

Wakayama City
Official Promotional Video

A WORLD AWAY IN SERENITY



Located at the northwest edge of the Wakayama Prefecture and just past the Osaka Prefecture's southern border, Wakayama City is blessed with both access to the heart of Osaka and Kansai International Airport, as well as idyllic scenery not found in larger cities.

In this promotional video, we would like to show you the appeal of Wakayama City's historical and cultural heritage, abundant nature, delicious delicacies, and the relaxing time that you can spend here once you take a step outside of the major metropolitan areas.

How to Get to Wakayama City



From Central Osaka



Via JR: Shin-Osaka Station → Wakayama Station **Approx. 1 hour**
(Ltd. Exp. Kuroshio)



Via Nankai: Namba Station → Wakayamashi Station **Approx. 1 hour**
(Ltd. Exp. Southern)



Via car (highway) **Approx. 1 hour**



From Kansai Intl. Airport



Via JR: Kansai Airport Station → Hineno Station (Transfer)
→ Wakayama Station **Approx. 45 min.**



Via Nankai: Kansai Airport Station → Izumisano Station (Transfer)
→ Wakayamashi Station **Approx. 40 min.**



Via Airport Limousine Bus (direct to Wakayama Station)
Approx. 40 min.



Via car (highway) **Approx. 35 min.**

You can see our promotional video
"A WORLD AWAY IN SERENITY"
on Wakayama City's Official YouTube!



Here's one more 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.



※Click the QR code while online to be taken to the official website.

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 Kimiidera Temple

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



03 Kishu Toshogu Shrine

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



04 Wakaura Tenmangu Shrine

Along with Daizaifutenman-gu and Kitano Tenmangu, it's one of the Sankanbyo, a group of three important temples. Designated as a National Important Cultural Property.



05 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.



06 Taga Shrine

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



07 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.



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 Bandoko Garden

A former watch point of the Kishu domain with a spectacular view overlooking the Saika Inlet. Nearby is a stone monument with a poem written for Emperor Shomu.



10 Shiki-no-Sato Park

One of Kansai's best roadside stations, offering an experience with food, agriculture, and a variety of different outdoor activities to enjoy.



11 Onsen Hot Springs

Open-air baths with stunning views, carbonated healing springs, baths for beautiful skin - many well-known hot springs are available.



12 Traditional Sweets (Surugaya)

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



13 Kada's Madai (Red Sea Bream)

Caught via pole fishing that does not injure the fish, Madai is sold as a high-end product along with Akashidai and Narutodai.



14 Wakayama Ramen

Referred to as Chuka Soba by the locals, it's generally flavored with pork bone and shoyu. Eaten alongside boiled eggs and a type of sushi called hayanarezushi.



15 Kumano Beef

A brand of beef produced in the Wakayama Prefecture. You can eat it within Wakayama City as well!



16 Wakashirasu (Whitebait)

Whitebait caught from the mineral-rich Wakaura Bay. When boiled, they become a bright white color.



17 Medetai Train

Five different colors of tourism trains modeled after sea bream that run along Nankai Electric Railway's Kada line.

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.