

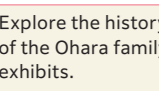

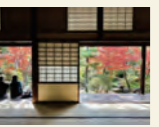









Recommended Model Courses





PLAN 1 [Travel time] Approx. 3 hours walk
Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter
 Beauty and art honed by cotton
 For those seeking the standard course around Kurashiki

- Kurashiki-kan** Cultural Property
 Kurashiki Town Hall constructed in the early Taisho period with a Westernized style.  6 min.
- Kurashiki Ivy Square** Cultural Property
 Witness how cotton production advanced from manual work to a large-scale textile industry using machinery.  5 min.
- Ohara House Katalyzer (Old Ohara House)** Cultural Property
 Explore the history of eight generations of the Ohara family through various exhibits.  2 min.
- Ohara Museum of Art** Cultural Property
 The first private art museum in Japan with a focus on Western art, representing the accomplishments of the Ohara family that their fortune in the cotton trade.  1 min.
- Shinkeien**
 A Japanese-style villa and Japanese garden built to celebrate the 60th birthday of Koshiro Ohara, the first president of Kurabo Industries Ltd.  3 min.
- Kurashiki Museum of Folk-Craft** Cultural Property
 A folk art museum converted from a rice granary dating back to the late Edo period.  Nearby
- Kurashiki SOLA**
 Purchase denim goods, pottery and rush grass products made by Kurashiki artists, and other souvenirs unique to Kurashiki. Opening hours vary depending on each facility.

PLAN 2 [Travel time] Approx. 4 hours driving and walking
Kojima
 The birthplace of jeans made in Japan
 For fashion and craft enthusiasts

- Mt. Washu Observatory No. 2**
 The observatory offering stunning views of the Seto Inland Sea, the Seto-Ohashi Bridge, and Kojima from Mt. Washu.  9 min. Available
- Shimotsui Shipping Agent Museum** Cultural Property
 A tourist spot for gaining a feel of the bustling port town of Shimotsui, which flourished as a port of call for Kitamaebune, its history of logistics and commerce. A restaurant and a souvenir store is available.  Available
- Recommended Spot**
Yoshimata Shoten
 Stop by the fresh fish store Yoshimata Shoten after visiting Shimotsui Shipping Agent Museum.  18 min.
- Jeans Museum**
 Delve into the story of how Kojima became the "birthplace of jeans made in Japan."  Available
- Point**
 The jeans production workshop is also recommended (reservation required by the day before).
- Nozaki Family's Historical Residence** Cultural Property
 Explore exhibits related to salt production inside the storehouse.  Available
- Kojima Jeans Street**
 Talk a walk down the 400-meter street lined with unique jeans stores and find your favorite item.  Available

PLAN 3 [Travel time] Approx. 3 hours driving and walking
Tamashima
 Tamashima-the town of cotton and tea
 For history, culture and retro aficionados

- Entsuji Temple**
 Located on a hill offering panoramic views of the town of Tamashima and the Seto Inland Sea.  Available
- Point**
 Sip on a cup of green tea while taking in the stunning view of Tamashima town from the Hakkasan Observation Rest Area. 
- Old Yunoki House (Saiso-tei)** Cultural Property
 Said to have been constructed in the middle of the Edo period, and served as the seat of the feudal lord.  Available
- Point**
 For the Tamashima course, park your car at the Drum Can Bridge Parking Lot nearby and talk a walk around!
- Haguro Shrine**
 The shrine paid homage for peaceful land when the Bitchu Matsuyama Clan reclaimed the area of Tamashima during the Edo period.  Available
- Point**
 Gorgeous red ink stamps are recommended (available for pickup at a later date).
- Tamashima Townscape Preservation District (Nakagaicho)** Cultural Property
 Nakagaicho gives visitors a feel for the history of commerce that has continued since the Edo period.  Available
- Recommended Spot**
Kikuchi Sake Brewery
 Kurashiki's leading sake brewery, the recipient of numerous awards in Japan and abroad. Tasting service available.



