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SAKURA
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Shikano Castle Ruins Park

Eastern Tottori Prefecture

Viewing season

Late March
~ Mid-April



See reflections of a sakura tunnel in the heart of the city

How to enjoy "HANAMI"



Tips on what to prepare for flower viewing

- A picnic sheet comes in handy for flower viewing as most places have no benches.
- Disposable kairo heat packs and jackets are good to have as daytime temperatures can drop in April. They are a necessity for night time viewing!
- Trash bags: be sure to take home your own trash.

※ You can find the above items at any 100 yen store. Be well prepared to enjoy flower viewing to the fullest.



Dango sweets or flowers? Enjoy the food galore sold at stalls!



- The variety of food stalls of light snacks (takoyaki, taiyaki, and other) set up during the cherry blossom season makes flower viewing all the more festive and exciting!



Things to beware of during the flower viewing season

- Many roads near popular flower viewing spots tend to be heavily congested in urban areas. Please use public transportation.
- Be careful not to bend or shake branches.
- It is courteous to keep voices down and not play loud music as it may disturb other people enjoying flower viewing.

Let's enjoy "HANAMI"!!!



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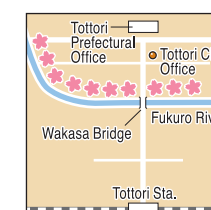
Rows of Cherry trees along Fukuro River

From Moto-machi to Zaimoku-cho (Wakasa Bridge-Yutokoro Bridge) in Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

Along the river, a row of 2-km long cherry trees form a sakura tunnel in spring. It is a popular viewing spot that is close to Tottori Station. During the viewing season, paper lanterns are lit up at night showing beautiful reflections of soft sakura petals in the water.

Transportation Access

- 5-min walk from JR Tottori Station
- 15 min from Tottori Expressway's "Tottori IC"



Viewing season Early April ~ Mid April

"Sakura Garden" in Inaba Senbon (1000trees) Sakura Park

Fuse, Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

Just as the name refers, this park is filled with a 1,000 somei-yoshino cherry trees. The sakura blossoms that cover a slope near the recreation ground are worth seeing.



Transportation Access

- 15-min bus ride from JR Tottori Station. Take the "Yoshioka Line" and get off at "Fuse". 5-min walk from bus stop.
- 5 min from Tottori Expressway's "Tottori Nishi IC"



Viewing season Early April ~ Mid April

Cherry trees along Chizu's riverbank

Chizu, Chizu Town, Yazu-gun, Tottori Prefecture

Enjoy viewing cherry blossoms along Sendai River. Take a 1.3-km long stroll to see all of the beautiful 180 somei-yoshino cherry trees, some with impressive branches that appear to hover over the surface of the water.



Transportation Access

- 10-min walk from JR Chizu Station
- 10 min from Tottori Expressway's "Chizu IC"

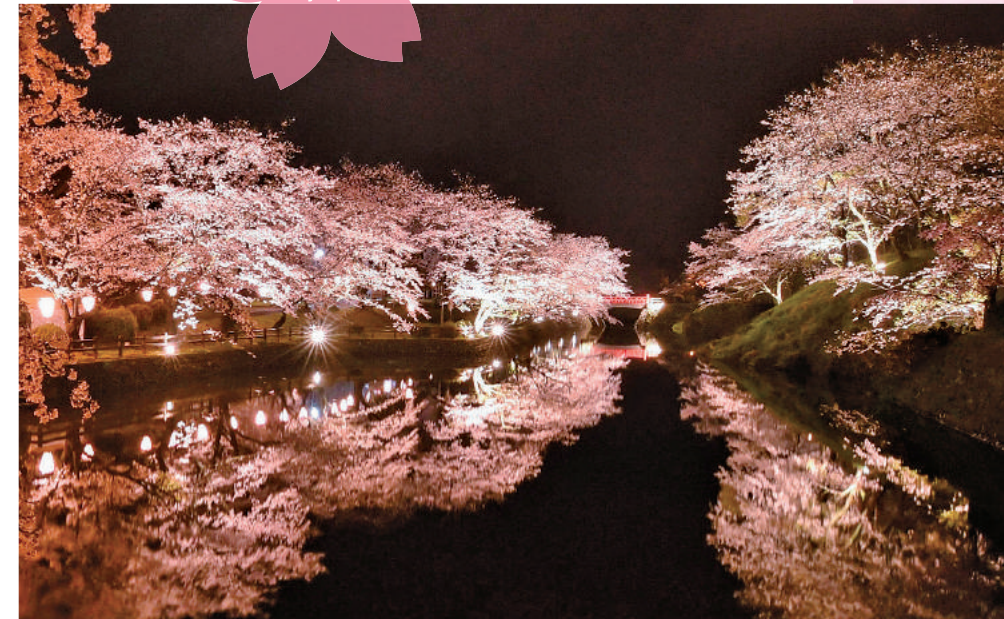


Tottori's best viewing spot! A must-see!

