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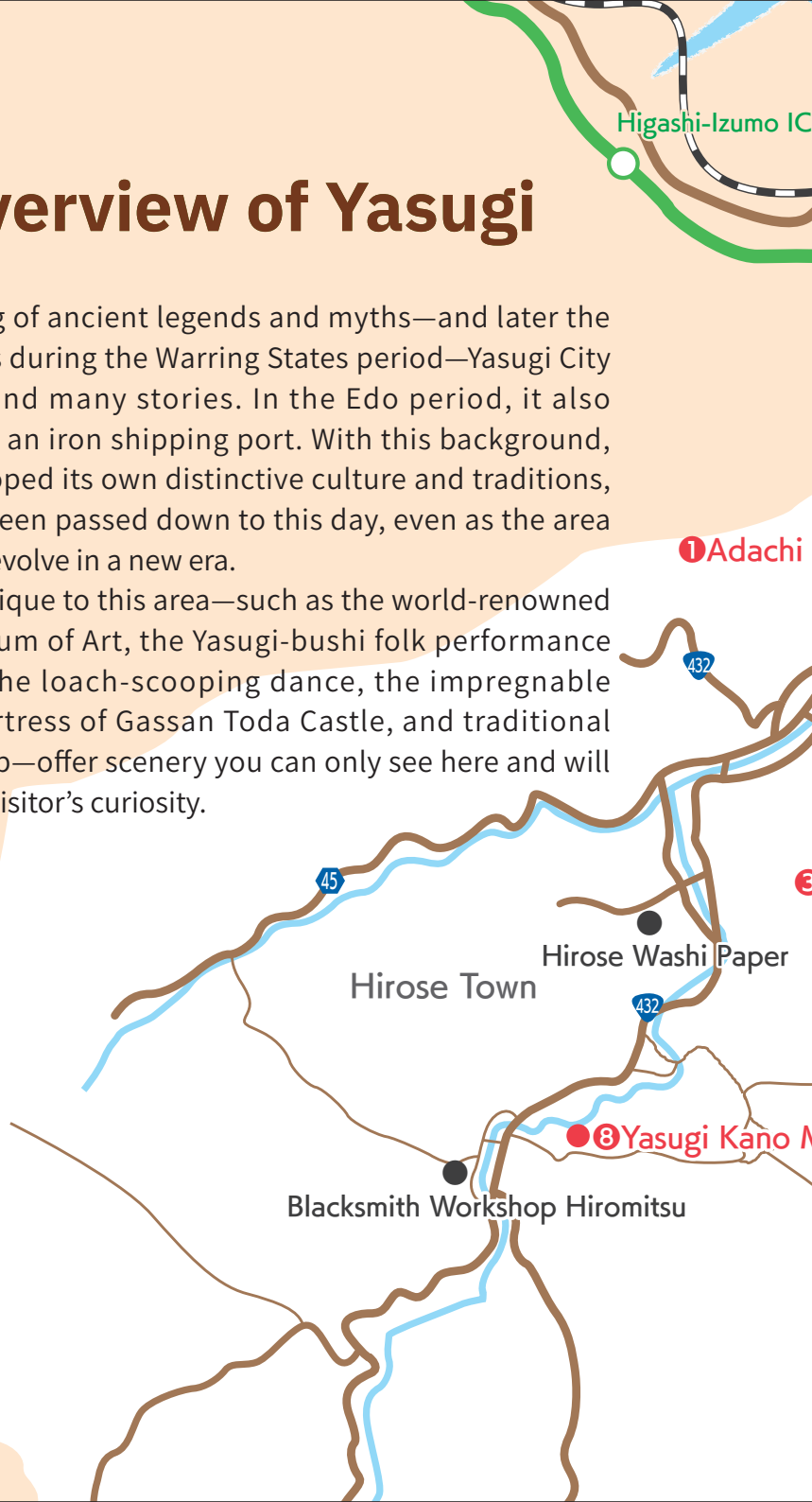
YASUGI



An Overview of Yasugi

As the setting of ancient legends and myths—and later the site of battles during the Warring States period—Yasugi City has left behind many stories. In the Edo period, it also prospered as an iron shipping port. With this background, Yasugi developed its own distinctive culture and traditions, which have been passed down to this day, even as the area continues to evolve in a new era.

