

C-4  
from Matsumoto Station  
15 mins

**2 Matsumoto City Museum**

9:00am-5:00pm (Last admission 4:30pm) 0263-32-5725  
Closed: Tue, except on Nat'l Hols, closed Wed instead. Also 12/29-1/3

A diorama of Matsumoto castle town and historical materials of the Northern Alps are exhibited.

B-1  
from Matsumoto Station  
25 mins

**4 Former Catholic Priest's Residence**

9:00am-5:00pm (Last admission 4:30pm) 0263-32-5725  
Closed: Mar-Nov...3rd Tue of every month / Dec-Feb...every Tue, except on Nat'l Hols, closed Wed instead. Also 12/29-1/3

This western architecture was built in 1889 by French priest Father Clement. His successor, Father Cesselin completed the first Japanese-French dictionary here.

C-1  
from former Kaichi School  
5 mins

**5 Takahashi Family Residence**

9:00am-5:00pm (Last admission 4:30pm) 0263-33-1818  
Open: Mar-Nov...Sat, Sun & Nat'l Hols / Dec-Feb...only on Sundays but closed between 12/29-1/3

This building, estimated to have been built in the first half of the 17th Century, is one of the oldest existing samurai residences amongst those still remaining in Nagano Prefecture.

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from Matsumoto Station  
10 mins

**6 Nawate Street**

This shopping street with the castle town ambience has a theme of frog, hosting many one-of-a-kind shops. It is so much fun even just to walk around this pedestrian paradise.

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**7 Timepiece Museum**

9:00am-5:00pm (Last admission 4:30pm) 0263-36-0969  
Closed: Tue, except on Nat'l Hols, closed Wed instead. Also 12/29-1/3

The pendulum clock on the outside wall is among the largest in Japan. About 110 timepieces and related items are on display.

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**8 Nakamachi Street**

The chief feature of the Nakamachi area is the black and white geometric design what we call 'Namako-Kabe' of the old KURA storehouses lining the street. Traditional crafts shops and small cafes are some of the highlights of this charming area.

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from Matsumoto Station  
15 mins

**9 Scale Museum**

9:00am-5:00pm (Last admission 4:30pm) 0263-36-1191  
Closed: Tue, except on Nat'l Hols, closed Wed instead. Also 12/29-1/3

About 150 scales from Japan and around the world are on display in this kura storehouse. This museum is the most unique museum in the city.

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from Matsumoto Station  
15 mins