Viewing season
Late March
~ Early April

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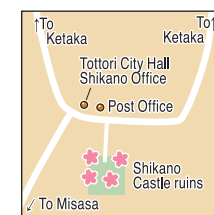


Sakura petals and castle ruins -
this is the real Japan!

Shikano Castle Ruins Park

Shikano, Shikano-cho, Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

This castle dates back to the Warring States Period. It is embellished in pink all around with 500 somei-yoshino cherry trees. When the lanterns are lit up at night, many people come to see the beautiful sakura reflections in the water of the castle moat.



Transportation Access

Take the local bus at JR Hamamura Station and get off at "Shikano-cho Sogo Shishomae" bus stop (10-min walk).
20 min from Tottori Expressway's "Tottori Nishi IC".



Kyusho Park

Higashi-machi, Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

This is the most popular viewing place in Tottori. Many people come to see the soft shades of pink against the backdrop of Tottori Castle ruins and the historical Jinpukaku building which make the cherry blossoms look all the more beautiful. At the entrance of the park, there is a designated tree that provides the blossoming forecast in Tottori.

Transportation Access

Take the 100 yen loop bus "Kururi" (green course) from JR Tottori Station. Short walk from "Jinpukaku - Kenritsu Hakubutsukan" bus stop.
20 min from Tottori Expressway's "Tottori IC"



Matching scenery: cherry blossoms
by the station and tracks

Wakasa Station

345-2 Wakasa, Wakasa Town, Yazu-gun, Tottori Prefecture

Just as the name Wakasa (young blossoms) implies, one can expect to find beautiful cherry blossoms at this station. You can also enjoy flower viewing from the train as many cherry trees are planted along the track, between Koge and Wakasa stations.

Transportation Access

From JR Tottori Station, take the Wakasa Line to Wakasa and get off at "Wakasa Station".
30 min from Tottori Expressway's "Kawahara IC" via Route 29



Viewing season
Early April
~ Mid-April



Viewing season Early April ~ Mid April

Aoshima Island, Koyama-ike Park

Takazumi, Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

Located in Koyama Pond, this island becomes brightly colored with somei-yoshino and 30 other varieties of cherry trees. Rapeseed blossoms compliment the sakura blossoms in this season, adding contrasting colors to a must-see scenery!



Transportation Access

20-min bus ride from JR Tottori Station. Take the Yoshioka Line and get off at "Aoshima Koen". Bus stops right by the pond.
10 min from Tottori Expressway's "Tottori Nishi IC"



Viewing season Late March ~ Mid April

Tenmayama Park

Funaoka, Yazu Town, Yazu-gun, Tottori Prefecture

Around 1000 cherry trees can be viewed along the trail that leads to the park located on top of a large hill.



Transportation Access

Take the Wakasa Line from JR Tottori Station to Wakasa and get off at "Inaba Funaoka Station" (20-min walk to the park).
10 min from Tottori Expressway's "Kawahara IC"

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Tottori Prefecture

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Early April

Relax in an onsen
and enjoy the view

Misasa Onsen Yanase Park

Misasa, Misasa Town, Tohaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture

This park is located in the famous hot spring (onsen) town, Misasa. Close by, you will find “Kajika Bridge”, a popular spot for foot bathing. Listen to the soothing sound of the river flowing while dipping in Misasa's onsen and enjoy the beauty of cherry blossoms.

Transportation Access

- From JR Kurayoshi Station, take the local bus to Misasa Onsen. Short walk from “Onsen Iriguchi” bus stop.
- 30 min from Tottori Expressway's “Hawai IC” via Route 179 and Route 21.
- 60 min from Yonago Expressway's “Yubara IC” via routes 313, 482, 179 and 21.



