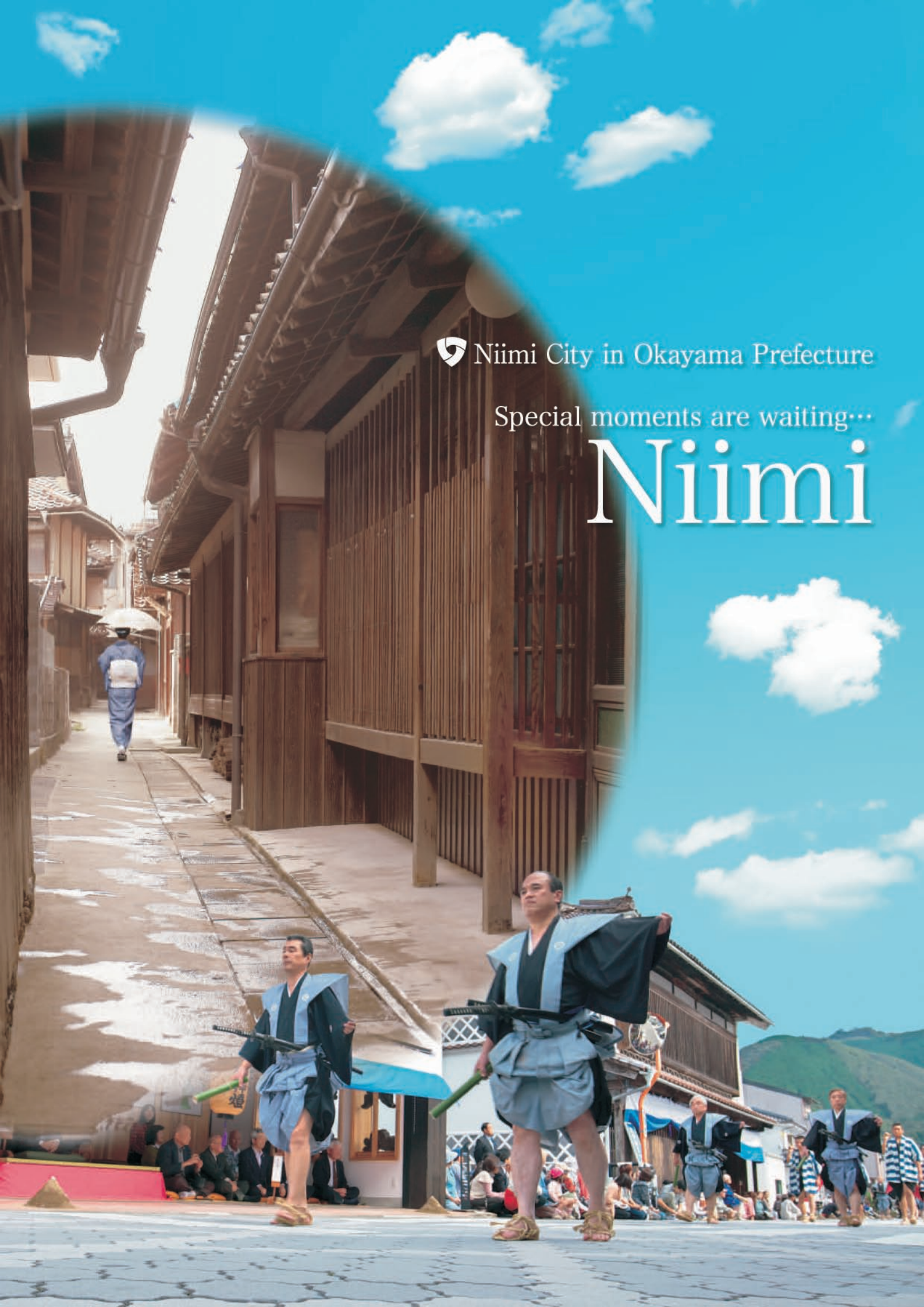




Niimi City in Okayama Prefecture

Special moments are waiting...

Niimi



Class A Pride A級の誇り

Enjoy our class A foods produced in nature.



