

SAKAI

[English]



VISITORS GUIDE BOOK

Take a historical journey around Sakai,
from the World Heritage Site
Mozu Mounded Tombs
to the art- and culture-rich moat area!



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A Culture that Flourished by the Sea and Port

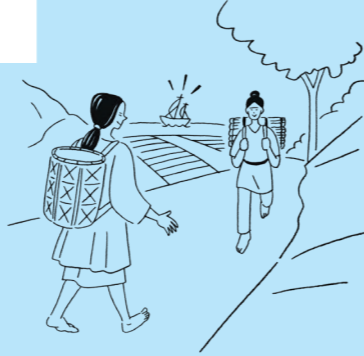
Sakai has thrived as a gateway to the sea since ancient times. It is believed that the placement of ancient burial mounds (*kofun*) was also influenced by the sea, and it's no exaggeration to say that Sakai's history began with the sea. Sakai's early gaze outward to the world has led to its prosperity.

Massive Burial Mounds Visible from the Sea as a Display of National Power



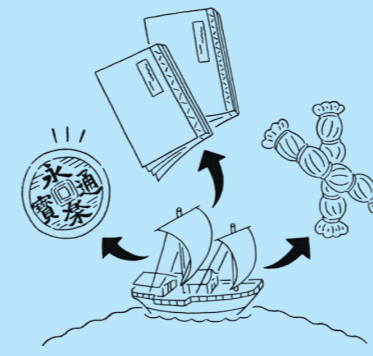
The coastal area from Osaka to Sakai became an outpost for the Yamato Kingship. With the arrival of foreign envoys by sea, it is believed that large burial mounds were constructed in places visible from the sea, showcasing Japan's national power to overseas visitors.

Development of the Roads for a Key Junction for Both Land and Sea Routes



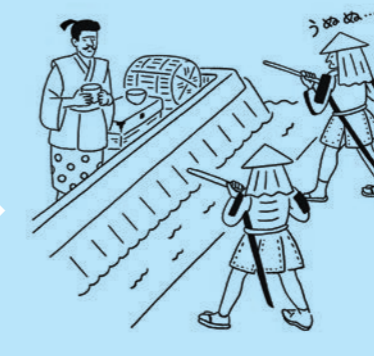
In the early 7th century, the Takenouchi Kaido, Japan's oldest official road (akin to today's national roads), was established, linking Yamato (now Nara) and Sakai, making the area a critical junction for land and sea routes. Additionally, five other roads, including the Nagao Kaido, passed through Sakai.

The Start of the Japan-Ming Trade and the Arrival of Trade Ships



In the early 15th century, the trade between Japan and the Ming Dynasty (now China) flourished, with goods such as coins, books, and raw silk being imported. Besides the ships that went to and from Ming, it is possible that trade ships that stopped at the Ryukyu Islands also docked at Sakai, which led to a convergence of cultures and goods in the city.

The Rise of Wealthy Merchants and the Move Toward Defense with Moats



Following the Japan-Ming trade, the city continued to prosper through commerce, giving rise to many wealthy merchants. In the late 15th century, moats were dug around the city to protect valuable assets from external threats, and Sakai developed uniquely as a self-governing moated city.

Two Major Figures Born from the *Kango Toshi* (Moated City)



Sen no Rikyu, believed to have been born into a merchant family with the trading name of Totoya, perfected the *wabi-cha* style of tea ceremony, and Sakai's confectionery culture also blossomed. Later, Yosano Akiko, a poet and author, was born into the Surugaya confectionery family. Their achievements are displayed at the Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko [P9].

Why Sakai is Historically Amazing

The Remarkable Ironworking Tradition that Continues Today

Sakai's modern ironworks, such as the renowned Sakai *Uchihamono* (Sakai Forged Knives), are the result of the ironworking and blacksmithing skills of Sakai's people. "Its origins go all the way back to the Kofun period (ca. 250-552)?" A story that evokes a profound sense of historical romance comes to light. The true delight of a historical journey lies in the enjoyment of connecting the dots!

Iron Tools for Excavating Burial Mounds Made in Sakai?



Iron was used at the tips of tools like hoes and spades for excavating burial mounds. It is believed that the iron used during the construction of the Mozu Kofun Group was imported from the Korean Peninsula, but there is also a theory that iron production and processing were carried out in Sakai.

Casting Technology Spread Nationwide! The Rise of the Kawachi Imoji



In the late 12th to early 13th centuries, the Kawachi Imoji established a group of skilled casting experts in what is now known as Mihara Ward. Under the protection of the Imperial Court, they traveled across various provinces, selling cast items and producing cast goods. They are said to have influenced famous casting regions like Takaoka in Toyama Prefecture.

Sakai: The City of Blacksmiths Capable of Mass-Producing Firearms



In the late 16th century, Sakai rapidly commenced mass production of firearms introduced to Tanegashima Island. The city had many highly skilled blacksmiths at the time, which made it possible to produce complex firearms in large quantities. Firearms continued to be made in Sakai until the late 19th century.

Sakai Knives Spread Nationwide under the Shogunate's Approval as *Sakaikiwame*



In the early 18th century, tobacco knives for cutting tobacco leaves were widely distributed across Japan under the Shogunate-approved *Sakaikiwame* brand. Specialized knives for different types of food, including the *deba* knife, originated in Sakai. Today, Sakai Forged Knives retain the trust of chefs worldwide.

