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Setouchi Hiroshima Visit MIHARA

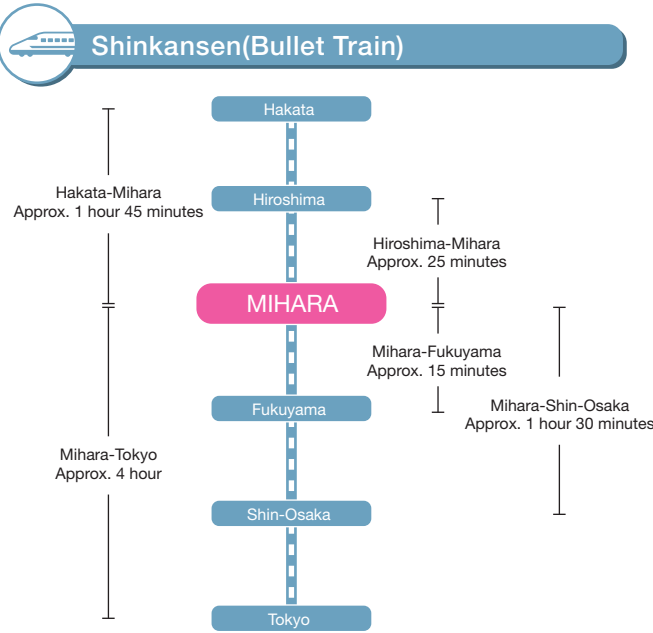
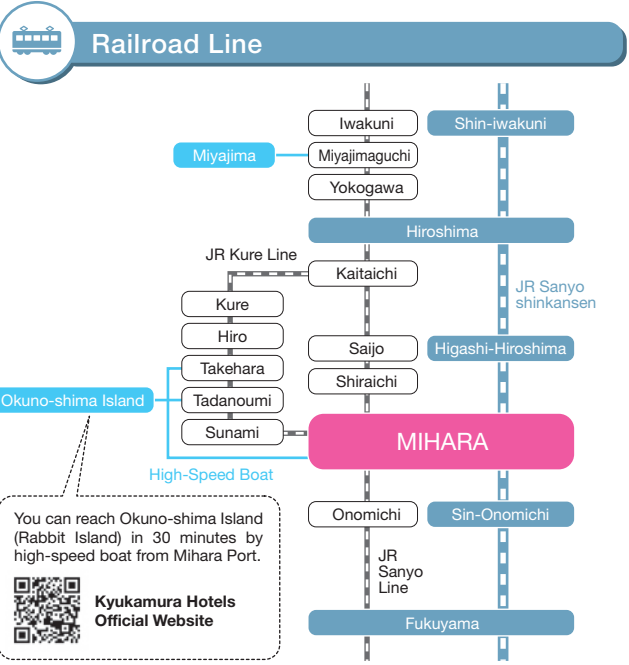



Welcome to Mihara

Mihara, surrounded by the beautiful Seto Inland Sea and mountains with an abundant natural environment, is known as an historic castle town. Enjoy a delicious lunch while visiting one of the most famous sightseeing areas in Setouchi!

Welcome to Mihara!

My name is Natsumi, but my friends call me "Natchan." I was born and raised in Mihara. I left Mihara once, but I returned because I love it here so much. I will show you the best places to have fun, see beautiful landscapes, and eat delicious food in Mihara, where I grew up!




