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# Yatsushiro City Homepage

https://www.city.yatsushiro.lg.jp/



For more detailed tourist information, check it out!



Yatsushiro Tourism Portal Site
Kinasse Yatsushiro



More convenient and enjoyable Yatsushiro sightseeing



Yatsushiro Tourism d Guide



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Yatsushiro City Tourism Guidebook

KINASSE YATSUSHIRO





Scan here for details!

Official Character of Yatsushiro City



|  | Name :             | Chikuwan                |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
|  | Place of Origin :  | Hinagu, Yatsushiro City |
|  | Birthday :         | November 11th           |
|  | Favorite Food :    | Hinagu Chikuwa          |
|  | Who I respect is : | Kumamon                 |
|  |                    |                         |

2025 **Ø** Yatsushiro City



# **Yatsushiro City Tourist Guidebook**





Welcome to Yatsushiro City!

This is a city where you can enjoy beautiful nature, history, and local cuisine.

You will be soothed by the scenery of each season amidst our pleasantly warm climate.

You can also interact with warm-hearted people. We will bring you all the charm of Yatsushiro.

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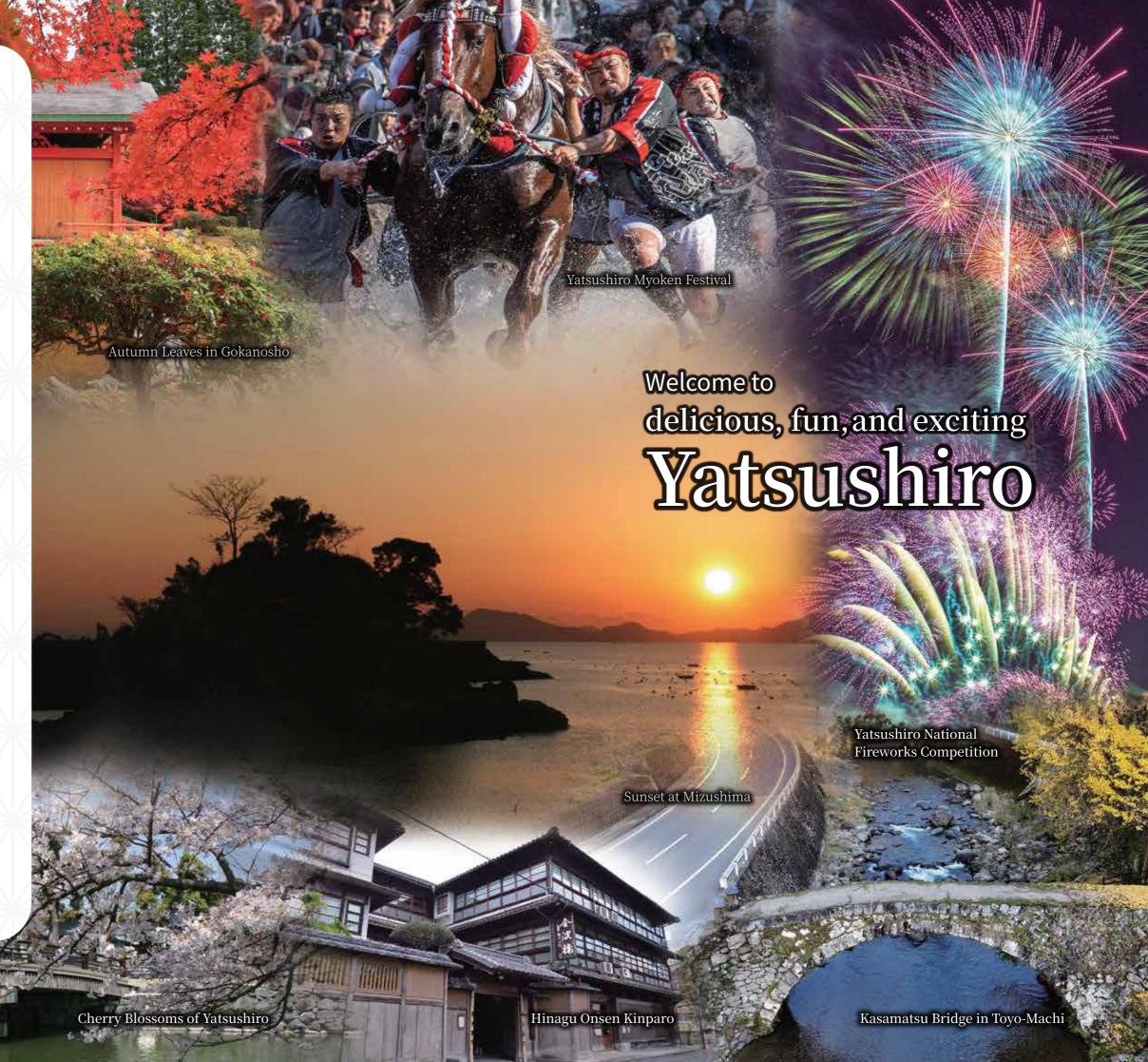






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\*Information is subject to change, so please check before you go



**Experience the** 

# Sea AND RIVER Mitsi Rivers



Clam Digging

of Yatsushiro with all your senses!

Yatsushiro City faces the mouth of the Kuma River, and there are plenty of things to "ride" "catch" ar

- outdoor charm by touching the water, feeling th
- e, and taking in the scent of the sea!







# **Kagami Oyster House**

- Kitashinchi, Kagami-Machi,
- Yatsushiro City (along the embankment)
  December to February Weekdays:10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays : 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM \*Times subject to change depending of
- Irregular holidays Kagami Oyster House
- TEL 0965-53-9352









The Kagami-Machi Fisheries Cooperative holds an event on the coast of Kitashinchi, Kagami-Machi, Yatsushiro City around the consecutive holidays in May. The main catch is clams.

Tools are not available for rent, so bring own rake and bucket. Times vary based on tides, so please check in advance.



