World Heritage Sightseeing Guide in Hagi

**1. Hagi Museum**
As a historical and cultural center, Hagi museum exhibits artifacts and writings from the Meiji Restoration period, including Hagi Domain’s 268 years of history which started from the beginning of Hagi in the Meiji Restoration period.
355 Horouchi, Hagi City
TEL: 0838-25-6447

**2. Hagi Castle Town**
In 1600, Toyotomi Hideyoshi built the Hagi Castle surrounded by a castle town, Hagi castle town prospered for 260 years and became the center for feudal politics and economy. The former residential areas of high-ranking samurai and samurai remains unpainted even today. Visitors can also enjoy the area’s alleys with worth walls and the white grid-like patterns on black tiles with known as nambara.
1 Horouchi, Hagi City
TEL: 0838-25-1750 (Hagi Tourism Association)

**3. Shokasonjuku Academy**
Shokasonjuku Academy was a private school presided by Shun Yoshida, Shun accepted and taught students for more than 3 years regardless of their position and rank, producing great talents who made major contributions during the Meiji Restoration.
1557 Chinto, Hagi City
TEL: 0838-22-4843 (Shin Shinme)

**4. Mount Kasayama & Myojin-ike Pond**
Enjoy a scenic ride over the Sea of Japan at Mt. Kasayama’s summit and take in a view of the Myojin-ike pond, located at the foot of Mt. Kasayama.
Chinto Koshigahama, Hagi City
TEL: 0838-25-2888 (Hagi Tourism Association)

**5. Hagi Onsen Village**
Established in 1844, Hagi Onsen Village is made up of 7 hot spring sites, this hot spring site offers beautiful scenery, refreshing hot spring experiences and high-quality Japanese cuisine.
TEL: 0838-12-1070 (Hagi Tourism Association)

**6. Ohitayama Tatarai Iron Works**
Ohitayama Tatarai Iron Works is a valuable historical site for understanding the history of Tatarai street. The iron that was made here was used by the Naga Domain (Chishu Domain) to construct the first Western-style iron-based vessel using Japanese ironmaking techniques in 1846.
525 Shikishii, Hagi City
TEL: 0838-25-1750 (Hagi Tourism Association)

**7. Hagi Glass Studio**
Hagi glass emerged during the Edo period and is known for its distinctive hue from using quartz basalt from the nearby Mt. Kasayama. Visit the Hagi glass studio and try your hand at making your very own Hagi glass.
4989-7 Chinto, Hagi City
TEL: 0838-25-1750 (Hagi Tourism Association)

**8. Hagi Reverberatory Furnace**
This western-style reverberatory furnace was built in 1856 by the Hagi Domain using a sketch of a reverberatory furnace built by the Saga Domain. Apart from iron, remnants of other reverberatory furnaces such as Nigata and Shikanokawa in Nagasaki exist.
4987-7 Chinto, Hagi City
TEL: 0838-25-1750 (Hagi Tourism Association)

**9. Ebisugahana Shipyard**
At the request of the shogunate and asked by Nabeshima Kili, this shipyard was built. By using information from the West and traditional Japanese techniques, the Western-style shipbuilding was created. Even today, the historical site is best-preserved

**10. Tokoji Temple**
Tokyo Temple was built by Yoshinari Maru in 1693. The main gate, Daimon gate, belltower and Daitonden that make up the temple have been listed on the National Register of Important Cultural Properties, Among the grounds stand more than 58 stone lanterns.
4987-7 Chinto, Hagi City
TEL: 0838-25-1750 (Hagi Tourism Association)
Experience Beautiful Yamaguchi


tarting from the beautiful and historical World Heritage site "Hagi Castle Town", Yamaguchi Prefecture offers spectacular nature and a variety of excellent locations filled with history. Carefully selected tourist attractions and activities are prepared just for you!

**Itinerary (Day 1)**

1. **Castle Town Chofu**
   - Chofu, Yamaguchi City
   - TEL: 083-231-1300
   - (Shiponmaeki Tourism Policy Division)

2. **Tsunoshima, Tsunoshima Bridge**
   - One of the best scenic spots in Japan. Tsunoshima Bridge is spectacular beauty of the bridge. White sand beaches and cobalt blue sea.
   - TEL: 083-786-0234
   - (Hoso-cho Tourism Association)

3. **Motonosumi Inari Shrine**
   - One of the sacred sites of the Sea of Japan, with the 122 red and bell shrine gates that lead down the mountain toward the sea. Motonosumi Inari Shrine is listed in a CHI travel article as one of Japan's 31 most beautiful Inari shrines.
   - TEL: 083-321-0404
   - (Nagato Tourism & Convention Association)