Information


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Mihara Area



Area Around Mihara Station MAP


Area Around Hiroshima Airport MAP

Area Around Sunami Port MAP

Island Area MAP

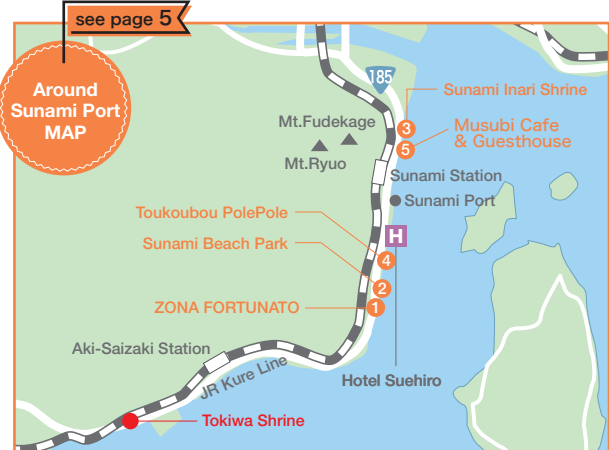
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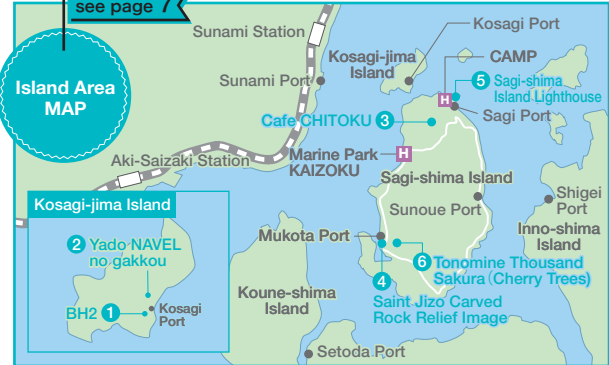
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Around Sunami Port MAP

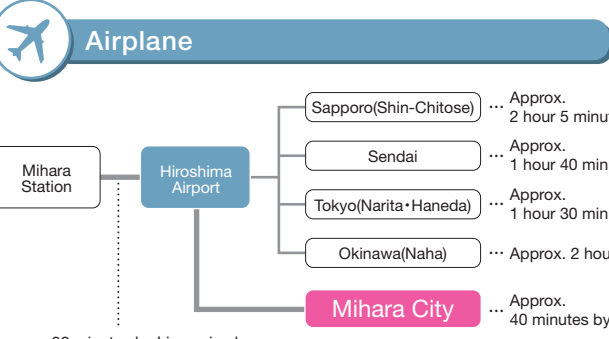


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Island Area MAP



Airplane



Destination	Approx. Time
Sapporo(Shin-Chitose)	Approx. 2 hour 5 minutes
Sendai	Approx. 1 hour 40 minutes
Tokyo(Narita-Haneda)	Approx. 1 hour 30 minutes
Okinawa(Naha)	Approx. 2 hour
Mihara City	Approx. 40 minutes by car

Approx. 38 minutes by Limousine bus

Area Around Mihara Station

The town flourished as a castle town of Mihara Castle. There are many festivals, and many auspicious locations such as historic shrines and temples.

JR
Mihara
Station



On foot

Just a short walk

Area
Around
Mihara
Station



1 Takinomiya Shrine

Takinomiya Shrine, which enshrines the god Susanoo-no-Mikoto, is a famous shrine for warding off evil. The Spring Festival, held on Showa Day in April, is a grand event with portable shrines, demonstrations of kendo and karate, and karaoke. Takinomiya Shrine puts great effort in its collectible red stamp collection, with a new design every month.

📍 1-1-1, Nakano-cho, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima 🕒 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 🚗 None 🚗 15 cars 📄 Red stamps from ¥500



4 SUISHIN YAMANE HONTEN Co., LTD.

SUISHIN YAMANE HONTEN is a sake brewery that was founded in 1860. Yokoyama Taikan, a major figure in Japanese painting, said that "Suishin's sake is another form of art." The ultra soft water of this region produces a rich flavor that has also earned a great reputation overseas. You can make a purchase and take a tour of the brewery (reservations required in advance).



📍 1-5-58, Higashi-machi, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima 🕒 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 🚗 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays 🚗 3 cars 📄 Tours of the brewery are free of charge (reservations required)



POINT

Red Stamp Book

Many temples and shrines that are remnants of the castle town can still be seen around Mihara Station. Be sure to take a "Mihara Red Stamp Book" along as you stroll around this area. You can purchase a stamp book at Takinomiya Shrine, the Mihara Shinmei no Sato roadside station, and Ukishiro Lobby.