Blessed with pure water and abundant nature, a wide range of specialty products are produced here in Niimi. We especially recommend our class A gourmet products. The flavor of these products draw many people to the “Niimi Class A Gourmet Fair” held in mid-autumn every year. Please enjoy our wide variety of products created with class A pride in Niimi.



Chiyagyū (Beef)

Chiyagyū, also known as Japanese Black Cattle, is the oldest Tsuru-ushi breed (an excellent Japanese breed of cow). Chiyagyū are fattened with a special feed full of the bounties of nature near the headstream of the Takahashi River. The cows are raised with care to foster a healthy, excellent, safe and secure product. Chiyagyū is a well-marbled and soft red beef creating a truly original taste of Japan.



Pione

Pione grapes in Niimi are grown mainly on karst plateaus made of limestone at a height of 400 to 500 meters above sea level. The area is well drained and experiences drastic temperature fluctuations throughout the day. These environmental conditions create purplish-black-colored large grapes of good quality. Pione grapes are very popular and easy to eat due to their having a fine scent, fresh flavor, and no seeds.



Caviar

Sturgeons, a rarity in Japan, are raised in clear stream in Niimi City. We have succeeded in the commercialization of caviar, one of the top three delicacies of the world. Caviar produced in Niimi is excellent and of high quality. You can fully enjoy its taste and texture. Also, you can enjoy creative cuisine using sturgeon served at restaurants in the city.



Wine

The climate and natural environment of Niimi are similar to those of Burgundy, an area famous for wine production. Taking advantage of these features, three types of wine grapes for Merlot, Chardonnay, and Muscat Bailey A are grown. Mellow wines with rich bouquets are born from these grapes and have received highly favorable reviews by experts, receiving awards at competitions for domestically produced wines.



Timeless Nature



Makido Cave

This cave came to be called the Makido Cave since the poet, Yosano Akiko, composed a poem declaring this cave as "a cave filled with magic." The cave is a gallery of carvings of the Earth created by everlasting time and water. The multicolor LED lighting effect creates fantastic atmosphere.

[Admission] Adults and HS students 1,000yen / JHS students 800 yen / ES students 500yen

[Address] 2276-2 Toyonaga-akoma, Niimi-shi

[Inquiry](#)

Makido Cave Administrative Office ☎0867-74-3100



Ikurado Cave

The waterfall plummets from Ama-no-iwaana at a height of 50 meters. Water seeps from the rock walls and is drawn in between rocks. Where does the black hole in front of us lead? You can feel infinity of the Earth.

[Admission] Adults and HS students 1,000 yen / JHS students 800 yen / ES students 500 yen

[Address] 409 Ikura, Niimi-shi

[Inquiry](#)

Ikurado Cave CO., Ltd. ☎0867-75-2224



Rashomon

Nationally Designated Natural Treasure

This is a giant 40-meter arch made of limestone, which was formed by a portion of the rubble of a big underground cave that collapsed. It is a misty and cool place. This area is known as a treasure trove of rare plants, including sagarihitsuji-goke moss.

[Inquiry](#)

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☎0867-72-6136



Narutaki Falls

This waterfall belongs to the Bisaku Sanchi Prefectural Nature Park. The waterfall is approximately 30 meters long and has three stages. A clear stream runs down a straightway generating sounds that shake the earth around the waterfall.

[Inquiry](#)

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Kinugake Falls

This waterfall belongs to a part of Ikura-Kyo Ravine. The water falling from the 60-meter-high cliff sometimes flows slowly and at other times strongly and resembles a hung silk cloth.

[Inquiry](#)

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Ikura-Kyo Ravine

The clear stream running through the karst Atetsu Plateau is Takahashi River which is 110 km in length and is one of the three rivers in Okayama Prefecture. The 240-meter-high limestone precipices rising perpendicularly, standing out with the clear stream as its background, are beautifully dynamic. Viewers are unknowingly drawn to the grandeur of nature.

[Inquiry](#)

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Atetsu-Kyo Ravine

This is a ravine carved in the limestone plateau by the Nishigawa River, a branch of the Takahashi River. The deep V-shaped valley creates an out-of-the-way atmosphere even though it is located near the central area of Niimi City.

