



**FUKUI**  
**TRAVEL GUIDEBOOK**

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# Where is Fukui Prefecture?



## Basic Info

- Fukui Prefecture is located in central Japan and faces Japan Sea.
- Fukui is Japan's hidden gem in terms of traditional history, handcrafts, religion and local food.
- **The Washington Post selected 12 places around the world as "Where to travel in 2024 without crowds," it is introducing Fukui as "one of Japan's most spiritual regions."**
- Fukui ranked first overall in the "Happiness Ranking of All 47 Prefectures, for the last 10 years".

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# The Washington Post

*Democracy Dies in Darkness*

## Where to travel in 2024, without crowds

12 destinations across Italy, Japan, Mexico and more to add to your travel wish list



### Fukui, Japan

If the past few months are any indication, tourism in Japan could surpass pre-pandemic levels in 2024. To escape the urban sprawl and see **one of the most spiritual parts** of the country, go to Fukui.

Naomi Mano, president and chief executive of the Tokyo-based travel company Luxurique, says the city is a destination for temples, onsens (hot spring baths), art and food (specifically Echizen crab). With a new bullet train line set to open in March, travelers can get to Fukui from Tokyo in about three hours.

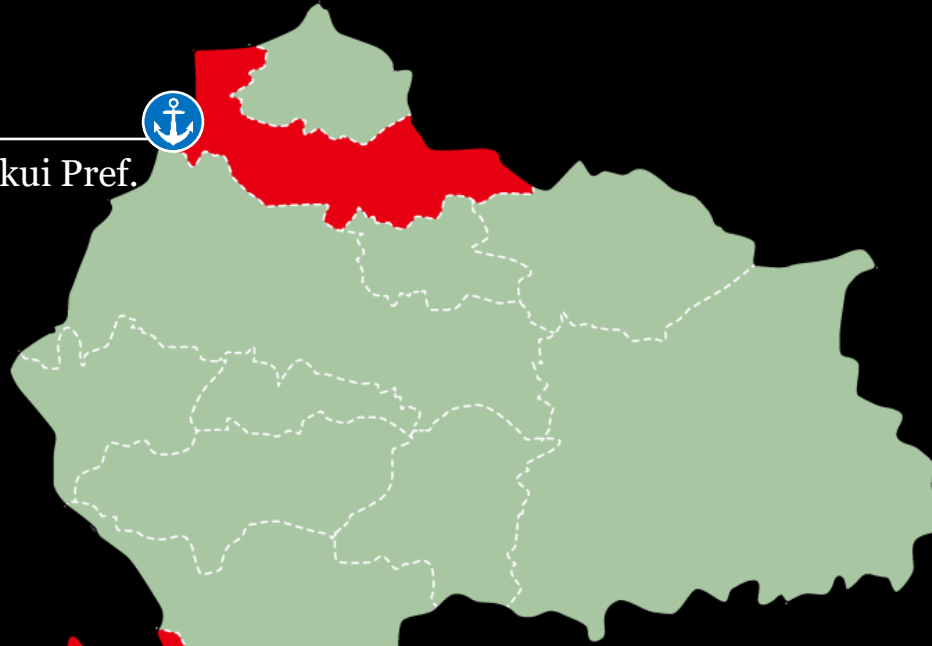
Don't miss: Mano sends visitors to Eiheiiji Temple, one of the most important sites for Zen Buddhists. "It's the temple where all of the Zen monks go to train to become higher monks," she said.

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# Two Ports in Fukui

## Fukui Port

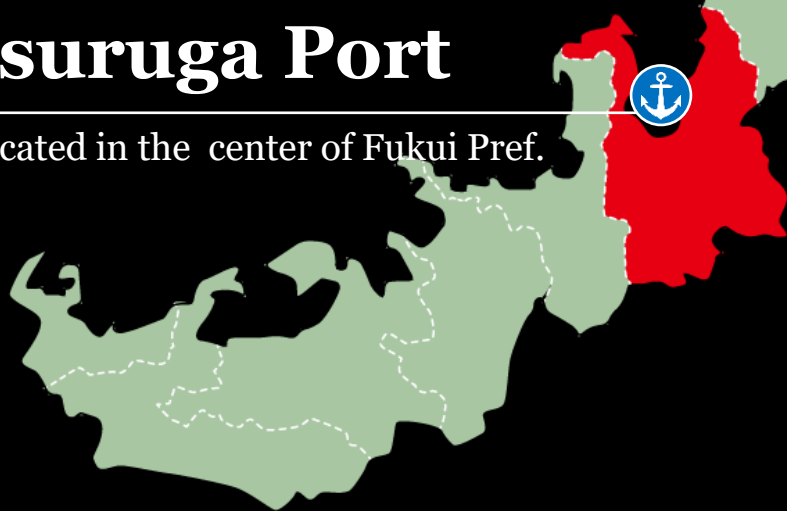
Located in the northwestern part of Fukui Pref.