Highlights unique to this area—such as the world-renowned Adachi Museum of Art, the Yasugi-bushi folk performance famous for the loach-scooping dance, the impregnable mountain fortress of Gassan Toda Castle, and traditional craftsmanship—offer scenery you can only see here and will satisfy every visitor's curiosity.





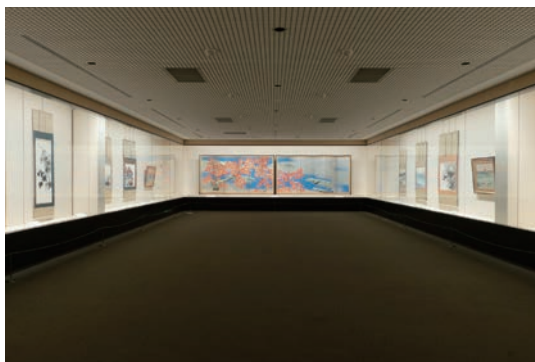
1 Adachi Museum of Art



The Dry Landscape Garden

Experience the harmony between the Japanese garden and artworks

Opened in 1970, the museum displays and houses a collection assembled by Yasugi-born entrepreneur Zenko Adachi. This includes modern Japanese paintings by masters such as Taikan Yokoyama, Seiho Takeuchi, and Kansetsu Hashimoto, as well as contemporary Japanese paintings, ceramic works by Rosanjin Kitaoji, children's illustrations, lacquer art, wood carvings, and more.



Yokoyama Taikan Special Exhibition Room

Japanese Painting Collection

The museum owns many works by master artists who were active in the modern Japanese painting world. In particular, its collection of works by Taikan Yokoyama—120 pieces from his early years through his later period—is among the most substantial in both quality and quantity.

🏠 320 Furukawa-cho, Yasugi City 692-0064
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Access

20 minutes by car from Yasugi Station /
Free shuttle bus from Yasugi Station



Living Framed Painting

Japan's No. 1 Garden

The vast Japanese garden, spanning 50,000 tsubo, is meticulously maintained down to the smallest detail under the belief that the garden itself is also a single painting. It reveals a wide range of seasonal beauty throughout the year. According to a ranking by an American magazine specializing in Japanese gardens, it has been selected as No. 1 in Japan every year since 2003. It is also featured in the French travel guidebook Michelin Green Guide Japan with the highest rating of "Three Stars," the only location in the San'in area to receive that distinction.



Rosanjin Hall Facade



Rosanjin Hall

Rosanjin Gallery

Opened in 2020, the Rosanjin Gallery was designed specifically to appreciate Rosanjin's art, and it permanently exhibits approximately 120 works.

Adachi Museum of Art Free Shuttle Bus

A free shuttle bus runs daily from JR Yasugi Station. Visitors are welcome to use it freely.



2 Kiyomizu-dera Temple



A temple founded in 587, known for warding off misfortune

An ancient Tendai-sect temple founded in 587. It enshrines the Eleven-Faced Kannon as its principal deity and is well known as a temple for warding off misfortune. It was destroyed by war during the Warring States period in conflicts between the Amago and Mori clans, but was rebuilt in the Edo period. Visitors can experience zazen meditation and sutra-copying to calm the mind, and can also enjoy shojin Buddhist cuisine within the temple grounds.

Zazen
Meditation
Experience

Reservation required



Zazen is one of Buddhism's core methods of training. It leaves you feeling purified in both body and mind.

Sutra-copying
Experience

Reservation required



At one of the finest ancient temples in the San'in region, you can copy Buddhist sutras by hand with a brush.

🏠 528 Kiyomizu-cho, Yasugi City 692-0033
☎ 0854-22-2151



Access

10 minutes by car from Yasugi Station

Recommended

Shojin Buddhist Cuisine

A cuisine based on Buddhist teachings, intended to avoid killing living creatures and stimulating worldly desires. It uses no meat or fish—only plant-based ingredients such as vegetables and soybeans.



Where to dine

Momijikan 528 Kiyomizu-cho, Yasugi City 692-0033 ☎0854-22-2530

Shokinkan 527 Kiyomizu-cho, within the Kiyomizu-dera Temple grounds, Yasugi City ☎0854-22-2002

Yuushin 10-7 Kiyomizu-cho, Yasugi City 692-0033 ☎0854-23-1100

Kiyomizu Yokan (Sweet Bean Jelly)

A famous temple-front sweet traditionally associated with Kiyomizu-dera since the Heian period. It began when a Tendai monk recreated a sweet inspired by a dish made from sheep liver that he had eaten in Tang China, substituting red beans to make it.



