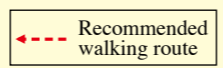


Iga tourist map

Iga Ninja fun trail
Time Walk
Travel back to a secret world!



Ueno Park here we come!
A trip to Iga means Ueno Castle, Matsuo Basho's birthplace, and the home of the Iga ninja. Ueno Park has it all. Situated high above the city, this splendid park is full of interest. The views are awesome too! When you come to Iga, head here first!



Watch out for dashing ninja!?
This ninja train on the Iga Line was designed by manga artist, Leiji Matsumoto, famous for *Galaxy Express 999* among other works. Sightseeing while riding this remarkable train is one of Iga's attractions.



Sweet indulgence in Iga castle town
Why not try the local confectionery while exploring the charming castle town? Purchase a sheet of five coupons from one of the following outlets. Swap them for a sweet treat of the day at any five participating sweet stores.

- [Coupon outlets]**
- Any participating sweet store
 - Iga-Ueno Tourist Association
 - Ueno tourist information booth (in front of Uenoshi Station on the Iga Line)
 - Store inside the Ueno Park Resthouse
- For enquiries, contact the Commerce, Industry, Labor, and Tourism Section, Iga City TEL0595-22-9670



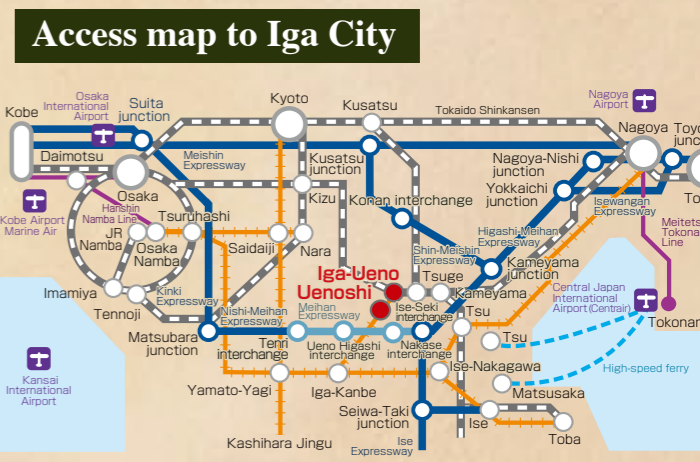
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- 1 Described in this leaflet.
- Ninja costume hire
- Temple
- Shrine
- WC Toilet
- Multi-purpose toilet
- P Car park
- Post Office
- Bank
- Convenience store
- GS Gas station
- Accommodation

City transportation

Bus	Mie Kotsu Iga Office	0595-66-3715
Train	JR Iga-Ueno Station	0595-21-3230
	Uenoshi Station	0595-21-3231
Taxi	Sanko Taxi Ueno	0595-21-0585
	Mie Kintetsu Taxi	0595-21-0033
	Sogo Taxi	0595-21-0404

Taxi stands In front of Uenoshi Station, JR Iga-Ueno Station, Kintetsu Iga-Kanbe Station, and JR Tsuge Station



A city steeped in history

Sightseeing Guide to Iga City

We'll show you the fascinating places hidden in this secret world -- the castle town, Matsuo Basho's birthplace, and the home of the Iga ninja!



Key

- ① Location
 - ② Telephone
 - ③ Hours
 - ④ Closed
 - ⑤ Admission
 - ⑥ Parking
- ① Marked on the map
- (※) Please confirm directly to each facility for the definition of "Adults" and "Children" regarding admission fee.

2 Haiseiden

A pavilion built in Ueno Park to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Matsuo Basho's birth. The exterior represents the poet in traveling attire. Inside there is a statue of Basho made of Iga ware, viewable only during the annual Basho Festival.



- ① Ueno Park, Marunouchi, Iga City
- ② 0595-22-9624
- ③ Any time
- ④ Open every day
- ⑤ Free of charge
- ⑥ Car park in Ueno Park: Car ¥500 per day

4 Minomushi-An

The only remaining hermitage of Basho's original five, Minomushi-An (Bagworm Hermitage) takes its name from the haiku Basho presented on its completion: "Come listen to the sound of the bagworm! - a grass hut". The quiet, refreshing atmosphere is perfect for reciting haiku.



- ① 1820 Ueno Nishi-hinata-machi, Iga City
- ② 0595-23-8921
- ③ 8:30 to 17:00 (last admission 16:30)
- ④ Closed Dec 29 to Jan 3
- ⑤ Adults ¥300; Children ¥100(※)
- ⑥ Car ¥200

1 Ueno Castle (White Phoenix Castle)



The inner moat of Ueno Castle boasts some of the highest stone walls in Japan. The donjon (tower) was rebuilt in 1935. Inside the castle you can view weapons, armor, and other relics of the Todo family, and 46 decorative ceiling paintings by Taikan Yokoyama and other artists.

- ① 106 Ueno Marunouchi, Iga City
- ② 0595-21-3148
- ③ 9:00 to 17:00 (last admission 16:45)
- ④ Closed Dec 29-31
- ⑤ Adults ¥500; Children ¥200(※)
- ⑥ Car park in Ueno Park: Car ¥500 per day

3 Basho Memorial Museum

Basho's poems and drawings, his will, and other valuable items are on permanent display. Supporting materials show Basho's contribution to the history of linked verse in Japan.



- ① Ueno Park, Marunouchi, Iga City
- ② 0595-21-2219
- ③ 8:30 to 17:00 (last admission 16:30)
- ④ Closed Dec 29 to Jan 3, and during book fumigation and display changes.
- ⑤ Adults ¥300; Children ¥100(※)
- ⑥ Car park in Ueno Park: Car ¥500 per day

5 Basho's ancestral home

Matsuo Basho was born in 1644 and lived here until 29 years of age. The restored interior lets you see how Basho lived. Brochures and postcards available only in Iga Ueno can be purchased here.



