



Events/experiences

Tomonoura has many events and experiences! For all of Tomonoura's events, check out our website!

March



Tomo Townscape Doll Festival

Shops, ryokan (Japanese style inns), and machiya (traditional wooden townhouses) on the streets of Tomonoura exhibit hina dolls having been handed down generation after generation. You can see treasured hina dolls that were created during the Edo period through the Meiji period.

Period: Mid-February to mid-March
Site: All across Tomo

May



Fukuyama Tomonoura Bentsenjima Island Fireworks Display

At this seasonal tradition that signals the beginning of summer in Setouchi, fireworks add to the atmosphere that is so unique to Tomonoura. Before the display, local residents and children perform traditional Japanese "Aiya-bushi" entertainment.

Period: Last Saturday of May
Site: All across Tomo (Launch site: Bentsenjima Island)

Experience



Experience making Taichikuwa (fish sausage)

After experiencing making this local favorite by hand from the instruction of friendly craftsmen, savor the taste of Taichikuwa, a traditional specialty having been handed down in Tomonoura for generations.

May



Tomonoura Taiami Sea Bream Netting Festival

Watch a fish haul as a group of fishermen on fishing boats track down, net and haul in, in one single swoop, a school of red sea bream. This local fishing technique boasts 380 years of spirit and muscle.

Period: Early to late May
Site: Offshore of Sensujima Island

July



Otebi Shinto Ritual

Three giant torches (called Otebi) approximately 200kg in weight are carried up a series of shrine steps to the hall of worship in a display of fortitude and passion for tradition. This Shinto ritual of fire that colors a single summer night orange and red in Tomonoura is one of Japan's three great fire festivals.

Period: Night before the second Sunday of July
Site: Nunakuma Shrine

Experience



Experience sea kayaking

Enjoy the unique scenery of Tomonoura from the waters of the beautiful Seto Inland Sea. Calm waves ensure that even beginners can enjoy this seafaring challenge.



Recommended courses

See the sights of Tomonoura from the recommended courses!

Temples and Shrines Course

① "Tomo-ko" bus stop (Tomotetsu bus)
↓ Approx. 5 minute walk

1 Taichoro (Fukuzenji Temple)



↓ Approx. 2 minute walk

2 Enpukuji Temple



↓ Approx. 5 minute walk

3 Residence of the Ota Family



↓ Approx. 2 minute walk

4 Joyato



↓ Approx. 10 minute walk

5 Ioji Temple and Taishiden



↓ Approx. 15 minute walk

② "Tomo-ko" bus stop (Tomotetsu bus)

A Relaxed Walking Course

① "Tomonoura" bus stop (Tomotetsu bus)
↓ Approx. 1 minute walk

1 Tomonoura Tourist Information Center



↓ Approx. 10 minute walk

2 Nunakuma Shrine



↓ Approx. 15 minute walk

3 Fukuyama-City Tomonoura Rekishi Minzoku Shiryoukan



↓ Approx. 3 minute walk

4 Joyato



↓ Approx. 8 minute walk

5 Taichoro (Fukuzenji Temple)



↓ Approx. 5 minute walk

② "Tomo-ko" bus stop (Tomotetsu bus)

Experience authentic Japanese culture at Fukuju Kaikan!

Experience FUKUYAMA

Prior reservations required

Why not make contact with the Japanese spirit at Fukuju Kaikan, a 5 minute walk from JR Fukuyama Station? Experience Japanese culture including wearing Kimono and Sado (tea ceremony), while viewing a Japanese garden and the natural scenery of Fukuyama Castle.



Kimono



Why not take a stroll around a Japanese garden wearing a kimono? An obi belt tied in the form of Fukuyama City's flower the "rose," is a kimono experience unique to Fukuyama.

Koto



"Koto" is a traditional Japanese musical instrument symbolizing the dragon. Please experience the sound of Fukuyama, Japan's largest koto production center.