**10 Genchi Well**

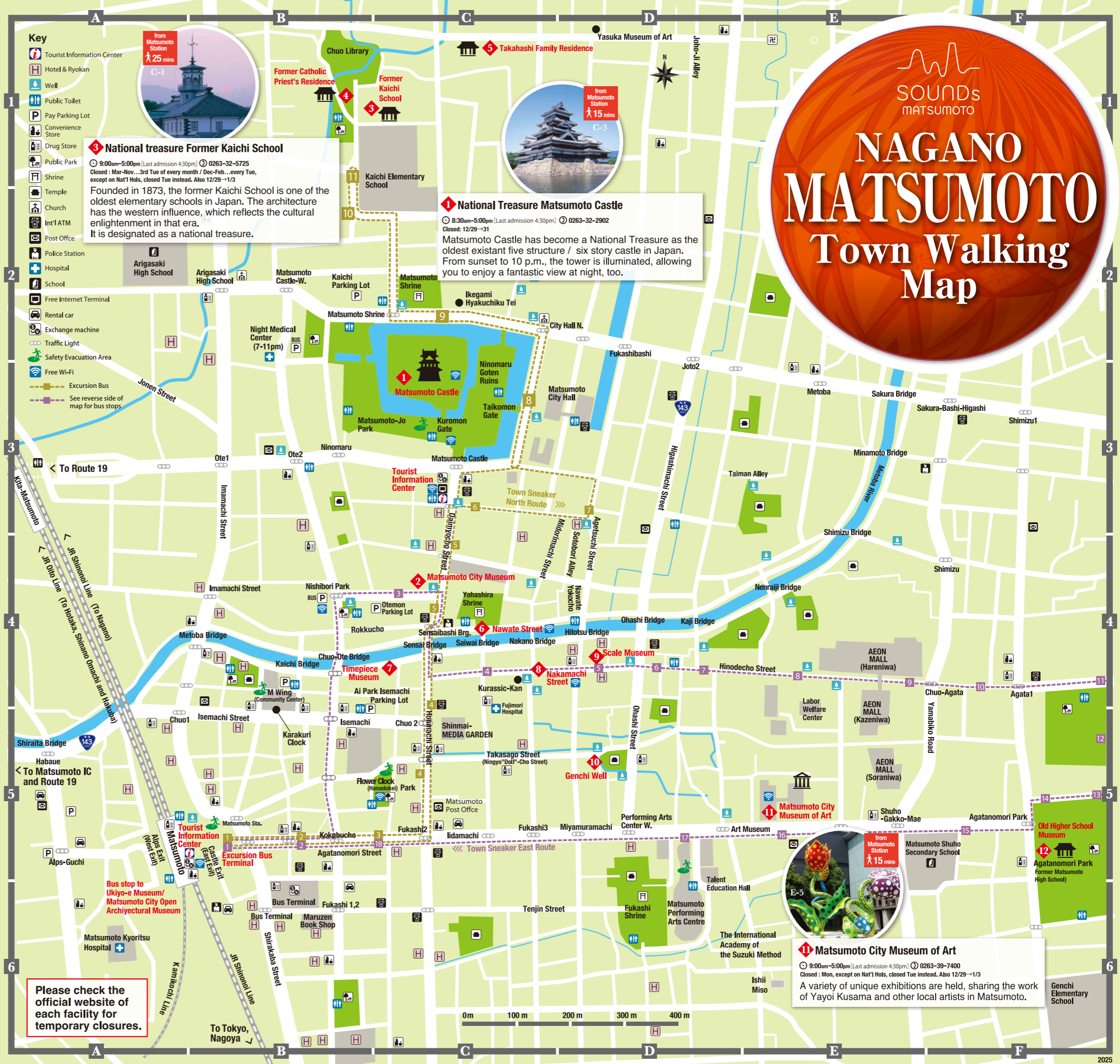
This well is the most renowned well in the city. It has a long history of providing drinking water and even today local people come here to get fresh spring water.

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from Matsumoto Station  
25 mins

**12 Old Higher School Museum**

9:00am-5:00pm (Last admission 4:30pm) 0263-35-6226  
Closed: Mon, except on Nat'l Hols, closed Tue instead. Also 12/29-1/3

Nestled in the cedar forest, it is located on the premises of the former Matsumoto High School, an important cultural asset. The school uniforms, etc. are displayed.



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# NAGANO MATSUMOTO

## Town Walking Map

**3 National treasure Former Kaichi School**

9:00am-5:00pm (Last admission 4:30pm) 0263-32-5725  
Closed: Mar-Nov...3rd Tue of every month / Dec-Feb...every Tue, except on Nat'l Hols, closed Tue instead. Also 12/29-1/3

Founded in 1873, the former Kaichi School is one of the oldest elementary schools in Japan. The architecture has the western influence, which reflects the cultural enlightenment in that era. It is designated as a national treasure.

**1 National Treasure Matsumoto Castle**

8:30am-5:00pm (Last admission 4:30pm) 0263-32-2902  
Closed: 12/29-31

Matsumoto Castle has become a National Treasure as the oldest existing five structure / six story castle in Japan. From sunset to 10 p.m., the tower is illuminated, allowing you to enjoy a fantastic view at night, too.

**11 Matsumoto City Museum of Art**

9:00am-5:00pm (Last admission 4:30pm) 0263-39-7400  
Closed: Mon, except on Nat'l Hols, closed Tue instead. Also 12/29-1/3

A variety of unique exhibitions are held, sharing the work of Yayoi Kusama and other local artists in Matsumoto.

Please check the official website of each facility for temporary closures.

