

Around the West gate of JR Utsunomiya Station Utsunomiya Walking Map

Sakura (cherry blossom) at Tagawa River from the end of March until the beginning of April

Why don't you walk around west exit of Utsunomiya station for a bit if you have a chance? Blooming Shidare-zakura (weeping cherry blossom) will warmly welcome you around Tagawa River in spring. Stroll around with below 3 course for your self-guided tours that are full of attractions and gourmet food!

1 Short Course (approx. 30 - 40 mins)

"Sakura (cherry blossom) viewing & Kibuna (Lucky charm) & local food"

JR Utsunomiya station → Gyoza Statue 📷 → Viewing spot of sakura from Miya bridge → you can grab a croquette from the butcher shop called Matsui Seinikuten → Shopping at Fukube-Do <get your Kibuna and Fukube lucky charms> → Visit Hozou Temple → Tagawa River walk with sakura viewing 📷 (you can find benches as you go down the river path. Best eat your croquette here) → Back to the station.

2 Medium Course (approx. 40 - 60 mins)

"Old Shinohara Family House (Important Cultural Properties) & Oya Stone Warehouse"

JR Utsunomiya station → Gyoza Statue 📷 → Tagawa riverside walk. Go downstairs at the foot of eastside Miya bridge → Next stairs up → Coffee time at Café SAVOIA s-21. (Oya stone style warehouse café) → Visit Old Shinohara Family House 📷 → Back to the station.

3 Long Course (approx. 60 - 90 mins)

"Slow walk with sakura viewing & Enjoy Gyoza"

JR Utsunomiya station → Gyoza Statue 📷 → Take-out some Gyoza dumplings from Gyoza shop → Go downstairs east side of Tagawa River then walk to the North → Enjoy Gyoza & beer at Sennami Park with sakura viewing 📷 (you may luckily see the Koi carp fish) → Turn back at Azuma bridge → Visit Old Shinohara Family House 📷 → Back to the station & get some Dorayaki & Daifuku for souvenirs.

Main attraction

Tagawa River is just outside the west exit of Utsunomiya station.

Walk along with 100s of Shidare-zakura in the spring!



Gyoza Statue & Frog Statue

The symbol of Utsunomiya. At the center of the pedestrian deck, outside the west exit of the station, you will find the "venus" Gyoza Statue, made of Oya stone. You can find the Frog Statue on the first floor of the station, welcoming everyone.



Photo spot

Benches at Tagawa River

Special seats for sakura viewing. Get some sweets or dumplings from shops around the station and enjoy them with sakura and river views.

Old Shinohara Family House

(Japan's Important Cultural Properties & City's Tangible Cultural Properties)

This is the house of Shinohara family who were fertilizer and miso merchants since the Edo period. The current building was built in 1895. The site includes three important properties of great architecture. 100yen for entrance. Open hours: 9am - 5pm. Closed days: Mondays (if Monday is a national holiday, then the next day) and days following the national holidays.



Bicycle Rental

Utsunomiya is also famous for cycling. Rent a bike from the bicycle parking outside the station. Open hours: 8am - 9pm. Rental fees: 100yen for a city bicycle and 100yen for electric assist bicycle.



Gourmet & Souvenirs

Famous dumpling shops around the station.

Buy dumplings, sweets and croquettes and enjoy them with the sakura view at Tagawa River.

Gyoza statue monaka & Tochiotome strawberry Nama-Dorayaki & Tochiotome strawberry Daifuku

Onkashitsukasa Masukin <1 minute walk>

A traditional Japanese sweet store Masukin is located on the first floor of the station. Tochiotome strawberry Nama-Dorayaki, that is moist and chewy pancakes filled with cream of ripe strawberries from Tochigi is highly recommended. The Gyoza statue monaka shape is a replica of the Gyoza statue approved by the Utsunomiya Gyoza society. The red bean paste lavishly used is a brand name made in Hokkaido. Also try the seasonal limited Tochiotome strawberry Daifuku, that is rice cake sheet filled with fresh, big Tochiotome strawberry! Open hours: 10:am - 8pm. Closed days: based on Utsunomiya Station Paseo's calendar.



Homemade Croquette Matsui Seinikuten <7 minutes walk>

Butcher's special croquette is perfect for city walk. Try one with good old taste that has not changed for more than 50 years!

Open hours: 9:30am - 7:30pm. Closed days: Sundays, Saturdays and national holidays

Kibuna & Fukube

Fukube-Do <9 minutes walk>

Tochigi traditional craft "Fukube saiku" is famous for talisman mask. Remember to check out the varieties of the other lucky charms!