Sado



Why not experience tea ceremony in the stately and historical Fukuju Kaikan? Learn the rules of etiquette, make yourself a bowl of tea, and enjoy Japanese confectionery together with your tea.

For details, check out our website.

<https://experiencefukuyama.com/>

Experience FUKUYAMA by Fukuju Kaikan

Setonaikai National Park

Tomonoura

Fukuyama Hiroshima Japan

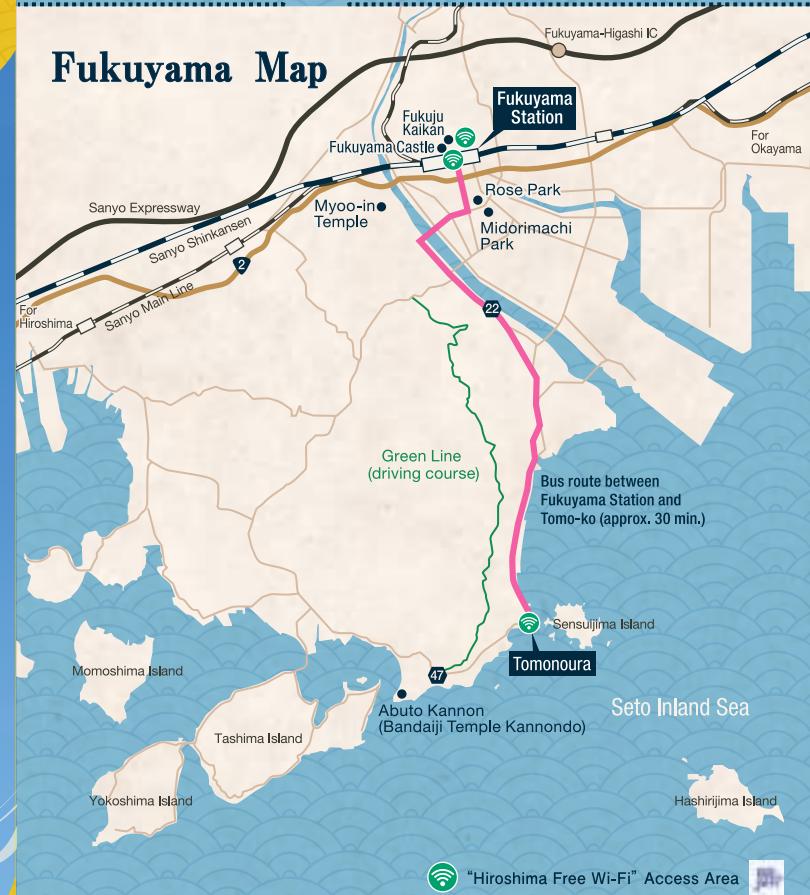
A place to feel Japanese History



Japan Map



Fukuyama Map



Access

Shinkansen

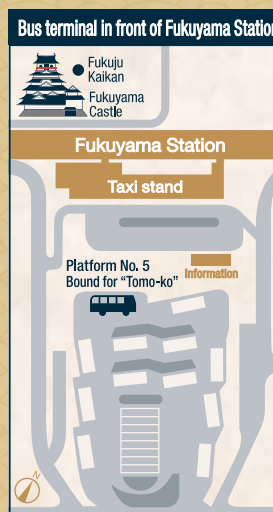
Tokyo Approx. 3 hr. 40 min.
Shin-Osaka Approx. 1 hr.
Hiroshima Approx. 30 min.

JR

Onomichi Approx. 20 min.
Kurashiki Approx. 30 min.

Car

Fukuyama-Higashi IC Approx. 35 min.



Tomotetsu bus
Approx. 30 min.

Tomonoura

Fukuyama Tourist Information Center

☎084-922-2869 Service available in English
JR Fukuyama Station, 30-1, Sannomaru-cho, Fukuyama, Hiroshima
Hours: 9:00am - 6:30pm Closed: Dec. 29 - Jan. 3

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Specialty products

Homeishu is a Japanese liqueur made from 16 kinds of spices having a history of about 350 years, and brewed exclusively in Tomonoura. Nowadays, it is made by just four breweries in Tomonoura, and each brewery has its own distinct taste. Why not make a comparison taste?