- Junior high students and older: 1,000 yen per outing, Children: free, Up to 2
- Kagami-Machi Fisheries Cooperative TEL 0965-53-9121
- Available





3 hours 30 minutes

1-5 people: 35,000 yen(Basic fee + 5,000 yen for each additional person)

1-6 people: 31,500 yen(basic fee + 4,500 yen for each additional person) Yatsushiro Tourist Information Center TEL 0965-32-2436

Reservations must be made a least one week in advance

Available Located at the pier

**SUP & Kayak** 

SUP (Stand-up Paddleboarding) is a water activity in which you stand on a board floating on the Kuma River and paddle to move forward. The kayaks are inflatable types (duckies). Rest assured, life jackets are provided and an instructor will accompany you!

- ¥ SUP: 3,300 yen per person for 1 hour Kayak: 9,200 yen per person for 2 hours
- \*Price includes rental fees for life jackets, paddles, etc KUMAMOTO ASOBI LABO, a Non-profit Organization TEL 0965-37-8266 Cellphone 080-4348-1100



Let's dig up the bounty of the Yatsushiro Sea!





# The masons of Yatsushiro

# ~The stone-making legacy of Masonry Town~

In Kumamoto, there are still many old-fashioned "arched bridges." Many of them were created by stonemasons born and raised in Yatsushiro. Their skills were highly regarded throughout Japan, and they were involved in the construction of the Kanda Sujikai Megane Bridge (Manseibashi, Tokyo) and the national treasure Tsujunkyo Bridge (Yamato Town). Their skills became well-known throughout the country, and Yatsushiro became famous as the "hometown of stonemasons." The bridges built by these stonemasons and the stories woven around the 25 cultural properties related to them have been designated as JAPAN HERITAGE.



JAPAN HERITAGE HP



八代を創造した石互たちの軌跡







# \_earn about Yatsushiro's history while enjoying the breeze

Recommended bicycle rental courses



The Masonry Museum Sekishokan where you can learn the history of the Taneyama Masons

# Toyo Masonry Museum Sekishokan Shigemi Bridge

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Kurofuchi Kasen Natural Park

Kasamatsu Bridge with its beautiful curves

Tanigawa Bridge

Bridge

Kasamatsu

# A Tour of Japan Heritage sites

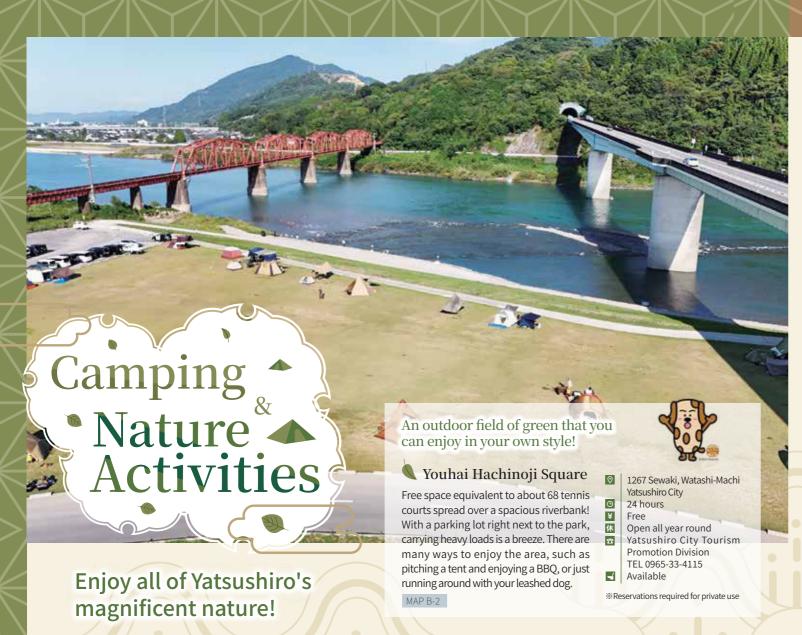
Shin-Yatsushiro Station ⇔ Kasamatsu Bridge

Enjoy the seasonal scenery of igusa grass, citrus fruits, and ginger fields on the way to Kasamatsu Bridge, a famous anime locale. Including the arched bridges built by stonemasons, there are many sights to see. Take a break at the Toyo Roadside Station and enjoy the peaceful countryside views.

Riding over the Tanigawa Bridge above the Kawamata River. The Tanigawa Bridge is a relatively new arched bridge built in 1929 (Showa 4)







During the day, enjoy a view as far as Mt. Unzen in

Nagasaki Prefecture.At night, enjoy 360-degree panoramic views of the star filled sky

# Sakamoto Hachiryu Observatory

On clear nights you can gaze at a sky full of stars, and on cloudy nights or during the day, you can even enjoy stargazing at the planetarium. With lodges available, you can stay overnight after a full day of fun.



335-2 Nakatani, Sakamoto-Machi Yatsushiro City © 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Reception

until 9:30PM) Tuesdays, Wednesdays, December 31st and January 1st

Sakamoto Hachiryu Observatory TEL 0965-45-3453

Available Available





You can rent an entire guest wing for just 10,000 yen per day, no matter how many people stay! Enjoy playing in the clear stream, or challenge yourself to nagashi somen noodles in summer.

3623 Kawamata, Toyo-Machi, Yatsushiro City

# Gokanosho Keiryu Campsite Playing in the water and

There are five bungalows and permanent tents, as well as a wide range of rental items available.

77-1 Momigi, Izumi-Machi, Yatsushiro City check In 14:00  $\sim$  check out

17:00 ~ 10:00 TEL 0965-67-5372 Heike-no-Sato Reception)



fishing in a beautiful



Countryside Blessings



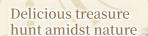


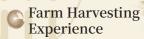












Pick seasonal fruits, carefully grown without pesticides, with your own hands. You can also purchase pesticide-free fruits.

