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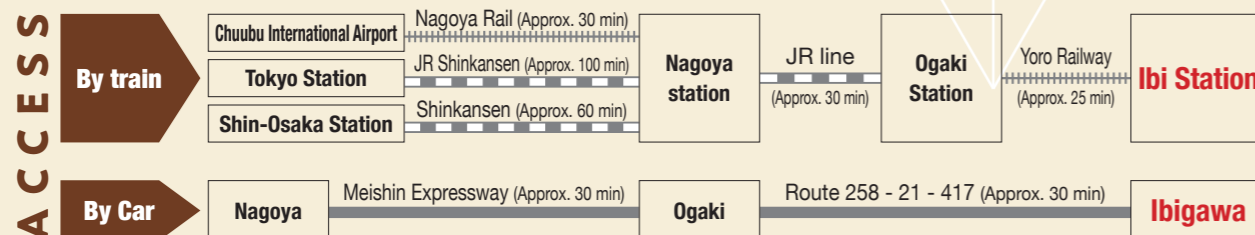
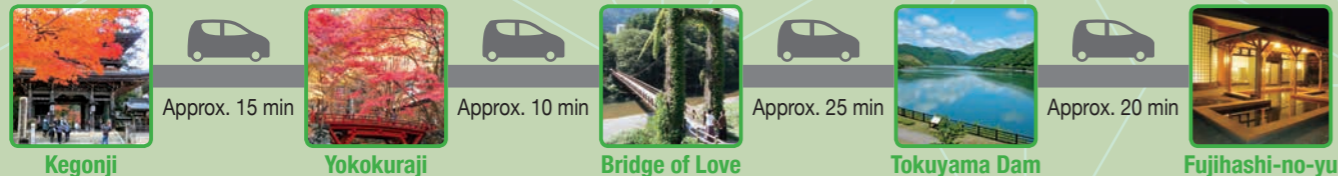
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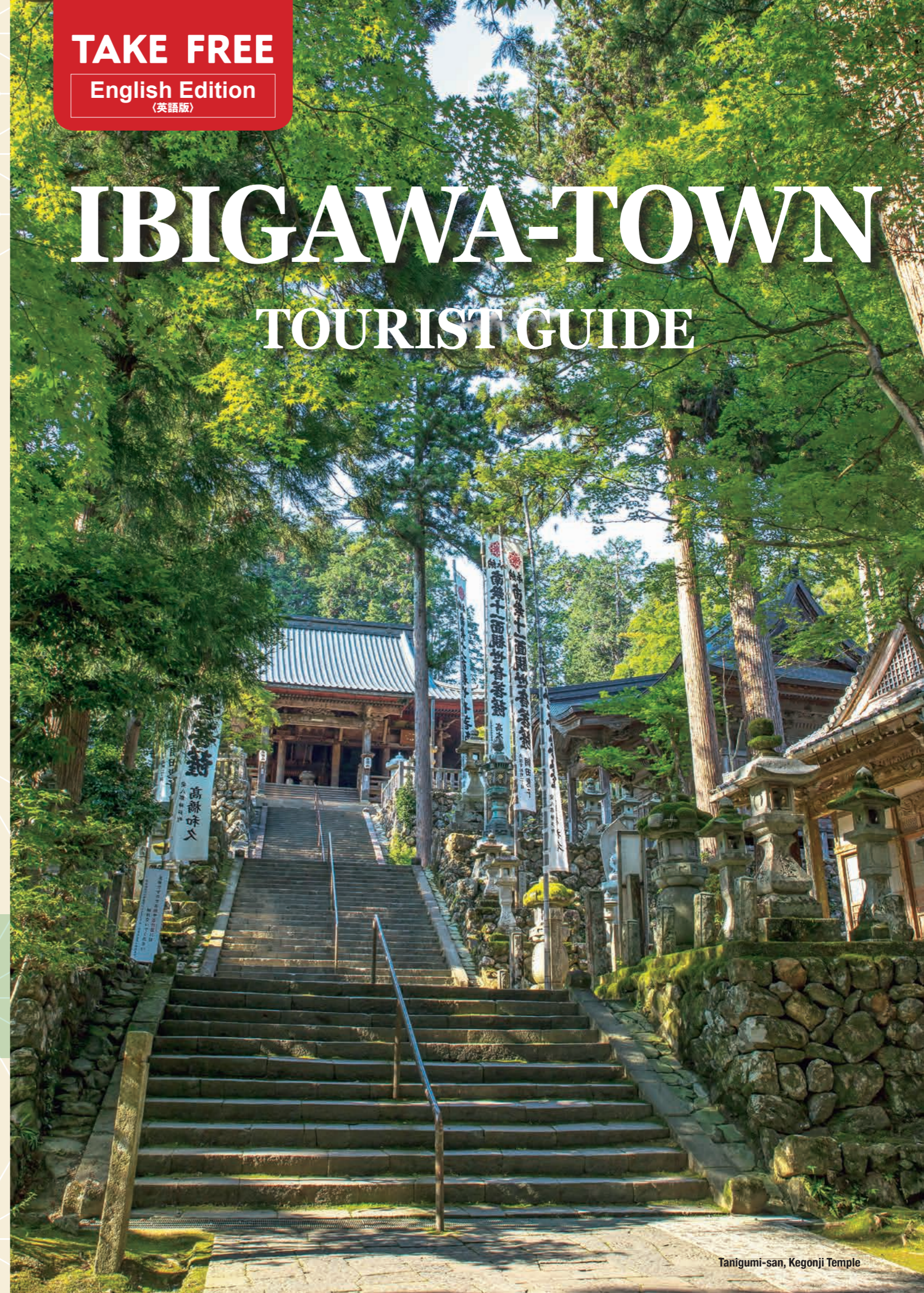


