

**Best Spots**

**1 Shimodate Museum of Art** MAP B-2



The Shimodate Museum of Art houses and exhibits a collection of works by artists associated with the local region, including the potter Hazan Itaya and the oil painter Shigeru Morita, both of whom are recipients of the Order of Culture. Visitors can see his excellent works and related materials, along with the house where Hazan was born and the kiln built by the potter himself that was relocated from his studio in Tabata, Tokyo.

Opening hours: 10:00 - 18:00  
Closed: Monday (or the following day if the Monday falls on a national holiday)  
Phone: 0296-23-1601

**2 Hazan Itaya Museum** MAP B-2



This museum is dedicated to honoring the achievements made by Hazan Itaya, the first potter to receive the Order of Culture. Visitors can see his excellent works and related materials, along with the house where Hazan was born and the kiln built by the potter himself that was relocated from his studio in Tabata, Tokyo.

Opening hours: 10:00 - 18:00  
Closed: Monday (or the following day if the Monday falls on a national holiday)  
Phone: 0296-25-3830

**3 Haguro Shrine** MAP B-2



Haguro Shrine was established in 1481 when Katsuyuki Mizunoya, the lord of Shimodate Castle, transferred a divided tutelary deity of Haguro-no-Okami in Dewa Sanzan. It is a historic shrine with a number of designated cultural properties of the prefecture, including its main hall and a standing statue of the Atago Myojin deity.

Phone: 0296-24-1409

**4 SL train** MAP B-4



An SL train service running from Shimodate Station to Mashiko of Tochigi Prefecture is provided on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays throughout the year. The service is popular among not just SL train buffs but tourists visiting Mashiko Town to buy its famous Mashikoyaki pottery. Passengers enjoy a leisurely trip on a train that runs blowing an occasional whistle.

Fares: A ticket for an adult (1,030 yen from Shimodate Station to Motegi Station) and a numbered ticket for the one-way SL train trip (600 yen)  
Phone: 0285-84-2911 (Maoka Station)

**5 Michi-no-eki Gran Terrace Chikusei** MAP C-3



This michi-no-eki station is a multipurpose roadside service area that is the largest of its kind in the prefecture. With a lawn field in its center, the facility has a food court, cafes, and a farmers' market, along with a convenient space for customers with kids.

Opening hours: 9:00 - 18:00 (or 19:00 from June through August)  
Closed: 3rd Wednesday of every month, January 1 and 2  
Phone: 0296-45-5055



**Farmers' market**

Fresh vegetables and fruits brought in by local farmers are on display.



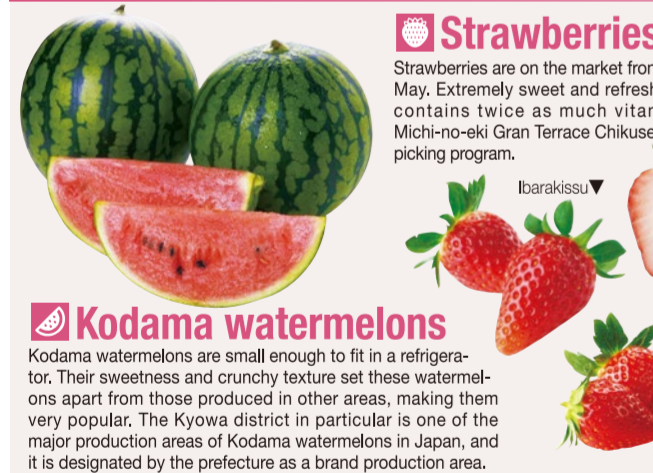
**illuminations**

Decorated with illuminations every winter, making Chikusei a stunning night photo spot.

**Strawberry Land Chikusei**

Visitors pick and eat as many sweet, tasty strawberries as they can for 30 minutes (reservation required). Enjoy strawberry picking at the michi-no-eki station. A reservation can be made at the general information office of Michi-no-eki Gran Terrace Chikusei, as well as by using a smartphone app.

