

Kochi Walker



20 Attractions



1 H-1
Tosa Terrace,
Kochi Tourist
Information
Center
Tel.:088-879-6400
Open all year round

English-speaking staff is available. Tosa Terrace sells My-Yu bus tickets convenient for sightseeing at Katsurahama and Godaisan. Foreign tourists can buy tickets at half-price when showing their passports. The tickets are also one-day passes for street cars in Kochi City.

Cool! "A nice modern wooden building. It has a lot of information about Kochi."



2 D-4
Kochi Castle
Tel.:088-824-5701

Kochi Castle rises high over the center of Kochi City. It was constructed by Yamauchi Katsutoyo in 1601. It is one of 12 castle towers remaining from the Edo period, and commands a panoramic view of Kochi City. English tour guides are available on Sunday.

Cool! "Once you climb the steep stairs, you have a really nice view from up there."



3 F-4
Sunday Market

The market, which has a history of more than 360 years, is important for Kochi's citizens. About 400 open stalls are lined up for almost 1km, selling all kinds of goods, including fresh vegetables, fruits, seafood, and antiques.

Cool! "It's fun to wander down the street and look at all the produce on sale. Definitely worth a visit!"



4 E-4
Hirome Market
Tel.:088-822-5287
Open: 8:00~23:00
(Sundays 7:00~23:00)

This place has souvenir stores and more than 60 restaurants serving local and ethnic foods. You can find many Kochi products here. English-speaking staff is available.

Cool! "It's surprisingly international, in a nicely low-key way."



17
Katsurahama
Beach
Tel.:088-842-0081

Katsurahama, facing the Pacific, is a beautiful scenic place created by the deep blue ocean and white waves against a backdrop of the green pine groves. It is also known for viewing the moon. A statue of Ryoma stands on a hill nearby.

Cool! "A beautiful little beach with spectacular views of all of Tosa Bay!"



18
Sakamoto Ryoma
Memorial Museum
Tel.:088-841-0001
Open all year round

This museum introduces the life and work of Sakamoto Ryoma. He was an activist who had an impact on the social and political change at the end of the Edo Period. There are valuable documents exhibited, including letters handwritten by Ryoma.

Cool! "The view of the Pacific Ocean is breathtaking on a sunny day, looking out through the large glass walls."



5 C-3
Terada Torahiko
Memorial Museum
Tel.:088-873-0564
Closed: Wednesday
& Dec.27-Jan.3
No entrance fee

Terada Torahiko (1878-1935), a physicist and essayist, spent his childhood from 4 until 19 at this house. He is famous for his saying "Natural disasters befall us when we least expect them." The house, teahouse, and study room are restored and open to the public.

Cool! "Beautiful Japanese-style house and garden. Check out the organ in the back room."



6 E-2
Okawasuji Samurai
Residence and Archives
Tel.:088-871-7565
Closed: Wednesday
& Dec.27-Jan.3
No entrance fee

The only samurai house remaining from the Edo period in Kochi City. In 1989, an American historian proposed preserving the house. It shows us the traditional style of Japanese architecture, giving us a glimpse of what life was like through furniture and fixtures.

Cool! "Don't forget the archives, a separate building in the back that tells you the story of this gem's conservation."



7 D-6
Tosa Yamauchi
Family Treasury and
Archives
Tel.:088-873-0406
Currently closed for
relocation.

The Yamauchi family ruled Kochi for some 260 years. This museum houses materials related to the family: antique documents, arts and crafts and armors. This museum will reopen as Kochi Castle Historical Museum (E-4 on the map) in the spring of 2017.

Cool! "A little-known but beautiful and quiet place. Walking the pathway to the Yamauchi Shrine is really nice."



8 B-5
Ryoma's Birthplace
Memorial Museum
Tel.:088-820-1115
Open all year round

Sakamoto Ryoma (1835-1867), Kochi's foremost hero was born in this neighborhood. Anecdotes of his youth are introduced through pictures and videos. You can also see common people's lives at the time through dioramas. A multi lingual audio guide is available.

Cool! "Nice wood work, and for the hardcore fans, Ryoma memorabilia not to be missed."



19
Japanese Paper
Museum, Ino Town
Tel.:088-893-0886
Closed on Mondays (Closed
on the following day when
Monday is a public holiday.)

Kochi is one of Japan's main producing centers of washi (handmade Japanese paper). Here you can see the global history of paper. Exhibits about Tosa Washi and actual tools are displayed to explain the production process.

