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Gateway to Sightseeing in Central Japan



Nagoya Castle



World Cosplay Summit



Oasis 21



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Sightseeing

Nagoya, the largest city in Central Japan, is full of culture and history. You can also shop for global brands and enjoy various gourmet foods.



Nagoya Castle

Nagoya Castle is famous for the magnificent gold-plated kinshachi, or tiger-headed dolphins, that adorn the topmost castle roof. Said to be the most wonderful of all kinshachi in Japan, these exquisite pieces were originally crafted in 1612 by order of Tokugawa Ieyasu and today have become one of the most recognizable symbols of Nagoya City. The donjon (castle keep) itself was rebuilt in 1959, and visitors can now enjoy its extensive collection of historical exhibits in addition to the gorgeous exterior. A portion of the Honmaru Palace, where the lord of the castle once resided and received guests, was restored and opened to the public in May 2013.



Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium

The aquarium consists of the North and South Annexes. Large sea mammals such as dolphins, white beluga whales, and killer whales are introduced in the North Annex. Various kinds of water creatures such as penguins that live in 5 sea zones from Japan to the Antarctic are featured in the South Annex. Don't miss the stunning dolphin performances, which take place in one of the world's largest show pools!



SCMAGLEV and Railway Park

Focusing mainly on the Tokaido Shinkansen, but with rolling stock exhibits ranging conventional trains through to the Superconducting Maglev, the museum shows that the progress of rapid-transit railway technology. In addition to actual trains, model trains and simulators (charged admission by lottery) provide an interesting way of learning about rail transportation history and traffic control.



The Tokugawa Art Museum / Tokugawaen

This museum houses a collection of more than 10,000 *daimyo dogu* items (furniture and equipment used by the feudal lord) that has been inherited by the Owari Tokugawa family and mainly consists of the personal effects of Tokugawa Ieyasu. It also has a "The tale of Genji" Picture Scroll, a national treasure. In Tokugawaen, you can enjoy the many blooming flowers in this Japanese Daimyo garden, built in a traditional style with a pond and walking paths.



Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology

Preserving and utilizing the old factory and industrial heritage at the birthplace of Toyota, this facility was established by the Toyota Group companies. Centered on textiles and automobiles, the site introduces the industrial and technological revolutions through real machines and moving exhibits.



Noritake Garden

The Craft Center contains the porcelain factory, where visitors can observe the delicate creation process of porcelain, and Old Noritake Museum. Noritake outlet store and a few restaurants are also located here.

Nagoya City Science Museum

Have fun while learning about science. Sit in, *Brother Earth*, the world's largest planetarium (listed in *Guinness World Records*) and marvel at a night sky that looks real. See a nice-meter-high artificial vortex in the Tornado Lab, or chill out in the Deep Freeze Lab, where you can experience what -30°C feels like. For adults and children, it is a great place to visit.



Local dishes

While in Nagoya,
be sure to try the famous local dishes

Hitsumabushi

Nagoya is famous for Hitsumabushi. Eel broiled over charcoal is thinly sliced and spread over rice and then eaten in a unique way. The first portion is eaten as it is. The second is seasoned with nori, wasabi, and spring onions. For a lighter flavor, broth is added to the third. Then, you eat the fourth portion in whichever way you liked best. You get four times the dining pleasure.



Free breakfast ("Morning Service")

Nagoya coffee shops are said to have originated the "free breakfast" concept—serving free toast, hardboiled eggs, a small salad, or other morning dishes with the purchase of a beverage. The guests get an amazing amount of food for the price of a coffee. (Note: Not all coffee shops in Nagoya offer "morning service". Be sure to check before arriving.)



Miso Nikomi Udon

Raw noodles are added to a red miso-based broth and boiled. Garnished with scallions, fish cake, and chicken pieces. This is a leading style of udon served in Nagoya.



Kishimen Noodles

Nagoya's kishimen noodles have a distinctive flat, thin shape. They are traditionally served in a light broth topped with fish cakes, boiled spinach, and fried tofu.



Tebasaki

One of the region's most well-known and beloved dishes—particularly among young people—is tebasaki. Fried chicken wings are coated lightly in a salty-sweet glaze and then dusted with pepper and sesame seeds for a simple but delicious pub favorite. Wash them down with an ice-cold beer, and you have the perfect after-work treat!



Tenmusu

These delicious small, one-bite treats are rice ball containing shrimp tempura.



Osu Shopping Arcade

Osu is a unique place. In its arcade of 1,200 shops large and small, you can enjoy food ranging from Japanese confectionery to Nagoya dishes that satisfy multinational gourmets. You will also find the latest electrical goods and trendy fashions. Nagoya's largest shopping area, it exerts a pull on people regardless of age or gender. Lovers of pop culture are also attracted, and every summer the World Cosplay Summit Parade takes place in Osu.



