

Tourist sites

郡山城跡

1 Koriyama Castle Site
It's the largest Castle site in Nara and is selected as one of the new best 100 Japanese Castle. The stone wall built more than 400 years ago is still remaining and the time of the Castle festival in spring, cherry blossoms bloom along the moat.

Tenshudai
It's the heart of Koriyama Castle located at the north of castle area. Repair of stone wall is completed in 2017 for 4 years. You can enjoy Nara's view from an observatory.

■Stone wall
It's constructed in a way called "Nozura-Zumi" stacking natural stone. It was difficult to obtain the stone at that time. So, the plenty of tomb-stone or stone Buddha were used instead of natural stone.

■Sakasa-Jizo(upside-down deity of children)
It's placed upside-down in the stacked stone wall at the north of Tenshudai and it supports Tenshudai with caim expression.

**Ote-mukai Tower/
Higashi-sumi Tower**
The tower built in order to protect Ote-gate.

Ote Gate
The gate at the front of the castle, It was called "Bai-rin-mon" since Mr.Yanagisawa became the master of the Castle in Edo period.(1603-1868)

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7 Genkurou Inari Shrine
The shrine of the guardian of Koriyama designated by Hidenaga Toyotomi, a younger brother of Hideyoshi Toyotomi, who completed the 16th century unification of Japan. It's said to be one of the 3 Inaris(the deity of rice and agriculture) in Japan. Genkuro in the name of the shrine refers to the fox(Gen-kuro fox)in Kabuki.

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9 Yakuon Hachiman Shrine
It's shrine built in Nara period.(710-794) As it's name "Yakuon" means "Medicine place". There are various medicinal herbs planted on site, in exhibited framed picture, there are pigeons hiding in the picture.

Machiya

箱本館「紺屋」

11 Hakomotokan Kon-ya
It's a traditional Japanese town house revised Machiya used by indigo dyeing merchant since Edo period. It's a museum of indigo and goldfish. There is exhibition and shops. You can buy indigo dyeing items there.

葉本邸

13 Hamoto Museum
Building of exchange merchant built in Meiji period. It has the characteristics of traditional Machiya building.

Museum

箱本物語館

15 Hakomoto Monogatarikan
The museum exhibiting historical material of the Castle town.

柳澤神社

2 Yanagisawa Shrine
The shrine located at the site of the castle. keep on Koriyama castle and it enshrines Yoshiyasu Yanagisawa, who was a shogunate advisor in the early 18th century. It was constructed by ex-Koriyama feudal retainer in Meiji period.(1868-1922)

柳沢文庫

3 Yanagisawa Library
The library inside Koriyama Castle specialized in local history magazines. It exhibits the documents and books of the house of Yanagisawa who was the master of Koriyama Castle in Edo period.

城址会館

4 Jyohshi Hall
It's a building blending Japanese and Western styles. It was built as Nara municipal library inside Kofuku-ji Temple in Meiji period in Nara city relocated to Koriyama Castle site later. Visit restrictions.

春岳院

5 Shungakuin Temple
A spirit tablet and portrait of Hidenaga Toyotomi and literatures of the Hakomoto system.

永慶寺

6 Eikeiji Temple
The family temple of the Yanagisawa family, lords of Koriyama Castle. The temple's main gate was originally the South Gate of Koriyama Castle before it was moved here.

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8 Koriyama Hachiman Shrine
It was protected by historical master of Yamato Koriyama Castle. It's also known as "Glove shrine" of used glove mass.

大納言塚

10 Dainagon Mound
It's the tomb of Hidenaga Toyotomi, the younger brother of Hideyoshi Toyotomi and the master of Koriyama Castle with "Hyakuman-goku". ("Hyakuman" means one million / "goku" means rice consumption per person per year) There is a "wish sand box" which is said to make the wish come true if we pass sand through the hole 3 times while saying your name and the wish.

町家物語館

12 Machiya Monogatarikan
The three story building Machiya built in Taisho period. (1912-1926) It's designated as registered important cultural asset as a building preserving the history of licensed quarters.

菊屋

14 Kikuya
Well-established Japanese sweets shop with more than 400 years of history in Nara. Well-known "Oshiro no Kuchimochi" is said to have it's name from being sold just outside the large gate of the Castle.

金魚資料館

16 Koriyama Goldfish Museum
The museum exhibiting goldfish(kingyo)all the year. There are about 40 kinds of Goldfishes.

Other interesting spots

Yatadera Temple
It's called "hydrangea temple" with about 60 kinds, 10000 plants of hydrangea on site.

矢田寺



Matuodera Temple
It's a temple known for avoidance of bad luck called " Matsunosan Mairi"

松尾寺



Kakuanji Temple
The temple built on site where Shotokutaishi constructed "Kumagorisho-ya" a Buddhism school. It's one of the 7 largest temples in the south and is said to be the predecessor of Daianji.

