you enjoy a scenic drive.

Transportation Access

- 30 min by taxi from JR Matsue Station
- about 35 min from Sanin Expressway's "Matsue JCT"



Kiyomizu-dera Temple
528 Kiyomizu-cho, Yasugi City, Shimane Prefecture

Established in 587A.D., this temple is regarded as the temple for expelling evil. Many visitors are attracted to the cherry flowers that blossom around the three-story pagoda.

Transportation Access

- Take the 'Yellow Bus' Kanko Loop and get off at "Kiyomizu". 8 min walk from bus stop.
- 10 min from Sanin Expressway's "Yasugi IC".



Kinosaki Hot Spring
Kinosaki-cho, Toyooka City, Hyogo Prefecture

The beautiful cherry blossoms along Otani River in this hot spring (onsen) town is a must-see! Kiya Road is one of the best places to enjoy flower viewing. Night-time sakura flowers create a great onsen atmosphere.

Transportation Access

- 15-min walk from JR Kinosaki Onsen Station
- 50 min from Kitakinki Toyooka Expressway's "Wadayama IC"



Takeda Castle Ruins, Ritsuun Gorge
169 Kojyozan Takeda, Wadayama-cho, Asago City, Hyogo Prefecture

Located on a high altitude, this set of ancient remains is referred to as "The Castle in the Sky" or the "Machu Picchu of Japan". The contrasting colors of the impressive stone walls and the cherry flowers are one of the breathtaking sights waiting to be discovered.

Transportation Access

- Short walk from JR Takeda Station
- 15 min from Kitakinki Toyooka Expressway "Wadayama IC"

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Kakuzan Park
135 Sange, Tsuyama City, Okayama Prefecture