Ironworking Techniques Handed Down to the Present Day

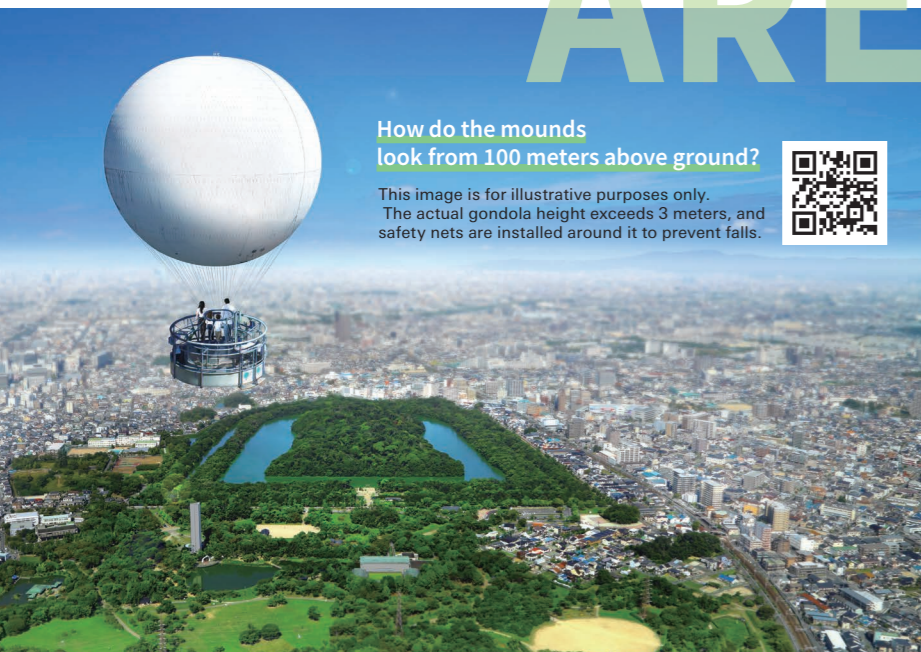


Beyond the traditional Sakai Forged Knives, ironworking techniques have been passed down to the present day. In addition to bicycles and shovels, for which Sakai still boasts one of the largest market shares in Japan, the city was also once a major production center for gymnastic horizontal bars and railway vehicles. Ironworking continues to support Sakai's industry.

IRON

DAISEN PARK

The Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group was registered as a World Heritage Site in 2019.
The Mozu Tombs features Japan's largest burial mound, Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun, among others.
Experience the sheer scale of these ancient tombs!



How do the mounds look from 100 meters above ground?

This image is for illustrative purposes only. The actual gondola height exceeds 3 meters, and safety nets are installed around it to prevent falls.



百舌鳥古墳群ビジターセンター [MAP P11 E-8]

Mozu Mounded Tombs Visitor Center

Located near Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun, the Visitor Center is where you can learn some basic facts about mounded tombs. Experience the history and culture of Sakai and the Mozu Mounded Tombs in the theater with 8K aerial images projected on the floor and giant curved screen. After learning about the mounded tombs, why not get some mounded tomb merch and souvenirs?

If you're not familiar with mounded tombs, start here.



おおさか堺バルーン [MAP P11 D-8]

Osaka Sakai Balloon

Balloon rides at Daisen Park, a concept envisioned since the inscription of the Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group, finally launched just recently, in October 2025! A 30-passenger helium balloon ascends to 100 meters, offering a 360-degree panoramic view overlooking Sakai City. Experience Japan's only opportunity to gaze down upon a World Heritage site from above a cityscape—a special aerial view of the Mozu Tombs, where 44 ancient burial mounds of varying sizes spread across the landscape.

- 📍 Mozusekiun-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City (within Daisen Park)
- 🕒 10:00-17:45 (last ride) 🕒 Open daily (may close due to weather)
- 👤 Adults ¥4,200, Children ¥3,000 (various discounts available)



- 📍 2-160 Mozusekiuncho, Sakai Ward, Sakai City
- ☎️ 072-245-6682 🕒 9:00-18:00
- 🗓️ Year-end and New Year holidays
- 🆓 Free admission



The exhibitions cover the whole history of Sakai, starting with the mounded tombs.

堺市博物館 [MAP P11 D-8]

Sakai City Museum

Presents the history and culture of Sakai from the 5th century through the 15th and 16th centuries, when Sakai flourished as a trading city, and on to the 20th century. Featured are the mounded tomb exhibits including haniwa clay figures and stone coffins for your visual enjoyment. There is also a World Heritage Corner for children in the basement, where parents and children can deepen their learning through shared experiences.

- 📍 2 Mozusekiuncho, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎️ 072-245-6201 🕒 9:30-17:15 (last admission 16:30) 🗓️ Mondays (open if Monday is a holiday), year-end and New Year holidays
- 👤 Permanent exhibition: Adults: ¥200, High school & university students: ¥100, Elementary & junior high school students: ¥50 *Closed from November 4, 2025 to March 31, 2026

See a full-size replica of a stone coffin!



Japan's largest keyhole-shaped burial mound, unparalleled in the world.

仁徳天皇陵古墳 [MAP P11 E-8]

Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun

The Imperial Household Agency manages this, the largest keyhole-shaped burial mound in Japan, as it is the mausoleum of Emperor Nintoku. As one of the world's three largest tombs, along with the pyramid of Khufu (Cheops) in Egypt and the Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor in China, it is estimated to have been built over a period of 16 years. It is surrounded by three moats and various haniwa clay figures have been unearthed from the burial mound and ditch around the circumference.

- 📍 Daisencho, Sakai Ward, Sakai City
- 🆓 Unrestricted entry



Walk around the tomb in about 40 minutes!

履中天皇陵古墳 [MAP P11 C-9]

Richu-tenno-ryo Kofun



The area around Daisen Park is crowded with mounded tombs, including that of Emperor Richu, which is the third largest keyhole-shaped mound in Japan and is said to have been built in the first half of the 5th century. While you can of course go by train, bus, or taxi, it is also recommended to take your time and go around the mounded tombs on foot or on a rental bicycle.

いたすけ古墳 [MAP P11 E-10]

Itasuke Kofun



御廟山古墳 [MAP P11 E-9]

Gobyoyama Kofun



ニサンザイ古墳 [MAP P11 B-10]

Nisanzai Kofun



反正天皇陵古墳 [MAP P10 E-5]

Hanzei-tenno-ryo Kofun

Stop by

極上ふわとろわらび餅 はにわら堂 [MAP P11 C-7]

Haniwarado

This shop specializes in warabimochi (bracken starch dumplings) made with rare honwarabi flour. Other popular treats such as haniwa-themed sweets and drinks with soft, chewy warabimochi are also available starting at ¥600.