額安寺



Meta Shrine
The shrine enshrining "Hieda no Are" who was related to editing "Kojiki(Japan's oldest historical record)". The "Are festival" will be held on 16th August every year.

賣太神社



Jikoin Temple
This temple is home to the generations of founders of the Sekishu school of Tea Ceremony and is filled with the ethos of wabi and sabi (loneliness, poignancy). It is a famous temple with one of the most acclaimed gardens in Japan. It is designated as by the nation as an important scenic site,

慈光院



Information

Yamatokoriyama City Tourist Association
Open Hours:9:00-17:00

The office is just in front of JR Koriyama station. It's in the ground floor of municipal hall. You can get city tourism information easily. Free Wi-Fi service available.

■Rental cycle available(charge needed)
You can also rent at Hakomoto-kan Kon-ya.

■Coin lockers installed(charge needed)

Hakomoto Information Office
Open Hours:10:00-15:00 Closing day:Mon.,Wed.and Fri.

The volunteer guide members advise you city sightseeing spots.

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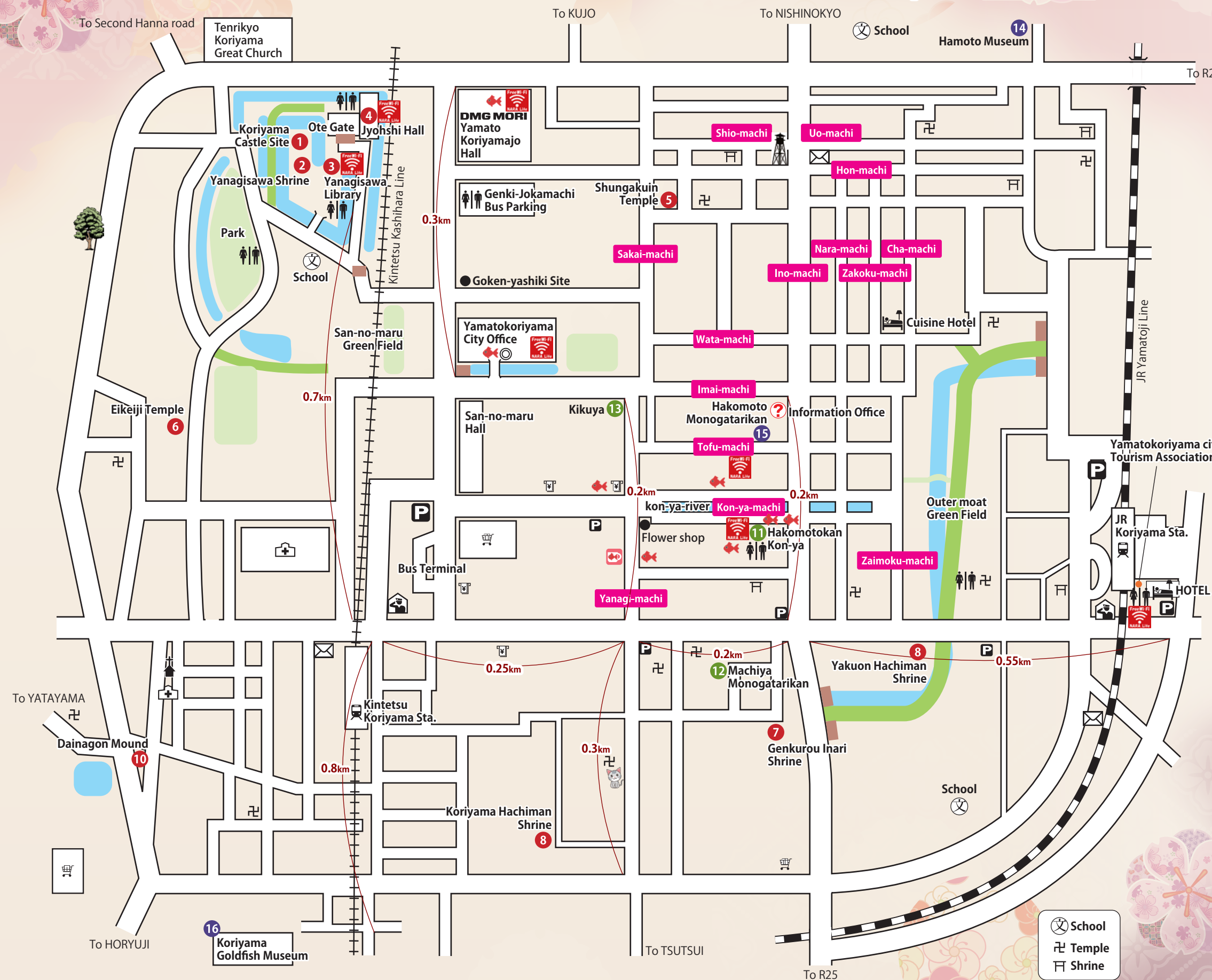
Yamatokoriyama castle town map



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Goldfish and History romance castle town

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