# Hashinaga Farm MAP C-3



3517 Kawamata, Toyo-Machi,

Yatsushiro City Blueberries: Mid-June to Mid-August Chestnuts: Early to Mid-September

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Closed in cases of bad

TEL 070-8582-2526

Available Available



An activity only available in Yatsushiro, the largest producer of Igusa grass in Japan

# Igusa Grass Milli Tatami Mat Making MAP B-1 Igusa Grass Mini

A mini tatami-making experience with the fresh aroma of Igusa grass. Create your own mini tatami mat, perfect for a photo frame or a curio display base. Finish things off with a bowl of tatami ice cream. A special opportunity to savor both taste and tradition.



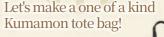
0 438-2 Uchida, Kagami-Machi Yatsushiro City

10:30AM-12:00PM/1:30PM-4:00PM TEL 0120-193-017

Available Available









Choose your favorite Kumamon stickers from a wide selection and stick them on freely. Arrange them like patterns to create your very own special tote bag!





1583 Kamikata-Machi, Yatsushiro City 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Last reception at 4:00 PM) 0965-32-7474





# Introducing the romantic legend of the survivors

This is like a museum that conveys the legend of the survivors of the Heike clan. A puppet pavilion that recreates the battle of Dannoura using paper crafts, and a Noh stage where Kagura (Shinto music and dance) is performed (once a year).

160-1 Momigi, Izumi-Machi, Yatsushiro City April to November / 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM December to March / 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Tuesdays & New Year's Holidays High school students and older: 410 yen / Elementary and junior high students: 200

Gokanosho, Heike-no-Sato TEL 0965-67-5372

Available Available





Kureko Ancient Dance

# Visit a mansion where historic figures once lived in hiding.



46 Shiibaru, Izumi-Machi Yatsushiro City

TEL 0965-67-5118

Zouza-Ke

Yatsushiro City TEL 0965-67-5510 MAP E-2

The Ogata-Ke Mansion is a Gassho-style house believed to have been inhabited by Kishiro Moriyuki Ogata, a descendant of Taira no Kiyotsune who was defeated in the Battle of Dan-no-ura. The mansion offers glimpses of the legend of the fallen clan, such as hidden rooms. The Zouza-Ke Mansion is said to have been the place where the eldest son of Sugawara no Michizane hid to avoid being pursued by the Fujiwara clan.

4 April to November / 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM December to March / 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM High school students and above: 200 ven

Elementary and junior high school students: 100 yen Available

休 | Tuesdays, New Year's

Roadside Station Hikvo no Sato Izun Umenoki Todoro Parl Izumi Town Suspension Bridge Umenoki • Approximately 40 minutes by car from Approximately 50 minutes by car from Ogata-Ke Approximately 40 minutes by car from Approximately 1 hour by car fron



# Where Water Falls, Wonder Rises

Sendan Todoro Waterfall

A magnificent 70 m waterfall that represents Gokanosho. You can admire the view from the observation deck or descend to the base of the falls and splash in the water. Enjoy the dynamic scenery with all your senses.

¥ Free P Available Available MAP E-2

# A Temple known as the Hiei of the West



A temple of the Tendai sect, founded in 799 (Enryaku 18) by the imperial order of Emperor Kanmu, Also known as "Pokkuri Temple", as visitors are believed to avoid prolonged illness. Every year on April 8th, the "Shakyamuni Flower Festival" is held to celebrate the birth of Shakyamuni.

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5536 Kakizako, Izumi-Machi, Yatsushiro City



# With the completion of the suspension bridge, the ' Phantom Watarfall' is now easily accessible

With a graceful 38-meter drop, this place was once known as the "Phantom Waterfall." Due to the steep terrain, few people used to visit, but with the completion of the Umenoki Todoro Park Suspension Bridge, access to the basin at the base of the falls is now possible

¥ Free P Available Available

Boasting a length of 116 m, this is the longest suspension bridge in Gokanosho. Jmenoki Todoro Park Without ropes or supporting pillars, it gives

you the sensation of floating in the air. The view from the 55-meter-high bridge is truly spectacular, and a must-see for anyone who wants to experience the beauty of this magnificent valley.

¥ Free P Available Available MAP E-2

A Walk in the Sky An Experience Like No Other

Momigi Suspension Brid

bridges' crossing in parallel

¥ Free P Available Available

Unusual 'parent-child suspension MAP F-2

The Momigi Suspension Bridge is an unusual "parent-child

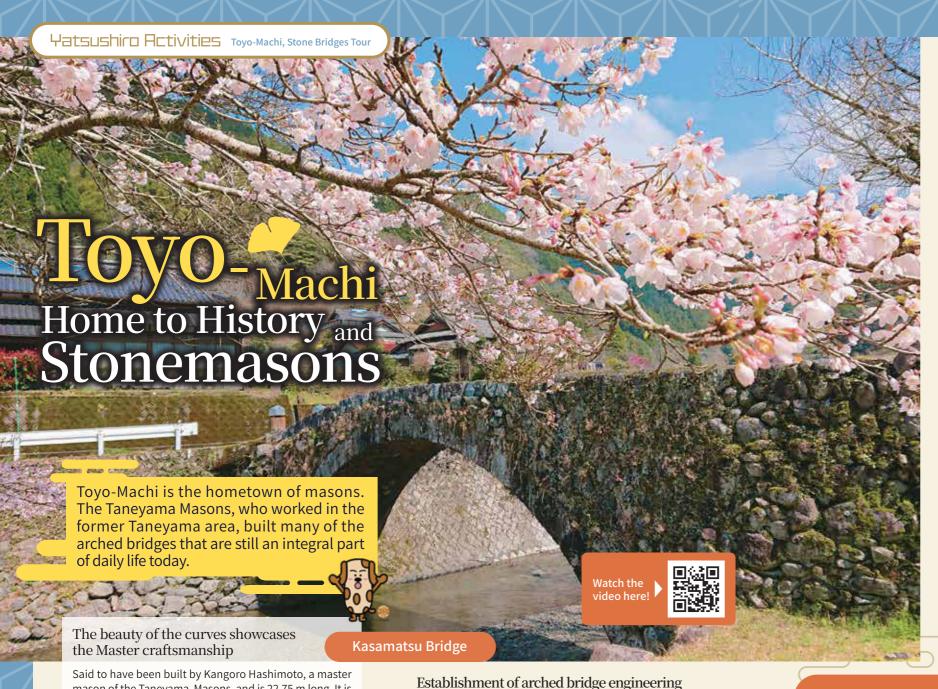
suspension bridge" consisting of two parallel bridges. The

upper bridge is the Ayatori Bridge (72m long and 35m high)

and the lower bridge is the Shakunage Bridge (59m long and

17m high). From the observation deck, you can enjoy a pan-

oramic view of the two bridges in all their beauty.