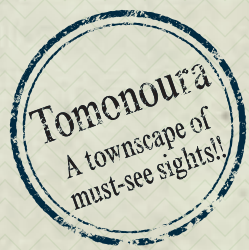
Homeishu



Gasuten Tempura is a Tomonoura specialty fish-paste product that is made by mashing small fish hauled from the Seto Inland Sea together with their bones and kneading the contents with burdock and then frying the patty-shaped ingredients. The name comes from its bony texture (gasugasu in Japanese). Enjoy the distinctive texture and savory taste.

Gasuten Tempura





Recommended spots

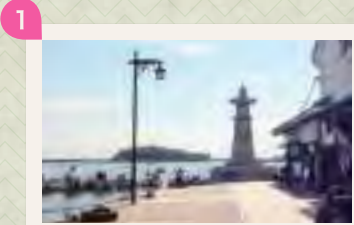


Tomonoura, located approximately at the center of the Seto Inland Sea, is a port town that has flourished as a safe haven for seamen waiting for favorable tides since olden times. The scenic beauty woven from a calm sea and islands and old town buildings dating back to the Edo period kindle a nostalgic feeling where new discoveries and impressions can be found.

For more information, visit our website!

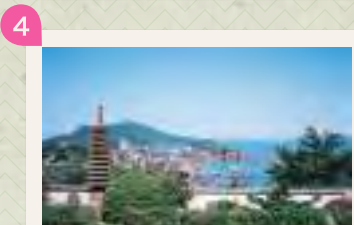
<http://www.city.fukuyama.hiroshima.jp/soshiki/kanko/85749.html>

For spots with this mark, historical and cultural information is provided on our website! Please check out our website so you can better enjoy Tomonoura by knowing its history and culture!



Joyo

The tower, exceeding 10m from the foundation platform, is the tallest among existing Joyato lanterns of the Edo period. In the town of Tomo, the harbor showcases traces of the Edo period including Joyato (all-night street lanterns), Gangi (stair-like boat landing), Funabansho (old coast guard station) ruins, Ohato (big breakwater), and ruins of Tadeba (old dock) on which ship maintenance and repair were performed.



Loji Temple and Taishiden

The temple was founded by Kukai in 826, where the principal object of worship remains a "wooden standing statue of Yakushi Nyorai." The current main hall was built by Mizuno Katsutane, who was the lord of the Fukuyama-han (clan domain) in 1685, and the Niomon Gate and bell tower were also built during the Edo period. Halfway up Mt. Ushiroyama is Taishiden, from which an excellent view of Tomo Port and the Setouchi islands can be enjoyed.



Ryoma's Hideout in Masuya Seimon Taku

When the Irohamaru incident occurred in 1867, Ryoma and other Kaientai (Maritime Support Fleet) members lodged here. The hideout which is said to have been sleeping quarters for Ryoma at that time was discovered in 1989, and it is now open to the public. Hours: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Closed period: Tuesday to Thursday Admission: 200 yen for adults, 100 yen for elementary school, junior high school and high school students



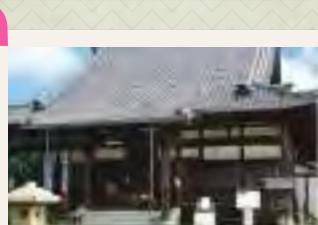
Nunakuma Shrine

A large number of important cultural properties remain in the shrine that enshrines the deities of Owatsuminokami (maritime safety) and Susanoonokoto (perfect health). Among the most famous displays is the Nunakuma Shrine Noh stage, a national important cultural property. The only existing portable type Noh stage was transferred from Toyotomi Hideyoshi, a great admirer of Noh to Mizuno Katsunari, the first lord of the Fukuyama-han.