4. **Senjojiki**
   - Senjojiki is a wide and sandy area located on the 336 meters sandbar. Enjoy the scenic view of the water lilies blooming on top of the Sea of Japan, the expansive sea, and the dramatic waves of the blue sky.
   - TEL: 083-321-0404
   - (Nagato Tourism & Convention Association)

5. **Nagato Yamoto Onsen**
   - A local hot spring bath with a traditional atmosphere. Enjoy the hot springs, relax in the onsen, and taste the local specialties.
   - TEL: 083-321-0404
   - (Yamato Onsen Inn Association)

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   - (Hoso-cho Tourism Association)

**Itinerary (Day 2)**

6. **Hagi Castle Town**
   - Make your trip a memorable one by taking a stroll in Hagi's historical streets while wearing a kimono. Choose from 100 types of history at Hagi's rental store. (Reservation is required)
   - TEL: 083-317-1700
   - (Hagi Castle Town Travel)

7. **Rurikoji Temple Five-Storied Pagoda**
   - Known for its distinctive symmetry and unpolished bricks, this national treasure five-storied pagoda is said to be a masterpiece of the Quicho culture. Enjoy the serene environment as the season changes, with cherry blossoms in spring and changing leaves in autumn. In addition to the distinct mystical figure of the pagoda in the daytime, you can also enjoy the pagoda illuminated at night.
   - TEL: 083-334-6430
   - (Kyujo-ken Tourism Office)

8. **Joeiji Temple Sesshu Garden**
   - Joeiji Temple is famous for its own 130-meter-long wooden bridge, and the famous painter, Sesshu, lived in the area around 500 years ago. The garden is beautiful enough to bring calm to the soul and is one of Sesshu's most famous paintings.
   - TEL: 083-932-2232
   - (Miyashita, Yamaguchi City)

9. **Akiyoshido**
   - Akiyoshido is known as Japan's largest limestone cave, with a vast network of passages. The cave is filled with stunning limestone formations, making it a popular destination for cave enthusiasts.
   - TEL: 083-62-0155
   - (Akiyoshido Tourism Exchange Center)

10. **Akiyoshido**
    - Known as Japan's largest limestone cave, Akiyoshido is located in Yamaguchi Prefecture. The cave is a popular tourist attraction known for its stunning limestone formations and underground rivers.
    - TEL: 083-62-0155
    - (Akiyoshido Tourism Association)
Explore Yamaguchi’s History

Itinerary (Day 1)

1. **Iwakuni Castle**
The fortress was originally built in 1649 and was reconstructed in 1965. Visit the observation deck on the top floor to enjoy the views of the surrounding area. **Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture**

2. **Kintaikyo Bridge**
Also known as the five-arched bridge, it is the oldest wooden bridge in Japan. **Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture**

3. **White Wall Historical District**
A popular area with shops and cafes. **Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture**

4. **Mori Residence & Garden**
The residence is a national cultural property and is located near the white wall district. **Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture**

5. **Yuda Onsen**
A famous hot spring known for its quality and scenery. **Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture**

Itinerary (Day 2)

6. **Hanchomon Gate**
At the end of the castle area, Hanchomon Gate was used as a gateway to the castle area. **Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture**

7. **Yamaguchi City Sakekotei**
A traditional sake brewery. **Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture**

8. **Shokasonjuku Academy**
The site of the famous Shokasonjuku Academy, a school for the children of the castle. **Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi Prefecture**

9. **Former Consulate of British Consulate in Shimonoseki**
The historic building is located near the sea. **Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Prefecture**

10. **Mimosusosu River Park**
A popular park with views of the river. **Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Prefecture**
Power Spots & Healing Course in Yamaguchi

**Itinerary (Day 1)**

1. **Akama Shrine**
   - The vermilion-colored gate and white walls that overlook the Kameno-ishi, "Gale-mon" has come to symbolize Akama Shrine. Within the grounds lies an exhibit of treasures of the, the Hōryū-ji temple, one of the world's oldest wooden buildings.
   - 4-1 Amidaicho, Shimonoseki City
   - TEL.083-231-4138
   - 16764 635

2. **Sorinji Temple Ryushinteien**
   - This temple was built more than 1300 years ago and is famous for its wooden garden in Yamaguchi Prefecture's "Ryukyu-Kai." The garden is noted for its tranquility and the "heppan"-styled landscape, an art form from the Heian period.
   - 210 Keiyo, Ube City
   - TEL.083-21-1087
   - 56163 498

3. **Magura no Owago**
   - A beautiful spot with flower carpets of orchids formed from orchids seeds crystallized magnesia around 1 million years ago.
   - Okumura Ichigo, Mine City
   - TEL.0837-53-0189
   - Mine City Board of Education
   - 56763 197