Toyo Masonry Museum Sekishokan

98-2 Kita, Toyo-Machi Yatsushiro City

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Entry until 4:00PM) Mondays(or the following day if monday is a national holiday)

Toyo Masonry Museum Sekishokan TEL 0965-65-2700



# Discover and experience the wonders of stone bridges!

Numerous exhibits related to Taneyama masonry and stone bridges across the country. Learn about stone transportation and construction techniques and experience using wheels and axles, pulleys, levers, and rollers.

# A peaceful Japanese garden and popular playground equipment attract visitors

MAP C-2

Ishibashi Park

A Symbolic Zone located next to Roadside Station Toyo. The Japanese garden with a relocated stone bridge and ginger-themed playground equipment are quite popular. The entire area is great for cherry blossom viewing.



# Playful ingenuity in Masonry



**Twisted** 

The 90 degree twisted lantern at Wakamiya Shrine was crafted by Kangoro Hashimoto. An even further twisted lantern at Sugawara Shrine was made by the stonemason Bunhachi.

# A community facility where you can eat, shop, and relax



The Toyo Community Center Seseragi reopened in 2021 as Roadside Station Toyo. It is a community hub featuring a local vegetable market, restaurants, hot springs, and souvenir shops.

# **Roadside Station Toyo**



0 | 1051-1 Minami Toyo-Machi Yatsushiro City

Varies by facility/store

Wednesdays (or the following day if Wednesday is a national holiday, Saitekikan is open)

Roadside Station Tovo TEL 0965-65-2112

Uses a refreshing sauce

with no unpleasant odor

Purely domestic, additive-free pizza. The original sauce, made with ginger from Toyo-Machi, has a refreshing aroma and no unpleasant ness.

Ginger-esque



Said to have been built around the Bunka era (1804-1818) by Rinshichi, founder of the Taneyama Masons. The structure is over 7 meters long



Ginger Terraces in the Bisho district

# Spectacular views of ginger-scented terraces



The beautiful stone terraces, built by local residents and stonemasons, were selected as one of Japan's "100 Best Terraces." Ginger, a specialty of Toyo-Machi, is still grown here in sprawling landscapes harmonizing nature and tradition.

# Ginger and soft serve an unexpected combo that works!



Creamy soft serve topped with refreshing ginger jam.

Gently moisturize with the essence of ginger

Ginger Soap

Ginger powder is infused refreshed and smoot



# Exceptional flavor when mixed using the golden ratio

The Ginger Equation (Ginger syrup)

students from Yatsushiro Higashi High School and Kumamoto Prefectural University. Mix it with hot water, soda, or water in a 3:1 ratio for

AT THE ROADSIDE STAT

# Doubly Delicious with crispy fried ginger!

Toyo Champon

topped with crispy shredded ginger, enhancing its depth and aroma, creating a rich, mouthwa



Three Essential Ginger based Seasoni Ginger Syrup, Ginger Soy Sauce, Ginger Ponzu

Enjoy the rich sweetness of ginger with our Ginger Syrup. Our Ginger Ponzu, infused with fragrant daidai citrus, adds a refreshing twist. The slightly sweet Kyushu-style Ginger Soy Sauce pairs perfectly with horse sashimi, tofu, and fresh sashimi!



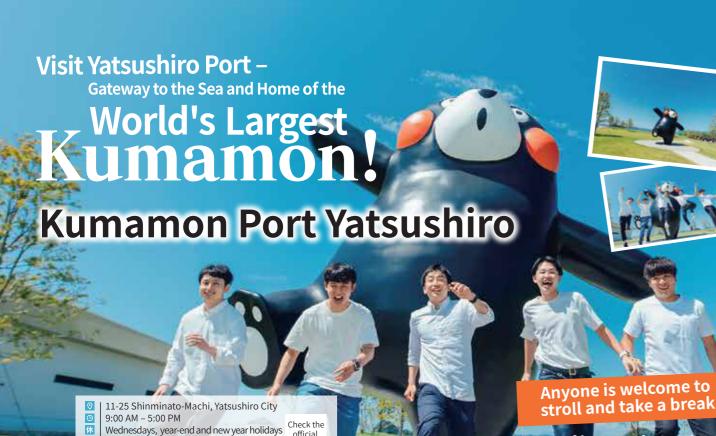
mason of the Taneyama Masons, and is 22.75 m long. It is

one of the locales featured in the anime "Natsume's Book of

Friends" and is illuminated at night.

still remain

Photos of its construction Built over the Kawamata River in 1929 (Showa 4), it is 21.38m long, and was constructed to access the Kawamata Aso Shrine. Tanigawa Bridge





※If Wednesday is a public holiday, event

day, or cruise ship arrival day, the following

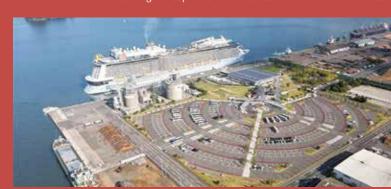
eekday will be a park closure day

Park Management Office

TEL 0965-44-9040 

\*The shop opens irregularly

"12 Zodiac Kumamon" featuring a lineup of Kumamon based on the 12 zodiac animals.





Relax in the lush Japanese garden



Kumamon peeks out from within the



you'll be greeted by

see how many Kumamon you can find

field, enjoy local specialties and treats, and take a stroll through the



You can almost hear the singing of the 54 Kumamon choir!