- 📍 1-2 Nijodori, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎️ 072-224-1666
- 🕒 10:00-17:00 (Cafe opens at 14:00) 🕒 None



こぶん前Cafe IROHA [MAP P11 E-8]

Kofunmae Cafe Iroha

Try the Kofun Burger, featuring a thick patty with demi-glaze sauce, served on a plate shaped like a mounded tomb. ¥1,450 with French fries and drink (available from 11:00).

- 📍 2-204 Mozusekiuncho, Sakai Ward, Sakai City (inside Daisen Park) ☎️ 072-245-0168 🕒 9:00-17:00 (last order at 16:00)
- *Open until 18:00 on weekends & holidays (last order at 17:00) 🗓️ Mondays



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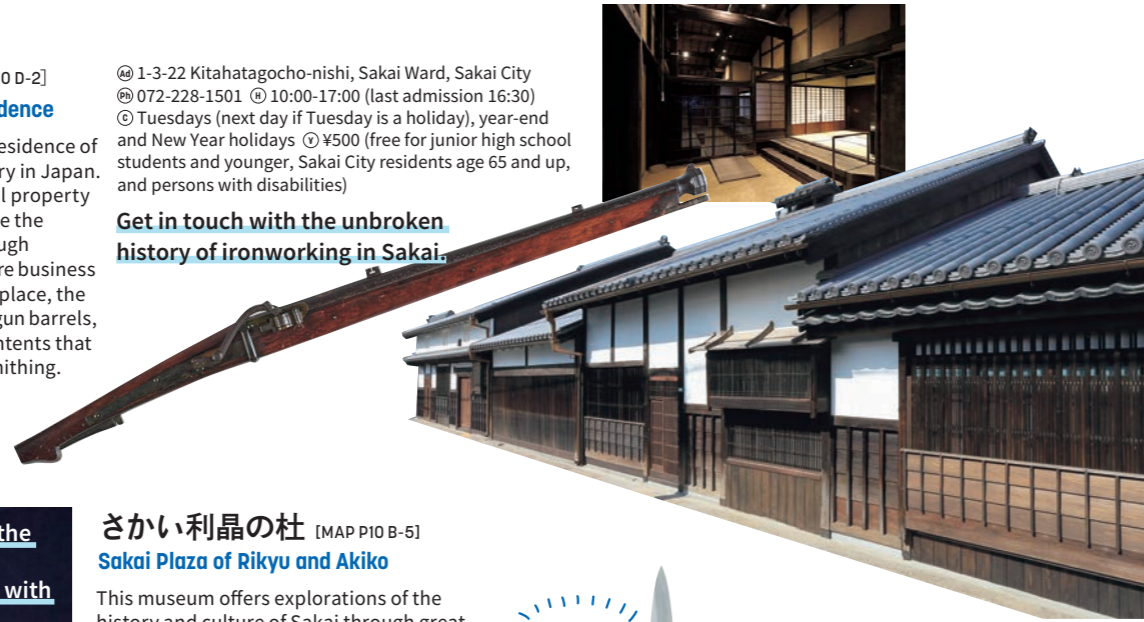
(町家歴史館井上関右衛門家住宅) [MAP P10 D-2]

Old Gunsmith Workshop and Residence

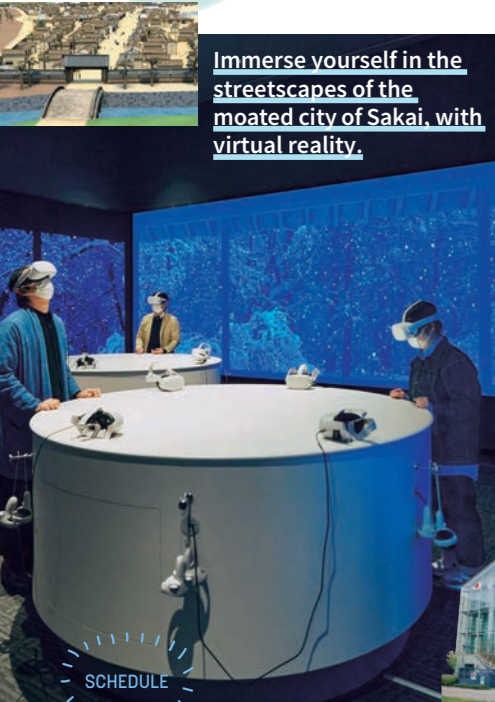
The only remaining workshop and residence of a gunsmith from the late 17th century in Japan. It is designated as a tangible cultural property by Sakai City. Visitors can experience the history of ironworking in Sakai through recreations of the "mise-no-ma" where business negotiations and transactions took place, the "forge" where iron is forged to make gun barrels, and other recreations, as well as contents that allow visitors to experience blacksmithing.

📍 1-3-22 Kitahatagocho-nishi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City
☎ 072-228-1501 🕒 10:00-17:00 (last admission 16:30)
🗓 Tuesdays (next day if Tuesday is a holiday), year-end and New Year holidays 🎫 ¥500 (free for junior high school students and younger, Sakai City residents age 65 and up, and persons with disabilities)

Get in touch with the unbroken history of ironworking in Sakai.



Immerse yourself in the streetscapes of the moated city of Sakai, with virtual reality.



さかい利晶の杜 [MAP P10 B-5] Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko

This museum offers explorations of the history and culture of Sakai through great figures from Sakai including Sen no Rikyu and Yosano Akiko. The extremely popular virtual reality space lets you explore the history of the *Kango Toshi* (moated city) of Sakai in holographs, where Sen no Rikyu, who perfected *wabi-cha* (rustic, simple tea ceremony), was born and raised.

