

as such as Hitachi Seaside Park and Kairakuen
the Three Great Waterfalls of Japan.
experience local and authentic cultures and foods.

Historical and Cultural Sights



8 Kairakuen Garden 15km/30 minutes
Kodokan Mito-han School 14km/30 minutes

Kairakuen Garden is famous for its Ume (Japanese plum) trees, and it is one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Kodokan Mito-han school was one of the most prominent han schools (educational institution in the Edo period) in Japan. Both locations are historical sites with connections to the Tokugawa family and registered as Japan Heritage Sites.



11 The World Heritage Shrines and Temple in Nikko (Tochigi Prefecture)

126km/100 minutes (by expressway)

"The shrines and temples in Nikko" is a World Heritage Site that Japan boasts to the world. The highlight is Toshogu, which enshrines Tokugawa Ieyasu, the founder of the Edo Shogunate. The site has 55 buildings including several national treasures such as Yomeimon Gate. The complex's gorgeous and luxurious beauty will take your breath away.



9 Kasama Inari-jinja Shrine

40km/50 minutes (by expressway)

Kasama Inari Jinja has a history of 1,360 years, and it is one of the most famous inari shrines in Japan. The wisteria blooms in the spring, and the Chrysanthemum Festival is held in autumn. The surrounding areas of the shrine are famous for their heartwarming handmade pottery, "Kasamayaki," which makes an ideal gift.



10 Hitachi Furyu-mono 23km/30 minutes

The 15m tall festival float, registered as an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO, is a sight to behold. The view of the float marching through Heiwa Street in Hitachi City, one of Japan's Top 100 Cherry Blossom Viewing Sites, is not to be missed.



Cycling

"Tsukuba Kasumigaura Ring-Ring Road", certified as a National Cycle Route in 2019, is a flat cycling road with a total length of 180km. Enjoy the views of Mt. Tsukuba and Lake Kasumigaura while feeling the wind on wheels.



The Tea Ceremony at Kairakuen Garden

Enjoy a traditional tea ceremony at the hall of Kobun-tei (the feudal lord villa) in Kairakuen Garden.



Yuki-tsumugi Silk

With 2,000 years of history, Yuki-tsumugi is the finest silk cloth in Japan. Experience Japanese culture firsthand by trying on a kimono and weaving silk using a loom.



Golf

Having mountains and the sea, Ibaraki prefecture is a treasure house of golf courses thanks to its richness of nature.



Kasama-yaki (pottery)

Kasama-yaki was supposedly originated during the mid Edo period. Unique pieces of work are created by integrating modern techniques into traditional ones. Pottery forming and painting courses are available for visitors.

Exquisite Food



Hitachi-wagyu Beef

The high-quality marbled red meat of Japanese Black beef.



Rose Pork

Named after the prefectural flower, Rose Pork is tender with a rich taste.



Okukuji Shamo

One of Japan's best chicken that is flavorful, tender, and low in fat.



Local Sake

Highly praised by various brewing institutes, each Sake is brewed in a brewery surrounded by nature. Why not search for your favorite sake?



Fresh Seafood

The seafood fished off the coast of Ibaraki Prefecture where warm and cold ocean currents meet are famous for its freshness and rich flavor. Enjoy the freshness and the savory taste of the sea.



Tour of Sake Breweries

Why not tour the local breweries and have a taste?