Viewing season Late March ~ Early April

Cherry trees along Kurayoshi's old national railway track

Nishi Kurayoshi-cho, Kurayoshi City, Tottori Prefecture

This was once a national railway track. It is now used as a cycling road in Kurayoshi and a 3.9-km line of beautiful cherry trees can be viewed along this road. Why not rent a bike and enjoy cycling?



Transportation Access

- From JR Kurayoshi Station's bus stop #2, take the city bus to Nishi Kurayoshi. 10-min walk from “Nishi Kurayoshi” bus stop.
- Rent a bike at Kurayoshi Shirakabe Dozogun Tourist Info Center (15min by bike) or Kurayoshi Station Tourist Info Desk (45min by bike).
- 35 min from Yonago Expressway's “Yubara IC” via Route 313.

Viewing season
Early April
~ Late April



Famous mountain embellished with 4000 trees.

Senjosan Manbon Sakura Park

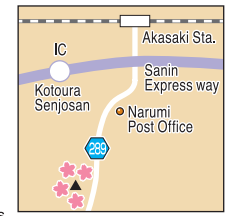
Yamagawa, Kotoura Town, Tohaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture

This mountain is well-known for its historical links to Emperor Go-Daigo. Take a scenic drive or enjoy a hiking course and make the most of Mt. Senjosan's abundant nature which offers a wide range of cherry varieties and numerous trees, including the late blooming yaezakura.



Transportation Access

- From JR Akasaki Station, take the local bus to “Kojin-machi” bus stop (5 min) and walk for 10 min.
- 50 min by car from JR Yonago Station and 70 min from JR Tottori Station.
- 5 min from Sanin Expressway's “Kotoura Senjosan” IC via Route 9.



Transportation Access

- Take the local Kotoura Chonai (Senjosan) bus line (southbound) to Shonen Shizen-no Ie. 3-min walk from “Senjosan Shonen Shizen-no Ie”.
- 20 min from Sanin Expressway's “Kotoura Senjosan IC” via Route 289.

Central Tottori Prefecture

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Late March
~ Early April



One of Sanin's best places to view
cherry blossoms!

Utsubuki Park

Nakano-cho, Kurayoshi City, Tottori Prefecture

This park features a range of cherry varieties and other flowers such as azaleas in spring. With the fresh greenery in summer, changing colors of foliage in autumn and camellias in winter, this park offers a different picture each season. It is also considered a healing place and is selected as one of “Japan's Best 100 Urban Parks”.

Transportation Access

- Take the local bus from JR Kurayoshi Station. It's a short walk from “Shiyakush-Utsubuki Koen Iriguchi” bus stop or a 10-min walk from “Akagawara-Shirakabe Dojo” bus stop.
- 40 min from Yonago Expressway's “Yubara IC” via Route 313 and Route 38.



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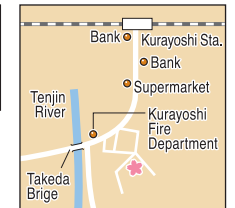


Falling sakura petals
from the sky

Gokurakuji Temple

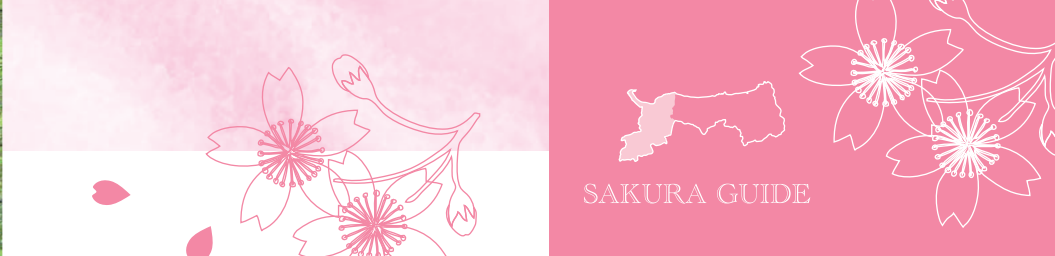
130 Yatsuya, Kurayoshi City, Tottori Prefecture

Tottori Prefecture's largest weeping cherry tree can be found here. This 140-year-old tree is 16m high with a trunk circumference of 3.5m wide. It is graceful branches and beautiful dark shades of rose-pink blossoms attract many visitors. The evening light show is simply enchanting!



Transportation Access

- From JR Kurayoshi Station's bus stop #2, take the city bus and get off at “Yatsuya” bus stop (10-min walk).
- Hire a bike from Kurayoshi Station Tourist Info Desk (15 min by bike).
- 50 min from Yonago Expressway's “Yubara IC” via Route 313 and Route 38.