# Around Matsumoto Station



## Buses in the City and Surrounding Area

Buses bound for various destinations depart from the bus terminal, which you will see to the right across the street when you exit Matsumoto Station. You can purchase the bus ticket to your destination at the ticket counter or ticket machines at Matsumoto Bus Terminal, or you can pay on the bus when you get off. Credit cards are accepted at the Bus Terminal, but not on the bus. (Also, some areas do not accept credit cards)

## Train

If you would like to travel beyond Matsumoto, the following trains are available from Matsumoto Station:

- Nagano: JR Shinonoi Line
- Hotaka (Azumino), Omachi, Hakuba: JR Ōito Line
- Shinjuku (Tokyo): JR Chūō Line (East)
- Nagoya: JR Chūō Line (West)
- Kamikōchi (via Shin-Shimashima): Matsumoto Electric Railway Kamikōchi Line (Platform 7)

## Rental Bicycles

'HELLO CYCLING' is available at various locations throughout town.

### HELLO CYCLING (bike-share)

This bike sharing service allows you to rent and return bicycles at designated stations at any time. There are about 40 stations across the city, including the area around Matsumoto Station's Castle Exit (East Exit).

Please note: The HELLO CYCLING app may not be compatible with all smartphones.

\* Rental/return times may vary with location  
\* Advanced registration on the app is required.



## Taxi

Both large and regular-sized taxis are available. There are always taxis waiting in front of Matsumoto Station, so taking a taxi from there is quite convenient. Credit cards are accepted.

## Matsumoto Shop-hopping Ticket

Get in on special deals at these places with the "Matsumoto Shop-hopping Ticket."



## Excursion Bus

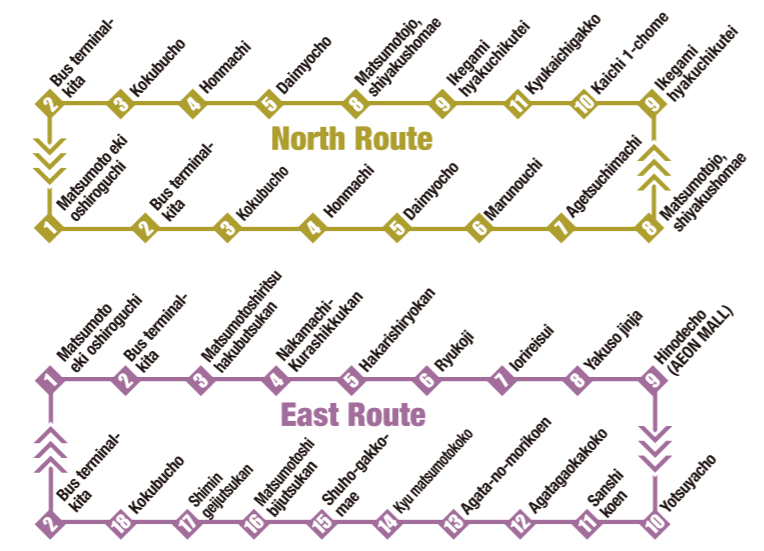


The Town Sneaker, which leaves from and returns to Matsumoto Station, is convenient for sightseeing within the city! Enter buses through the rear door and exit from the front door. Put exact fare into the machine as you leave the bus.

- North Route: Matsumoto Castle, Former Kaichi School;
- East Route: Nakamachi, Matsumoto City Museum of Art;

	Hours of Operation	Intervals
<b>North Route</b> Matsumoto Castle Former Kaichi School	8:35am → 5:15pm	Weekdays: every 30 min
	8:30am → 5:15pm	Sat, Sun, Nat'l Hol: every 20 min
<b>East Route</b> Matsumoto City Museum of Art AEON MALL	8:40am → 8:00pm	Runs every 20 minutes.

South route is also in operation.



## Town Sneaker One-day Bus Ticket

Adults: ¥500 each / Children: ¥250 each  
Can be used on all routes.  
Present the One-day Pass to receive discounts on admission at each facility.

To get to the Japan Ukiyo-e Museum and the Matsumoto City Open-Air Architectural Museum (Rekishi-no-Sato), please use the Gurutto Matsumoto bus.  
Note: The Town Sneaker One-day Pass cannot be used.