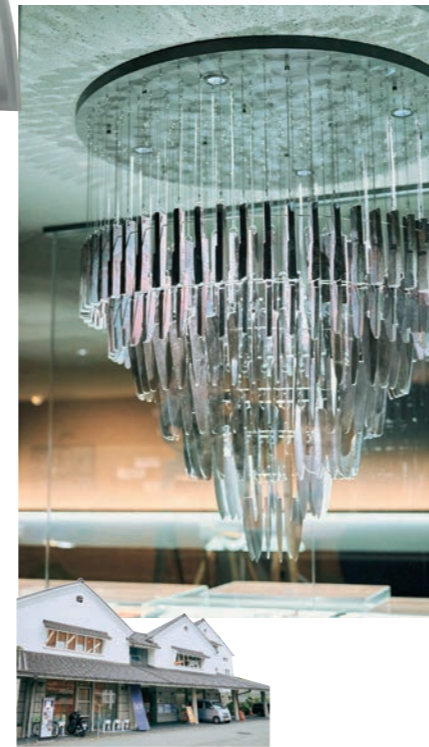
📍 2-1-1 Shukuincho-nishi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-260-4386 🕒 9:00-18:00 (last admission 17:30) 🗓 3rd Tuesday of each month (next day if that Tuesday is a holiday), year-end and New Year holidays 🎫 Adults: ¥300, High school students: ¥200, Junior high school and younger: free

SOUVENIRS



Sakai's knives and pour-dyed hand towels make great souvenirs.

Experience the charms of Sakai's traditional craft products.



堺伝匠館 [MAP P10 C-4] Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum

This museum sells Sakai's traditional crafts such as knives, pour-dyed cotton, incense, and Japanese sweets connected to Sakai. On the 2nd floor is Sakai Knife Museum "CUT" exhibiting knife manufacturing processes and a knife chandelier. A must-see.

📍 1-1-30 Zaimokucho-nishi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-227-1001 🕒 10:00-17:00
🗓 3rd Tuesday of each month (next day if that Tuesday is a holiday), year-end and New Year holidays 🎫 Free admission



▶▶ What does the *Kango Toshi* (moated city) of Saka mean?!

Long ago, the self-governing city of Sakai, with prosperous merchants at its heart, was protected by a moat. Having once been filled in, it was dug out again in the Edo period (1603-1868). Only a part of the moat remains today.

KANGO AREA

Sakai and its unique culture blossomed thanks to the moat, built for its defense. From arts and culture such as tea ceremony and renga linked poems to industries such as bicycles and incense, the Sakai *Kango Toshi* is full of its originals!

A Zen temple with deep connections to Sen no Rikyu.



南宗寺 [MAP P11 B-6] Nanshuji Temple

This temple was founded in 1557 by Miyoshi Nagayoshi for the repose of the soul of his father, Motonaga. It is also known as the temple where Sen no Rikyu trained. The dry landscape garden in front of the priest's quarters is said to be a work by Furuta Oribe and is a National Place of Scenic Beauty. There is also a memorial tower for Sen no Rikyu's clan on the temple grounds.

📍 3-1-2 Minamihatagocho-higashi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-232-1654 🕒 9:00-16:00
🎫 Adults: ¥400, Junior high and elementary school students: ¥300, Preschool children: ¥200

妙國寺 [MAP P10 D-4] Myokokuji Temple

Nikko Shonin, a Nichiren Buddhist monk, founded this temple in 1562. Oda Nobunaga transplanted the great sago palm tree in the dry landscape garden to Azuchi Castle, but it called out every night and when Nobunaga had it cut down, it bled and fainted in agony like a large snake. It was then returned to the temple. There are many other episodes from history set in this temple.

📍 4-1-4 Zaimokucho-higashi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 090-5645-0369
(Reservations: 072-233-0531 [Sakai Volunteer Tourism Association])
🕒 10:00-16:30 🗓 Year-end and New Year holidays
🎫 Adults: ¥400, Elementary school students: ¥200

Treasure trove of stories, like the legend of the sago palm.



This sacred sago palm is about 1,200 years old.



Stop by

深清鮓 [MAP P10 A-6] Fukase-zushi

A famous sushi restaurant specializing in take-out. The Conger Eel Box, pressed sushi with appealing looks and taste, is ¥777 (excluding box charge).

📍 1-1-22 Dejimacho, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-241-4593
🕒 9:30 - until sold out
🗓 Mondays, Tuesdays



茶寮 つぼ市製茶本舗 堺本館 [MAP P10 D-3] Tea Tsuboichi Sakai Store

A long-established Sakai tea store. Savor the elegant aftertaste of tea with a set of premium matcha parfait and your choice of tea (¥2,200).

📍 1-1-2 Kukencho-higashi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-227-7809 🕒 10:30-18:00 (Cafe 11:00-18:00, last order at 17:30)
🗓 Tuesdays (open if Tuesday is a holiday), year-end and New Year holidays



A Sakai traditional townhouse that escaped the ravages of war.



町家歴史館山口家住宅 [MAP P10 D-3] Old Yamaguchi Family Residence

One of the few oldest *machiya* traditional townhouses in Japan built in the early 17th century. Designated a National Important Cultural Property, this house teaches us about Sakai's traditional ways of life.

📍 1-2-31 Nishikinocho-higashi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-224-1155
🕒 10:00-17:00 (last admission 16:30)
🗓 Tuesdays (next day if Tuesday is a holiday), year-end and New Year holidays
🎫 ¥200 (free for junior high school students and younger, Sakai City residents age 65 and up, and persons with disabilities)

Things to do in Sakai SAKAI TO DO LIST

Touring historical sites and sightseeing spots is nice, but it's also fun to learn all about Sakai through hands-on experiences and foods!