Where to buy

Within the Kiyomizu-dera Temple grounds 528 Kiyomizu-cho, Yasugi City 692-0033

■Kuroda Sennendo ☎0854-22-1823

■Fukada Horyudo ☎0854-22-3348

Yasugi Tourist Exchange Plaza 2093-3 Yasugi-cho, Yasugi City 692-0011 ☎0854-23-7667

Roadside Station Ara Essa 118 Nakaumi-cho, Yasugi City 692-0074 ☎0854-23-2510

3 Gassan Toda Castle Ruins



An impregnable fortress

These are the remains of a vast mountain castle centered around Mt. Gassan (elevation: 190m), known as an “impregnable castle” that was never taken in battle. Its lords changed over time—from the Amago clan to the Mori clan, the Kikkawa clan, and the Horio clan—and it flourished as the political and economic hub of the San’in region.

🏠 Toda, Hirose-cho, Yasugi City 692-0403
☎ 0854-32-2767 (Yasugi City Historical Museum)



Access

20 minutes by car from Yasugi Station /
1-min walk from the “Gassan Iriguchi” Yellow Bus stop



4 Yasugi City Historical Museum



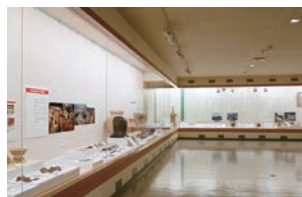
Introducing the history of Gassan Toda Castle Ruins

This museum clearly presents Yasugi’s history from ancient times through the early modern era, divided into three major periods. It also showcases valuable artifacts from the Amago, Mori, Kikkawa, and Horio clans—who once ruled the castle.

🏠 752 Machicho, Hirose-cho, Yasugi City 692-0402
☎ 0854-32-2767



Access 20 minutes by car from Yasugi Station /
Near the “Gassan Iriguchi” Yellow Bus stop



5 Yasugi-bushi Entertainment Hall



A hall where you can watch the folk song “Yasugi-bushi” live

In Yasugi, which prospered as an iron shipping port in the Edo period, the influence of folk songs and sea shanties sung by sailors from around Japan gave birth to the folk song “Yasugi-bushi.” Here, you can enjoy a live performance up close. After the show, you can also try the famous Dojo-sukui (loach-scooping) dance together with the performers.

🏠 534 Furukawa-cho, Yasugi City 692-0064
☎ 0854-28-9500

Access 20 minutes by car from Yasugi Station /
Near the “Yasugi-bushi Engeikan” Yellow Bus stop



Yasugi-bushi



Iron produced through smelting was shipped to regions all across Japan from Yasugi Port. As Yasugi Port flourished as an iron shipping hub, it was influenced by folk songs and boat songs sung by sailors nationwide, leading to the birth of the folk song “Yasugi-bushi.” The comical Dojo-sukui dance performed in time with the song delights audiences, and the light, lively sounds of hollow bamboo tubes filled with bits of iron—shaken to accompany the song—make you want to join in.



Neo Yasugi-bushi

Themed around “bringing Yasugi-bushi to the world,” this is a new style of entertainment that arranges the traditional performing art of Yasugi-bushi in a more modern way.



6 Wako Museum



A museum where you can comprehensively learn the history of Japan's traditional smelting method

This comprehensive museum is dedicated to smelting using tatara furnaces, and is said to be a model for the setting of Princess Mononoke. It features scale models reproducing the smelting process, as well as ironmaking tools designated as Important Tangible Folk Cultural Properties of Japan. You can also experience operating a traditional balance bellows that was used at real tatara furnace sites, and even try holding an authentic Japanese sword.



Wako Museum, Yasugi City, Shimane Prefecture

🏠 1058 Yasugi-cho, Yasugi City 692-0011
☎ 0854-23-2500



Access

15 minutes by car from Yasugi Station /
Near the "Wako Hakubutsukan" Yellow Bus stop

Smelting using tatara furnaces

This is a uniquely Japanese method of producing iron using iron sand as the raw material and charcoal as the fuel. It is the only method capable of producing "tamahagane," the high-grade steel used for Japanese swords. In the Chugoku Mountain region, including Yasugi, this method of smelting has been carried out since ancient times, and by the latter half of the Edo period it is said that 80% of all iron produced nationwide was made in the Chugoku area.