[Inquiry](#)

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Mimuro-Kyo Ravine

Rhododendrons grow in colonies throughout Mimuro-Kyo Ravine. The flowering period is in May. The blooming rhododendrons look magnificent combined with the beauty of the valley. Natural beauty can be enjoyed throughout the year.

[Inquiry](#)

Shingo Branch Office, Niimi City ☎0867-92-6111



Koigakubo Wetland

Nationally Designated Natural Treasure

In the 3.6-hectare-wetland, many valuable plants including ogura lychnis and geranium yoshinoi grow wild.

They are academically valued, and this area is called "West Oze." Many people visit here.

You can enjoy an approximately 60-minute stroll while looking for plants and insects.

[Wetland protection cooperation fee] 200 yen (voluntary)

[Inquiry](#)

Tessei Branch Office, Niimi City ☎0867-94-2111

Administrative Office ☎0867-94-2347



Suzuran no Sono (Lily of the Valley Park)/Omotsubo Wetland

You will feel at peace by looking at the lovely scene of approximately 20 thousand lilies of the valley blooming with white pretty flowers. Also, a variety of 107 types of hygrophytes grow wild here.

[Inquiry](#)

Tetta Branch Office, Niimi City ☎0867-96-2111

Make yourself at home and Feel refreshed in mind and body



Niimi Chiya Onsen Ibuki no Sato

This onsen, rich in hydrogen carbonate ions is blessed with an invigorating climate and rich nature. Visiting this hot spring refreshes the mind and body. This hot spring is gentle on the skin and is known as "hot water of beautiful skin."
[Bathing hours for day guests] 10:00a.m.-9:00p.m. (last entry at 8:00p.m.)
[Address] 1336-5 Chiyahanami, Niimi-shi

Inquiry
 Niimi Chiya Onsen Ibuki no Sato ☎0867-77-2020



Shingo Onsen

This spring is surrounded by natural scenery whose atmosphere changes with the seasons. There is a camping site as well as facilities for sports and recreation. Unwind and relax here.

[Regular holiday] Wednesdays (open when Wednesday is a national holiday)
[Address] 3188-1 Shingo-takase, Niimi-shi

Inquiry
 Shingo Onsen ☎0867-93-5106



Joyama Park

From this hill park one can view the central Niimi city area. The park is best viewed during Hanami (the blooming of Japanese cherry trees) in mid-spring. Over 300 cherry trees bloom at time. You can even enjoy the sight of cherry blossoms at night.

[Address] 1077 Niimi, Niimi-shi

Inquiry
 Niimi Urban Maintenance Division
 ☎0867-72-6118



Chinese Peony Garden

This is a Chinese garden where peonies, a gift from Xinyang of Henan, China, are planted.

Inquiry
 Niimi Agriculture and Forestry Division
 ☎0867-72-6135



Roadside Station Koigakubo

Many specialties made from local products and fresh vegetables are for sale. The bakery, "Komekobo," which bakes bread made from rice flour, is popular for their bread which has a springy texture and mild sweetness, bringing satisfaction to its patrons.

[Regular holiday] Thursdays
[Address] 3585-1 Tessei-cho yada, Niimi-shi

Inquiry
 Roadside Station Koigakubo ☎0867-94-9017



Osa Kaze no Yu Onsen

This facility is surrounded by green mountains. Natural water is used for the bath.
Note: Call the telephone number below for business day and hours.

[Address] 2248-1 Osa-osakabe, Niimi-shi
Inquiry
 Osa Kaze no Yu Onsen ☎0867-98-9590



Niimi Museum of Art

This museum stores over 1,100 pieces of work including approximately 80 pieces of work by Tomioka Tessai, a painter in the literary artist's style. Various exhibitions are held throughout the year.

[Opening hours] 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. (last entry at 4:30 p.m.)
[Regular holiday] Mondays (open when Monday is a national holiday, then the following day is closed.) / During the exhibition preparation periods / Year-end and New Year holidays

[Address] 361 Nishigata, Niimi-shi
Inquiry
 Niimi Museum of Art ☎0867-72-7851



Monument in Memory of Wakayama Bokusui

It is said that Wakayama Bokusui wrote the famous poem starting with "Ikuyamakawa Koesariyukaba..." on a postcard at the tea house, Kumataniya, located at Nihonmatsu Ridge and sent it to his best friend. Kumataniya has been rebuilt in almost the same way as the original.