体験する Experiences



MATCHA

Matcha green tea experience



◎ 2-1-1 Shukuincho-nishi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-260-4386
◎ 10:00-17:00 (last admission 16:40)
◎ 3rd Tuesday of each month (next day if that Tuesday is a holiday), year-end and New Year holidays

さかい利晶の杜 [MAP P10 B-5]

Sakai Plaza of Rikyū and Akiko

You can readily enjoy the Sansenke schools of the tea ceremony, which include the Omotesenke, Urasenke, and Mushanokouji Senke traditions, while seated in chairs at a table. ¥800 per adult for matcha tea and Japanese sweets. Reservations not required.



堺市茶室 伸庵 [MAP P11 D-8] Sakai City Tea House Shin-an

Comfortably delight in a tea ceremony in an elegant sukiya-zukuri style building. ¥500 per serving. Enjoy Higashi (dry Japanese confection) that differs in odd and even months.

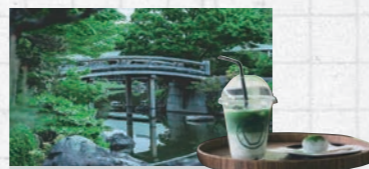
◎ 2 Mozusekiuncho, Sakai Ward, Sakai City (inside Daisen Park) ☎ 072-247-1447
◎ 9:30-16:30 (Ryurei-style tea ceremony 10:00-16:00) ◎ Mondays

大仙公園 日本庭園 [MAP P11 D-8]

Daisen Park Japanese Garden

Take a relaxing tea break while looking out at the beautiful garden. You can get a Daisen Set, which includes Rikyū mochi, for ¥850.

◎ Daisen Nakamachi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-247-3670 ◎ 9:00-17:00 (last admission 16:30) ◎ Mondays



銘菓を味わう Taste famous confections

かん袋 [MAP P10 B-6] Kanbukuro

The signature confection at this long-established shop with a history of over 600 years is Kurumi Mochi, so named because freshly made mochi (rice cake) is enveloped in sweet bean paste. A single serving is ¥410.

◎ 1-2-1 Shinzaikecho-higashi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-233-1218 ◎ 10:00-17:00 *Closes once sold out ◎ Tuesdays & Wednesdays (open if the day is a holiday)



八百源来弘堂 [MAP P10 C-4] Yaogen Raikodo Honten

This shop's specialty is cinnamon rice cake, a delicate treat of sweet red bean paste wrapped in highly fragrant cinnamon rice cake, which is difficult to handle as it is sensitive to weather changes. ¥200 each.

◎ 2-1-11 Kurumanocho-higashi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-232-3835 ◎ 9:00-17:00 ◎ Sundays



本家小嶋 [MAP P10 B-5] Honke Kojima

Established in 1532. The trade secrets of the well-known poppy seed mochi, including how to cook the sweet red bean paste and knead the mixture, have been passed down through generations. The aromatic poppy seeds burst with flavor in your mouth. ¥150 each.

◎ 1-2-21 Ocho-nishi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-232-1876 ◎ 9:00-17:00 *Closes once sold out ◎ Mondays



開口神社 [MAP P10 C-5] Aguchi Shrine

This firsthand experience as a miko, or shrine maiden, lets you learn Japanese Shinto and spiritual culture at Aguchi Shrine, which has been protecting this area for over 1,700 years. Beginner and intermediate courses are available, and after each one you'll receive Monka (dry confection) and a prayer talisman!

◎ 2-1-29 Kainocho-higashi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City



MIKO

Shrine maiden experience

EVENT DATA
Miko (shrine maiden) experience (for groups of 2 or more)
Experience fees: Beginner: ¥6,500, Intermediate: ¥10,300
Time required: Approx. 90-120 min.
Days available: Please inquire in advance



HOCHO

Knife-making experience

和泉利器製作所 [MAP P10 D-3] Izumi Riki Seisakusho Co., Ltd.

You'll receive instruction from a craftsman. Choose from three courses: a tour of the Sakai-Tohji Knife Museum with a hands-on experience of traditional handle fitting and blade straightening; a tour of the Sakai-Tohji Knife Museum and making a keychain engraved with your name; or observe craftsmanship, try knife sharpening, and create a keychain engraved with your name. Experience this traditional craftsmanship yourself.

◎ 1-1-5 Kukencho-higashi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City

EVENT DATA
Knife-making experience (for groups of 2 or more)
Experience fees: ¥16,500 (includes knife made during the experience as a souvenir)
Time required: Approx. 90 min.
Days available: Please inquire in advance



堺 アルフォンス・ミュシャ館 [MAP P10 F-5]

Sakai Alphonse Mucha Museum

This museum houses one of the world's largest collections of works by Alphonse Mucha, which are displayed in special exhibitions three times a year. The pieces on display change with each exhibit.

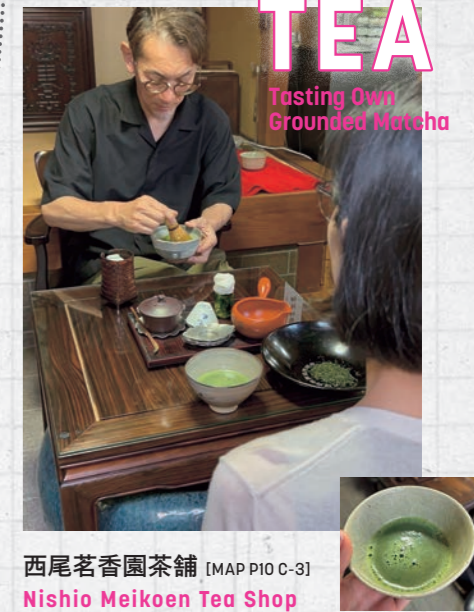
◎ Belle Marge Sakai Nibankan 2F-4F, 1-2-200 Tadeicho, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ☎ 072-222-5533 ◎ 9:30-17:15 (last admission 16:30) ◎ Mondays (open if Monday is a holiday or between two holidays and closed the following weekday), exhibition changeover periods, year-end and New Year holidays *Please see the Museum Calendar on the official website for more information ◎ Adults: ¥510, High school & university students: ¥310, Elementary & junior high school students: ¥100



堺泉北臨海工業地帯 Sakai Semboku Coastal Industrial Zone

This Sakai spot is a must-see nightscape. There are many places that require a car, so we recommend a taxi tour! Enjoy another world that appears out of the darkness.