Michi no Eki (Roadside Rest Area)
Mihara Shinmei no Sato

📍 4-21-1, Itozaki, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima 🕒 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 🚗 3rd Tuesday of the month 🚗 100 cars

Ukishiro Lobby (Mihara Tourism Association)

📍 1-1-1, Shiro-machi, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima 🕒 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 🚗 Year-end and New Year holidays



2 Gokurakuji Temple

Don't miss the Main Hall of Gokurakuji Temple. This temple was built in the middle of the Edo period, and has been designated an Important Cultural Property of Hiroshima Prefecture. Be sure to also visit Daruma Memorial Hall (reservations required), which features displays of 7,000 daruma dolls from all over Japan. You can see a mountain of daruma dolls, of all sizes!



📍 3-5-1, Higashi-machi, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima 🕒 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 🚗 Reservations required for Daruma Memorial Hall 🚗 Irregular schedule 🚗 6 cars 📄 Sutra copying (reservations required), Red Stamps for ¥300

Mihara Castle Remains



Mihara Castle was built in 1567 by reclaiming land to connect two small islands, as a base for the naval forces in the Seto Inland Sea. In 2017, it was selected for the second list of Top 100 Japanese castles. Inside JR Mihara Station, the Mihara Tourist Association has installed a red stamp location for the second list of Top 100 Japanese Castles.

3 Oshima Shrine

Oshima Shrine predates the construction of Mihara Castle. It was built at the same time as the Oshima Inari Shrine in Oshima, and Itsukushima Shrine, which was a dream of Kobayakawa Takakage. The approach to the shrine, with gentle stone steps and three torii gates, is a popular place for taking photos. We recommend taking a moment at the top of the stone steps to enjoy the view overlooking Mihara.



📍 3-6-12, Hon-machi, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima 🚗 None

5 Ocha no Hiranoen

Enjoy matcha tea and purchase souvenirs at this teahouse established in 1905. The "Japanese Tea Café," opened in May 2019, is a great place to relax and enjoy sweets made with matcha and other teas. With a wide selection of tea, sweets, and sundries, this is the perfect place to shop for souvenirs.

📍 1-2-12, Hon-machi, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima 🕒 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 🚗 Café: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (last order at 4:00 p.m.) 🚗 Sundays and holidays 🚗 4 cars



Around Sunami Port

This route along the seaside is a great location with many cafés and photo spots. Experience the charm of Setouchi during a stroll along the coast.



1 ZONA FORTUNATO

This is a popular Italian restaurant in Sunami Beach Park. It is the perfect location for a beautiful view of the Seto Inland Sea from any seat. The menu offers a rich selection of meals prepared with locally produced vegetables and seafood, as well as sweets and alcohol.

1-7-2, Sunami-Nishi, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima In Sunami Beach Park
 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Last order at 4:00 p.m.)
 Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (open on public holidays)
 86 cars in Parking Area No. 2



2 Sunami Beach Park

This seaside recreation area is located right next to Sunami Port. Busy with many visitors in the summer, the facilities include a beach, children's pool, and showers. Barrier-free access allows anyone to enjoy a refreshing swim in the sea, or relax in the rest area or on the open deck. Don't forget to take a photo at the "Sunami Monument" and the "Omoide Statue" in the park!

1, Sunami-Nishi, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima
 Park: Open 24 hours/day, Pool: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (from mid-July to end of August)
 234 cars in Parking Area No. 1 - No. 3



3 Sunami Inari Shrine

Just a 10-minute walk from JR Sunami Station, you can see the torii gate marking the entrance to the Inari Shrine along the side of Route 185. This shrine is said to provide blessings for giving birth to children. The torii gate (shown at low tide in this photo) seems to float on the sea at high tide, and is a popular spot for taking photos when the sea is covered with fog at sunrise.

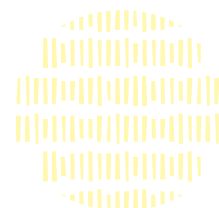
1-1-1, Sunami, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima



4 Toukoubou PolePole

This is the studio and gallery of Asuka Yasuda, a native of Mihara who studied pottery in the United States. You can purchase plates, vases, mugs, and teapots in unique geometrical patterns, or learn how to make pottery yourself (reservations required).