Inquiry
 Tessei Branch Office, Niimi City ☎0867-94-2111



Yamada Houkoku Memorial Hall

The life of Yamada Hokoku, a great man in the last days of the Tokugawa government, is introduced here. Besides the exhibition area, videos are shown in the hall.

[Opening hours] 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
[Regular holiday] Mondays and Tuesdays
[Address] 323-3 Osa-kominami, Niimi-shi

Inquiry
 Yamada Houkoku Memorial Hall ☎0867-98-4059



Niimi Hosono Pottery Museum (Ifurai Museum of Art)

The works by Ifurai, the sculptor, and Hosono pottery, etc. are displayed here.

[Opening hours] 9:30a.m.-5:00p.m.
[Regular holiday] Mondays (open when Monday is a national holiday, then the following day is closed.)
 Mondays and Tuesdays
 (December to February)
 December 27 to January 4

[Address] 609 Hosono, Niimi-shi
Inquiry
 Niimi Hosono Pottery Museum ☎0867-75-2444



Parent-Child-Grandchild Waterwheel

The atmospheric waterwheel in Yumesuki Park is "the largest parent-child-grandchild waterwheel in Japan." (Parent waterwheel is 13.6 meters, child waterwheel is 6.0 meters, and grandchild waterwheel is 4.5 meters.)

[Address] 1977-1 Shingo-shimokojiro, Niimi-shi
Inquiry
 Yumesuki Park ☎0867-92-6577

Experience how amazing nature is!
Indulge yourself
 in outdoor activities.



Ibuki no Sato Ski Resort
 This ski resort is adjacent to Niimi Chiya Onsen Ibuki no Sato. This ski resort has various courses and is the largest in the prefecture. There is also a Kids Park. Everyone from adults to children can enjoy this ski resort.
 [Opening Season] December to March
 [Address] 1336-1 Chiyahanami, Niimi-shi
 Inquiry
 Ibuki no Sato Ski Resort ☎0867-77-2266

Only in Niimi
Five-star experience



Soba Dojo Inakaya
 Fresh Kusama Soba made from a special buckwheat flour grown on the karst plateau is popular. In the soba restaurant, there is "soba-making dojo" in which you can experience soba-making and eat the fresh soba on site.
 [Opening hours] 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
 [Regular holiday] Mondays (open when Monday is a national holiday, then the following day is closed.)
 [Address] 8729-2 Kusama, Niimi-shi
 Inquiry
 Soba Dojo Inakaya ☎0867-74-2077



Let's make delicious soba!



Osayama Auto Camping Ground
 The camp site is popular among families for not only its general sectional site but also for various facilities including trailer houses, lodges, and coin showers.
 [Regular holiday] Thursdays [Address] 1 Osa-kominami, Niimi-shi
 Inquiry
 Osayama Auto Camping Ground ☎0867-98-3711



Niimi Chiya Onsen Ibuki no Sato Tataro no Mori Auto Camping Ground
 This camp site is adjacent to Niimi Chiya Onsen Ibuki no Sato. You can spend time at night under a stadium of stars while enjoying the cool comfort of summer.
 [Address] 1336-5 Chiyahanami, Niimi-shi
 Inquiry
 Niimi Chiya Onsen Ibuki no Sato ☎0867-77-2020



Osa Genryu Park
 This park, rich in greenery, was built making use of the environment around Osa Dam. Enjoy canoeing, camping, and fishing here!
 Inquiry
 Osa Branch Office, Niimi City ☎0867-98-2111



Yumesuki Park
 A workshop for paper-making using seasonal flowers and colored water is available at Kami no Yakata by reservation. Try dumpling soup with the stems of taros at the dining-hall!
 [Regular holiday] Wednesdays
 [Address] 1977-1 Shingo-shimokojiro, Niimi-shi
 Inquiry
 Yumesuki Park ☎0867-92-6577



