Colorful Chiba Prefecture Awaits Your Visit

Chiba Travel Suggestions
The best plans for individual visitors

Chiba Official Tourism Website
http://www.chiba-tour.jp
Welcome to Chiba

“Chiba” is located within the Tokyo metropolitan area and has mild climate and many sightseeing spots. Surrounded by sea and rivers on all four sides, Chiba is blessed with the nature full of water and greenery. Under the influence of the warm current (Kuroshio Current) that flows offshore, the land is seldom frosted even in winter. The precipitation is heavy in summer and light in winter.

Its eastern part faces the Pacific Ocean and western part faces Tokyo Bay. Besides, its northwestern part borders on Tokyo and Saitama Prefecture, and northern part borders on Ibaraki Prefecture.

With a total area of 5,156.64 sq km, Chiba is composed of Boso Kyuryo (hills) with a series of 200 to 300-meter-high mountains, comparatively flat Shimosa Plateau, a far-reaching Tone River basin, and the coast of Kujukuri. The total length of coastline of Chiba Prefecture is about 530 km, showing various sceneries.

We have various model plans starting from Narita International Airport and Tokyo Station.

We introduce best 10 plans below on this booklet.
1. Southern Boso Area Impressive tour; Floral and Gourmet
2. Boso-no-Mura & Naritasan Shinshoji Temple
3. Mother Farm & Kisarazu Area
4. Yoro Keikoku Valley; Run across Boso Peninsula by Local Railway
5. Sotobo Area; Onjuku and Katsuura
6. Fully enjoy the Seaside Area of Sotobo and Kamogawa
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Please check other plans at the website of Chiba Prefecture below.
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* This brochure is based on the information as of December, 2012. The information may be subject to change without prior notice and for the convenience of space, we only include partial information on hours, admission, and access. Please refer to the URL prior to your visit.
Southern Boso Area Impressive tour; Floral and Gourmet
You can fully enjoy yourself by Flower, Ocean, Hotspring and Gourmet!

1

Boso-no-Mura & Naritasan Shinshoji Temple
Just a little way from the airport! Experience the craftsmanship and the venerable temple!

2

Narita Int’l Airport
JR Sobu Line (Rapid) for Zushi
JR Narita Sta.
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Awa Shirahama Sta.
 approx. 1.5h by Express bus, Boso-Nanohana Line
Chiba Prefectural Boso-no-Mura Museum
Hands-on museum. You can experience first hand the transition of clothing, food and housing from ancient times to modern times.

Omotesando / Unagi (freshwater eel)
The cuisine which was served at Inns of the temple town to the people who paid a visit to Naritasan Shinshoji Temple during the Edo Period.

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JR Narita Sta.
10 min.

Nojimazaki Lighthouse
A chalky lighthouse that stands at the southernmost tip of Boso Peninsula.

JR Tokyo Sta.
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Day 1
Shiramazu Flower farm / Flower Picking
Enjoy flower picking while basking in the scent of flowers and the sea.

Hours: 4.5 h Walking Time: 6 min.
Awa Shirahama Sta.
Walk to the hotel
Accommodation at hot springs
Southern Boso also has a number of hot springs in various spots.

Day 2
Shirahama Flower Park (Weekday only)
Enjoy both swimming and flower picking.

Nambo Paradise
The largest Zoo and Botanical Gardens in Chiba Prefecture.

Poppy-no-Sato Tateyama Family Park
Everyone can enjoy various activities.

Shirahama Strawberry Picking Center/ Strawberry Picking
Enjoy picking 7 different kinds of strawberries without bending down.

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Chopped mackerel or sardine etc..

JR Tateyama Sta.
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Shiroyama Park (Tateyama Castle)
The park was built at the site of the castle of Satomi Clan, and is known for its beautiful flowers such as cherry blossoms.

J R Tateyama Sta.
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### Mother Farm & Kisarazu Area

Cute animals and posh shopping mall will usher you into “Ryugujo (Undersea Kingdom)”!

**Hours: 2 days  Walking Time: ¾**

#### Day 1
- **JR Tokyo Sta.**
- 100 min. by JR Keiyo and Uchibo Line
- **Mother Farm**
  - Interact with animals and nature through various activities.

#### Day 2
- **Shiohama Park**
  - Offers a nice view of Nakanoshima-Ohashi bridge, the symbol of Kisarazu Port.
- **MITSUI OUTLET PARK KISARAZU**
  - The Japan’s leading outlet mall opened to overseas which opened in April, 2012.

### Yoro Keikoku Valley; Run across Boso Peninsula by Local Railway

Reaching the destination after a laid-back train ride are the golden valley and the historical romance!