**Seasonal Food**



**Strawberries**

Strawberries are on the market from November through May. Extremely sweet and refreshingly sour, the fruit contains twice as much vitamin C as lemons. Michi-no-eki Gran Terrace Chikusei offers a strawberry picking program.

Ibarakissu

Tochiotome

**Pears**

Chikusei City is one of Japan's major production areas of Akaneishi pears with a cropping acreage that is among the largest in the country. Cultivation with a reduced amount of agricultural chemicals, sorting with strict conditions, and long-standing cultivation technique make the pears especially delicious. The city is designated by the prefecture as a brand production area. The main varieties of pears are the popular "Kosui" and "Hosui" along with the "Shinko" that is larger in size. The best season for pears runs from summer to autumn.

Ibarakissu

Kosui

**Fixed-route city bus services**

**Wide-area connecting bus**

The bus covers a wide area from Tsuchiura City and Tsukuba City to the Mt. Tsukuba district.

Fares: Flat fare of 200 yen

**Michi-no-eki shuttle bus**

There is a shuttle bus service between Shimodate Station and Michi-no-eki Gran Terrace Chikusei.

Fares: Flat fare of 200 yen

**Car sharing**

Unmanned rental car service using a smartphone app, located in the parking lot in front of the north exit of JR Shimodate Station. A car can be used at a rate of 200 yen for 15 minutes.

**Bicycles**

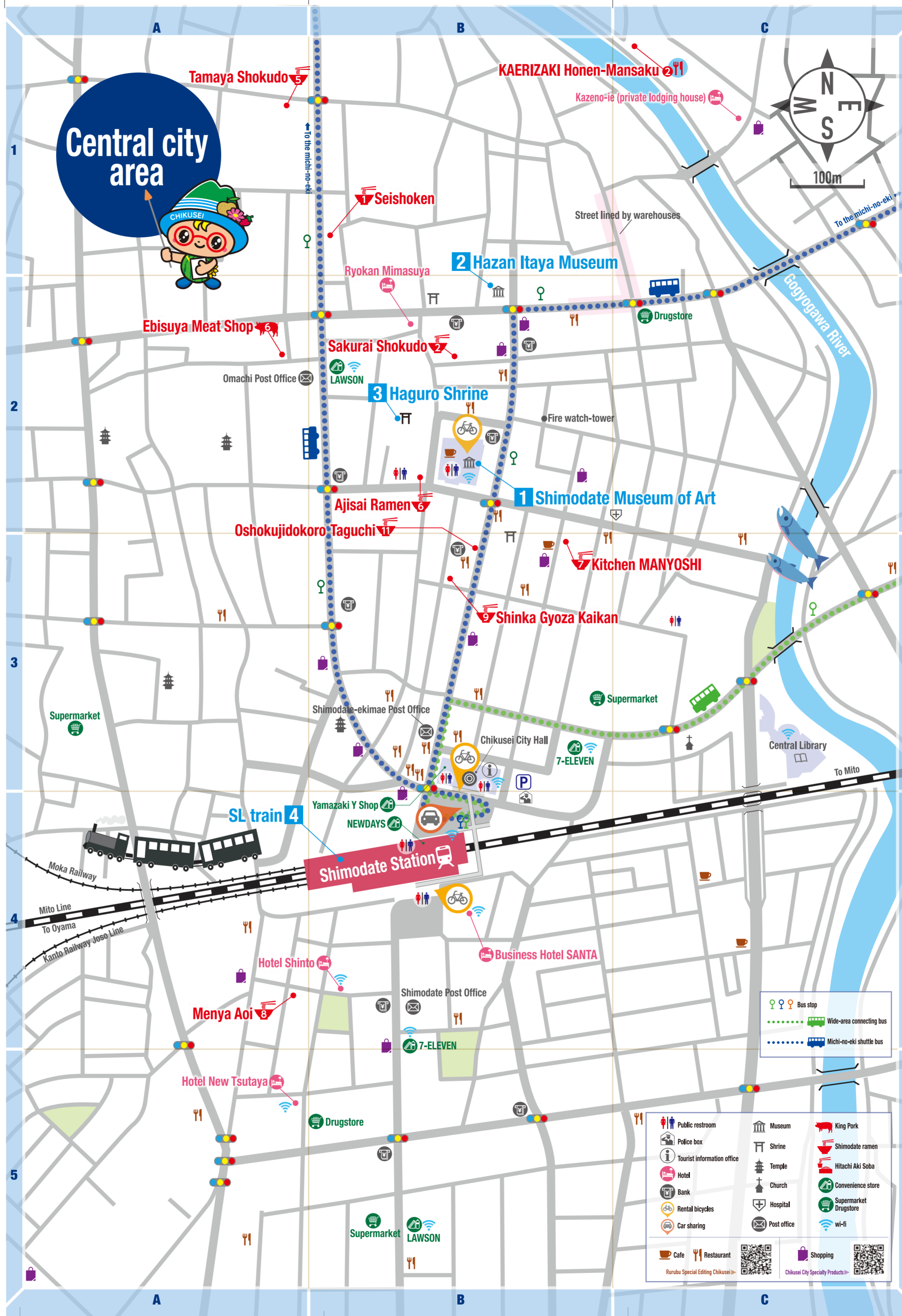
Chikusei City boasts not only its rich natural environment but its many historical and cultural assets as well. Ride a bike around the city to discover its charms.