◎ Sakai City waterfront area ◎ Medium-sized taxi (up to 3 passengers): ¥9,450/1 hr. - ¥15,750/2 hrs. / Jumbo taxi (up to 8 passengers): ¥11,700/1 hr. - ¥19,500/2 hrs.



TEA

Tasting Own Grounded Matcha

西尾茗香園茶舗 [MAP P10 C-3] Nishio Meikoen Tea Shop

At "Nishio Meikoen Tea Shop," which was founded in 1854, you can enjoy matcha tea making; dried tea leaves grind with millstones into matcha powder with a master. Then you can also taste own ground matcha. After that, a lecture, how to brew delicious "sencha" Japanese tea included.

◎ 1-1-24 Ichinocho-Higashi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City

EVENT DATA
Tasting Own Grounded Matcha (for groups of 2 or more)
Experience fees: Starting at ¥3,000
Time required: Approx. 45 min.
Days available: Please inquire in advance



Make appointments for hands-on experiences through a Sakai Tourism Guide!

Make reservations through the Sakai Tourism Guide, the official website of the Sakai Tourism and Convention Bureau (072-233-6601).



*Please make a reservation by going to "Sakai Tourism Guide" → "Sightseeing Tours."
*Reservations must be made at least three days in advance.

見る See the sights



*Please adhere to traffic rules and take care when observing the view and taking photos.

SAKAI MAP

*In principle, temples and shrines other than Nanshuji and Myokokuji temples are closed to the public.

Old Sakai Lighthouse

Built in 1877 with donations from local citizens, this is the oldest Western-style wooden lighthouse still standing in Japan. It was decommissioned in 1968. *Interior is closed to the public. [National Historic Site]



Kango Cruise Sakai



Visitors to Sakai can enjoy a 50-minute cruise along a portion of the city's moat while a tour guide offers commentary. ① 1-4 Sakaebashicho, Sakai Ward, Sakai City *Boarding near the West Exit of Nankai Line Sakai Station ② 072-233-6601 (Sakai Tourism and Convention Bureau Monday to Friday 16:00-17:00) ③ Operates on Saturdays and Sundays from the end of March through November (see operation calendar on website for more information) ④ Adults: ¥1,500, Elementary school students and younger: ¥500

Old Seigakuin Mountain Priest Dojo



This building, constructed between the 17th and 19th centuries, was used as a training hall for Shugendo practitioners and later as a *terakoya* school. It is a nationally registered tangible cultural property. Kawaguchi Ekai, the first Japanese to cross the Himalayas and enter Tibet's capital city of Lhasa, also studied here. ① 1-3-13 Kitahatagocho-nishi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ② 072-228-1501 ③ 10:00-17:00 (last admission 16:30) ④ Tuesdays (next day if Tuesday is a holiday), year-end and New Year holidays ⑤ ¥100 (free for junior high school students and younger, Sakai City residents age 65 and up, and persons with disabilities)

Old Sakai Lighthouse

Stone Marker that Tells Stories about Sakai Port at the End of the Tokugawa Government

Noah Dolphin Dome

Sakai Fish Market • Shinmei Shrine • Kango Cruise Sakai (Boarding Area)

Sakai Station Tourist Information Center

Hotel Agora Regency Osaka Sakai • Site of Ebisujima Spinning Mill • Toyoko Inn Sakai Ekimae

Honke Kojima

Doigawa River • Phoenix St. • Sakai Police Station • Sakai Fire Department • Oshoji

Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko

Osaka Bay Plaza Hotel • Terajicho • Myohoji Temple • Honjoji Temple

Kanbukuro

Shorinji Temple • Shorinji Elementary School • Hokkoji Temple • Chosenji Temple

Fukase-zushi

Kaleiji Temple • Daianji Temple • Tenkei-in Temple • Hongen-in Temple

Nanshuji Temple

Ryosai Junior High School • Daisen-nishi Elementary School • Jinken Fureai Center Henomatsu Museum of Human History (Sakata Sankichi Memorial Hall)

Bicycle Taxi

Take a guided tour of Sakai's moated area on bicycle taxis departing from Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko. One bicycle can hold up to three passengers, and a 90-minute tour starts at ¥12,000. Reservations and applications can be made on the Sakai Tourism Guide.

Shimano Bicycle Museum

Japan's only museum dedicated exclusively to bicycles. Visitors can learn about the history and culture of bicycles from their birth to the present day. ① 2-2-1 Minamikoyo-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City ② 072-221-3196 ③ 10:00-16:30 (Last admission at 16:00) ④ Mondays (if Monday is a holiday, closed the following day) ⑤ Adults ¥500, High school/University students ¥200, free for junior high school students and younger/65 years and over

Noah Dolphin Dome

Get up close with dolphins in a semi-indoor pool! With activities like feeding, even those who aren't confident swimmers can interact with these adorable dolphins. ① 4-1-1 Ohamakita-machi, Sakai-ku, Sakai City ② 072-268-5548 ③ 10:00-20:00 ④ Open daily (closed occasionally due to animal health conditions) Fee: Adults ¥1,210, Children (ages 4 to elementary school) ¥770, free for ages 3 and under ※After 17:00: Adults ¥770, Children ¥440

Sakai Sightseeing Rental Bicycles

Bicycles are available for rental at Daisen Park Tourist Information Center and Sakai Station Tourist Information Center at Nankai Sakai Station. It's a great way to enjoy both the moated tombs and the moat area! Electric assist bicycles can be rented for ¥1,000, while regular bicycles are ¥500.