*Narcissus,  
prefectural flower*

## Tsuruga Port

Located in the center of Fukui Pref.



There are 2 ports, Fukui port and Tsuruga port and the main port to accommodate big ships is Tsuruga port.

You can access to center of Kyoto-city about 2 hours drive from Tsuruga port without worries about traffic jams or less than 1 hour by train.

# Two Ports in Fukui

## Tsuruga Port

With its width and depth, Tsuruga Port is excellent for large vessels.

This port has three wharfs allowing cruise liners to make call.

The largest wharf, the Mariyama North Wharf B·C, can accommodate large cruise liners, even those in the 220,000-ton class. There is also a wharf called the Mariyama South Wharf A·B is under construction to be extended and Kanegasaki Wharf C·D is located near Tsuruga city.



	① Mariyama North Wharf B · C	② Mariyama South Wharf A · B	③ Kanegasaki Wharf C · D
Length	480 m	460 m	300 m
Depth	12 m	14 m	7.5 m
Wharf apron		20 m	
Tidal range		0.48 m	

## Fukui Port

It has good accessibility to popular tourist Spots in Fukui, including Tojinbo Cliffs.

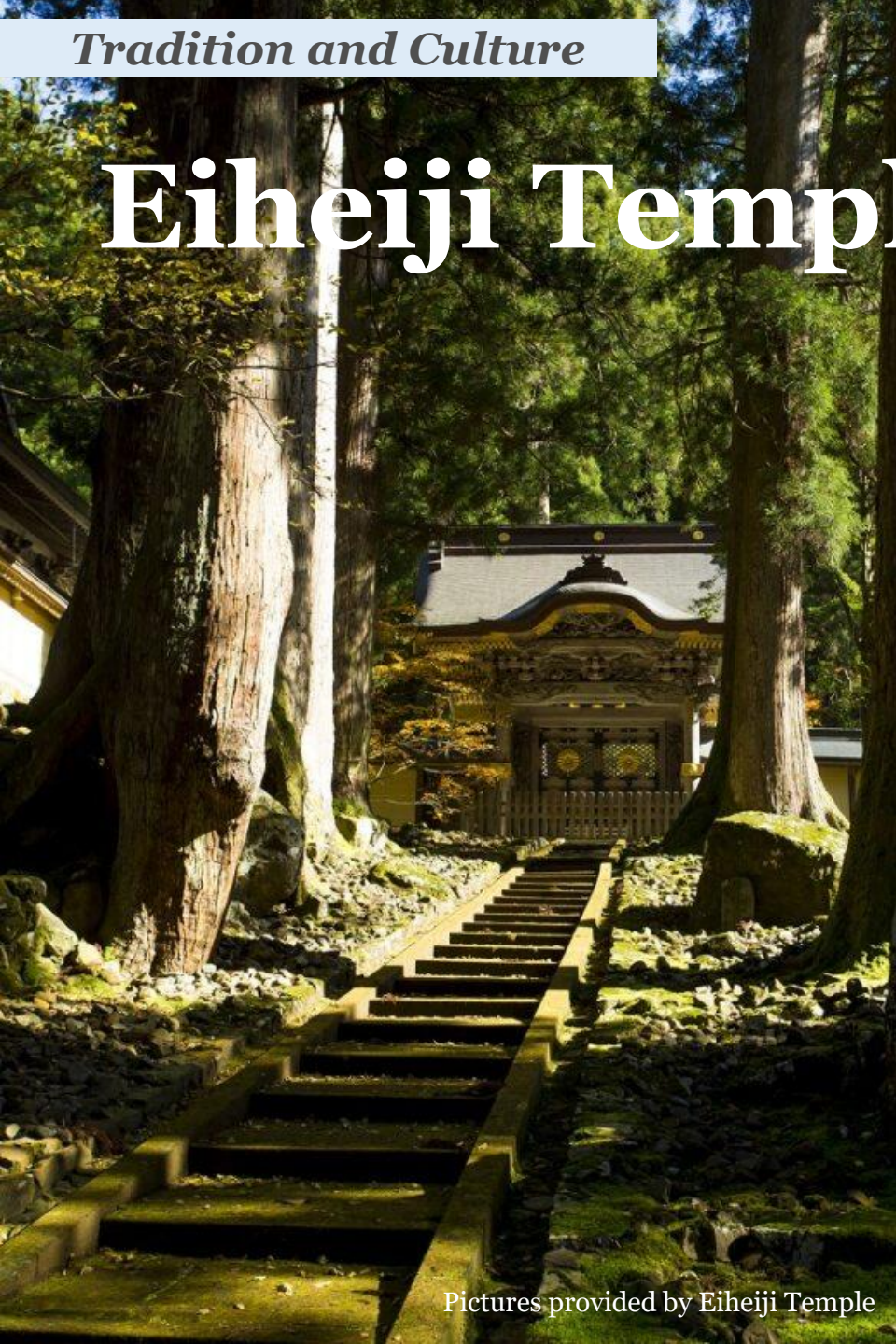
50,000-ton class liners can make call at this point.