Operating days: Weekdays and Saturdays (no service on Sundays or National Holidays)  
Fares (one way): Adults: ¥230, Senior High School Students: ¥160, Children: ¥110

From the Alps Exit of Matsumoto Station, take the Matsumoto-Shimauchi Line bus bound for Komiya Danchi. Get off at "Ukiyo-e Museum / Rekishi-no-Sato".

## Facilities that accept electronic tickets

" Matsumoto Castle can be visited smoothly using a date- and time-specific electronic ticket. Electronic tickets are also available for other sites, including Kaichi School, Matsumoto City Museum, and Matsumoto City Art Museum.  
\*Combined tickets covering Matsumoto Castle and other facilities are also available."



## Goodwill Volunteer Tourist Guides

**Alps Language Service Association**  
Based at Matsumoto Castle, volunteers give tourists guided tours in foreign languages. Having the volunteer spirit, they show tourists around the Castle, the Matsumoto City Museum, the Former Kaichi School, and other places in the city. The members of the group are waiting for you in the building on the left side near the Castle entrance. Guides are available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please feel free to drop by.

## Need help?

**Tourist Information Center** ..... **0263-39-7176**  
(South of Matsumoto Castle) ☎ 9:00am-5:45pm Closed :12/29→1/3

**Matsumoto Welcomes You!** <https://visitmatsumoto.com/>

**Regional Tourist Guide Websites**

- 1 Sacred Highland Kamikochi ..... <https://www.kamikochi.org/>
- 2 Alps Mountain Village ..... <https://alps-sangakukyo.jp/>

## In an Emergency

- Lost & Found... Please inquire at the following Koban (police boxes): One is located to the right of the Castle Exit (East Exit) of Matsumoto Station. The other is at the corner of Nawate Street and Daimyocho Street.
- Japan Visitor Hotline ... 050-3816-2787[en/zh/ko]
- Emergency Numbers ... \*You can use multilingual support.  
**Police:110 / Ambulance, Fire, Rescue:119**  
\*Aizawa Hospital  
The ER is available 24/7/365 for emergency care.  
[http://w3.ai-hosp.or.jp/\\_en/](http://w3.ai-hosp.or.jp/_en/)

## Earthquake & Typhoon Information

In the event of disasters such as earthquakes or typhoons, please check the latest information via this link

Disaster prevention-related information link

JNTO disaster information app for foreigners

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## How to Obtain Japanese Yen

You can obtain Japanese yen through the following methods:

- **Currency Exchange Machine**  
A currency exchange machine is located on the 1st floor of Alpico Plaza. You can directly exchange foreign cash for Japanese yen.
- **ATMs (Automated Teller Machines)**
- **Convenience Store ATMs** (e.g., 7-Eleven, Lawson, FamilyMart)
  - Accept many internationally issued cards
  - Available 24 hours a day, year-round
- **Post Office ATMs** - Support a wide range of international cards
- **Bank ATMs** - Some ATMs in major banks accept internationally issued cards

**Note:** Operating hours may vary depending on the location. The types of cards accepted may also differ by ATM.

## Post Office

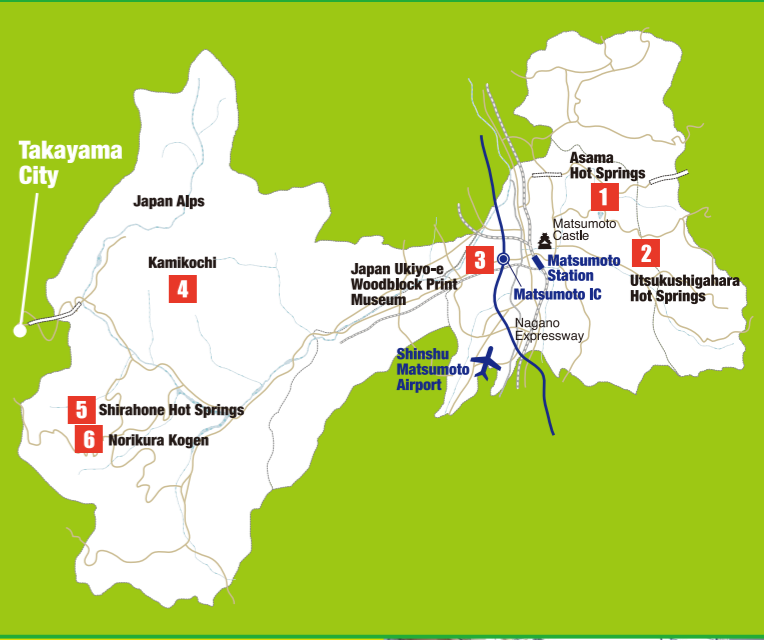
You can send postcards, letters, and parcels from the post office.  
**Matsumoto Post Office Counter**