Bessho Outdoor Sports Center
 This facility is adjacent to Chiya Dam. Visitors can enjoy fishing, gate ball, and cycling here. Even beginners can safely try their hands at canoeing.
 [Regular holiday] Tuesdays [Address] 7189 Sugo, Niimi-shi
 Inquiry
 Bessho Outdoor Sports Center ☎0867-78-1115



Hoshiko Farm Village Resort
 There are accommodations and a barbecue house available. Experience how amazing nature is at a mountain village along the Hoshikogawa River.
 Inquiry
 ☎0867-94-2852(Tsumura house) ☎0867-94-2855(Fukuda house)



Osa Nature Club
 Enjoy various activities including paragliding, canoeing, cave exploration, and shower trekking here!
 [Regular holiday] Thursdays
 Inquiry
 Osa Nature Club Corporation ☎0867-98-3400

Event information



Dogeza Festival (Goshinko Buki Gyoretsu)

This is a 300-year-old folk tradition registered as a cultural treasure. During the Funakawa Hachimangu Fall Festival, the scene of the visit to the Niimi Domain by its first lord, Seki Nagaharu, unrolls before a large crowd of spectators.

- Date: October 15
- Place: Around Funakawa Hachimangu and Gotenmachi
- Inquiry: Niimi Commerce and Tourism Division TEL:0867-72-6136



Rhododendron Festival

Enjoy the taste of local specialties while watching beautiful rhododendrons.

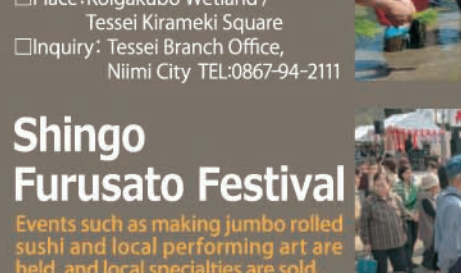
- Date: Early May
- Place: Mimuro Information Center
- Inquiry: Shingo Branch Office, Niimi City TEL:0867-92-6111



Oino Seiryu Rhododendron Festival

Enjoy the taste of local specialties while surrounded by vivid colored leaves.

- Date: Early May
- Place: Osa Genryu Park
- Inquiry: Osa Branch Office, Niimi City TEL:0867-98-2111



Shingo Furusato Festival

Events such as making jumbo rolled sushi and local performing art are held, and local specialties are sold.

- Date: Late October
- Place: Yumesuki Park
- Inquiry: Shingo Branch Office, Niimi City TEL:0867-92-6111



Dolls' Festival

Dolls' Festival, which is unique to each region, is held.

- Date: Early March
- Place: Around Gotenmachi
- Inquiry: Niimi Commerce and Tourism Division TEL:0867-72-6136



Tessei Kirameki Dolls' Festival

From late February to early March, various types of events in which children can participate are held.

- Date: From late February to early March
- Place: Tessei Kirameki Square
- Inquiry: Tessei Branch Office, Niimi City TEL:0867-94-2111



Colored Leaves Festival

Local specialties, including lilies of the valley, are sold, and various types of events are held.

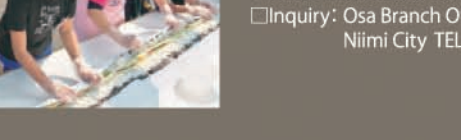
- Date: The first Sunday of June
- Place: Around Hongo Elementary School
- Inquiry: Tessei Branch Office, Niimi City TEL:0867-96-2111



Tetta Furusato Lily of the Valley Festival

Various types of events in which children can participate are held.

- Date: Early November
- Place: Around Osa General Center
- Inquiry: Osa Branch Office, Niimi City TEL:0867-98-2111



Osa Furusato Festival

Workshop of Niimi-no-sho Tataru Steel Making

A workshop of Japanese traditional tataru steel making, an art with a long history, is available here.

- Date: Late October
- Place: Niimi City Tataru Steel Making Facility
- Inquiry: Niimi Lifelong Learning Division TEL:0867-72-6108



Niimi Furusato Festival

In this festival, summer dancing, fireworks, and a dancing contest are conducted.

