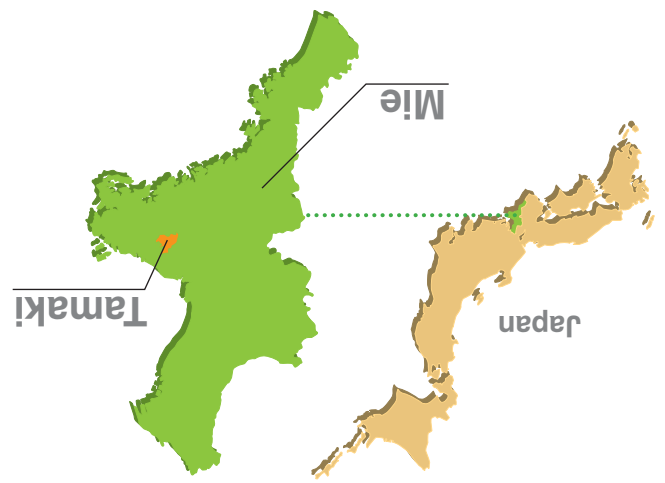
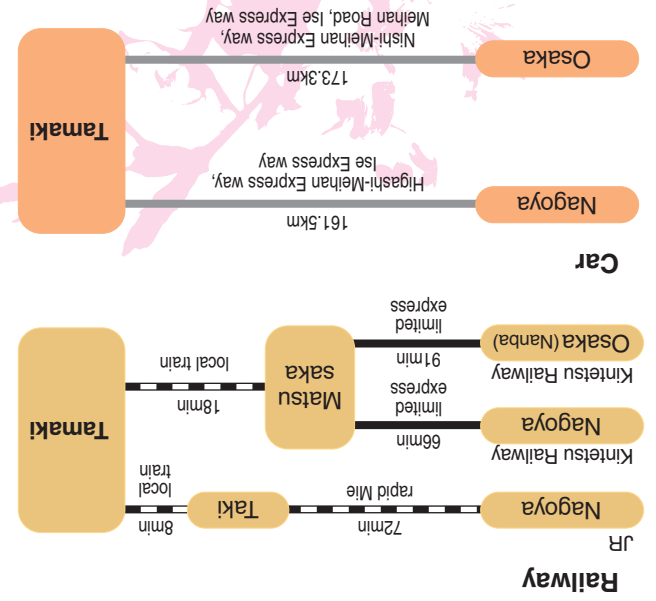


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1 B-4 E

The Tamaru Castle Ruins

A castle was built here in the early 14th century, and was the stage of a fierce battle. Now, it is a park. At the top

of the ruins is a beautiful view of our town.



2 B-4 E

Ryōhei Murayama Memorial Hall

Ryōhei Murayama was born to the house of a feudal lord in 1850. After the Meiji Restoration (1866 to 1869), he went to Osaka and established the Asahi Shimbin, one of Japan's national newspapers. This memorial hall was founded to honor his achievements.



3 B-4 E

Nozura-zumi (disordered stone piling)

This was built by piling up stones as they were found (in their original shape and form). It may

have seemed rough, but it was very sturdy and had an excellent water drainage system.



4 C-3

Kotai-ji Temple

This temple was founded in 1486 and has seven structures, consisting of the pagoda (main tower), the main hall (called the "golden hall"), the lecture hall, the bell

tower, the sutra repository, the priests' dormitory, and the dining hall. You can enjoy the beautiful autumnal leaves in the fall, eat a vegetarian diet, and practice Zen meditation here. The main gate of this temple is designated as a cultural asset of Tamaki.



5 C-3

Tamiya-ji Temple

Two full-size Kannon statues are installed in this temple. They were made from the same piece of wood and are said to have

been crafted in the early 9th century. They are known as the husband-and-wife Buddhism statues. In February and August, grand festivals are held, and many people visit the temple.



6 C-3

Katta Large Pond

This pond was embanked in 1157, and in the Edo Era (1603 to 1867) irrigation for the development of rice

fields in the area was carried. Now, many waterfowls frequent this pond, making it an ideal place for bird watching.



7 C-2

Guidance Kannon Statue

Travelers who intended to make a pilgrimage to the 33 temples in Saigoku (in Kansai

Prefecture) visited this Kannon Statue's Hall to pray that it guide them safely to the temples.



8 B-2

Kuchira Shrine

This shrine, dedicated to the Farming God, is situated in a small forest in the middle of some rice fields.

Villagers used to sing a song to pray for rain, to the music of gongs, drums, and conch shells.



9 B-5

Kubo Chibiki Shrine

Chibiki Shrine is also known as "Chibiki-san". A holy object housed in this shrine is a megalith which does not move

unless it is pulled by 1000 or more people. This megalith is considered to be a god of safe deliveries and children's good health. Around May, Japanese wisteria (vines) are in full bloom here.



10 C-4

Kajiwara Temple and Stone Bath

The ceremonial stone bath (similar to a sauna) in Kajiwara Temple is the only "single stone" stone

bath in Mie Prefecture and has been designated as one of the prefecture's historical artifacts. People used to enter this stone bath to purify themselves as a Shinto religious ceremony.



11 B-4

Masataro Kobayashi's Parents' Home

Masataro Kobayashi invented the flexible wafer paper (oburato, an edible paper, also called

"rice paper") in 1902 and obtained patents in Japan and four Western countries. His factory was in full operation until it closed in 1935.