This port has good accessibility to Tojinbo Cliffs, which is one of the most popular tourist spots in Fukui, as well as Eiheiji-temple, which is the head temple of the Soto sect. The wharf, with its 555-meter length and 10-meter depth, can accommodate 50,000-ton class cruise liners.



Length	555 m
Depth	10 m
Wharf apron	20 m
Tidal range	0.45 m

# Eiheiji Temple



Pictures provided by Eiheiji Temple



**Eiheiji**, “The Temple of Eternal Peace”. You can visit the sacred place of the head of Soto Zen. It is located deep in the mountains, near the northwest coast of Japan, not far from Tsuruga Port. This temple was founded by Zen Master Dogen in 1244. Dōgen thus founded Eiheiji, where he devoted himself to training his followers in the perfection of Zen practice in daily life. You will be able to experience Zen there.



# Eiheiji Temple

-Let's deepen your Experience-

**Shojin ryori** (meals of traditional temple cuisine) is one of the traditional Japanese dishes. Since killing living creatures is prohibited in Buddhism, Shojin ryori is prepared without meat, fish, or other animal products. Ingredients used include vegetables, legumes, grains and seaweed. Shojin ryori is currently popular not only as a vegetarian dish, but also as a healthy cuisine.

*Why don't you try it ?  
Clear Body and Mind !*



*Adventure*

# Great Nature Tojinbo Cliffs



Take in the spectacular 50-foot-high cliffs of unusually shaped pentagonal and hexagonal rock columns. Created by a volcanic eruption 130 million years ago and further shaped by the repeated crashing of waves, Tojinbo is one of only three such rock formations in the world.

Board a sightseeing boat for an approximately 30-minute cruise offering a different perspective of the Tojinbo Cliffs and Oshima Island which you cannot get from land.

Cruise around a deserted island and shore reefs eroded by raging waves, including a superb view of some magnificent sheer cliffs.

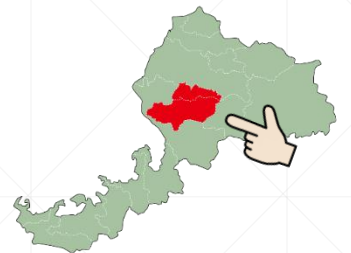




## Tradition and Local



Echizen City and Sabae City, located in central Fukui Prefecture, have a concentration of traditional crafts such as lacquerware, Japanese paper, cutlery, bamboo crafts, and pottery, as well as local industries such as eyeglasses and textiles, within a 10 km radius. Craftsmen continue to make products that meet the needs of the times while carrying on traditional techniques. You surely have a chance to see craftsmen at work and to buy from their stores.



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-What would you bring back to your home?-



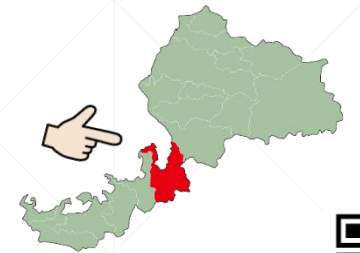
## Tradition and Culture



During the 1940s, thousands of Jewish refugees from Poland and Lithuania were saved by visas issued by **Sugihara Chiune** (1900–1986). Sugihara was the vice-consul of Japan in Lithuania at the time, and he issued thousands of life-saving visas, secretly breaking the Japanese government's rules. These visas allowed the refugees to travel through Japan and onward to safety, and many entered the country through Tsuruga after long, dangerous travels. This museum focuses on the background of these events, as well as personal memories of refugees meeting the people of Tsuruga.