- Date: Early August
- Place: Street in front of Niimi Station
- Inquiry: Niimi Commerce and Tourism Division TEL:0867-72-6136



Niimi Kids Trout Fishing Competition

This is an annual event held on Children's Day, May 5. Many children gather every year.

- Date: May 5
- Place: Takahashigawa River (behind Gotenmachi Center)
- Inquiry: Niimi Commerce and Tourism Division TEL:0867-72-6136



Koigakubo Wetland Festival

Local specialties, including lilies of the valley, are sold, and various types of events are held.

- Date: The first Sunday of June
- Place: Around Hongo Elementary School
- Inquiry: Tessei Branch Office, Niimi City TEL:0867-96-2111



Roadside Station Koigakubo

- Niimi IC 15km
- Bessho Outdoor Sports Center 3km
- Narutaki Falls 15km
- Niimi Chiya Onsen Ibuki no Sato 0km
- Ibuki no Sato Ski Resort 30km
- Niimi IC

- Niimi IC 10km
- Paper Making Workshop/Parent-Child-Grandchild Waterwheel 5km
- Hoshiko Farm Village Resort 20km
- Shingo Onsen 25km
- Niimi IC

- Niimi IC 25km
- Koigakubo Wetland (45minutes for 1round) 3km
- Roadside Station Koigakubo 6km
- Aratoyama 3km
- Suzuran no Sono (lily of the valley park) (40minutes for 1round) 16km
- Niimi IC

- Niimi IC 15km
- Ikurado Cave (40minutes for 1round) 4km
- Kinugake Falls 8km
- Kusama Natural Resort Village (soba-making workshop) 5km
- Rashomon 10km
- Makido Cave (30minutes for 1round) 20km
- Niimi IC



- Niimi IC 20km
- Osa SIC 7km
- Osayama 5km
- Dainichi Plateau/Kaze no Yu Onsen 10km
- Natsuhi no Gokujosui 5km
- Osa Genryu Park 25km
- Niimi IC 12km
- Osa SIC

- Niimi IC 2km
- Niimi Museum of Art 1km
- Gotenmachi 27km
- Monument in Memory of Bokusui/Nihonmatsu Park 23km
- Ifurai Museum of Art 21km
- Hokukuan (hermitage)/Yamada Houkoku Memorial Hall 18km
- Niimi IC 5km
- Osa SIC

- Niimi IC 15km
- Ikurado Cave (40minutes for 1round) 4km
- Kinugake Falls 8km
- Kusama Natural Resort Village (soba-making workshop) 5km
- Rashomon 10km
- Makido Cave (30minutes for 1round) 20km
- Niimi IC

Osayama & Onsen

Literature / History / Art

Cave Tour

Magnificent and delicate four seasons' color

Accommodations

[Public Facility]

Karen Felt	TEL0867-74-2077	8729-2 Kusama
Kaze no Mind Hall	TEL0867-98-3711	1 Osa-kominami
Himuro Mori no Gakko	TEL0867-95-7660	3776-1 Shingo-yuno

[Ryokan (Inn) / Hotel]

Grand Hotel Miyoshiya	TEL0867-72-1131	2456 Takao
Yamashiroya Ryokan	TEL0867-72-1146	2456-1 Takao
Business City Hotel	TEL0867-72-1118	2481-8 Takao
Business Hotel Eiko	TEL0867-72-1050	2485-1 Takao
Business Ryokan Bitchuji	TEL0867-72-3731	98 Shoden
Ryokan Taeda	TEL0867-77-2101	1553 Chiyasane

[Camping Ground]

Shingo Onsen Auto Camping Ground	TEL0867-93-5106	3188-1 Shingo-takase
Kuboino Camping Ground	TEL0867-96-2003	1548 Tetta-cho hanagi

[Pension (Resort Inn) / Minshuku (Guest House)]

Minshuku Shirataki	TEL0867-72-2465	22-5 Shoden
Pension Early Morning	TEL0867-98-3939	2239-8 Osa-osakabe
Pension Noah	TEL0867-88-8287	34-44 Tessei-cho onobe

Note: These are accommodations which are not mentioned in the text. Feel free to ask for details.