Cool! "A wonderful, hands-on insight into a most fascinating traditional process. Try making paper yourself!"



20
The Niyodo
River

The Niyodo is one of the clearest rivers in Japan, where one can enjoy swimming, fishing, camping, and rafting. There are many historic sites and cultural assets along the river.

Cool! "The river-mouth is famous amongst surfers around the world."



9 F-6
Ushioe
Tenmangu
Shrine

This shrine has the largest number of New Year's visitors in Kochi Prefecture. It is dedicated to the god of study. The two-storied gate with the fine sculpture is a cultural asset by Kochi City. A big camphor tree about 400 years old stands near the gate.

Cool! "Kochi's sky is breathtaking. Enjoy the Kochi sunset on the bridge near the shrine."



10 H-4
Harimayabashi
Bridge

This bridge is featured in a famous Kochi song about the forbidden love of a monk and a tinker's daughter. Every hour, a clock with revolving puppets across the street performs the song and dance of Yosakobushi.

Cool! "A pretty little red bridge that places you in the center of Kochi Cityscape."



11 H-4
Kochi Yosakoi
Museum
Tel.:088-880-4351
Closed: Wednesdays
and Dec.29-Jan.1
No entrance fee

As well as a permanent exhibition of the Yosakoi Festival, which is now spreading all over Japan, the museum offers you a chance to experience Yosakoi dance, the main feature of the festival, wearing a unique traditional costume. Costume rent is free.

Cool! "Here, you can discover the history of Yosakoi and even try the dance itself!"



12 I-5
Yokoyama Memorial
Manga Museum
Tel.:088-883-5029
Closed: Mondays (unless
Monday is a national
holiday) and Dec.28-Jan.4

The cartoonist Yokoyama Ryuichi was born in Kochi, "the Manga Kingdom". This museum exhibits rare items including the manga Fuku-chan (his signature work). Both adults and children are attracted by his playful world.

Cool! "The museum is in Culport, a compound culture facility and prominent landmark. You'll never miss it."



13 M-3
The Earth
Number 33 and
Art Zone
Warakoh Soko

Kochi city has a geographically unique spot known as The Earth No. 33: lat. 33° 33' 33" N. and long. 133° 33' 33" E. Nearby, 13 old kura warehouses finished with Kochi plaster can be seen. Now, an "Art Center" organizes their activities and events.

Cool! "You can get a certificate for your visit from the executive committee. (www.chikyu33.com)"



14
Makino
Botanical
Garden
Tel.:088-882-2601
Closed: Dec. 27-Jan.1

The garden was established in memory of Dr. Makino Tomitaro, "the father of botany in Japan". The extensive garden shows the best of every season, housing 3000 varieties of flora. You should not miss the greenhouse for tropical plants and the Exhibition Hall.

Cool! "Beautiful gardens! Makino is one of the most famous botanists in Japan. An inspiring man."



15
Chikurinji Temple
(31st stop of
Shikoku 88 temple
pilgrimage)

This quiet temple was built in 724 on a mountain that resembles Mt. Godai in China. Here you can find tranquil gardens, the main hall, a five-storied pagoda, and the Daishi hall for Kukai, the founder of the Shikoku pilgrimage.

Cool! "The treasure house exhibits 17 Buddhist images, an absolute must-see for lovers of Buddhist art."



16
Godaisan
Lookout

Situated in the southeast part of Kochi City, Godaisan is famous for cherry blossoms and azaleas. From the observation deck on the top, you can view Kochi City, and it is also a popular spot for a night view.

Cool! "A great view of the city. On a clear day, you can see far to the east and west!"

Useful Japanese conversation phrases

Kon'nichiwa(こんにちは)	Hello.
Arigato(ありがとう)	Thank you.
Sumimasen(すみません)	Excuse me / I'm sorry / Thank you
~e ikitai no desuga.. (~へいきたいのですが..)	I'd like to go to ~
Donokurai jikanga kakarimasuka? (どのくらい時間がかかりますか?)	How long does it take to get there?
koreo kudasai(これを下さい。)	This one, please.
Ikura desuka?(いくらですか?)	How much is it?
Kokowa doko desuka? (ここはどこですか?)	Where am I?

Useful information

Kochi Station Information 高知駅案内所	088-822-8229
Kochi Prefecture International Affairs Division 高知県国際交流課	8:30-17:15 088-823-9605
Kochi Visitors & Convention Association 高知県観光コンベンション協会	8:30-17:15 088-823-1434 http://www.attaka.or.jp/
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