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Road of Iron
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Website

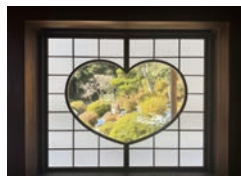


7 Unjuji Temple



A beautiful dry landscape garden

An ancient temple founded in 1322, belonging to the Myoshinji branch of the Rinzaï sect. It was established by Zen master Koho Kakumyo, who received the title of “Imperial Teacher” from emperors Go-Daigo and Go-Murakami. The gate and facade have remained unchanged for 700 years, and visitors can freely tour highlights such as the dragon ceiling painting. There are also photogenic spots, including heart-shaped shoji screens.



🏠 281 Kiyoi-cho, Yasugi City 692-0056
☎ 0854-22-2875



Access

10 minutes by car from Yasugi Station /
5-min walk from the “Unjuji Iriguchi” Yellow Bus stop

8 Yasugi Kano Museum of Art



A museum dedicated to a painter who continued praying for everlasting peace

An art museum showcasing the work of Yasugi-born painter Kano Kanrei, who held a life-long wish for peace. Having experienced war firsthand, he became an artist devoted to the pursuit of peace after the war. The museum exhibits his artwork as well as items such as petitions addressed to the Philippine president and others, related to the movement to build a memorial monument for Japanese people who were detained in the Philippines as war criminals after the war.



🏠 345-27 Fube, Hirose-cho, Yasugi City 692-0623
☎ 0854-36-0880



Access **Transfer required**

30 minutes by car from Yasugi Station /
Near the “Kano Bijutsukan Iriguchi” Yellow Bus stop

Traditional Crafts

The gentle, warm charm of handmade washi paper

You can participate in a workshop crafting traditional handmade washi paper, passed down since the Edo period. You can also purchase beautiful items such as coasters and accessories made from traditional washi. In today's digital age, experience the value and warmth of true handcrafting. To participate in the workshop, please make a reservation through Instagram.

Saikobo Shikiroku

📍 1704-2 Fube, Hirose-cho,
Yasugi City 692-0623
☎ 0854-26-4816



Access

30 minutes by car from Yasugi Station



Heavy yet delicate iron products made using Japanese sword techniques

A rare workshop that has inherited traditional Japanese sword-forging techniques and has continued for ten generations to propose ways of bringing the beauty and appeal of iron into modern everyday life. Each piece is shaped by hand from heated iron and assembled with a sense of dignity, resulting in ironworks with a uniquely warm, expressive character.

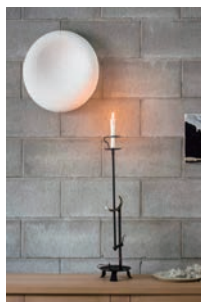
Blacksmith Workshop Hiromitsu

📍 1168-8 Fube, Hirose-cho,
Yasugi City 692-0623
☎ 0854-36-0026



Access

30 minutes by car from Yasugi Station



Fruit Picking

Pick and taste seasonal fruit at tourist farms and more! Depending on the season, you can enjoy strawberries, grapes, mandarin oranges, and more.

Reservation required



Strawberry Picking

January–June

Harvest Japanese-only varieties such as Akihime and Benihoppe directly at the farm. You can enjoy a true hands-on agriculture experience. Perfectly ripe strawberries—carefully selected one by one by skilled farmers—offer exceptional sweetness. Since each farm grows different varieties, tasting comparisons are also fun.



Grape Picking

Mid-August to mid-September

Adachi Grape Farm

📍 1090-1 Toda, Hirose-cho,
Yasugi City 692-0403
☎ 080-6318-0604



Access

20 minutes by car from Yasugi Station



Mandarin Orange Picking

Mid-October to mid-November

Yasugi Kanko Mikan-en

📍 12-1 Enoshima-cho,
Yasugi City 692-0057
☎ 0854-22-5255



Access

10 minutes by car from Yasugi Station

Accommodations

Located just a 1-minute walk from the Adachi Museum of Art, this hot spring area has an abundant water supply of over 750 liters per minute. Its name is said to come from a legend in which a white heron healed its injured leg here. From the Warring States period through the Edo period, it prospered as the palace bath used by successive lords of the Hirose Domain. Its history and natural environment have been highly acclaimed, and it has been selected as one of Japan's officially designated National Restorative Hot Spring Resorts.