Haniwarado

Dogameyama Kofun • Asahi Junior High School • Sakai Municipal Central Library • Daisen Elementary School

Daisen Park Japanese Garden

Icoroba Cafe Terrace • Doraike Pond • Daisen Park • Omotenashi Restroom • Event Square

Osaka Sakai Balloon

Sakai City Tea House Shin-an, Obai-an • Nagatsuka Kofun • Mozu Sta. • Sakai Botanical Center • Flower and Greenery Hall

Sakai City Museum

Richu-tenno-ryo Kofun Viewpoint • Sakai Municipal School for Special Needs Education • Uenoshiba Sta.

Richu-tenno-ryo Kofun

To Kansai-Airport Sta., Wakayamashi Sta.

Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun Place of Worship

Genemon-yama Kofun • Maruyama Kofun • Daisen High School for the Deaf • Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun • Mozu Mounded Tombs Visitor Center (Daisen Park Tourist Information Center)

Mozu Mounded Tombs Visitor Center

Mozu Sta. • Osamezuka Kofun • Nagatsuka Kofun • Mozu Sta.

Kofunmae Cafe Iroha

Mikuniigaoka Junior High School • Mikuniigaoka Elementary School • Former Tenno Reservoir • Tenno Kofun • Suzuyama Kofun

Gobyoyama Kofun

Mozuhachimangu Shrine • Mozu Station • To Koyasan Sta., Izumi-Chuo Sta.

Itasuke Kofun

Mikuniigaoka Sta. • Sakai High School • Higashimikuniigaoka Elementary School

Nisanzai Kofun

Mozu Elementary School • Osaka Metro Midosuji Line Nakamoto Sta. • Nankai Koya Line Nakamoto Sta. • Osaka Metropolitan University

Sakai Alphonse Mucha Museum

Belle Marge Sakai • Sakaiishi Sta. • Shinonome Park

Hanzei-tenno-ryo Kofun

Hochigai Shrine • Belle Marge Sakai • Sakaiishi Sta. • Shinonome Park

MI-TE Sakai (Sakai City Hall 21st Floor Observation Lobby)

3-1 Minamikawaramachi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ② 072-228-7493 (Sakai City Hall Tourism Promotion Department) ③ 9:00-21:00 ④ No holidays

MI-TE Sakai (Sakai City Hall 21st Floor Observation)

This observation space on the 21st floor of Sakai City Hall offers a splendid view of the history-rich cityscape of Sakai ① 3-1 Minamikawaramachi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City ② 072-228-1501 ③ 10:00-17:00 (last admission 16:30) ④ Tuesdays (next day if Tuesday is a holiday), year-end and New Year holidays ⑤ ¥100 (free for junior high school students and younger, Sakai City residents age 65 and up, and persons with disabilities)

Myokokuji Temple

Shimano Bicycle Museum • Honjoji Temple • Kogakuji Temple • Doigawa Park • The Base Osaka Sakai Higashi Apartment Hotel

Yaogen Raikodo Honten

Sakai Exit • Doigawa Park • The Base Osaka Sakai Higashi Apartment Hotel • Choenji Temple • Yuya Elementary School

Nishio Meikoen Tea Shop

Remains of the Birthplace of Yosano Akiko • Joanni Temple • Doigawa Park • The Base Osaka Sakai Higashi Apartment Hotel

Aguchi Shrine

Shounji Temple • Shorinji Temple • Shorinji Elementary School • Hokkoji Temple • Chosenji Temple

Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum

Shounji Temple • Shorinji Temple • Shorinji Elementary School • Hokkoji Temple • Chosenji Temple

Tea Tsuboichi Sakai Store

Shounji Temple • Shorinji Temple • Shorinji Elementary School • Hokkoji Temple • Chosenji Temple

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Izumi Riki Seisakusho Co., Ltd.

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Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun Place of Worship

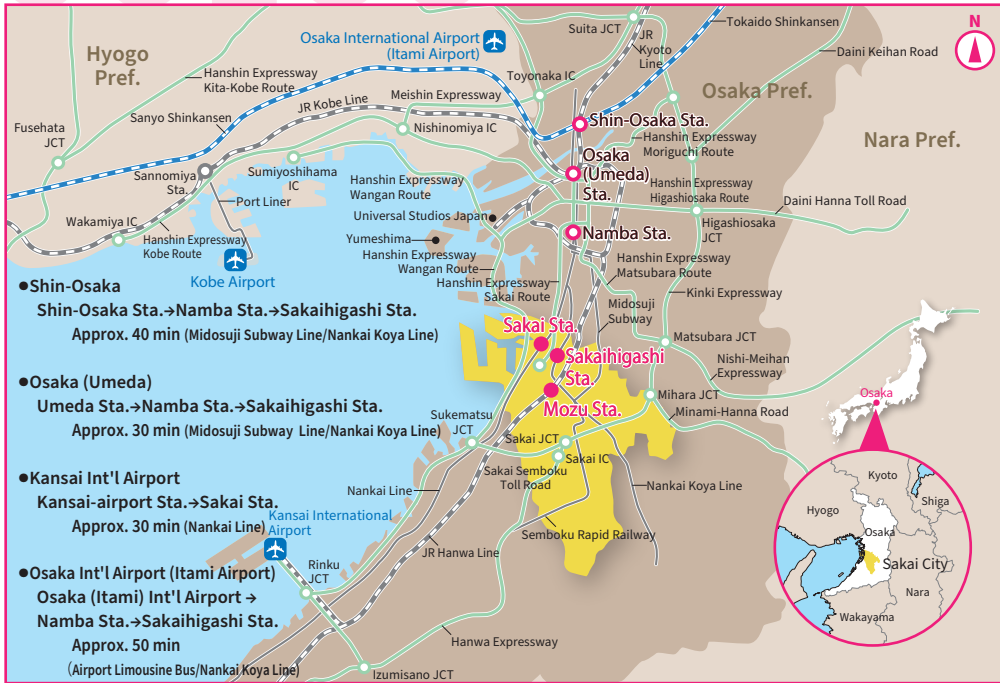
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Accommodations in the area