Open hours: 10am - 6pm. Closed days: Sundays and national holidays

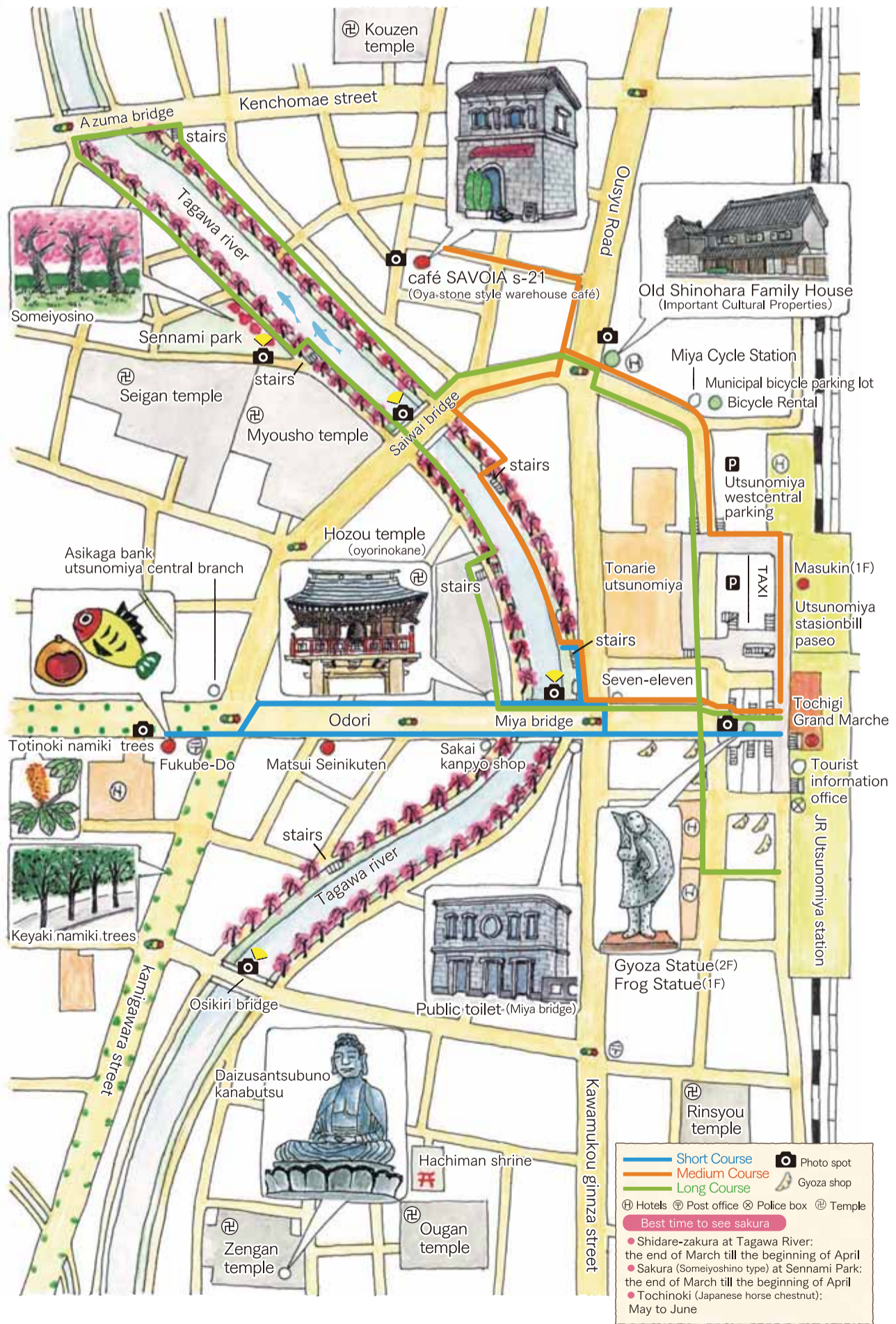


Utsunomiya & Tochigi Souvenirs

Tochigi Grand Marche <0 minutes walk>

Selected items from all over Tochigi. Convenient to buy Souvenirs, located at the station.

Open hours: 8am - 9pm, all days



— Short Course 📷 Photo spot
— Medium Course 📷 Gyoza shop
— Long Course
 🏨 Hotels 📮 Post office 🚓 Police box 🏛️ Temple
 🕒 Best time to see sakura
 ● Shidare-zakura at Tagawa River: the end of March till the beginning of April
 ● Sakura (Someiyoshino type) at Sennami Park: the end of March till the beginning of April
 ● Tochinoki (Japanese horse chestnut): May to June