JAPAN HERITAGE

The Story of Kurashiki Begins With a Single Cotton Plant

A textile town interweaving Japanese and western textures

EXCURSION MAP



The Story of Kurashiki Begins With a Single Cotton Plant

The story of a textile town interweaving Japanese and western textures

The southern area of Okayama Prefecture, home to the city of Kurashiki, was once a sea. The sea was turned into land through land reclamation, where crops such as cotton and rushes were cultivated. This spurred the development of the Kurashiki City textile industry.

Kurashiki, which became a "tenryo" under the direct control of the shogunate, developed as a hub for the collection and distribution of supplies. The area around the Kurashiki River, which was used as a canal, was crowded with wholesalers and brokers dealing in cotton and other goods, with successful merchants building grand mansions. Kojima, which produced Sanada braided straw and Kokura textiles, became the backbone underpinning development of the textile industry in the region. In the port town, merchants purchased dried sardines and pressed herring used as fertilizer for cotton crops, and shipped cotton products out.

The textile industry that boomed from a single cotton plant developed Kurashiki into a "textile town" boasting one of the highest shipments of textile products in Japan, and also laid the foundation for the creation of a townscape where traditional merchant houses and Western-style architecture symbolizing modernization stand side by side.



[Access to Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture]

From Osaka	Approximately 45 minutes from JR Shin-Osaka Station to JR Okayama Station by Sanyo Shinkansen, approximately 20 minutes from JR Okayama Station to JR Kurashiki Station
From Okayama Airport	Approximately 35 minutes by bus from Okayama Airport to JR Kurashiki Station North Exit
From Kansai Airport	Approximately 1 hour from JR Kansai Airport Station to JR Shin-Osaka Station by Limited Express Haruka, approximately 45 minutes from JR Shin-Osaka Station to JR Okayama Station by Sanyo Shinkansen, approximately 20 minutes from JR Okayama Station to JR Kurashiki Station

Check here for access information from various locations

[Kurashiki Sightseeing WEB](#) | [Access to Kurashiki](#)

<https://www.kurashiki-tabi.jp/access-to-kurashiki/>

Kurashiki City Japan Heritage Promotion Council

FY2025 Japan Heritage Appeal Promotion Project

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www.city.kurashiki.okayama.jp/kura-story/

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*Travel times are approximate. *Based on information available as of October 2025. Please check the facility's official website or other platforms for opening hours, closed days, etc. before visiting.

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Take a Journey Around Cultural Properties

From the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter to Kojima and Tamashima, delve into the story of the city by exploring diverse locations where Japanese and Western styles are woven together.

Preservation district for groups of traditional buildings on the banks of the Kurashiki River

The townscape features late Edo period townhouses with tiled roofs and plastered walls and storehouses constructed in the traditional storehouse style.



MAP ① A-2, B-2
Address: Honmachi, Higashimachi, Kurashiki City, etc.

Ohara House Katalyzer (Old Ohara House)

Explore the history of eight generations of the Ohara family through creative exhibits as well as the Ohara family's collection and works of art.



MAP ① A-2
TEL:086-434-6277
Address:1-2-1 Chuo, Kurashiki City

Ohashi House

The residence retains the appearance of a former merchant's house, complete with row-house gate and Kurashiki windows and lattices.



MAP ① A-2
TEL:086-422-0007
Address:3-21-31 Achi, Kurashiki City

Inoue House

The "Kurashiki windows" with clay doors, "Kurashiki lattices" and "water pots" are just a few of the highlights the building has to offer.



MAP ① A-2
TEL:086-422-0714
Address:1-36 Honmachi, Kurashiki City

Kusudo House

The building features traditional Meiji-era townhouse styling, such as plaster walls with square tiles and earthen walls with clay tiles.