**Hours: 10 h  Walking Time: ¾**

- **JR Tokyo Sta.**
- **Kominato Railway**
  - The classic local railway inaugurated in 1925.
- **Kazusa-Nakano Sta.**
- **Isumi Railway**
  - The adorable local train.
- **Otaki Castle Museum**
  - It displays various materials relating to the castle of medieval and modern times.
- **JR Tokyo Sta.**
  - 72 min. by JR Express Wakanbi
  - 37min. by express bus
  - 15 min. by local bus
- **JR Ohara Sta.**
  - 30 min. by humi Railway
  - 15 min. by local bus
- **JR Goi Sta.**
  - 60 min. by JR Keiyo and Uchibo Line
- **Yoro Keikoku Sta.**
  - 20 min. by Kominato local bus
- **Kazusa-Nakano Sta.**
  - 7min. by bus
- **Otaki Sta.**
  - 15 min. by local bus
- **JR Sanukimachi Sta.**
  - 25 min.
- **JR Kisarazu Sta.**
  - 20 min.

- **Yoro Keikoku Valley**
  - A hidden scenic spot of Boso which entertains you all the year around. Around the valley are hot spring inns where you can enjoy Kuroyu, black hot spring.

- **Kominato Railway**
  - Shuttle bus (15:20)
- **Mother Farm**
  - Free shuttle bus
- **Ryugujo Spa**
  - Hotel Mikazuki
  - Enjoy a bath overlooking the sea and other good services.
- **Shojoji Temple**
  - Built in the early Edo Period, it’s famous for the children’s song.
- **Shiohama Park**
  - JR Tokyo Sta.
  - 60 min. by JR Keiyo and Uchibo Line
  - JR Sanukimachi Sta.
  - 25 min.
  - JR Kisarazu Sta.
  - 20 min.
  - JR Kisarazu Sta.
  - Shuttle bus (15:20)
- **Sodegaura Bus Terminal**
  - 12min. by express bus
  - 12min. by local bus
  - 37min. by express bus
  - 7min. by bus

- **Umihotaru**
  - JR Tokyo Sta.
  - 100 min. by JR Keiyo and Uchibo Line
  - JR Sanukimachi Sta.
  - 25 min.
  - JR Kisarazu Sta.
  - 20 min.
  - JR Kisarazu Sta.
  - 12min. by local bus
  - JR Ohara Sta.
  - 30 min. by humi Railway
  - JR Ohara Sta.
  - 15 min. by local bus

- **Kawasaki City**
  - JR Tokyo Sta.
  - 72 min. by JR Express Wakanbi
  - 37min. by express bus
  - 15 min. by local bus
Sotobo Area; Onjuku and Katsuura

Extravagantly feel the blessings of the sea and the warmth of the land created by mother Pacific!

Mexico Park / Mexico Monument

Built in commemoration of the event in 1609 where local people rescued the crews and passengers from the stranded Mexican ship.

Japanese Lobster

This Sotobo Area boasts the largest hauls of Japanese lobster.

Katsuura Hot Spring

Southern Boso also has a number of hot springs in various spots.

Katsuura Morning Market

The morning market with 400 years of history.

Katsuura Undersea Park

This park has the largest observation tower in the orient and you can command a fine view of The Pacific.

Ubara Riso Kyo

This place offers a beautiful landscape with a varied cove in ria coast and old pine trees.

Tai-no-Ura Sightseeing Boat (The Sea Bream Bay)

A sightseeing ship that takes you around the sea in Kominato by which Nichiren Shonin, the founder of the Lotus Sutra was born.

Fully enjoy the Seaside Area of Sotobo and Kamogawa

The spectacle of the sea creatures and the wisdom of ancestors will take your breath away!

Kamogawa SEAWORLD

You can enjoy a wide variety of shows. Especially the performances by killer whales are very powerful.

Niemon Island

Known for its scenic beauty and the legends of Minamoto-no Yoritomo and Nichiren, a Buddhist monk.

Futomi Flower Surf Fishing Center

The paradise of Flowers, Animals and the Sea.

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Day 2

Hours: 2 days Walking Time:

Hours: 10 h Walking Time:
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  - **Chikyu no Maruku Mieru Oka Ocean View Observatory**
    - You can command a panoramic view that is truly stunning and the both ends of the horizon enable you to feel the roundness of the earth.
  - **Inubosaki Lighthouse**
    - A prime chalky brick lighthouse built in Western style by British architect in 1874.
  - **Choshi Port Tower**
    - The 57-meter-high observation tower covered with glass.

