

Access to Shiga Prefecture



●Car
Kansai International Airport→(Hanshin Expressway)→Osaka city tour→(Meishin Expressway)→Kyoto city tour→Shiga Prefecture [Otsu/ Hikone/ Nagahama]→(Meishin Expressway/ Kinki Expressway/ Hanwa Expressway)→Kansai International Airport

●Train
Kansai International Airport→(JR Express Haruka)→Kyoto city tour→(JR Biwako Line)→Shiga Prefecture [Otsu]→(JR Biwako Line/JR Express Haruka)→Kansai International Airport

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Kansai International Airport→(Hanshin Expressway)→Osaka city tour→(Meishin Expressway)→Kyoto city tour→Shiga Prefecture [Otsu/ Hikone/ Nagahama]→(Meishin Expressway)→Chubu International Airport

●Train
Kansai International Airport→(JR Express Haruka)→Kyoto city tour→(JR Biwako Line)→Shiga Prefecture [Otsu/ Hikone/ Nagahama]→(Shinkansen bullet train)→Nagoya→Chubu International Airport

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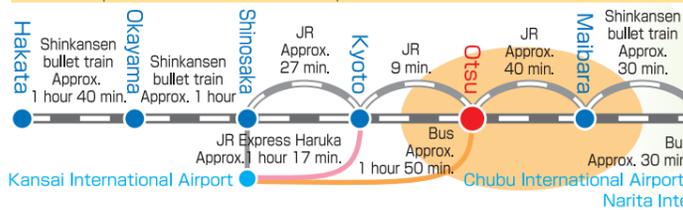


Shiga Prefecture is situated in a very convenient location with excellent access to Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe and Nagoya. You can easily access Tokyo via the Shinkansen.



Travel time from major Japanese cities to Shiga Prefecture

Name of City	On the train	Via highway
Kyoto	9 min.	3.3km 2 min.
Osaka	39 min.	40.3km 35 min.
Nagoya	47 min. (Shinkansen)	136.9km(Shinmeishin Expressway) 1 hour 43 min.
Tokyo	2 hours 30 min. (Shinkansen)	474.3km 5 hours 26 min.
Kanazawa	2 hours 13 min. (Express)	214.7km 2 hours 42 min.



Tourist information center

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Anime in Real Life

Must-see spots in Shiga



Shiga Prefecture

Top 5 Spots For Your Anime Pilgrimage

Japan is the world of Anime, this is one of the many reasons you should visit Japan at least once in your life.

Also, anime-based excursions are growing in popularity in Shiga, here are 5 must-see real life location in Shiga!

Looking for anime attractions in Japan? Shiga is full of hidden spots to visit, and each location has multiple reasons to stop by! Watch our video here :



Former Toyosato Elementary School

The former Toyosato Elementary School was built in 1937, and in 2013, it became a national registered tangible cultural property. This school was used as the setting for the popular anime "K-On!" It has a reminiscent corridor where the girls would walk down during their teatime after school.



Poké Lids Installed in Otsu City, Shiga

Poké Lids are covers for utility holes that feature designs from the popular anime Pokémon, with each individual cover having its own original design that is unique in all the world. Two of these Poké Lids have now been installed in Otsu City, Shiga, marking the first time that these special covers have reached the Kansai region.



Omi Jingu Shrine

Omi Jingu Shrine is a registered Cultural Property, and a representative example of the Showa period (1926 - 1989) shrine construction known as Omi construction or Showa construction. Omi Jingu Shrine is also a location featured in the anime "Chihayafuru."



Rosa & Berry Tawada

An English garden located in Maibara, and known as a Shaun the Sheep Farm Garden. Shaun the Sheep is brought to life in the real world on the hillside of Rosa & Berry Tawada. In 2018, Fairy Garden, a Village where Fairies Live, newly opened on the small hills between mountains in the north area.



Hikone Castle / Hikonyan

"Hikonyan" is a mascot character of Hikone city, Shiga prefecture, was created in 2007 to mark the 400th anniversary of the founding of Hikone Castle. Visitors also get the chance to meet Hikonyan!



Lake Biwa gives visitors opportunities to enjoy the beautiful views of four district seasons.

Shiga Prefecture, at the heart and crossroads of Japan, has flourished since ancient days. Today Shiga remains a convenient base for travelling in Japan, offering easy access to Kyoto and Osaka, as well as Kyushu and Tokyo. Lake Biwa, the biggest lake in Japan, Nature, tradition, culture, history, art, food: everything good about Japan is right here in Shiga Prefecture. Shiga Prefecture is the quintessential Japan.