Viewing season Early April ~ Mid April

Hagiwara's Rows of Cherry Trees

Hatai, Daisen Town, Saihaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture

In spring, this road is transformed into a 500-m long tunnel of cherry blossoms. Make the most of spring by walking or driving through this beautiful sakura tunnel.



Transportation Access

20 min by taxi from JR Nakayama-guchi Station
30 min from Sanin Expressway's "Nawa IC" via Route 239 and Route 30.



Viewing season Late March ~ Mid April

Nawa Park

556 Nawa, Daisen Town, Saihaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture

Located near Nawa-jinja Shrine, this park overlooks the Sea of Japan to the north and is one of the few places with a superb view of Mt. Daisen (to the south) in Tottori Prefecture.



Transportation Access

3-min walk from JR Nawa Station
Take Sanin Expressway and get off at "Nawa IC". Head towards Route 9, turn left at the second intersection and head towards Nawa Shrine.



Panoramic view of Lake Nakaumi and Mt. Daisen

Viewing season Early April



Minatoyama Park and Yonago Castle Ruins

Nishi-cho, Yonago City, Tottori Prefecture

Yonago's castle ruins overlook the city, Lake Nakaumi and Mt. Daisen in the distance. In front of Lake Nakaumi, people can enjoy taking a stroll under the beautiful cherry trees and admire the sculptures along Chokoku Road. You can also take a boat ride and enjoy viewing the cherry blossoms from Kamogawa River which flows beside the walkway.

Transportation Access

15-min walk from JR Yonago Station
Take Dandan Bus and get off at "Minatoyama Koen Mae" bus stop (5-min walk).
15 min from Sanin Expressway's "Yonago-Naka IC" via Route 300 and Route 9.



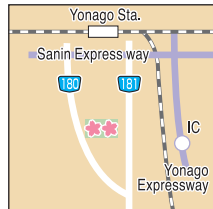
Tottori Hanakairo Flower Park

110 Tsuruda, Nanbu Town, Saihaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture

210 cherry trees blossom in spring, showcasing various shades, from white to dark pink. Enjoy also viewing 28 different kinds of brightly colored flowers (yellow and green flowers too). The joint display of cherry blossoms and tulips with Mt. Daisen in the background is a sight not to be missed!

Transportation Access

Take the free shuttle bus from JR Yonago Station (25 min)
20 min from Yonago Expressway's "Mizokuchi IC" or 10 min from "Yonago IC"



Paper lanterns creating the perfect sakura display



Charming white lighthouse brightens port city at night

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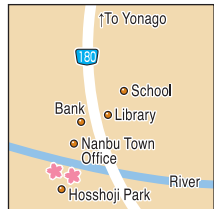
Shiroyama Park, Hosshoji River bank

Hosshoji, Nanbu Town, Saihaku-gun, Tottori Prefecture

Near the old Hosshoji Castle remains, over 700 cherry (sakura) trees covering an area of 2km along the riverbank. This area is bustling with stalls during the sakura season and the night display of paper lanterns is simply magical!

Transportation Access

From JR Yonago Station, take Hinomaru Bus' Kami Nagata - Okiya Line (southbound), 7-min walk from "Hosshoji Kami" bus stop.
20 min from Sanin Expressway's "Yonago Nishi IC" via Route 180.



Sakai Daiba Park

Hana-machi, Sakaiminato City, Tottori Prefecture

The lighting of the 350 trees around Sanin's oldest wooden hexagonal lighthouse create a magical and beautiful port town atmosphere in Port Sakai.

Transportation Access

Take Hama Loop Bus from JR Sakaiminato Station. Short walk from "Daiba Koen - Umito Kurashi-no Shiryokan Iriguchi" bus stop.
35 min from Yonago Expressway's "Yonago IC" via Route 431.



Shimane Prefecture



Viewing season
Late March
~ Early April

Matsue Castle
1-5 Tono-machi, Matsue City, Shimane Prefecture

Many somei-yoshino cherry trees and other varieties such as the yaezakura and shidarezakura (weeping cherry) decorate sections of Matsue Castle (national treasure) with beautiful shades of pink. The lighting at night is a sight not to be missed!