- ① 304 Ueno Akasaka-cho, Iga City
- ② 0595-24-2711
- ③ 8:30 to 17:00 (last admission 16:30)
- ④ Closed Dec 29 to Jan 3
- ⑤ Adults ¥300; Children ¥100(※)
- ⑥ Car ¥200; Motorcycle ¥100 (8:00 to 17:00)

6 Iga Ninja Museum

The museum has a Ninja House with revolving walls and other hidden surprises, a Ninja Experience Hall with real ninja tools, and a Ninja Tradition Hall where you can learn about ninja arts and skills. The thrilling live show is a must-see!



- ① Ueno Park, Marunouchi, Iga City
- ② 0595-23-0311
- ③ 9:00 to 17:00 (last admission 16:30)
- ④ Closed Dec 29 to Jan 3, and during book fumigation and display changes.
- ⑤ Adults ¥700; Children ¥400(※)
- ⑥ Car park in Ueno Park: Car ¥500 per day

7 Shinobi-no-Yakata (House of Stealth)

This old building has been transformed into a virtual house of ninja arts. Try your hand at games like throwing shuriken (star darts) and fishing up ninja scrolls. Enjoy full-on action games played against a giant screen.



- ① 3156-1 Ueno Konya-machi, Iga City
- ② 0595-23-8381
- ③ 10:00 to 17:00
- ④ Open March to November (Sat, Sun, and national holidays only)
- ⑤ Adults ¥700; Children ¥500(※)
- ⑥ None

9 Kagiya no Tsuji Park

Located where the road divides into the old Ise Highway to Tsu and the old Yamato Highway to Nara, the park was once the setting of *Iga Vendetta*, one of Japan's three great revenge epics. Nearby are the Iga Museum which has warrior-related artifacts, and the reconstructed Kazuma Tea House where the assassin lay in wait.



- Iga Museum / ① 1321 Ota-cho, Iga City
- ② 0595-23-5370
- ③ 9:00 to 17:00
- ④ Closed Dec 29 to Jan 1
- ⑤ Adults ¥200; Children ¥100(※)
- Kazuma Tea House / ① 1338 Ota-cho, Iga City
- ② 0595-23-9103
- ③ 9:00 to 17:00
- ④ Closed on Tuesdays
- ⑤ Free of charge

11 Old Ota Elementary School, main building

Built in 1881, this is the oldest existing elementary school building in Mie Prefecture. Inside there are exhibits of teaching materials from the late 19th century to the mid-1960s.



- ① 141-1 Ota-cho, Iga City
- ② 0595-21-9957
- ③ 9:00 to 16:30
- ④ Closed Dec 29 to Jan 3
- ⑤ Adults ¥100; College students ¥50; High school students and younger ¥30
- ⑥ Free of charge (8:00 to 17:00)

Ninja costume hire

Ninja outfit can be hired at several locations for an instant transformation. Dress up like a ninja, and you'll feel like the real thing! All sizes are available, from child to adult, catering for the whole family.



- Ninja costume hire (7 locations) / Aikantei restaurant; Murai Bankoen ninja café; Iga Ninja Store; Miyazaki pickle shop; Hill Hotel Sunpia Iga; Iga Aoyama Garden Hotel; Palm de Yume; Sarubino Spa
- ⑤ ¥700

8 Danjiri Museum

Danjiri are decorated wheeled floats that parade the streets during the Tenjin Festival. Designated as nationally important folk-cultural assets, they are on permanent display here. Watch the procession projected onto three 300-inch screens and feel as if you're really there!



- ① 122-4 Ueno Marunouchi, Iga City
- ② 0595-24-4400
- ③ 9:00 to 17:00
- ④ Closed on the 3rd Sunday in April, Oct 23-25, and Dec 29 to Jan 1.
- ⑤ Adults ¥500; Children ¥300(※)
- ⑥ Car park in Ueno Park: Car ¥500 per day

10 Former Sukodo

Designated as a national historic site, this school was built in 1821 to educate the children of samurai families. It is the only such school building remaining in the Kinki-Tokai region. An exhibition hall has been added and today the buildings and grounds are greatly enjoyed by local people.



- ① 78-1 Ueno Marunouchi, Iga City
- ② 0595-24-6090
- ③ 9:00 to 16:30
- ④ Closed Dec 29 to Jan 3
- ⑤ Adults ¥200; College and high school students ¥150; Junior high and elementary school pupils ¥100
- ⑥ None

12 Iga Ueno Braiding Center "Kumi-no-Sato"

Here you can learn about *kumihimo* (silk braiding), a traditional Iga handicraft. You can try braiding yourself, and make a bracelet or mobile phone strap. It takes about 20 minutes and costs ¥1,000.



- ① 1929-10 Shijuku-cho, Iga City
- ② 0595-23-8038
- ③ 9:00 to 17:00 (braid making 10:00 to 16:00)
- ④ Closed on Mondays (unless a national holiday); closed Dec 29 to Jan 3
- ⑤ Free admission
- ⑥ Free of charge

Glossary

Matsuo Basho

A haiku poet of the Edo period. Known as the author of many haiku travel diaries, including *Journal of Bleached Bones in a Field*, *Kashima Journal*, *Knapsack Notebook*, *Sarashina Journal*, and *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*.

Iga ninja

A secret group of ninja that actually existed. Famed as a school of ninja who exhibited exceptional skill, they are said to have practiced intelligence-based strategies such as information gathering, analyzing the enemy's strength, and diversionary tactics.