



# Learning & Leisure

## **Sightseeing**

Tourism Promotion Division ☎086-803-1332

Promotional Activities and MICE Division

☎086-803-1333

There are a lot of attractive sightseeing spots in the city: Korakuen Garden, Okayama Castle, "Culture Zone" which has cultural facilities such as art galleries and museums, and "Kibiji" where many historical and cultural heritages remain, including Kibitsu Shrine and traditional townscape of Jinyamachi (town around the feudal lord's residence) Ashimori, etc. In addition, the city is rich in regional and cultural resources that we can be proud of throughout the country, including events such as the Saidaiji Eyo or Naked Man Festival, the Okayama Momotaro Festival, and the Okayama International Music Festival. We also support sightseeing volunteer guide development and beautification promotion of tourist spots, in an effort to create a town that warmly welcomes visitors.

## ●Okayama City Momotaro Tourist Information

Center ☎086-222-2912

East side of the Shinkansen boarding gate on the 2nd floor of JR Okayama station (1-1Ekimoto-machi, Kita-ku)

Sightseeing brochures of Okayama City, municipalities in Okayama, and Chugoku and Shikoku regions are available. Please ask for advice and recommendations for your trip.

Business hours: 9:00 AM-8:00 PM (open all year around)

Email: momotaro@okayama-kanko.net

## ●Okayama Visitors & Convention Association

☎086-227-0015

6F Okayama Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
3-1-15 Kosei-cho, Kita-ku

The Association provides consultation on tourism and conventions, grants subsidies for hosting conventions, secures venues on a priority basis, and offers various tourism pamphlets. Please refer to the website for special deals and sightseeing information in Okayama. And you can post your inquiries on the website.

Okayama Visitors & Convention Association's

Website: <https://okayama-kanko.net>

## **International Exchange**

International Affairs Division

☎086-803-1112 / FAX 086-225-5408

The Division is promoting international understanding among citizens through interaction with its international friendship exchange partners overseas, implementation of homestay programs for the youth and sending and receiving citizens'

## ●International Exchange Lounge

☎086-234-5882 / FAX 086-234-5878

10-16 Saiwai-cho, Kita-ku (4F Nishigawa Ai Plaza)

Opening Hours: Tue.-Fri. 10:00 AM-8:00 PM

Sat. and Sun. 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Closed: Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and national holidays (If a national holiday falls on a day when the lounge is closed, it is closed the following day.) and the year-end and New Year's holidays

Everyday life Information is available. You have opportunities to interact with people including Japanese.

## <Foreign language conversation classes / Japanese language classes>

Conversation classes in English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese are offered. Japanese lessons for foreign residents are also available.

## <International Exchange Fureai Seminars, Japanese Culture/Intercultural Experience Meetups>

You can attend "International Exchange Fureai Seminars" to learn about the life and culture of people with different backgrounds, and "Japanese Culture Experience Workshops" and "Intercultural Exchange Meetups" to deepen engagement between foreign and Japanese citizens.

## <Multilingual Newspaper "Akura">

It is published four times a year in January, April, July, and October in Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, and Vietnamese.

The paper offers you useful daily life information: local events, traditional culture, and famous people in Okayama.

## <Volunteer Interpreters / Translators>

Those at daily conversational level or higher in a foreign language are available for your interpretation or translation.

## <Volunteer Homestay・Home Visit Families>

Registered families in the city will receive people from abroad as host families.

## <Volunteer Cultural Guides>

Those who can introduce Japanese and foreign cultures, teach Japanese are available for groups who want to use this service.