Saginoyu-so

🏠 478-1 Furukawa-cho, Yasugi City 692-0064
☎ 0854-28-6211



Saginoyu Onsen Area

Yasugien

🏠 478 Furukawa-cho, Yasugi City 692-0064
☎ 0854-28-6262



Chikuyo

🏠 438 Furukawa-cho, Yasugi City 692-0064
☎ 0854-28-6231



Yumeland Shirasagi

🏠 835 Furukawa-cho, Yasugi City 692-0064
☎ 0854-28-6300



Kiyomizu Area



Kouyukan

🏠 528 Kiyomizu-cho, Yasugi City 692-0033
☎ 0854-22-2530



Shokinkan

🏠 527 Kiyomizu-cho, Yasugi City 692-0033
☎ 0854-22-2002



Hirose Area



YASUYA

🏠 828 Hirose-Honmachi, Hirose-cho, Yasugi City 692-0404



Yuda Sanso

🏠 1373 Higashihida, Hirose-cho, Yasugi City 692-0733
☎ 0854-34-0240



Yasugi Station Area

Hotel Hisagoya

🏠 2403 Yasugi-cho, Yasugi City 692-0011
☎ 0854-22-2127

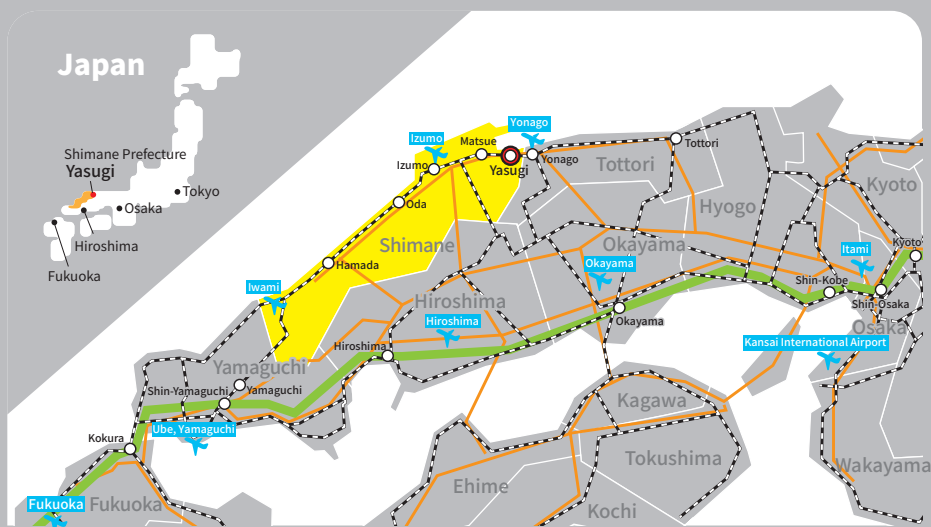


Asahikan

🏠 1970 Yasugi-cho, Yasugi City 692-0011
☎ 0854-22-2348



Access



Airplane

Tokyo	Haneda Airport	1.3 hours	Yonago Kitaro Airport
Tokyo	Haneda Airport	1.5 hours	Izumo Enmusubi Airport
Osaka	Itami Airport	1 hour	Izumo Enmusubi Airport
Fukuoka	Fukuoka Airport	1 hour	Izumo Enmusubi Airport

Train

Tokyo	Nozomi Shinkansen	Limited Express Yakumo	Yasugi	5.5 hours
Shin-Osaka	Nozomi Shinkansen	Limited Express Yakumo	Yasugi	3 hours
Fukuoka	Nozomi Shinkansen	Limited Express Yakumo	Yasugi	4 hours
Hiroshima	Nozomi Shinkansen	Limited Express Yakumo	Yasugi	Approx. 3 hours
Okayama	Limited Express Yakumo		Yasugi	2.5 hours

Car

Osaka	Chugoku Expressway	Yonago Expressway	San' in Expressway	Yasugi IC	Yasugi	3.5 hours	
Fukuoka	Chugoku Expressway	Yonago Expressway	San' in Expressway	Yasugi IC	Yasugi	8 hours	
Hiroshima	Hiroshima Expressway	Chugoku Expressway	Matsue Expressway	San' in Expressway	Yasugi IC	Yasugi	2.5 hours
Okayama	Okayama Expressway	Yonago Expressway	San' in Expressway	Yasugi IC	Yasugi	2.5 hours	



For sightseeing around Yasugi City,

please use the Yellow Bus.



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