MAP ① B-2
Address:1-20 Higashimachi, Kurashiki City

Ohara Museum of Art

The main building with traditional styling houses many works by masters of the global art world.



MAP ① A-2
TEL:086-422-0005
Address:1-1-15 Chuo, Kurashiki City

Kojima Torajiro Memorial Hall (Former Chugoku Bank, Kurashiki Honmachi Branch)

The building was designed by an architect Kazue Yakushiji who later also designed the main building of the Ohara Museum of Art.



MAP ① A-2
TEL:086-422-0005 (Ohara Museum of Art) Address:3-1 Honmachi, Kurashiki City

Villa Yurinso

Former villa of the Ohara family built by Magosaburo Ohara as their residence. Designed by Kazue Yakushiji, with the interior designed by Torajiro Kojima.



MAP ① A-2
TEL:086-422-0005 (Ohara Museum of Art) Address:1-3-18 Chuo, Kurashiki City

Kurashiki-kan

Kurashiki Town Hall constructed in the early Taisho period with a Westernized style. Currently used as a tourist information center.



MAP ① A-2
TEL:086-422-0542
Address:1-4-8 Chuo, Kurashiki City

Kurashiki Archaeological Museum

Renovated from a rice storehouse made of earthenware during the Edo period. The tiles affixed to the side walls are beautiful.



MAP ① A-2
TEL:086-422-1542
Address:1-3-13 Chuo, Kurashiki City

Kurashiki Ivy Square

The former head factory of Kurabo Industries was refurbished as a combined cultural facility.



MAP ① B-2
TEL:086-422-0011
Address:7-2 Honmachi, Kurashiki City

Kurabo Memorial Hall

A memorial museum of converted from a raw cotton warehouse of Kurabo Industries founded in the Meiji Era.



MAP ① B-2
TEL:086-422-0011
Address:7-1 Honmachi, Kurashiki City

Kurashiki Museum of Folk-Craft

A renovated rice warehouse from the late Edo period, featuring stunning contrasts of white walls and black pasted tiles.



MAP ① A-2
TEL:086-422-1637
Address:1-4-11 Chuo, Kurashiki City

Takahashi River East-West Water Distribution Facility

Agricultural water facilities located downstream of Takahashi River. The Sakazu Intake Sluice Gate has a majestic look with piled up hewn granite stones.



MAP ② B-2
Address:Sakazu, Kurashiki City

Ichi-no-Kuchi Water Gate

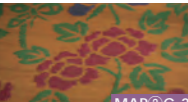
Built more than 300 years ago, this sluice gate was used as water transportation by Takasebune over many years.



MAP ② B-2
Address:Mizue, Funao-cho, Kurashiki City

Isozaki Minki Memorial Hall

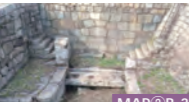
Townhouse built as the home and laboratory of Isozaki Minki, the inventor of the exquisite and beautiful Kinkan'en woven mats.



MAP ② C-2
TEL:086-428-8515
Address:195 Chayamachi, Kurashiki City

Itajiki Water Gate

This drainage sluice gate was used during land reclamation by the Okayama Clan in the late Edo period.



MAP ② B-3
Address:Minamise, Kurashiki City

Rendai-ji Temple

Believed to have been founded by the Buddhist priest Gyoki of the Nara Period. Since ancient times, it has been the head temple against bad luck.



MAP ② C-3
TEL:086-477-6222
Address:2855 Kojima-yuga, Kurashiki City

Yuga-jinja Shrine

The main shrine of Yuga-jinja Shrine, which has fifty-two branch shrines throughout Japan and is one of the three great gongens in Japan.



MAP ② C-3
TEL:086-477-3001
Address:2852 Kojima-yuga, Kurashiki City

Nozaki Family's Historical Residence

Residence of Buzaemon Nozaki, who opened a large salt field in the late Edo period. Six earthen storehouses stand side by side.