12 B-4 E

Habitat of the Mikadoageha

(Graphium doson albidum)
 The Mikadoageha is a kind of swallowtailed butterfly living on the

"Michelia compressa" (a type of large evergreen tree with gray, smooth, bark) in the neighborhood of the ruins of Tamaru Castle. Its name was taken after its similarity to the family crest of the Heike clan which was given by the Emperor Mikado. It is a treasure of nature in our town.



13 B-4 E

Starting Point of Kumano Road

This crossing is the place where the Kumano road joins the Ise-hon road. People who had

finished the pilgrimage to the Ise Shrines prepared their clothing here and went to Kumano, which was honored as a sacred place where the gods have lived since ancient times.



14 B-4

The Old Burial Ground of the Kato Family

The members of the Kato Family were former village masters (shoya) in the middle of the

18th century. Their burial ground is just a heap of soil with an epitaph on it.



15 A-3

Ise Country Club

The Ise Country Club is a strategic golf course which makes use of the hills. It is said to be one of the best golf courses that

the famous golf course designer, Seiichi Inoue, designed.

Golf Course Summar :
 • 18 holes, 72 par 7039yds
 • course rate : 73.5(BT)
 • Area : 990,000m²



16 C-2

Kobo Onsen (hot spring) & Fureaino-Yakata

The Kobo onsen (hot spring) has attracted attention as one of

the leading medical treatment springs in the whole country. Inside the hall, a rest station and a tea drinking corner are available. One can enjoy a very relaxing time here.

Operating Hours: 10:00am~8:00pm
 Closed on Wed. (when it is a holiday, closed the next day), and at the end and beginning of the year.



17 C-2

Home Taste Studio AGURI

Home Taste Studio Aguri is a local market where processed ham and sausage, vegetables, fruit and

other farm and livestock products are sold by local producers. You can also make your own bread and sausage in the Food Studio. The Barbeque House can accommodate 100 people.

Business hours : 9:30am ~ 8:00pm
 Closed on Wed. (when it is a holiday, closed the next day), and at the end and beginning of the year.

Sales of Farming Products: 9:30am ~ 8:00pm

Barbeque House : 11:00am ~ 8:30pm

Food Studio : max. 60 people for sausage, 40 for bread. Reservation required.



18 B-3

Kyocera Mita Corporation

Kyocera Mita Corporation manufactures and sells monochrome and color printers, monochrome and

color digital copying machines, multifunctional document imaging systems, analog copying machines, fax machines, and paper supply products.



19 C-3

Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd. Ise Plant

Using world class mechatronics and electronics

technology, the relay devices produced at the Ise factory have steadily gained market share, not only domestically, but also overseas.



20 C-3

Hirose Seiko Co.

Since its foundation, Hirose Seiko Co. has been processing machine parts and the factory plays an active part in the

biggest manufacturer of the ball bearing industry.



21 B-3

ABILIT corporation (Libnet Corporation)

With the entrepreneurial spirit of creation, exploitation and

challenge, ABILIT corporation has developed many "pachislot" game machines, pachinko associated equipment, and the prepaid card system for amusement centers.



22 C-3

Miwa Lock Co.

Miwa Lock Co. enjoys a high reputation all over the world as a comprehensive manufacturer of locks, door closers, and security systems.



23 C-5

Tamaki Branch Office of the National Research Institute of Fisheries

(Independent Administrative Institution)

The Tamaki Branch Office of the National Research Institute of Fisheries (Independent Administrative Institution) was built in March, 1979 on the Miya River in the suburbs of Ise-City as an institute to research freshwater fish. The facilities cover an area of 25,561 square meters. The facilities include the Joint Research Building, Disease Research Building, Water Temperature Controlled Experiment Building, Energy Building, Fish Raising Building, Cytology Building, Marine Disease Research Building, and 78 fish-breeding ponds.

Festival Information

Lion Dance Ritual in Yamakami

The traditional Lion Dance Ritual is performed in the Sanden-ji Temple in Yamakami on the fourth Sunday of January every year and has been performed since the Muromachi Period (1333 - 1573). Watching the Lion Dance Ritual in the temple is a unique spectacle to behold.



Stone Bath Ritual

The Stone Bath Ritual is performed in Miyako in the early morning of January 10th. Performers in the ritual make their ablutions in Futami on January 9th, and on January 10th, they purify themselves in a stone bath (similar to a sauna) so that they may perform the Lion Dance Ritual on the evening of January 10th.



Tamiya-ji Kannon Festival

Two Kannon Statues are located at the temple in Tamiya-ji. They are believed to have been made in the Heian Era (794 to 1185), in the early part of the 9th century. In February and August, a festival is held, and many people come and visit the temple.



Cherry Blossom Festivals in Tamaki

A cherry blossom festival is held at the Tamaru Castle ruins on the first Sunday of April. Many people visit the Tamaru Castle ruins throughout April to see the cherry blossoms.



Tamaru Shrine's Mikoshi Festival

The Tamaru Shrine's Mikoshi ("portable shrine") Festival is held on the first Sunday of October. After some absence, it was restarted in 2005, and has proven to be quite popular.



Tamaki Summer Festival

On the first Saturday of August every year, a summer festival is held, near Tamaru Castle ruins. The festival is organized by the Tamaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Beginning in 2004, a costume parade has also been held, and has had many spectators.