Model Tour Course (by Car) *Please consult for other courses



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Tanigumi-san, Kegonji Temple



Japan Heritage

A 1,300-year-old end of Japanese life journey

~The Saigoku 33 Kannon Pilgrimage~

The Final Sacred Temple Tanigumi-san, Kegonji Temple



The ultimate pre-departure journey is not just organizing one's life before death. It is rather to consider how our hearts can be spiritually rich throughout our entire lives. The Saigoku pilgrimage route helps us to achieve such spiritual fullness. Japanese people often hear that they are considered "cool!", internationally. Such reactions represent an idea that most of them are really tender, considerate, and diligent. This is related to the Kannon philosophy which Japanese people are very familiar with. The journey of visiting each Kannon on the pilgrimage route brings us the spiritually rich lives, and that is what the Saigoku pilgrimage route truly is

On 'the Japan Heritage'

'Japan Heritages' are cultural properties and narratives designated by the Agency for Cultural Affairs, where a region's unique history tells a story of the nation's culture and traditions.

It is intended that local communities take leadership to comprehensively organize and utilize various exceptional tangible and intangible cultural properties necessary for telling their stories. It also aims and to revitalize regional economies by strategically promoting the narratives pertaining to cultural properties within Japan and abroad.



**Tanigumi Monzen
Mascot Character**

A girl on a pilgrimage between the 33 sites. She walks through past, present and future, welcoming everyone who comes to Tanigumi, and praying their wishes come true.

① Tanigumi-san, Kegonji Temple



Built in 798, early Heian period. The final site of Japan's oldest pilgrimage route. It's also known and loved not only for the beauty of its cherry blossoms and autumn leaves along the approach, but also as a famous 'wish-granting temple'.

[Noukyou hours (submitting Goshuin written prayers)]
8:00~16:30

② Ryokai-san, Yokokuraji Temple



Known as the temple where a mummy rests, it also contains 22 Buddhas, three structures and more that are all designated as national and prefectural important cultural properties. In autumn, it is also much-loved for its beautiful leaves.

[Visiting hours]
10:00~16:00

③ Bridge of Love



A vine-covered suspension bridge linking the east and west of Ibigawa. Nowadays this famous unique place is known as the 'bridge of love', where one can wish for success in love.

*Can be visited throughout the year.

④ Tokuyama Dam



A multipurpose dam holding the most water of all dams in Japan. Made through the rockfill system, by stacking rocks. In autumn, the colorful bright leaves hang beautifully over Tokuyama Lake. Visitors will be able to fully enjoy nature.

[Dam Site Park opening hours]
9:00~17:00
(regardless of weekdays or holidays)

⑤ Roadside Station Fujihashi-no-yu, Ibigawa Onsen



A place to relax and spend peaceful time in nature, adjacent to the Roadside Station, hoshi-no-furusato. If the bath is too much, the entrance has a footbath as well, making it a perfect roadside stop.

[Days off]
Thursday every week
[Open hours]
10:00~21:00
(10:00~20:00 during January and February)

⑥ Sazare-ishi Stone



Designated as a natural monument of Gifu Prefecture, and said to be where the national anthem, Kimigayo, originated. The anthem sings that this stone was given by the heavens, and is a symbol of Japan.

[Park opening hours]
April to December
(closed during winter)

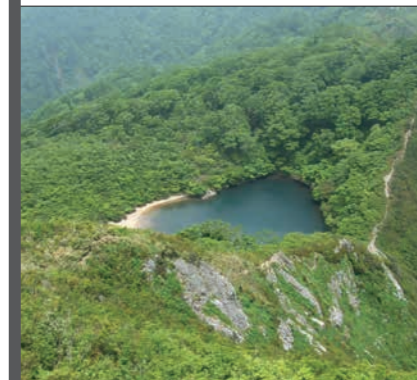
⑦ Ibigawa Yana Fishing



Ibigawa has a tradition of fishing for ayu, or sweetfish, using a mechanism called 'yana'. During summer you can visit the river and enjoy ayu meals.

[Yana fishing period]
July to early September

⑧ Yashaga-ike pond



Located at the 1,100m summit, Yashaga-ike is said to have never dried up. At 1.5 hours from the entry point, the pond is quite accessible for beginners, and a hidden but popular spot for mountain-climbing fans.

[Mountain climbing hours]
Early June until there is snow on the ground