- **Hotel Agora Regency Osaka Sakai***
☎072-224-1121
1-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **Dorsett by Agora Osaka Sakai**
☎072-260-4096
5-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **Kuretake Inn Nankai Sakai Station***
☎072-229-4111
2-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **Hotel Sunplaza Sakai***
☎072-222-0818
5-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **Comfort Hotel Sakai**
☎072-233-7111
3-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **Hotel Sunplaza Osaka Sakai Annex**
☎072-222-6633
5-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **Super Hotel Sakai Maritima***
☎072-227-9000
7-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **Business Hotel New Ohama***
☎072-221-2515
8-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **J-Green Sakai Dream Camp**
☎072-282-0100
From Nankai Line Sakai Sta., take Nankai Bus and get off at J-Green Sakai Minamiyuchi Bus Stop (time required: approx. 20 min.)
- **Hotel II Grandit***
☎072-232-0880
10-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **Osaka Bay Plaza Hotel***
☎072-232-0303
16-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **Sakinoma Hotel Kuma**
☎090-2119-2712
10-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **Sakinoma Hotel Hama (former Fukui Residence)**
☎090-2119-2712
10-min. walk from JR Hanwa Line Otori Sta.
- **The Base Osaka Sakai Higashi Apartment Hotel**
☎072-242-3855
5-min. walk from Nankai Koya Line Sakaihigashi Sta.
- **Daiwa Roynet Hotel Sakaihigashi***
☎072-224-9055
5-min. walk from Nankai Koya Line Sakaihigashi Sta.
- **AB Hotel Sakaihigashi**
☎072-229-0076
2-min. walk from Nankai Koya Line Sakaihigashi Sta.
- **Toyoko Inn Osaka Sakai-higashi-eki***
☎072-282-1045
6-min. walk from Nankai Koya Line Sakaihigashi Sta.
- **Toyoko Inn Sakai Ekimae***
☎072-225-5645
3-min. walk from Nankai Line Sakai Sta.
- **Hotel Aston Plaza Osaka Sakai***
☎072-223-0077
12-min. walk from Nankai Koya Line Sakaihigashi Sta.
- **City Hotel Seunso***
☎072-241-4545
3-min. walk from Nankai Line Minato Sta.
- **Rinkai Hotel Kita**
☎072-247-1111
5-min. walk from Nankai Line Minato Sta.
- **Rinkai Hotel Ishizu***
☎072-244-0115
3-min. walk from Nankai Line Ishizugawa Sta.
- **International Communication Center for Persons with Disabilities (BiG-i)***
☎072-290-0900
3-min. walk from Semboku Rapid Railway Izumigaoka Sta.
- **Hotel Route-Inn Osaka Takaishi Hadoromo Ekimae***
☎050-5833-3890
2-min. walk from Nankai Line Hadoromo Sta.
- **Guest House Chirin**
☎072-227-4619
2-min. walk from Hankai Tramway Ayanocho Sta.

▶▶ Inquiries about sightseeing

- **Sakai Station Tourist Information Center**
☎072-232-0331
3-22-1 Ebisujimacho, Sakai Ward, Sakai City (Nankai Line Sakai Station Building 1F)
Opening hours: 9:00-18:00
- **Sakaihigashi Tourist Information Center**
☎072-238-7174
39-1 Mikunigaoka Miyuki-dori, Sakai Ward, Sakai City (next to the bus terminal at Nankai Koya Line Sakaihigashi Station West Exit)
Opening hours: 9:00-19:00
- **Daisen Park Tourist Information Center**
☎072-245-6207
2-160 Mozusekiuncho, Sakai Ward, Sakai City (inside Mozu Mounded Tombs Visitor Center)
Opening hours: 9:00-18:00
- **Sakai Sightseeing Volunteer Guide (free)**
11 sightseeing spots including in front of the Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun Place of Worship *Look for the canola flower yellow-colored uniforms.
- **Sakai Tourism and Convention Bureau**
☎072-233-5258
1-1-35 Kainocho-nishi, Sakai Ward, Sakai City
Opening hours: 9:00-17:30

Sakai Tourism Guide



Bus Information



Store your luggage and go out for a walk through the town!

Luggage Storage Service

(Reception hours: 9:00-17:30)

- **Sakai Station Tourist Information Center** ☎072-232-0331
- **Daisen Park Tourist Information Center** ☎072-245-6207

Fees	
Small (up to 33.5cm long, 49cm wide, 30cm tall):	¥ 500/day
Large (bigger than the above dimensions):	¥ 700 /day



Enjoy sightseeing at a great price!

Sakai Omotenashi Ticket (1-day unlimited ride ticket)

Sales locations	
	Sakai Plaza of Rikyu and Akiko / Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum / Sakai Station, Sakaihigashi & Daisen Park Tourist Information Centers / certain hotels in Sakai Ward / etc.



	Hankai Tramway Expanded Version	Nankai Bus Expanded Version
Usage areas	Hankai Tramway (all lines), Nankai Bus (within the designated area)	Hankai Tramway (within Sakai City), Nankai Bus (expanded area)
Prices	Adults: ¥ 800, Elementary school students: ¥ 400	Adults: ¥ 600, Elementary school students: ¥ 300
Contact info	Hankai Tramway ☎06-6671-3080	Nankai Bus Sakai Office ☎072-223-8877

Taking a bicycle ride around the area is also fun!

Sakai Sightseeing Rental Bicycles

Fees (1 day)	
	Regular bicycle: ¥500, Electric assist bicycle: ¥1,000

Rental office	Usage hours	Contact info
Sakai Station Tourist Information Center	9:00-17:30	☎072-232-0331
Daisen Park Tourist Information Center	9:00-17:30	☎072-245-6207

*Bicycles can be rented and returned at either of the above two locations.
*Please present a driver's license or other form of ID to verify your identity when renting a bicycle.



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