1-5-25, Sunami-Nishi, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima
 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sundays and Mondays 10 cars
 Pottery class: ¥3,000 for adults, ¥2,500 for children from 3 years old to 6th grade (for 2 or more participants, reservations required 3 days in advance)



5 Musubi Cafe & Guesthouse

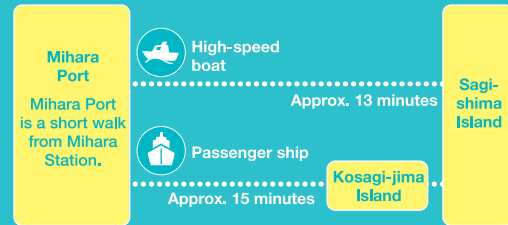
This approximately 120-year-old building, which once operated as a luxurious Japanese-style inn, has been renovated. Only a short distance from the sea at Sunami, visitors can experience the charm of an old Japanese house and Japanese garden. Homemade lunches include daily specials like the "Rice Ball Set" and "Fish Set." A course meal is served for dinner. (Reservations required; limited to one group per day.) Choose from a wide variety of sweets, which go great with the coffee (an original blend).

1-2-19, Sunami, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima
 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Last order at 1:30 p.m.), 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Mondays and Tuesdays
 20 cars



Island Area

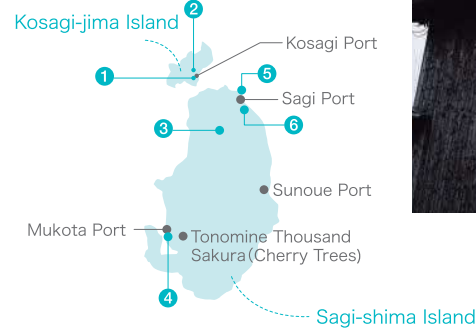
Kosagi-jima Island is located so close to the port, it is known as the closest island to a bullet train station in Japan. You can enjoy a variety of outdoor activities, such as renting a bicycle to explore the island, hiking, or swimming in the sea.



1 BH2

There are several projects currently underway on Kosagi-jima Island to revitalize marginalized towns by connecting the island's environment with modern art. "BH2 (Bio-House 2)" is one such project. A vacant house on the island was renovated and restored as a gallery and residence. It hosted an exhibition of "Tidewater" by Japanese artist Hiroshi Senju, and a curator is always on site.

*Please inquire in advance.
 2796, Sunami, Sagiura-cho, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Monday thru Friday



2 Yado Navel no gakkou

This 90-year-old house on Kosagi-jima Island, where art is being used to revitalize the local area, was renovated and reborn as a Japanese-style inn. There are four room types available: "Yuzu Room," "Sudachi Room," "Lemon Room," and "Navel Room." Additionally, there is a duplex-style room called "Hanare." An authentic Estonian sauna has also been added. Enjoy the slow island pace while gazing out at the Seto Inland Sea before you.

2782, Sunami, Sagiura-cho, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima
 Check-in: 1:00 p.m., Check-out: 10:00 a.m.
 Irregular schedule
 From ¥22,000 per guest (1 night with 2 meals), Sauna (up to 4 people): ¥13,200 (2-hour private rental), ¥22,000 (4-hour private rental)



4 Magai Wareishi Jizo (Saint Jizo Carved Rock Relief Image)



This Buddhist statue is carved into a huge rock (2.5 meters high by 4.9 meters wide) on the shoreline. It has a crosier in its right hand and a treasure bowl in its left. Although the entire statue is visible at low tide, the sea level nearly reaches the face at high tide.



Mukotanoura, Sagiura-cho, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima

3 Cafe CHITOKU

This café is in an old Japanese house that was renovated by a couple who were so enamored with Sagi-shima Island that they moved here from Nagoya. Menu selections are prepared with fresh vegetables grown in the garden around back, or procured locally on the island. The "Spicy Beef Tendon Curry & Island Vegetable Salad with Beverage (¥1,100)" is a popular (and spicy!) selection.