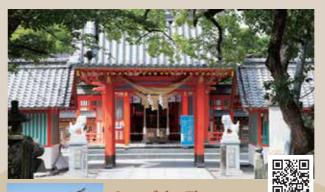
Enjoy garden charm and seasonal colors

Shohinken MAP B-2

A teahouse built in 1688 by the castle lord, surrounded by a garden that blooms with seasonal flowers, such as Higo irises.

◎ | 3-15 Kitanomaru-Machi Yatsushiro City TEL 0965-33-0171

Every Monday (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday), Obon (August 13-15), year-end and New Year holidays (December 29-January 4)



# One of the Three Great Myoken Shrines of Japan Yatsushiro Shrine (Myoken Shrine)

It is affectionately known by the locals as "Myoken-san." There is also an exhibition hall dedicated to the Yatsushiro Myoken Festival, a major autumn festival. MAP B-2



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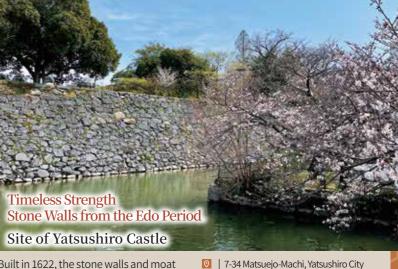
TEL 0965-32-5350

971 Furufumoto-Machi, Yatsushiro City TEL 0965-32-5557 P Available Available

# A temple associated with the feudal lords of the Yatsushiro Domain

Shunko-ji Temple MAP B-2

The main hall houses the memorial tablets of the Matsui family, the lords of Yatsushiro Castle, with a graveyard in the rear. You can also see Hydrangeas around

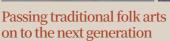


Built in 1622, the stone walls and moat evoke the castle's grandeur from the past. It is also a popular spot for cherry blossom viewing. MAP B-2

Yatsushiro City Culture Promotion Division TEL 0965-33-4533

# Yatsushiro Castle Town the home of the Matsui Family the feudal lords of Yatsushiro





Yatsushiro City Center for Folk Performing Arts (Denden-kan)

There are exhibits showcasing the traditional folk performing arts of Yatsushiro, including the Kasaboko floats from the Yatsushiro Myoken Festival. You can also experience these traditional arts firsthand.



Yatsushiro City Mondays (or the following day if

Monday is a national holiday) & ₽

December 29th to January 3rd TEL 0965-37-8737





# Yatsushiro's history and culture, from ancient times to the present. all in one place

Yatsushiro Municipal Museum



A museum presenting the culture and history of Yatsushiro. It is also famous for its architecture designed by the world-renowned architect, Toyo Ito.

12-35 Nishimatsuejo-machi, Yatsushiro City TEL 0965-34-5555





# Stroll, eat, and relax at Hinagu Onsen

Hot spring town boasting 600 years of history and charm, with a distinctly retro atmosphere. Stroll around with the local specialty, Hinagu chikuwa, in hand, while browsing Kodayaki pottery and bamboo crafts.



# Hear the whispers of Santoka

Oriya

MAP A-3

"Oriya," where the haiku poet Santoka Taneda stayed in 1930 (Showa 5), still stands today, and the room he stayed in remains unchanged. Although it is no longer used as an inn, the interior is open for tours.



- 516 Hinagunaka-Machi Yatsushiro City
- 9:00 AM 5:00 PM
  Third Tuesday of the month January 1st & 3rd
- Free Hinagu Onsen Tourist Information Center (Hinagu Yume Warehouse)
  TEL 0965-38-0267
- Available at the Tourist Information Centers
- Not available

# Take your time exploring and discover Hinagu's secrets!



# Backstreet Stroll

The hot spring town is lined with three-story wooden inns, while traditional houses with white plaster and namako walls stand along the Satsuma Highway. After enjoying a stroll in search of retro charm and tasting some Hinagu chikuwa, unwind and soothe your fatigue in a foot bath or hot spring.



# The city's tangible cultural properties overlooking the hot spring town and the Yatsushiro Sea

# Hinagu Onsen Shrine

A shrine situated atop a climb of stone steps. Built to enshrine Ichikishimahime no Mikoto. The sculptures in the shrine are a must-see.

- 401 Hinagukaminishi-Mach Yatsushiro City
- Yatsushiro City

  Available
- Not Available MAP B-



# Charcoal grilling enhances the flavor

Hinagu Chikuwa Grilling Experience



A famous hot spring that soothed both the

feudal ļords Santoka



have to try this!

Hinagu's specialty chikuwa is made with fresh white fish. Charcoal grilling releases a fragrant aroma and creates a thick, chewy texture that's irresistible!

- Plaza in front of Hinagu Onsen Center
  10:00 AM 5:00 PM
  - \*\*The experience takes approximately 30 minutes (Ask reception for the more details)
- 1-10 people: 10,000 yen

Relax in various types of hot springs

Heartwarming

coziness

- \*Additional participants 1,000 yen each
- Yatsushiro Tourist Information Center
  TEL 0965-32-2436

  \*\*Reservations must be made at least on-

MAP B-3



# Genuine Hinagu Chikuwa

# Grilled fresh and piping hot, don't miss it!

Hinagu Chikuwa is packed with the delicious flavor of fish. Its 'authentic taste' is a popular souvenir and is also available for individual purchase.