Irohamaru Exhibition Building

At the Irohamaru Exhibition Building, a shore warehouse that was built on reclaimed land during the Edo period, Sakamoto Ryoma's personal effects from Irohamaru that sank off the shore of Tomo, a diorama showing how the ship sank, and other related artifacts are on display. Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Closed period: Dec. 28 - Jan. 1 Admission: 200 yen for elementary school students or older



Enpukuji Temple

This site was originally an island that was connected with the main land when Tomo Castle was built, and given the name Enpukuji Temple on the occasion of relocation of Shakado, which was located on the south side of present day Nunakuma Shrine. During the Edo period, haiku (short form of Japanese poetry) and poetry readings were frequently held as a stage for various cultural exchanges. Admission: 200 yen * Prior reservations required



Fukuyama-City Tomonoura Rekishi Minzoku Shiryoukan

At the museum on the hill of the Tomo Castle ruins, a model of the traditional sea bream netting technique and folk materials are on permanent display. Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Closed period: Mondays (the following day if it is a national holiday) and year-end and New Year holidays Admission: 150 yen for adults, free for high school students or younger



Ankokuji Temple

The entire surroundings of the grounds are designated as a Hiroshima Prefecture historic site, and the ancient temple showcases diverse cultural assets, such as Shakado designated as a national important cultural property and Karesansui (dry landscape garden). Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Closed period: Open 365 days a year Admission: 150 yen for adults, 100 yen for college students



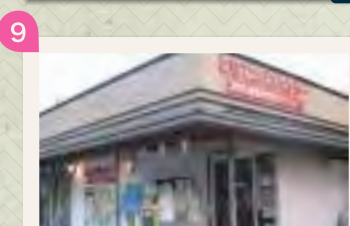
Residence of the Ota Family and Ruins of Tomo Shichikyo-ochi

This cluster of building structures, which once prospered as Homeishu breweries, consists of nine buildings, including the main house and serves as the center of the Tomo townscape. Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Closed period: Tuesdays (the following day if it is a national holiday) and year-end and New Year holidays Admission: 400 yen for junior high school students or older, 200 yen for elementary school students



Taichoro (Fukuzenji Temple)

Taichoro was built as a reception hall next to the main hall of Fukuzenji Temple during the Edo period. Commanding a beautiful view of the Seto Inland Sea, the temple served as a guesthouse for Korean envoys and became the setting for historical exchange. Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Closed period: Open 365 days a year Admission: 200 yen for adults, 150 yen for junior high school and high school students, 100 yen for elementary school students