Nagashima Resort

Just a half-hour drive away from Nagoya, at Nagashima Resort you will find natural hot springs, Japan's second largest amusement park in terms of area, Nagashima Spaland, and the largest outlet mall in terms of number of shops, Jazz Dream Nagashima. Throughout the year Nabana no Sato smiles with flowers and in the winter people come just to see the illuminations. These and other attractions make it easy to enjoy a full day out at this comprehensive theme park.

Shopping



Nagoya Station

One of the largest shopping areas shows the modern face of Nagoya. Along Otsu-dori is a row of department stores and luxury brand boutiques. Elsewhere, there are areas with shops selling more affordable casual fashion and with reasonably priced but delicious eateries. Nagoya's extensive underground shopping center is also famous. Enjoy shopping in comfort even when it's raining or sweltering hot outdoors.



Sakae

Sakae is the heart of the Nagoya business district, bustling with activity both in its streets and in its incredibly extensive underground shopping arcades. An endless selection of eateries serve delicious Nagoya and foreign cuisine to hungry visitors all night long. At nearby Hisaya-Odori Park, lush greenery surrounds the renowned Oasis 21 multipurpose facility, the Nagoya TV tower, and other tourist attractions.



Enjoy the natural beauty of the seasons of Japan. In step with the changing mood, enjoy seasonal events and festivals.

Spring



Cherry Blossoms

Nagoya Castle is the number one place in the city to see spring cherry blossoms, with nearly a thousand trees exploding with color around the castle grounds. Locals and out-of-towners alike flock to the area during the Cherry Blossom Festival (Sakura Matsuri), featuring dramatic lighting of both the flowering trees and the castle itself. Nagoya has no shortage of celebrated cherry-viewing spots, including Tsurumai Park, the Yamazaki River, and Togokusan—famous for its beautiful weeping cherries.



Nagoya through the seasons

Summer



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The *manga*, *anime*, and console games of Japan are popular all over the world. Every year, fans from many countries come to Nagoya to compete by performing as characters from these sources. The contestants also show off their costumes in a parade through downtown.



Cormorant fishing at the Kiso River

This area has a proud 340-year history of cormorant fishing. This traditional craft involves training the jet-black seabirds to catch river fish, and watching the skilled hands of the fishers work to catch the *ayu* sweetfish over and again is sure to be the highlight of your evening. In 2013, Japan celebrated the debut of its first female cormorant fisher at the Kiso River in the history of the craft.
(Note: Some events require prior reservations.)

Autumn



Nagoya Festival

Nagoya's largest festival features a spectacular procession led by the three Heroes of Nagoya, Oda Nobunaga, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, and Tokugawa Ieyasu, with over 700 retainers dressed in period costume. Come and experience a gorgeous local festival. The festival also features a wide variety of fun local events in and around the Hisaya-Odori Park area—including traditional dance performances, concerts, local cuisine, and more!



Autumn leaves

Autumn brings a rush of color to the trees throughout the Nagoya area, heralding the long-awaited season of stunning autumn leaves. Tokugawa Garden and Shirotori Garden are excellent places to catch the seasonal sights while enjoying the beauty of traditional Japanese garden arrangements.

Winter



Atsuta Jingu Shrine

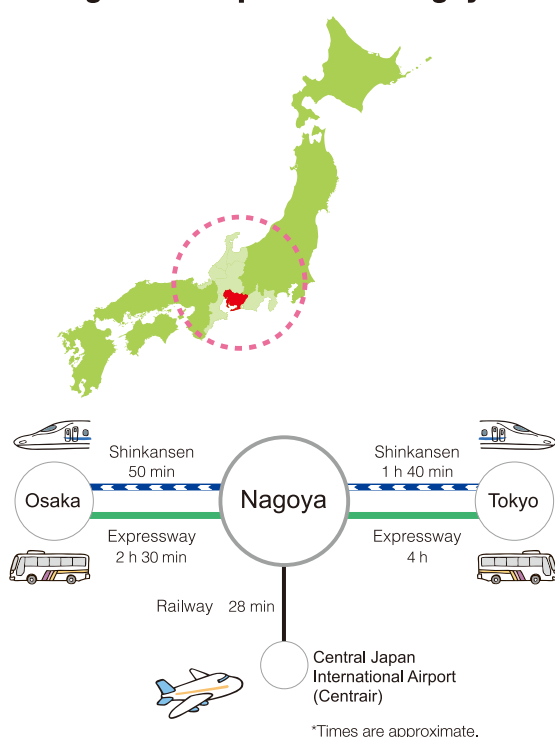
Atsuta Jingu Shrine is the 2nd largest shrine after Ise Jingu Shrine and about 6.5 million people visit here annually. It is especially crowded at New Year when many people come to pray.



Nabana no Sato

Firmly established as an annual must-see sight around Nagoya, Japan's largest winter illumination is created using 7 million individual lights. Sparkling themes include the seasons of Japan and impressions of Mount Fuji. Take home memories of brilliant landscapes conjured from the dark.

Nagoya is your convenient gateway to Central Japan(Chubu)sightseeing. Great trips start at Nagoya!



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