MAP ② C-3
TEL:086-472-2001
Address:1-11-19 Kojima-ajino, Kurashiki City

Shimotsui Townscape Preservation District

As a port town that flourished in the Edo period, there are still merchant houses and herring warehouses standing.



MAP ② B-4, C-4
Address:Shimotsui, Kurashiki City

Shimotsui Shipping Agent Museum

A museum that is a restored shipping agent's building dating back to the Meiji era.



MAP ② B-4
TEL:086-479-7890 Address:1-7-23 Shimotsui, Kurashiki City

Tamashima Townscape Preservation District

Tamashima is a port town that prospered during the Edo period owing to the water transportation with the Kitamaebune and Takasebune.



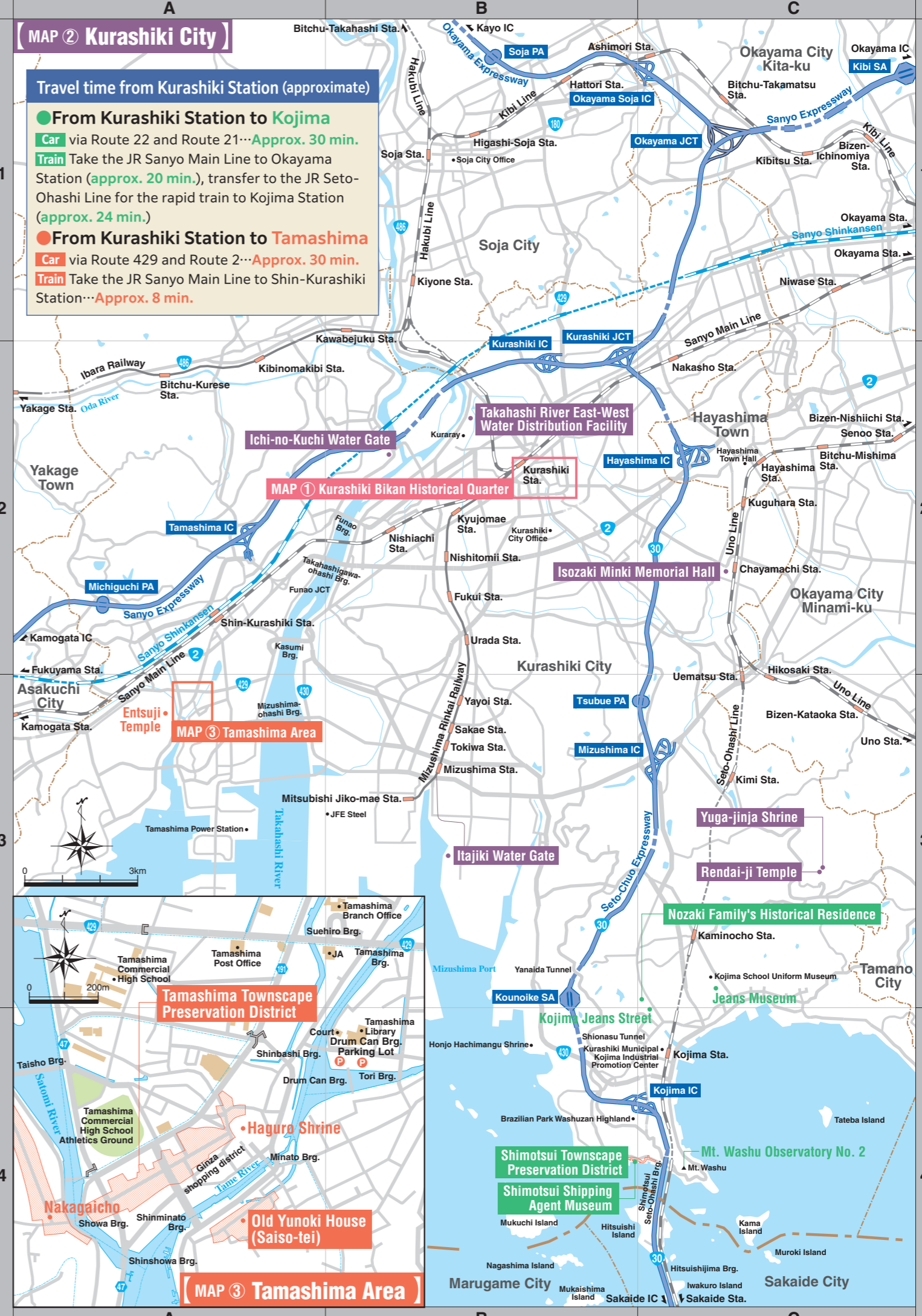
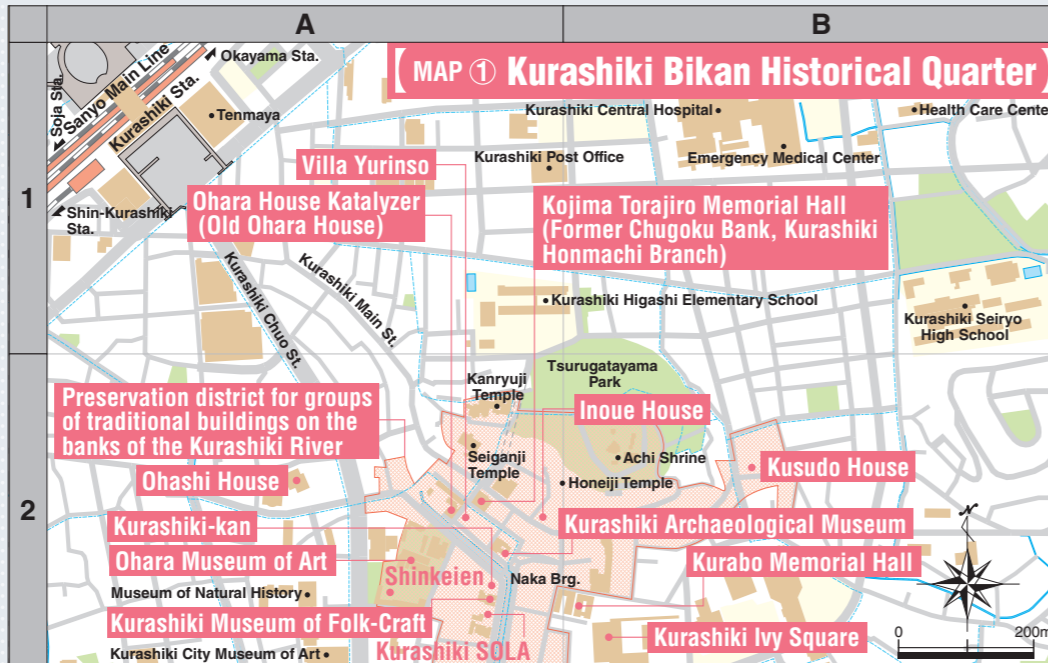
MAP ③ A-4
Address:Tamashima-agasaki, Kurashiki City - Tamashima Chuo-cho

Old Yunoki House (Saiso-tei)

Former home of the Yunoki family, the Tamashima headmen who served the lord of the Bitchu Matsuyama Clan.



MAP ③ A-4
TEL:086-522-0151 Address:3-8-25 Tamashima, Kurashiki City



MAP ② Kurashiki City

Travel time from Kurashiki Station (approximate)

- From Kurashiki Station to Kojima
 - Car via Route 22 and Route 21...Approx. 30 min.
 - Train Take the JR Sanyo Main Line to Okayama Station (approx. 20 min.), transfer to the JR Seto-Ohashi Line for the rapid train to Kojima Station (approx. 24 min.)
- From Kurashiki Station to Tamashima
 - Car via Route 429 and Route 2...Approx. 30 min.
 - Train Take the JR Sanyo Main Line to Shin-Kurashiki Station...Approx. 8 min.