Floral Calendar

ACCESS

By Car

Time Required to Niimi City

- From Osaka: 2h and 30min
- From Hiroshima: 1h and 40min
- From Yonago: 1h and 30min
- From Takamatsu: 1h and 50min
- From Fukuoka: 5h

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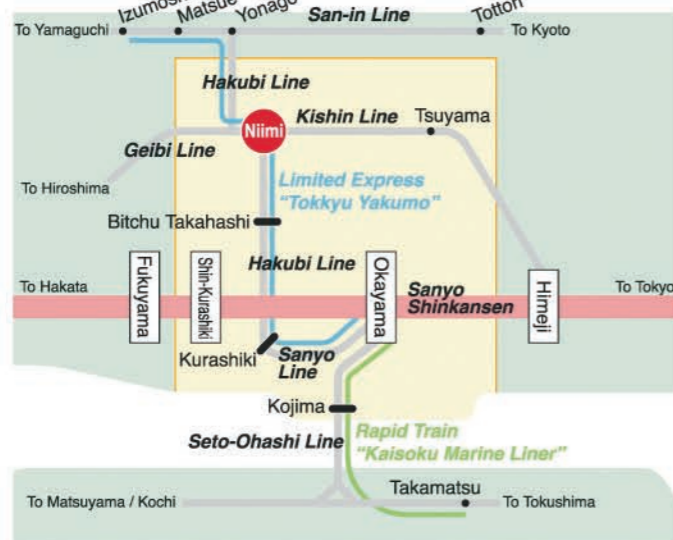
By Train

Time Required to Okayama Station

- Use Nozomi Shinkansen
- From Tokyo Sta.: 3h and 20min
 - From Nagoya Sta.: 1h and 40min
 - From Shin-Osaka Sta.: 45min
 - From Hiroshima Sta.: 35min
 - From Hakata Sta.: 1h and 50min

Time Required to Niimi Station

- Use conventional lines
- From Okayama Sta. (Limited Express "Tokkyu Yakumo"): 1h
 - From Yonago Sta. (Limited Express "Tokkyu Yakumo"): 1h and 10min
 - From Takamatsu Sta. (Rapid Train "Kaisoku Marine Liner" / Limited Express "Tokkyu Yakumo"): 2h



By Airplane

Time Required to Okayama Airport

- From Tokyo: 1h and 20min
- From Sapporo: 2h and 15min
- From Okinawa: 1h and 50min

By Highway Bus

Time Required to Niimi City

- From Osaka Umeda: 3h and 40min

Note: Means of access and the time required are subject to change according to various circumstances.



Atetsu witch hazel
Growing places: Shoryu-ji Temple / Osayama



Cherry blossom
Population: Approx. 300
Growing place: Joyama Park



Rhododendron
Population: Approx. 1,000 (Mimuro-Kyo Ravine)
Growing places: Mimuro-Kyo Ravine / Odo Ravine



Gloiko cherry blossom
Population: 1
Growing place: Yagami Sta. JR Geibi Line



Japanese enkianthus (dodan-tsutsuji)
Population: Approx. 5,000
Growing place: Mimuro-Kyo Ravine



Lily of the valley
Population: Approx. 20,000
Growing place: Suzuran no Sono (lily of the valley park)



Peony
Population: Approx. 2,000
Growing place: Chinese Peony Garden



Irises / Water lily
Population: Approx. 10,000
Growing place: Saido-ji Temple



Hydrangea
Population: Approx. 10,000
Growing place: Saido-ji Temple



Hydrophyte / Aquatic plant
Growing places: Koigakubo Wetland / Omotsubo Wetland

For inquiries about sightseeing

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310-3 Niimi, Niimi-shi
<http://www.city.niimi.okayama.jp/>

Niimi Tourism Association
☎0867-88-8154
4161-27 Nishigata, Niimi-shi
<http://niimi.gr.jp/>

Okayama Prefectural Tourism Federation
☎086-233-1802
4F Okayama-ken Sangyo-kaikan,
1-3-1 Tamachi, Kita-ku, Okayama-shi
<http://www.okayama-kanko.jp/>