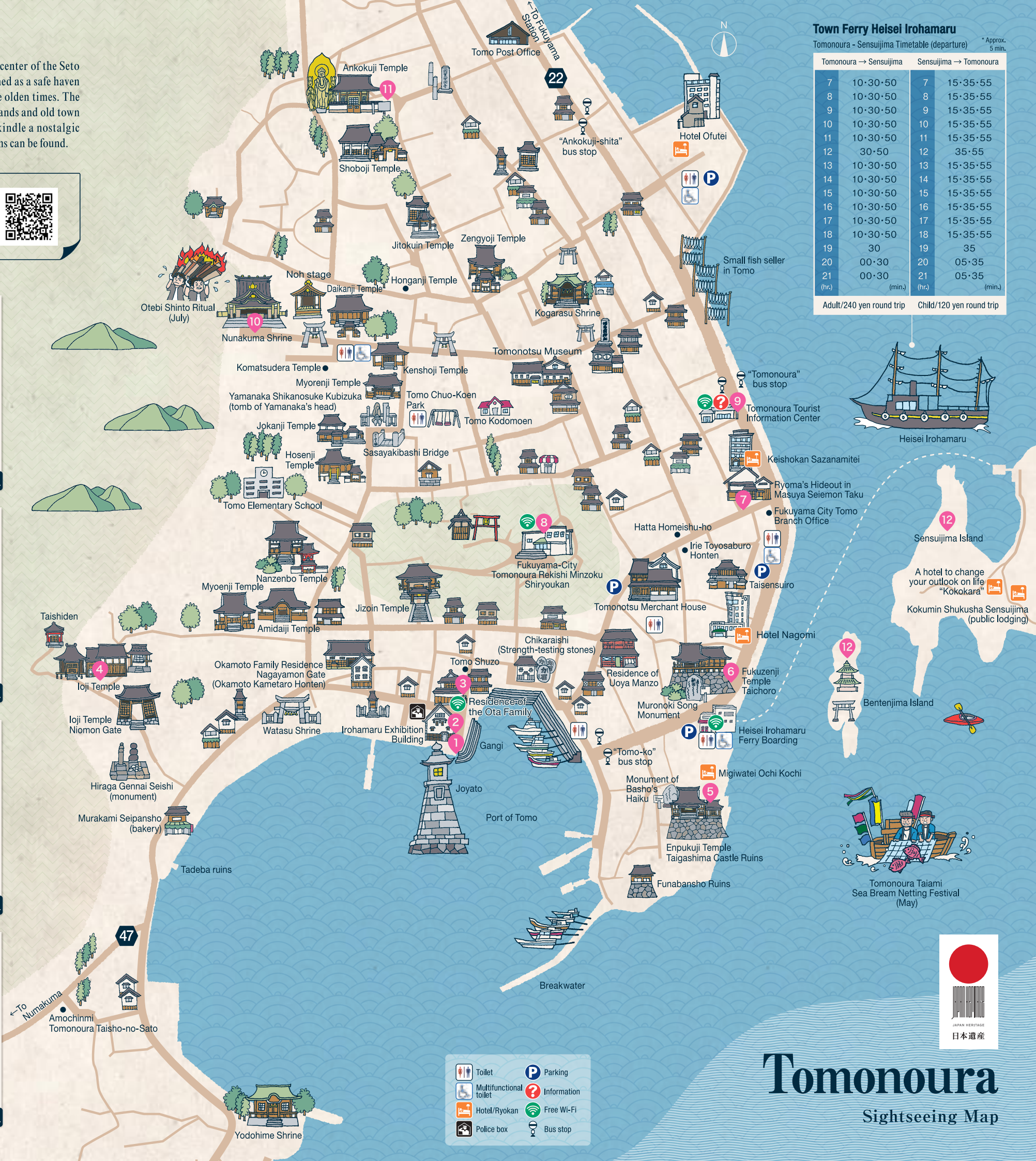
Tomonoura Tourist Information Center

Get tourist information for sightseeing in Tomonoura. Maps are available in multiple languages as well as Homeishu and other souvenirs. Free Wi-Fi spots are also available. Hours: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Closed period: Open 365 days a year



Sensuijima Island and Bentenjima Island

Sensuijima Island approximately 6km in circumference and appearing as if it is floating off the shore of Tomo Port, is 5 minutes by town ferry. The name comes from its eternal beauty where even Senjin (a benevolent spirit or Taoist immortal) was completely mesmerized. Bentenjima Island is located between Tomonoura and Sensuijima Island, on which Benzaiten, a guardian deity for fishermen is enshrined. The Fukuyama Tomonoura Bentenjima Island Fireworks Display launches its spectacular nighttime event from this site every May.



Town Ferry Heisei Irohamaru

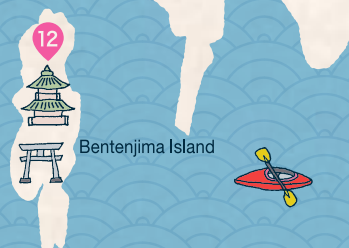
Tomonoura - Sensuijima Timetable (departure) * Approx. 5 min.

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Adult/240 yen round trip Child/120 yen round trip



Sensuijima Island
A hotel to change your outlook on life "Kokokara"
Kokumin Shukusha Sensuijima (public lodging)



Tomonoura Taiami Sea Bream Netting Festival (May)



Tomonoura Sightseeing Map