☎ **Mon-Fri 9:00am - 7:00pm** ☎ **Sat 9:00am - 5:00pm**  
☎ **Sun and holidays 9:00am - 12:30pm**  
\* A service window is also available on the left side of the building every day  
<http://www.post.japanpost.jp/english/index.html>

## Free Internet Terminals & Wi-Fi

There are two Tourist Information Centers: one across from the ticket gates in the Matsumoto Station building and the other just south of Matsumoto Castle. Free Wi-Fi is also available at the Matsumoto Station plaza, Otomon BUS Parking Lot, the Matsumoto City Museum of Art, Matsumoto City Museum, Former Kaichi School, Matsumoto Castle's Honmaru Garden, Nawate Street.  
There are also computers with internet access in the Tourist Information Center south of Matsumoto Castle.

# Matsumoto City



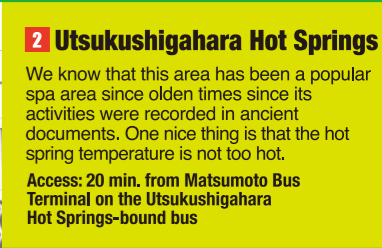
## 1 Asama Hot Springs

This hot spring area has a long history dating back 1,300 years as a well-loved retreat for the people of Matsumoto. Day-trip bathing is available.  
**Access: 20 min. from Matsumoto Station on the Asama Hot Springs-bound bus**



## 2 Utsukushigahara Hot Springs

We know that this area has been a popular spa area since olden times since its activities were recorded in ancient documents. One nice thing is that the hot spring temperature is not too hot.  
**Access: 20 min. from Matsumoto Bus Terminal on the Utsukushigahara Hot Springs-bound bus**



## 3 Japan Ukiyo-e Woodblock Print Museum

☎ **10:00am-5:00pm** [Last admission 4:30pm]  
Closed: Mon, except on Nat'l Hols - closed on Tue instead. Year-end and new year recess.  
The Ukiyo-e Museum boasts a collection of ukiyo-e artworks amassed by the Sakai family, a merchant family from Matsumoto, over five generations and 200 years. The collection includes both original paintings and woodblock prints from various periods, and is showcased regularly in special exhibitions.



## 4 Kamikochi & the Japan Alps

Kamikochi is a place of untouched natural beauty. It's certainly a great destination for walking, trekking, and camping. An overnight stay here will allow visitors to experience an uninterrupted view of the night sky with brightly shining stars.  
**Access: 30-min. train ride from Matsumoto Station, followed by a 60-min. bus ride**



## 5 Shirahone Hot Springs

This hot spring nestled in the deep mountains is famous for its opaque white water. Bathing in the fresh green or fall foliage, whatever the season gives a wonderful feeling of freedom.  
**Access: 30-min. train ride from Matsumoto Station followed by a 60-min. bus ride.**



## 6 Norikura Kogen (Plateau)

Norikura Kogen is located on a plateau at an elevation of between 1200 and 1800 meters. It offers different seasonal activities over the whole year. The Snow Wall walking in May and June, trekking & camping in summer, viewing the changing colors of autumn, and skiing or snowshoe-ing in winter, you can enjoy all kind of activities that you have never even thought of.  
**Access: 30-min. train ride from Matsumoto Station followed by a 50-min. bus ride. For the snow walls, an additional 50-min ride.**