1204, Sunami, Sagiura-cho, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. *Reservations are required for dinner. Reservations for Saturday and Sunday are required at least one day in advance.
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 6 cars

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Rental Cycle



Bicycles are a convenient way to enjoy the 12-kilometer route around Sagi-shima Island. They can be rented at "Ukishiro Lobby" in Mihara Station, and taken to the island by ferry.

Ukishiro Lobby (Mihara Tourism Association)

1-1-1, Shiro-machi, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Year-end and New Year holidays
 Standard bicycle: ¥500 (up to 4 hours), ¥1,000 (1 day)
 E-bike/Cross bike: ¥1,000 (up to 4 hours), ¥2,000 (1 day)
 Other plans, including overnight stays, are available.

5 Sagi-shima Island Lighthouse

In 2017, the Sagi-shima Island Lighthouse was certified as a "Lover's Lighthouse" by the Nippon Romantist Association. It is located on the north end of the island, and can be seen when approaching the island by boat.

Sagiura-cho, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima



6 To-no-Mine Senbonzakura

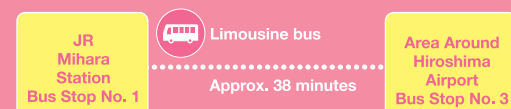
To-no-Mine is located on Sagi-shima Island, an island off the coast of Mihara. Around early April, a tunnel of cherry blossoms appears along the walking path around the circumference of this peak. The whole area turns pink.



Mukotanoura, Sagiura-cho, Mihara-shi

Around Hiroshima Airport

There are many popular souvenirs the airport, an essential hub for the local transportation network. There are also many spots nearby where you can enjoy the natural surroundings, so you'll never be bored even if you have a long layover.



① Hattendo Cafelie

Hattendo, famous for its cream buns, was born in Mihara. Hattendo Cafelie, located near the airport, aims to fuse a café with an atelier. It is a café, shop, factory, and hands-on workshop all in one. The “Exciting Bun-Making Experience” includes shaping and baking the dough, filling it with cream, and making your own wrapping paper—all in one compact 30-minute session. You can purchase souvenirs and enjoy sweets at the adjacent “Sora no Eki Orchard” and “Tenku Café & Factory.”

📍 10064-190, Yokurayama, Zennyuji, Hongo-cho, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima
 🕒 Weekdays: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (last order: 3:30 p.m.), Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last order: 4:30 p.m.)
 🗓️ Tuesdays, Wednesdays, end of the year and New Year holidays, and other irregularly scheduled days 🚗 150 cars (Hattendo Village)
 🍷 Hands-on Cream Bun Course: ¥1,000



② Tenku Café & Factory

At Tenku Café, you can savor French toast made with Hattendo's popular cream buns, slow-baked to perfection. Enjoy sweets together with coffee that is brewed with meticulous care.

📍 10064-196-2 Yokurayama, Zennyuji, Hongo-cho, Mihara
 🕒 Weekdays: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 🗓️ Tuesdays, Wednesdays, end of the year and New Year holidays, and other irregularly scheduled days
 🚗 150 cars (Hattendo Village)

③ Sankeien Garden

This Japanese garden was built to commemorate the opening of Hiroshima Airport. Its name comes from the three landscapes of Hiroshima: mountains, country villages, and the sea. There is a café where you can relax with a cup of matcha tea or other refreshments. The garden is only a 5-minute walk from Hiroshima Airport. It is a great way to enjoy the landscapes of Hiroshima in a compact area.

📍 64-24, Zennyuji, Hongocho, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima
 🕒 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (April to September), 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (October to March) 🗓️ December 29 to 31
 🚗 Reserved for people with disabilities
 🍷 ¥350 for adults, ¥280 per person for groups (20 or more), ¥180 for elementary and junior high school students (Guardians/parents aged 20 and over are admitted free of charge.)
 (Additional fees are charged during the flower festival and the maple leaf festival. Group discounts are available.)



Mihara Souvenirs



Cream buns ...A selection of 5 varieties, for ¥330 each.

Hattendo, known for its popular cream buns, was established in Mihara in 1933. The main store is located in Hattendo Village, right next to Hiroshima Airport. Be sure to try the best cream buns in the town where they were first made.