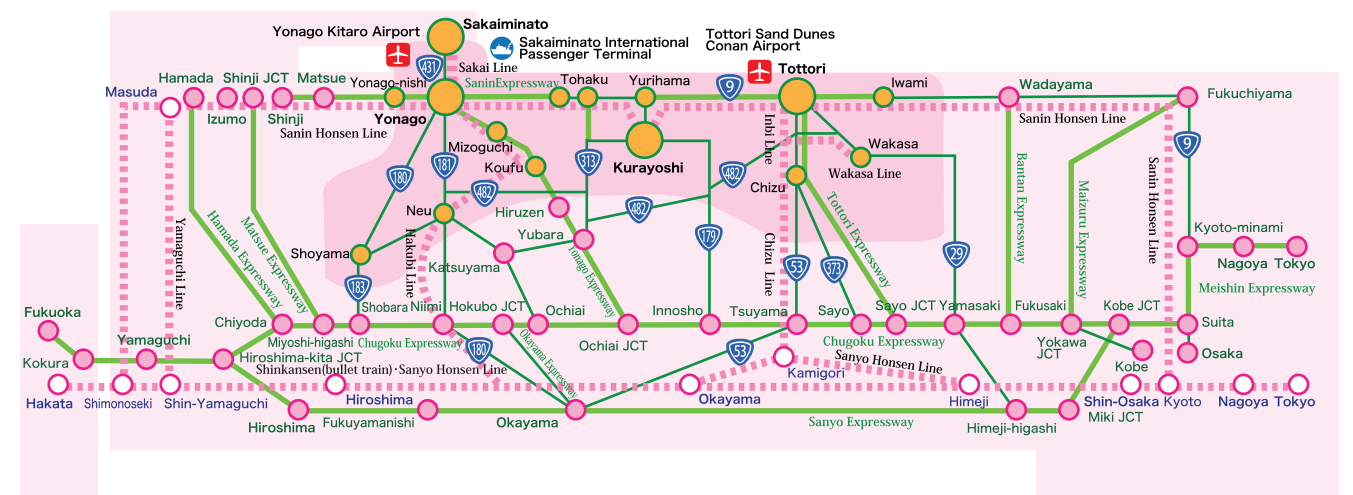
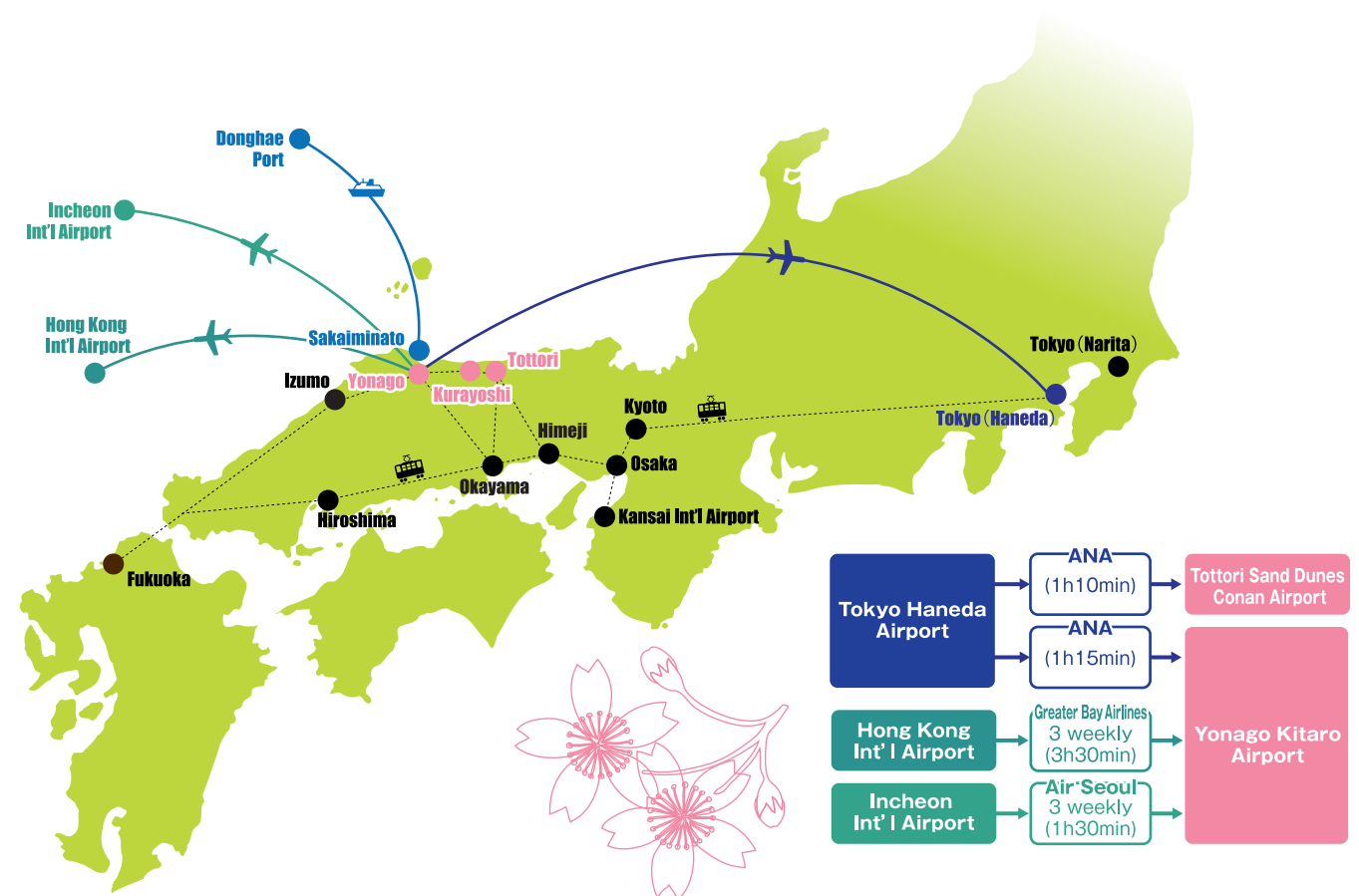
The complex and intricately fitted stone wall of Tsuyama Castle towering over thousands of trees blossoming all over the park is a sight not to be missed! From a distance, the spectacular rows of cherry trees appear to be overlapping each other, creating a picturesque view.

Transportation Access

- 18 min walk from JR Tsuyama Station
- 15 min from Chugoku Expressway's "Tsuyama IC" or "Innoshio IC".



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