4. **Kagekiyo Cave**
   - Kagekiyo cave is 0.4 km long, with a history of 300-400 million years. The natural beauty of the large cave columns and variety of rock formations is a work of art. In the cave, rock paintings are necessary within 400m.
   - 3100 Aka Mikacho, Mine City
   - TEL.08396-2-2201 (Kagekiyo Cave Information Office)
   - 650 429 195

5. **Beppu Benten Pond**
   - Beppu Benten Pond is one of the famous ponds in the Beppu area. This pond is mysteriously beautiful with the cobalt-blue lake, it is chosen to be part of the 100 famous ponds of Japan and is used for daily life, fishing, and local tourism.
   - Beppu Shuhcho, Mine City
   - TEL.0835-43-0201
   - (Akiyoshidai Tourism Exchange Center)
   - 101 33 52

6. **Tawarayama Onsen**
   - Tawarayama Onsen is said to have a history of 1100 years, known to be the famous hot springs in Japan and is used for daily life, fishing, and local tourism. It is recommended to go during the winter between 10:00-19:00 when the surface of the hot spring is pond-shaped.
   - Tawarayama, Nagato City
   - TEL.0857-29-2001
   - (Tawarayama Onsen Partnership)
   - 587 761 448

**Itinerary (Day 2)**

7. **Otaya Iron Works**
   - Located with the serene and impressive presence of the mountains, the World Heritage Site is a place where you can relax and enjoy the scenery.
   - 2575 Shibuki, Hagi City
   - TEL.0838-25-1750
   - Hagi Tourism Association
   - 410 104 247

8. **Unrinji Temple**
   - For all lovers, visit Unrinji the "tara temple" in Hagi. The temple has been beside the sea of calm. Glimmering, boat cruises, and fish embroidery are also recommended.
   - 2489 Kikubami, Hagi City
   - TEL.0838-8-3007
   - 440 379 717

9. **Hofu Tenmangu Shrine**
   - Hofu Tenmangu Shrine is known as Japan's first Tenmangu shrine, dedicated to the "god of learning," Sugawara no Michizane. Throughout the year, many visitors come here to pray for passing exams, welcome the new year, and parade in the November Nishiki Matsuri Festival.
   - 14-1 Matsuzakicho
   - Hofu City
   - TEL.0835-23-7700
   - 92251 223

10. **Kasadojima**
    - This is one of the most beautiful spots in western Japan for surfing the current. Enjoy the view of the islands across the Seto inland Sea. It is recommended to go during the winter between 10:00-19:00 when the surface of the hot spring is pond-shaped.
    - Kasadojima, Kudamatsu City
    - TEL.0835-43-1841
    - (Kudamatsu Industrial Tourism Organization)
    - 307 723 647

11. **Shunan Factory Night View**
    - Enjoy the night view of the industrial complex across the surface of water. The ride is very popular for looking at the night view.
    - Hatanaka, Shunan City (Shunan Water Park)
    - TEL.0834-32-8372
    - (Shunan Tourism Exchange Division)
    - 207 455 143
**Satisfaction Guaranteed!**
Special Tourist Attractions

To enjoy your journey in Yamaguchi even further, here are more recommendations for you to visit!

**Ryuozan Park**
Located on the summit of Mt. Kura, Ryuozan Park is famous for the "Ryuozan" flower blooms in April. It is also known for its many views of Sake Island and is one of the country's best places to view the cherry blossom season.

1561 Rangakadake Aza Onoda, Sanyo Onoda City, TEL 0838-45-1832

**Tokiwa Park**
Tokiwa Park is a beautiful green park located at the foot of the city's most famous landmark, the Kishu Tower. It offers a view of the sea and is a popular destination for locals and tourists alike.

4-4-3 Notozaka, Ube City, TEL 0838-54-0011

**Gojo's Senbonzakura**
Senbonzakura is famous for its 1000 cherry blossom trees, which bloom in late March. It is a popular spot for photography and relaxation.

Katahachihara Seaside Park in Otsunohama Island District, TEL 0838-78-0010

**Kamuriyamakura Park**
Enjoy a variety of flowers at Kamuriyamakura Park. It offers breathtaking views of the sea, mountains, and other natural wonders.

2-160 Kamuriyamakura, Ube City, TEL 0838-78-0000

**Hachigamine Park**
With over 100 cherry blossom trees, Hachigamine Park is a popular destination for visitors and locals alike. The park is especially beautiful during the cherry blossom season.

Hachigamine Park, TEL 0838-78-0000

**Muromatsu Peninsula Skyline**
This panoramic view offers stunning views of the sea and surrounding landscapes. It is a great place to relax and take in the beauty of the area.