Hattendo Honten

📍 10064-190 Yokurayama, Zenmyuji, Hongo-cho, Mihara
🕒 Weekdays: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
📅 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and other irregularly scheduled days



Takomomiji

...1 for ¥140, 8 for ¥1,120

These buns are filled with cream cheese and octopus, a Mihara specialty. This twist on a popular snack has gained a lot of attention, and is...surprisingly tasty. Great as a souvenir!

Ebisuya Honten

📍 1-8-2, Shiro-machi, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima
🕒 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
📅 None



Smack Gold

...180 ml bottle for ¥216

This cream soda is flavored with condensed milk and wine. The retro bottle design is a perfect memento of your travels. This local drink can be purchased at supermarkets and roadside stations in Mihara.

Onan Shokuhin Co., Ltd

📍 1-1-1, Nishino, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima
🕒 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
📅 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays



Hiroshima Mihara Pudding

This pudding is packed with the culinary charm of Mihara. Each store uses carefully selected ingredients to prepare dessert puddings that are perfect for snacks as well as deli puddings that can also serve as side dishes. Discover your favorite pudding from a selection of over 100 varieties.

Hiroshima Mihara Pudding Project

Executive Committee

📍 4-8-1 Minami, Mihara (Inside the Mihara Chamber of Commerce and Industry) 🕒 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
📅 Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays



Kamome no Suiheisan ... 3 for ¥900

"Seagull Sailors" is a famous nursery rhyme written by Toshiko Takeuchi of Mihara. It is the inspiration for these cute sweets. Rich cream cheese is sandwiched between two moist buns.

Yassamanju honpo

📍 3-15-7, Hon-machi, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima
🕒 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 📅 January 1

Festival of Mihara

Mihara Shinmei Ichi (Market)

February



This festival welcomes spring to Mihara. It is affectionately referred to as "Shinmei-san" by the local residents. The highlight and symbol of the festival is "Japan's largest daruma doll," which stands 3.9 meters in height and weighs 500 kg. Stalls line the streets, where many people enjoy shopping every year.

🕒 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the 2nd Sunday in February 📍 Area around the north side of JR Mihara Station in Higashi-machi, Yakata-machi, and Hon-machi

Kui-Inari Shrine Ofuku-birakisai (Naked Festival)

February



Hundreds of men cleanse their bodies in the Mitsugigawa River, and then climb to the shrine to compete for red and white flags that represent Ofukugui (literally "the Tree of Happiness"). It is said that whoever captures the Tree of Happiness will be blessed with good luck for the rest of the year. The event always attracts many visitors.

🕒 3rd Saturday in February
📍 Kui-Inari Shrine (1-1, Egi, Kui-cho, Mihara-shi, Hiroshima)

Lake Hakuryu Fireworks in Daiwa

March



This fireworks festival is held every year in early April. Both the fireworks and the nighttime cherry blossoms—illuminated by lanterns—create breathtaking silhouettes on the surface of the lake. The launch site for the fireworks is nearby, and the surrounding mountains create powerful echoes, for an incredibly impressive experience.

🕒 Saturday in early April
📍 Hakuryuko Sports Village Park (1026-3 Waki, Daiwa-cho, Mihara City)

Mihara Yassa Festival

August



This is a three-day summer festival in Mihara. During the first two days, many people participate in the Yassa Odori dance, which is said to have originated as a dance to celebrate the completion of Mihara Castle. A fireworks show on the third and final night brings the festival to its grand finale. Colorful fireworks light up the night sky.

🕒 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the 2nd Sunday in August
📍 Around JR Mihara Station

Mihara Ukishiro (Floating Castle) Festival

November



During the Mihara Ukishiro (Floating Castle) Festival, events such as nighttime Kagura and Japanese drumming are held in the area around Mihara Castle. Don't miss the parade that features a procession of about 50 Kobayakawa samurai warriors through the castle town.

🕒 First Sunday (or first Saturday and Sunday) in November
📍 In the area around Mihara Castle Ruins Historical Park

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