Transportation Access

- 10-min ride on Lake Line Bus from JR Matsue Station and then a short walk from Matsue Castle's "Ootemae" bus stop.
- Take a city bus (uchi-mawari [counter-clockwise] loop, north direction) from Ichibata Dentetsu's Matsue-Shinjiko-Onsen Station, 5-min walk from "Kencho-mae" bus stop.
- 10 min (3km) from Matsue Highway's "Matsue Nishi (West) IC" and Route 9.



Viewing season
Late March ~ Early April

Cherry Road
Shimane-cho, Matsue City, Shimane Prefecture

When in full bloom, the cherry trees appear to form a 5-km long tunnel of soft pink sakura petals. The contrasting colors of cherry flowers and the sea are spectacular! Feel refreshed as you enjoy a scenic drive.

Transportation Access

- 30 min by taxi from JR Matsue Station
- 35 min from Sanin Expressway's "Matsue Tamatsukuri IC"



Viewing season
Late March ~ Early April

Kiyomizu-dera Temple
528 Kiyomizu-cho, Yasugi City, Shimane Prefecture

Established in 587A.D., this temple is regarded as the temple for expelling evil. Many visitors are attracted to the cherry flowers that blossom around the three-story pagoda.

Transportation Access

- Take the "Yellow Bus" Kanko Loop and get off at "Kiyomizu". 8-min walk from bus stop.
- 7 min from Sanin Expressway's "Yasugi IC".



Photo by Toshihisa Yoshida

Viewing season
Early April ~ Mid-April

Kinosaki Hot Spring
Kinosaki-cho, Toyooka City, Hyogo Prefecture

The beautiful cherry blossoms along Otani River in this hot spring (onsen) town is a must-see! Kiya Road is one of the best places to enjoy flower viewing. Night-time sakura flowers create a great onsen atmosphere.

Transportation Access

- 15-min walk from JR Kinosaki Onsen Station
- 60 min from Kitakinki Toyooka Expressway's "Wadayama IC" via Route 9 and Route 319.



Takeda Castle Ruins, Ritsuun Gorge

Takeda, Wadayama-cho, Asago City, Hyogo Prefecture

Located on a high altitude, this set of ancient remains is referred to as "The Castle in the Sky" or the "Machu Picchu of Japan". The contrasting colors of the impressive stone walls and the cherry flowers are one of the breathtaking sights waiting to be discovered.

Transportation Access

- Short walk from JR Takeda Station
- 10 min from Kitakinki Toyooka Expressway and Bantan Renraku Toll Road's "Wadayama IC"



Tsuyama City Okayama Prefecture

Kakuzan Park

135 Sange, Tsuyama City, Okayama Prefecture

The complex and intricately fitted stone wall of Tsuyama Castle towering over thousands of trees blossoming all over the park is a sight not to be missed! From a distance, the spectacular rows of cherry trees appear to be overlapping each other, creating a picturesque view.