Muromatsu Peninsula Skyline, TEL 0838-78-0000

**Sogo Railway Bridge**
A stunning bridge with a unique design, Sogo Railway Bridge was completed in 1923 with a length of 159 meters. It offers a beautiful view of the surrounding area.

Sogo Railway Bridge, TEL 0838-78-0000

**Taga Shrine**
Located at the base of the 500-meter high Mt. Taga, Taga Shrine is known for its large bronze bell. It is a popular spot for lanterns and is a great place to enjoy the natural beauty of the mountains.

Ohara, Taga City, TEL 0838-78-0000

**Shikairo**
Shikairo is a panoramic view that offers stunning views of the sea and surrounding landscapes. It is a great place to relax and take in the beauty of the area.

Shikairo, TEL 0838-78-0000

**Onsen! Hot Springs**
Yamaguchi offers a variety of hot springs or "onsen" baths across the prefecture with more than 50 hot spring areas such as those mentioned below. Enjoy a relaxing bath at a hot spring that matches you.

**Kawatana Onsen**
With more than 600 years of history, this is one of Japan's oldest hot springs. It is known for its warm, natural hot springs.

Kawatana Onsen, TEL 0838-72-0000

**Yuno Onsen**
Located in the Tsuruoka River, Yuno Onsen is a hot spring village surrounded by beautiful mountains. It is known for its hot springs, hot springs, and natural hot springs.

Yuno Onsen, TEL 0838-72-0000

**Suzukyo Onsen**
This hot spring village is surrounded by peaceful mountains and forests. It is known for its hot springs, hot springs, and natural hot springs.

Suzukyo Onsen, TEL 0838-72-0000
For Pleasant & Safe Driving

Using a rental car is convenient and fun, but may be dangerous because of traffic rules differing from your home country. For a more pleasant and safe driving experience, we summarized the important points. Please read this before you start your trip.

Precautions While Driving a Vehicle

Pedestrians should walk on the right side of the road and have the right-of-way. Automobiles and bicycles should travel on the left side of the road.

A red traffic light means STOP. However, motor vehicles may proceed in the direction indicated by a green arrow even if the traffic light is red or yellow.

Along with drunk driving, providing a vehicle to a drunk individual, offering alcoholic beverages to the driver of riding in a car of a drunk driver is punishable by law.

Approaching emergency vehicles like fire trucks and ambulances may be driven on the right-of-way and must not be interfered with on the road.

In case of an accident, immediately pull over the car and dial 110 to notify the police. Major and minor accidents resulting in property damage must also be reported to the police.

If someone is injured, call 119 immediately and wait for an ambulance to arrive. If possible, move the vehicle somewhere that does not interfere with other traffic.

Wear your seatbelt before driving. Passengers in all the seats, including the rear passenger seats must wear seat belts.

Using any kind of mobile device while driving is prohibited by law.

Children under 6 years of age are required to use a child safety seat in the car.

Driving on Expressways

Expressways are one-way traffic! Always check directional signs before entering an expressway. If you realize that you are going the wrong way or have missed an exit, keep on going until you reach the next interchange before exiting. Expressways are one-way traffic roads and driving in the wrong direction may cause serious accidents. Do not make U-turns, back up or cross the divider on the expressway.

Expressway Entrance

ETC Only

ETC/General

Shared Lane

General Lane

Passing through Tollgates

ETC (Electronic Toll Collection System) is an automatic system that allows you to pay the toll without stopping the car. In order to use the ETC system, you must have an onboard device and an ETC card. If you do not have an ETC card and an onboard device, use a regular paying (non-ETC) lane. Fees are paid at entrance and exit tollgates.

Rental Car Reservations & Returns

1. Check license and required documents

Check driver’s license, passport’s expiration date and documents needed for getting a rental car. If there is more than one person who will drive the car, everyone must undergo procedures to be able to use it. Also prepare a credit card for payment transaction.

2. Getting a rental car

Book a rental car by phone, online or visit a designated car rental outlet. If you are traveling with a child younger than 6 years old, reservation for a child seat is required. Also make sure to check insurance coverage and car navigation operation before traveling.

3. Returning a Rental Car

Contact the car rental company immediately if there is an expected delay in returning the vehicle. Additional charges will occur if you return the car past the scheduled time. Make sure to fill in the gas tank before returning the vehicle or further costs will be issued. Do not forget to check in advance if fuel receipts are to be submitted when you return the car.

Valid Driver’s License in Japan

A valid driver’s license is required to drive in Japan. Visitors who own a non-Japanese driver’s license must have one of the following licenses:

- International Driver’s License
- Foreign Driver’s License
- Japanese Driver’s License

Upon arrival in Japan, the International driver’s permit and Foreign driver’s license are only valid for 1 year from the date of its issue, Foreigners attempting to drive in Japan for a longer term are advised to apply for a Japanese driver’s license.