# Katayama Kamaboko

- 8:00 AM 5:00 PM
- ₩ Wednesdays
- TEL 0965-38-0045

# Toraya Kamaboko

- 9:00 AM 6:00 PM
- ★ Irregular holidays
- TEL 0965-38-0179

# Iwasaki Suisan Kakou

- 9:00 AM 6:00 PM
- 休 Tuesdays
- TEL 0965-38-0175

# Hinagu Ekimae Chikuwa

- 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- TEL 0965-38-0790

# Yuno Chikuwa Kamaboko

- 7:00 AM 6:00 PM
- ★ Irregular holidays



Hinagu Onsen Center (Bampeiyu)

Originated as a hot spring operated by

the Hosokawa clan, and renovated as

"Bampeiyu" in 2009, marking its 600th

316 Hinagunaka-Machi, Yatsushiro City

10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Every third Tuesday of the

month & New Year's Day

Hinagu Onsen Center

TEL 0965-38-0617 Available

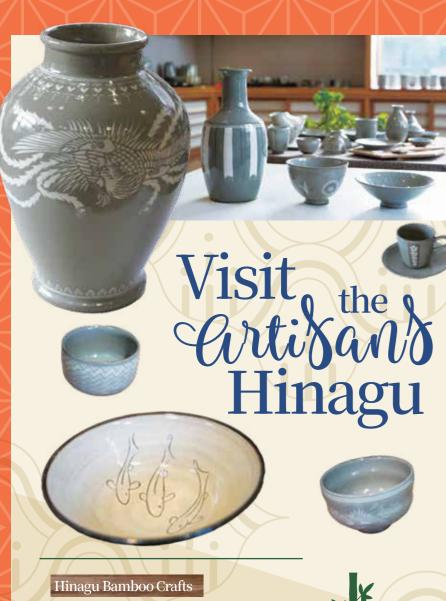
anniversary!





1F Public bath, local product corne

₹ TEL 0965-38-0833



Masterful craftsmanship that MAP B-3 enriches and brings warmth to everyday life

The owner, Tetsujiro Kuwahara, personally handles everything from cutting to processing the bamboo. Through his strong yet delicate craftsmanship, he brings out its natural beauty and suppleness, creating pieces that exude warmth. The more you use them, the more lustrous and refined they become, enriching your daily life.

- 315 Hinagunaka-Machi, Yatsushiro City
- 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Tuesdays 休

Kuwahara Bamboo Crafts Shop TEL 0965-38-0336

Available







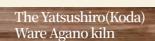


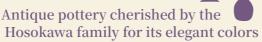












Known as both Yatsushiro and Koda ware, the pottery began in the early Edo period when Kizo Agano, a member of the Hosokawa family who was transferred to Higo, started it in the Koda township of Yatsushiro, near Hinagu. Yatsushiro(Koda) ware is characterized by the technique of inlaying, where a pattern is carved into a half-dried base, and feldspar is embedded into the recesses of the carving. The challenging 'celadon inlay' technique, which involves multiple steps, has been passed down through generations. Currently, the 12th generation, Hiroyuki Agano and his eldest son Kohei, are in charge of the kiln. The studio displays works with elegant colors and refined shapes that captivate viewers. Credit cards are accepted.

- 174 Hinaguhigashi-Machi, Yatsushiro City
- 9:00 AM 6:00 PM
- Irregular holidays
  - Yatsushiro (Takada) Ware Ueno Kiln TEL 0965-38-0416
- P Available

















# Hot spring facility Yumeakari

# Roadside Station Hot Springs: Enjoy a Variety of Baths After Shopping

Visitors can relax and unwind in a variety of baths, including a large public bath, open-air bath, family bath, and sauna. This popular hot spring spa attracts many regular visitors, both locals and those traveling from afar.



# Refresh your mind and body by relaxing in the rural countryside

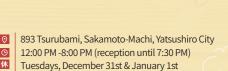
A hot spring facility located in a rural valley. Simple alkaline spring water that is a gentle on the skin and famous for its beauty benefits. It provides a perfect way to relax and refresh, soothing the fatigue of daily



- 1051-1 Minami, Toyo-Machi, Yatsushiro City (located inside Roadside Station Toyo) 10:00 AM-8:00 PM
- Wednesdays (or the following day if Wednesday is a national holiday
- TEL 0965-65-2112 P 100 spaces Adults: 520 yen / Seniors (70 years and above): 310 yen. Children (ages 4 to elementary school students): 250 yen
- Family bath available

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Towels (for a fee), hair dryer, body soap, 2-in-1 shampoo



23 TEL 0965-45-8820 20 spaces

Ages 3 through Junior High: 260 yen Free for children under 3

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# Sakamoto Onsen Center Kureon

# Hot Spring Facility Full of Rustic Charm and Healing

A wooden hot spring facility that embraces the warmth of wood. The simple alkaline spring water feels silky smooth, and the open-air bath offers a relaxing view of the lush natural surroundings.



- 1091 Kawatake, Sakamoto-Machi, Yatsushiro City 10:00 AM -8:00 PM (reception until 7:30 PM)
- Thursdays (open if it's a national holiday), December 31st & January 1st
- TEL 0965-45-8814
- 60 spaces

Adults: 500 yen Ages 3 through Junior High: 310 yen Free for children under 3

Family bath available



Towels (for a fee), hair dryer, body soap, 2-in-1 shampoo





# Tasty Treats of and other Great Things from *Yatsushiro*, All Gathered Here!

# White bean paste and Bampeiyu -The perfect match for a manju (Japanese sweet bean cake)

# Bampeiyu Manju

The refined sweetness of the white bean paste is complemented by the subtle citrus fragrance of Yatsushiro's famous Bampeiyu.



# Easy! Just Add Hot Water for a Hearty, Healthy Soup

# Yatsushiro Tomato & Ginger Soup

A healthy soup made with plenty of freeze-dried tomatoes and ginger sourced from Yatsushiro.



Yatsushiro

Yatsushiro Yokatoko

4459-1 Kamihioki-machi, Yatsushiro City

**Produce Market** 

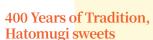
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# Japan's #1 Igusa hotspot! Discover the charm of diverse, popular creations!

# Igusa Goods

Yatsushiro is famous for being the largest producer of Igusa grass in Japan. In addition to tatami mats there are many other igusa-related products like zabuton (Japanese cushions), coasters, zori (Japanese sandals), and more.



# Yokuinintou

It features a subtle sweetness and a delightful crunch.



# A Zesty Yuzu Kick so good you can't stop!

# Yuzu no Izumi

Savor the seasons of Yatsushiro

with our limited-edition local beer

Banpeiyu Beer SUN (THREE), Rice Beer SHE (FOUR)

Craft beer brewed with local ingredients from

Tomato Beer ICHI (ONE), Ginger Beer NI (TWO),

This ice cream is made with whole, fragrant yuzu fruits from Yatsushiro. The flavor combination of rich milk and Yuzu is exquisite.