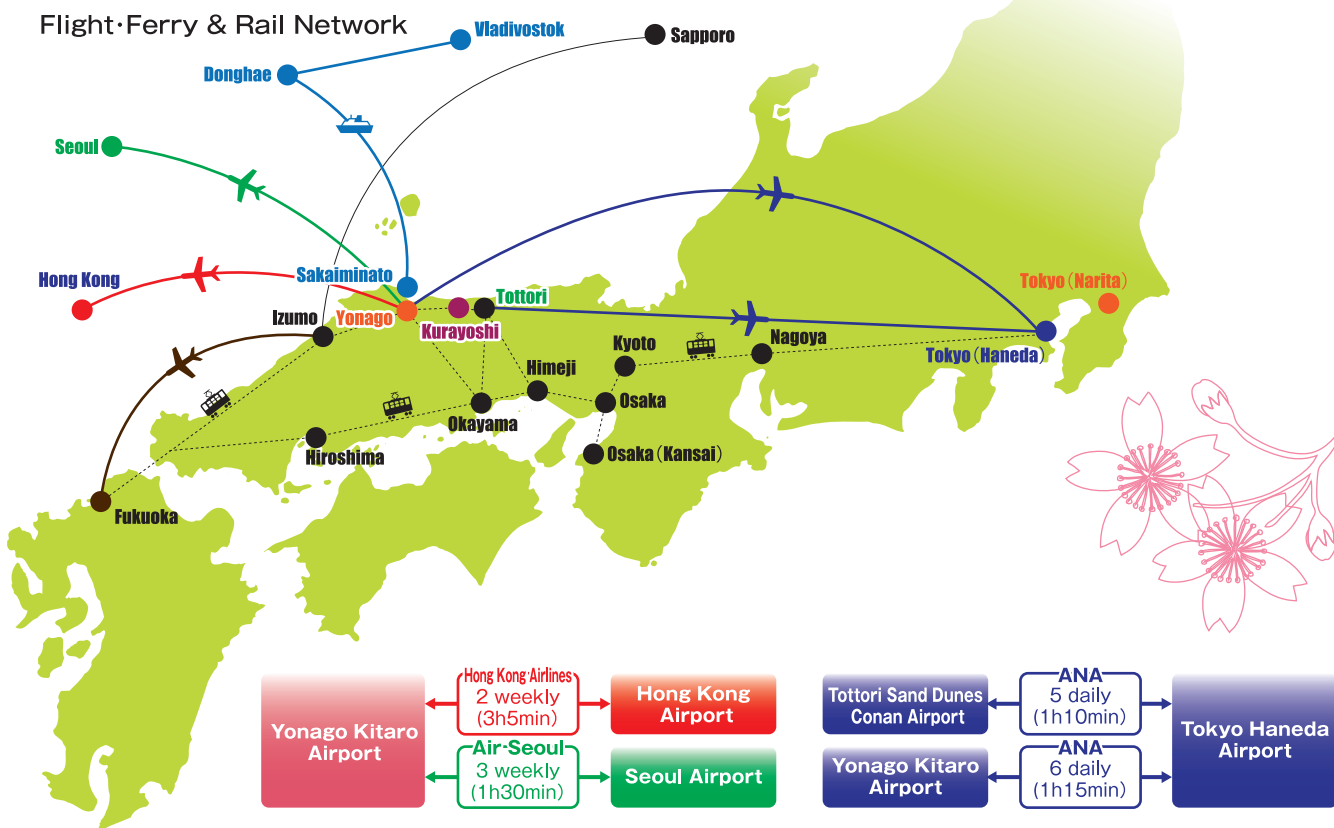
Transportation Access

- 10-min walk from JR Tsuyama Station
- 15 min from Chugoku Expressway's "Tsuyama IC" or "Innoshio IC".

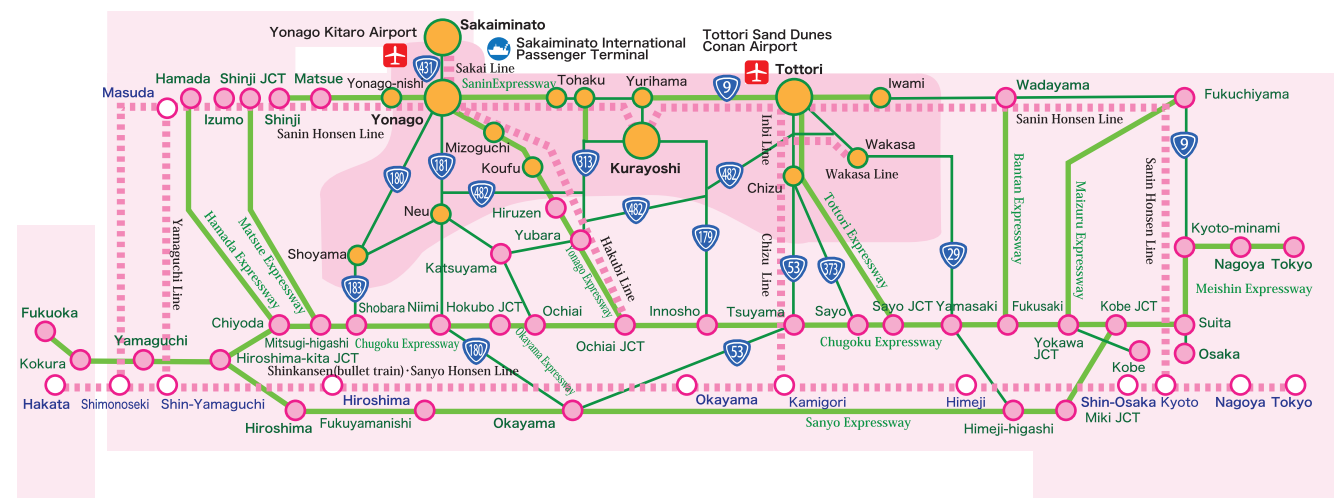


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