# Port of Humanity Tsuruga Museum

Tsuruga 



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## Kehi Jingu Shrine

**Kehi Jingu Shrine** has been famous for its “Chomeisui,” or “water of long life,” for roughly 1,300 years. When the shrine was rebuilt in the year 702, a water spring was discovered here.



## Kehi no Matsubara

**Kehi no Matsubara** is a beach over a kilometer long, lined with some 17,000 Japanese pine trees. There are walking trails here.



## Nihonkai Sakanamachi

**Nihonkai Sakanamachi** is the largest seafood market on the Sea of Japan coast of the country. This huge market features over 50 shops to explore. In addition to fresh seafood.

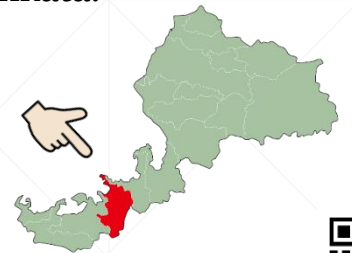


Great Nature

# The Five Lakes of Mikata



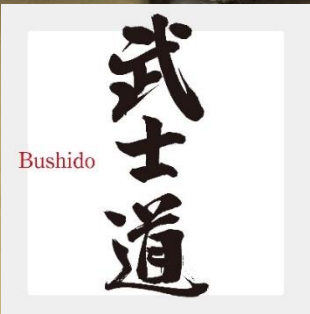
**The Five Lakes of Mikata** - Mikata, Suigetsu, Sugako, Kugushiko, and Hiruga - are all clustered together into a small area of southern Fukui, but all distinct from one another. Each one has a different depth and a different level of salt in its water, making each lake a different color. It is also registered as a Ramsar wetland in November 2005. The nearby Rainbow Line is an 11-kilometer toll road through the mountains, with Enjoy panoramic scenery far above the Five Lakes of Mikata.





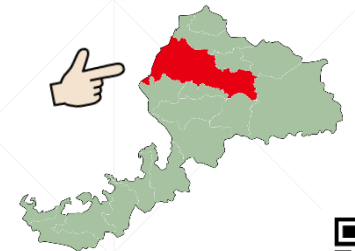
## Ichijodani Asakura Clan Historic Ruins

The Ichijodani Asakura Clan Historic Ruins were once a castle town during the Warring States period (1467–1568). Starting in 1967, excavations rediscovered the layout of the town, including the home of the feudal lord, samurai residences, temples, and houses of merchants and artisans. Some samurai residences and merchants' quarters have been rebuilt along a 200-meter-long stretch of road.



# Be a Time Traveler

-Part 2-



# Do you like Japanese Sake ?

**Kokuryu**



**Born**



Fukui Prefecture is home to 37 traditional Sake breweries, both large and small. Since long ago, the prefecture has been one of the largest rice producers in Japan, producing a lot of rice that is ideal for sake brewing. The sea and mountains are also truly beautiful products, and the sake brewing is made possible by the delicious water that comes from them. You have a chance to enjoy many kinds of sake at most restaurants in Fukui Prefecture.



# AUTHENTIC TRADITIONAL STORE Crafts and Sake from FUKUI

## Traditional Crafts and Sake Shop for Luxury Ships

Fukui Prefecture is a “manufacturing” city where many traditional industries and crafts are concentrated.

Many historic artisan skills still exist as industries in the prefecture, attracting visitors.

We will develop such traditional Fukui crafts for the luxury class passengers of the cruise ship.

We will host a traveling version of a traditional craft and sake shop,

**“selling carefully selected masterpieces in a sophisticated space and presentation style.”**

Sake brewing, which takes advantage of Fukui's rich natural features, is also part of the “manufacturing” here.

A variety of sake, Fukui's pride and joy, will be on display.



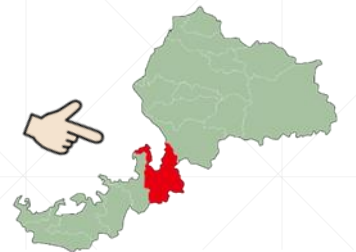
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will be opened  
at TSURUGA PORT.**



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