# Special Flavor with a rich demi-glace sauce!

# Special Hayashi

A collaboration by 3 High Schools-Yatsushiro Agricultural, Ashikita, and Nanryo. A decadent flavor featuring Yatsushiro Agricultural High School's tomato ketchup, an all-purpose sauce, and Ashikita High School's Amanatsu marmalade.



# Hidden Countryside Yuzukosho

A seasoning made by only adding salt to yuzu, chili peppers sourced in Yatsushiro City. Use it as a culinary accent



# Deluxe lunch box with whole Avu Fish

# Ayuya-Sandai

A popular lunchbox from a restaurant with a 100-year history. The sweetfish, stewed in a secret sauce, is tender to the bone.

# Yorifuii

TEL. 0965-33-1145 2-1-6 Hagiwara-Machi, Yatsushiro City





A classic treat MAP B-2

with a refreshing taste!

The lemon puree inside the

sponge is delightful, and the generous layer of lemon-col-

Lemon Cake

# Taste Yatsushiro: **Cookies Crafted from Local Goodness**

# Yatsushiro Fuka

Made with Hachibee tomatoes, Bampeiyu, Igusa, tea produced in Yatsushiro, and Rice powder made from Kumamoto rice.

# 'The First Mikan' Ielly

# Kouda Mikan jelly

Jelly made from Kouda mandarins, said to be the first Japanese 'Mikan' mandarins



# Bombe

TEL. 0965-35-0090 588-5 Matsue-Machi Yatsushiro City

# The Timeless Taste of Tradition, Packed with Sweet Bean

# Hikoichi Monaka

A monaka shaped like Hikoichi, the main character from the Tale of Tonchi.

# Hikoichi Honpo

TEL. 0965-33-3515 1-1 Asahi Chuo-dori Yatsushiro City

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# **Bursting with** "Hachibee Tomato" flavor

# Refreshing! Tomato Jelly

Abundant with "Hachibee Tomatoes" harvested in the vast Yatsushiro Plain!



# Two unique flavors in one scoop: Igusa and Brown Rice Milk Ice Cream - A taste of nature in every bite!

# Tatami Ice Cream

The rich flavor of Jersey milk from Kumamoto is complemented by the scent of Igusa grass.



# Subtly sweet, irresistibly chewy texture.

# Igusa Noodles (thin)

Hand-stretched noodles made with food-grade Igusa grass and domestically produced wheat flour.



# From the heart of the mountains, a fragrance-rich tea experience

# Izumi Tea

Izumi-Machi, Famous for its Green tea. Enjoy the unique flavors of 14 different producers.

# Hikyo no Sato Izumi

TEL. 0965-67-3500 3296-1 Shimotake, Izumi-Machi, Yatsushiro City



Subtly sweet,

Fuku no Amazake A blend of Koji made from

moderately sweet.

everyday drinking!

rice grown on our own farm

and glutinous barley. Only

Hotel Daikokuva

7-15 Mugishima Nishi-Machi

TEL 0965-34-0500

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perfect for

# **Buttery** japanese chestnut financier

# Toyo no Tsuki

The dough is infused with chestnut paste from Toyo, and the center, shaped like the moon, features a striking chestnut filling.

# Patissier Takemi

TEL. 0965-31-5269 9 Koga Kami-Machi, Yatsushiro City





Looking to taste the local flavors of Yatsushiro? Whether you're with your family or exploring solo, these 10 restaurants—favorites among locals—are sure to satisfy.

Lunch
Dinner

Cashless OK

# Salt-grilled vamame trout and tempura a flavorful and nutrient-rich dish



TEL 0965-67-3500 Izumi-Machi, Yatsushiro City

© 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM (last order at 4:30 PM) 保 Wednesdays (open if it's a na tional holiday

Restaurant

Tasty & Healthy: Rotan

(Roadside Station

Saizen' meal set, a

nourishing selection of

dishes made with local ngredients, including

dago-jiru, a traditional

dumpling soup from

ecommend the 'Jimi

Hikyo no Sato Izumi)

# Locally sourced and handmade



TEL 0965-65-2112 0 1051-1 Minami Toyo-Machi, Yatsushiro City 休

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM (last order at Wednesdays (or the following day if Wednesday is a public holiday)

# Station Toyo) Savor the flavors of our reon with this unique local h, made from freshly har-

Vegetable Restaurant

Sanfururu (Roadside

ested vegetables, finely hopped ginger, homemade fried ginger, and a special sauce blending ginger, apple and pear. A true delicacy rom Japan's renowned gir r-growing area.



# A one-of-a-kind dam-themed curry with perfectly aged pork cutlet!



# Kureon Tei (Sakamoto Onsen Center)

The rich umami of aged pork cutlet pairs perfectv with Aonori seaweed from Yatsushiro.



Konoha Iro

A lunch course with a

choice of about 10 types

of pasta, served with

over 6 kinds of appetiz

ers, soup, salad, and fo-



11:00 AM to 2:30 PM (last order at 2:00 PM) ○ 1091 Kawatake, Sakamoto-Machi, 休 Thursdays (open if Thursday is a national) holiday)

# **Casual and Creative Italian Cuisine**

TEL 0965-45-8814

Yatsushiro City



TEL 0965-35-5870 

TEL 0965-33-2730

休 Irregular Holidays

TEL 0965-34-0500

3-2-26 Honmachi, Yatsushiro City

- 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM (last order at 1:30 PM) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Entry until 8:00 PM) Mondays (or the following day if Monday is
- a national holiday)

# Savor wild-caught live fish and seasonal delicacies



Munehiro 'Ikesu' Cuisine

Enjoy a broad menu, in luding sashimi made fresh from Yatsushiro sea food kept in live tanks tempura, horse sashimi set meals, and West



Sakura Cafe

On the first floor of Hotel

Daikokuya, you can

enjoy a variety of dishes

including témpura,

shogayaki (ginger-fried

pork), and steak, along

with seasonal specials

made with fresh. locally

sourced ingredients.



