

Wakayama City
Official Promotional Video

THE GATEWAY TO THE SPIRITUAL HEARTLAND OF JAPAN



The sacred and heavenly site of Koyasan, the Kumano Kodo's history as a pilgrimage route, and profoundly majestic nature are intertwined together to give the Wakayama Prefecture its name of The Spiritual Heartland of Japan.

Wakayama City serves as the gateway to the rest of Wakayama, and this video showcases the history and culture that our city has inherited through fascinating locations within the prefecture.

If you're coming from Kansai's major cities, Kansai airport, or Shikoku's Tokushima, your journey to the Wakayama Prefecture starts with its prefectural capital: **Wakayama City**



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「The Official Wakayama Travel Guide」

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The Appeal of Wakayama City

If you click on the pictures from our website, you will be taken to information on that topic (Japanese).



01 Wakayama Castle

Built by Toyotomi Hidenaga, it towers over the center of our city as its symbol. It later on became the castle of the Kishu Tokugawa Clan.



02 Nishinomaru-Teien Garden (Momijidani-Teien Garden)

A garden built around a pond for the lord in the early Edo period (1600s). You can enjoy its autumn foliage every year from late November to early December.



03 Taga Shrine

A branch shrine of the Saga Prefecture's Taga-taisha shrine. Affectionately called "Otoga-san" by the locals, this god of life, marriage, and good fortune is beloved by many.



04 Awashima-jinja Shrine

The main Awashima-jinja shrine of Japan, famous for its Hinanagashi ritual. The hall of worship is packed with dolls offered to the shrine.



05 Kimiidera Temple

A temple known for its early blooming cherry blossoms. It's also the second stop on the Saigoku Kannon Pilgrimage.



06 Iwase-Senzuka Kofun Cluster (Kii-fudoki-no-oka Museum of Archaeology and Culture)

Around 500 kofun (burial mounds) dot the landscape, and bird-shaped haniwa figures were first discovered here. There are also reconstructions of ancient pit dwellings.



07 Kishu Odori Bundara Bushi

A dance performed every summer. It's said that it was named after the spirit and ambition of Kinokuniya Bunzaemon, a merchant who sailed the rough seas during the Edo period.



08 Tomogashima

Formerly used as a military fortification in the Meiji era, remnants of gun batteries and ammunition depots remain to this day. Part of the Katsuragi 28 Shuku, a Japan Heritage site.



09 Kishu Tansu (Chest of Drawers)

Thanks to the properties of its paulownia wood, these chests have an elegant grain while being lightweight and moisture-resistant. Famous for precise wooden joinings.



10 Kishu Temari

It is said that these were first created by the court ladies of Wakayama Castle for girls of high status. Made for weddings or given as presents at celebratory events.



11 Traditional Sweets (Surugaya)

A confectionary with history spanning over 550 years. The main branch had a deep connection with the Kishu Tokugawa Clan.



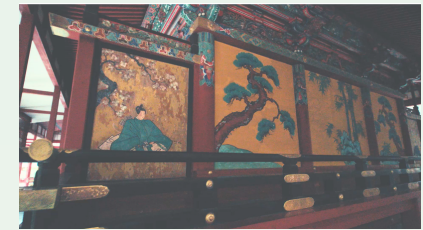
12 Yosuien Garden

Erected over an eight year period starting in 1818 by the 10th lord, Tokugawa Harutomi. The pond is unique for its use of sea water.



13 Minato Palace

One part of the Kishu lord's villa that was dismantled and moved. The ceiling is decorated with torinoko paper, and the cedar doors are adorned with colored paintings from artists that served the lord.



14 Kishu Toshogu Shrine

Established by Yorinobu, the first lord of the Kishu Tokugawa Clan. It's also referred to as The Nikkou of Kansai.

You can see our promotional video "THE GATEWAY TO THE SPIRITUAL HEARTLAND OF JAPAN" on Wakayama City's Official YouTube!



Here's one more video: "A WORLD AWAY IN SERENITY"

Near the center of Osaka and Kansai International Airport lies Wakayama City. The sights that you will see here when you set foot outside of the major cities will be as if you are in "A World Away in Serenity." Our video showcases Wakayama City's historical and cultural heritage, abundant nature, and delicious delicacies—the appeal of our city is on full display!



WAKAYAMA CITY THE HIDDEN GEM OF KANSAI, JAPAN

A place of beauty and wonder still waiting to be discovered. We invite you to watch our video and see what makes our city so special.