**Hello Cycling**

This is a nationwide bike sharing service. Member registration is free. After signing up for the service, members can pick up bicycles at five bike sharing stations in the city and drop them off anywhere.

**Charisampo**

This is a website providing information about a number of cycling courses, such as one designed for cyclists to enjoy Mt. Tsukuba and hot springs. Also available are courses for visiting cultural and natural sites in the neighboring cities, towns, and villages.



**Access Information**



<b>Narita Airport</b> → Chikusei city 1 hour 30 minutes	<b>Shimodate</b> → Chikusei city 10 minutes
Shiohiko Expressway → Narita IC → Toei JT → Chikusei	Oyama → Mito → Chikusei
Keio-4 Expressway → Joso IC → Route 294 → Chikusei	Utsunomiya → Maemiya → Chikusei
Shiohiko Expressway → Joso IC → Chikusei	Maemiya → Chikusei
<b>Haneda Airport</b> → Chikusei city 1 hour 50 minutes	
Shutoh Metropolitan Expressway → Joso Expressway → Towa IC → Route 294 → Chikusei	
<b>Ibaraki Airport</b> → Chikusei city 1 hour	
Shiohiko Expressway → Kita-Kanto Expressway → Sotomachi-Chikusei IC → Route 50 → Chikusei	

**Accommodation information**

- Hotel Shinto 834, Otsu, Chikusei-shi 0296-24-3351
- Business Hotel SANTA 1022, Otsu, Chikusei-shi 0296-22-3687
- Hotel New Tsutaya 907-1, Otsu, Chikusei-shi 0296-24-8181
- Ryokan Mimasuya 851, Ko, Chikusei-shi 0296-22-3073
- Hotel Route-Inn Shimodate 360-1, Nishiyagi, Chikusei-shi 0296-23-1611
- Business Ryokan Arai 149, Nakadate, Chikusei-shi 0296-22-3861
- Kappo Hotel Uoshou 273-5, Yokoshima, Chikusei-shi 0296-22-4585
- Business Hotel Sansui 155-2, Isayama, Chikusei-shi 0296-28-0927
- Heisei Hotel 160-8, Isayama, Chikusei-shi 0296-28-6444
- Kamagi Ryokan 1599-1, Ebishima, Chikusei-shi 0296-52-0051
- Kazeno-ie (private lodging house) 272-1, Iwanoe, Chikusei-shi 0296-48-9495

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