11:30 AM to 2:30 PM(last order at 2:00 PM) 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM (last order at 8:30 PM)

# The hotel's wide variety of lunch specials is very popular!



© 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM ○ 1F Hotel Daikokuya, 7-15 Mugishi-(last order at 2:00 PM) 休 Mondays & Irregular holidays ma Nishi-Machi, Yatsushiro City

# A popular local ramen restaurant known for its delicious red broth



TANPOPO Eniov Chinese cuisine and Izakaya-style dishes. Their "Tomato Ramen, made with plenty of Yat-

toes, is a local favorite!

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TEL 0965-35-4339

844-1 Omura-Machi 844-1 Omura-Machi Yatsushiro City

TEL 0965-34-4174

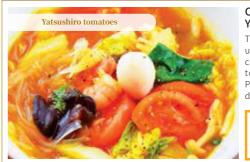
Yatsushiro City

4-1 Mugishima Nishi-Machi

© 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

5:00 PM to 9:30 PM (last order at 9:00 PM ) Mondays (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday)

# Ripe Yatsushiro tomatoes meet Taipien in an exquisite combination.



## Chinese Cuisine Yatsushiro Hanten

Toma-pien" is a dish unique to Yatsushiro, combining ripe tomatoes with Kumamoto Prefecture's local noodle specialty, Taipien.



11:30 AM to 2:30 PM (last order at 2:00 PM) 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM (last order at 8:30 PM) 休 Tuesdays & Irregular holidays

# Chicken steak with bampeiyu mustard sauce



TEL 0965-32-3600 0 4459-1 Kamihioki-Machi Yatsushiro City

TEL 0965-31-0700

0 1-10-44 Honmachi

11:00 AM to 2:30 PM (last order at 2:00 PM ) 休 The second Thursday of every month (and the 1st and 2nd of January)

# Enjoy a diverse and affordable lunch menu, and in the evening, savor local dishes and full-course meals

9 12:00 AM to 2:30 PM

休 Irregular Holidays

5:30 PM to 10:00 PM



For lunch, enjoy a se-

lection of set meals and rice bowls. In the evening, a wide range of course menus is available to suit any budget, featuring local specialties and fresh

Issei Seafood

Restaurant



# Yatsushiro: shopping spots

# The Best of Yatsushiro All in One Spot!



# Yatsushiro Yokatoko Produce Market

A wide variety of Yatsushiro specialties, including locally grown agricultural products, sweets and other products made from seasonal fruits, as well as traditional handicrafts.

TEL 0965-32-3600 ◎ 4459-1 Kamihioki-Machi Yatsushiro City 休 The second Thursday

© 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

and the 1st and 2nd of January)

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# A whole day of fun – with fresh vegetables straight from our prized farmers!



# Roadside Station Toyo Saitekikan

Enjoy shopping, hot springs, and delicious meals all day long. Fresh vegetables, delivered straight from the farm, are espe-

TEL 0965-65-2112

9 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM 

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MAP D-1

# This secluded village offers a treasure trove of local specialties. Its cedar architecture is a must-see!



# Roadside Station Hikyo no Sato Izumi

Located at the entrance to Gokanosho, this roadside station offers a wide variety of delicious local specialties unique to this mountain village. Visitors can savor regional delicacies such as tea, yuzu kosho, miso-preserved tofu, and more.

TEL 0965-67-3500 ◎ 3296-1 Shimotake, Izumi-Machi, 休 Wednesdays (open if Wednesday Yatsushiro City

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM is a national holiday

**Roadside Station Sakamoto** 







# Yatsushiro Calendar The splendor of the season

- 1 Fukujusou Adonis Ramosa (around February to March)
- Fukujusou (Japanese Adonis)
- 2 Garyubai Sleeping dragon plum (around February)
- Shakunage Rhododendrons (around April)
- The Gokanosho area in Izumi-Machi is also known for its beautifully blooming
- 6 Botan peonies (around April to May)
- The stunning peony blossoms bloom every year at Akahoshi Park in Kagami-Machi. 6 Yatsushirosou - Clustered Bellflowers (around May to June)
- Their Japanese name stems from being originally found in Yatsushiro during the Edo
- Tea Fields (around April to May) Izumi-Machi is famous for its tea production, and the utilized mountain slopes are covered
- 8 Higo Hanashoubu Higo Irises (late May to early June) Every year, about 5,000 flowers bloom at the Shohinken.
- Ajisai Hydrangeas (around June) Colorful flowers bloom along the Kuma River bank and in Furumoto.



The area around Iwaduto mountain in Izumi-Machi Gokasou is a spot overflowing with

The plum trees in the grounds of Matsui Shrine are over 350 years old.

rhododendrons.

4 Sakura - Cherry Blossoms (late March) Yatsushiro has many famous places for viewing cherry blossoms, and among them, the Site of Yatsushiro Castle views are truly breathtaking.

in a beautiful green.



# **Event Information**



# Yatsushiro's Hinamatsuri (Doll Festival)

During this period, beautiful Hina dolls are displayed at places like the Shohinken and Honmachi Arcade. Lunch and sweets themed around Hina dolls are also available.



check!



# Kvushu International Three-Day March

This is a festival held in early spring where people walk along the Kuma River and its surrounding areas. It attracts many participants every year.



check!



# Yatsushiro Kuma River

A summer festival to celebrate the blessings of the Kuma River, with participation from all citizens. It features a portable shrine and stage perfor-



check!



# Yatsushiro National Fireworks Competition

Firework artisans come from all over the country to compete with their most stunning creations. Magnificent blooms of color light up the night sky.



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# Minato Yatsushiro Festival

The event is held at Kumamon Port Yatsushiro and the Yatsushiro Outer Port area, where you can tour ships that you typically don't see.



check!



# Yatsushiro Myoken Festival

Yatsushiro's Grand Autumn Festival, which is registered as UNESCO Intangible Cultural