**Hours: 10 h**

**Walking Time:**

- **Narita Int’l Airport**
  - 120 min. by JR Narita Line (Rapid)
- **JR Choshi Sta.**
  - 20 min. by bus
- **Wosse21**
  - The spot sale center for seafood.
  - 10 min.
- **Iioka Lighthouse**
  - The view from here is selected as one of the best 100 Japan’s views of Sunrise and Sunset.
- **Kimigahama Beach**
  - One of the best 100 beaches in Japan.

**8 Historical Heritage in Sakura**

Enjoy a bike ride through the street of Sakura, the pioneer of the Edo period!

- **Sakura Castle Park**
  - Castle park that extends on the grounds of old Sakura Castle.
  - 6 min., 0.6 mile
- **Sakura City Museum of Art**
  - Works of the people associated with Sakura and Boso area as well as the overseas art mainly from Holland.
  - 5 min., 0.4 mile
- **The House of Feudal Lord Hotta**
  - A house in which Hotta Masatomo, the local lord of Sakura lived after moving from Tokyo during the Meiji Restoration.
  - 6 min., 0.4 mile
- **Sakura Juntendo Memorial Hall**
  - A medical school founded in 1843 where treatment by Western medicine and medical education were conducted.
  - 6 min., 0.4 mile
- **National Museum of Japanese History**
  - The only national museum where studies and displays Japanese history and culture comprehensively.
  - 5 min. by JR Sobu Main Line

**Hours: 8 h**

**Walking Time:**

- **JR Tokyo Sta.**
  - 55 min. by JR Sobu Line (Rapid) for Narita Airport
- **JR Minami-Shisui Sta.**
  - 10 min. by rental bicycle
- **Sakura Castle Park**
  - 5 min., 0.6 mile
- **Mizuki No Kuni No.12**
  - 6 min., 0.6 mile
- **Inuma Honke Sake Brewery**
  - 6 min., 0.6 mile
Mt. Nokogiriyama & Tokyo Bay Ferry
You will shout “Yee-ha” at the sight of the Japan’s largest Buddha statue and the sunset seen from the ferry!

- JR Chiba Sta. or JR Kisarazu Sta.
- JR Hamakanaya Sta.
- JR Sobu Line (Rapid) - JR Narita Sta. - JR Narita Line

Hours: 9-10 h  Walking Time:

Kanaya Shrine
Built in 720, it was dedicated to the main guardian gods of Kanaya area.

Kanaya Shrine
15 min.  By The Tokyo Bay Ferry

The Fish
A large facility consisting of restaurant and souvenir shops.

Sawara, known as better than Edo
Just one “fly” from Narita Airport will take you to the fascinating old days!

- JR Chiba Sta. or JR Kisarazu Sta.
- JR Hamakanaya Sta.
- JR Sobu Line (Rapid) - JR Narita Sta. - JR Narita Line

Hours: 8 h  Walking Time:

Narita Int’l Airport
JR Express Train from Hamakanaya Sta. to Tokyo Sta. (approx. 80 min)

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- JR Sobu Line (Rapid) - JR Narita Sta. - JR Narita Line

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Katori Jingu Shrine
A venerable shrine which was built more than 2,000 years ago and the treasure house is a must-see.

Katori Jingu Shrine
8 min. by JR Sobu Line

Sawara Grand Festival
Jul., Oct.
One of the three greatest float festivals in Kanto Area with about 300 years’ history.

Sawara Grand Festival
JR Tokyo Sta.

“Machigurumi” Museum at home
A small boat trip where you can enjoy the scenery along Ono river that runs through the center of Sawara.

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JR Tokyo Sta.

Koedo-Sawara Small Boat Trip
A memorial dedicated to Tadataka Inoh.

Keiyo Kurihama Sta.

Inoh Tadataka Memorial Hall
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Inoh Tadataka Memorial Hall
JR Tokyo Sta.

Historic House of Inoh Tadataka
Both a house and a store where Tadataka Inoh lived.

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JR Tokyo Sta.

Toyo (Jya-Jya) Bridge

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Mitsubishi-kan (Sawara Machinami Koryu Kan)
The prefecture’s most renowned western-style architecture that houses visitor center and rest space.

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Access from Tokyo to Chiba

By JR Sobu Line Rapid Service
“Airport Narita”: Trains come every hour / 1h 15min.

By Keisei Main Line
Rapid Service: Trains come every 20min / 1h 10min.

By JR Keiyo Line Rapid Service
“Shiosai”: Trains come 7 times a day / 1h 45min.

By JR Sobu Line Rapid Service
“Wakashio”: Trains come 10 times a day / 1h 55min.

By JR Bus Kanto and another,
“Boso Nanohana Go”: Buses come every 30min / 1h 50min.-2h

By JR Keiyo Line Express
“Wakashio”: Trains come 10 times a day / 1h 55min.

By Keisei Bus and others:
Buses come every 30 min -1h / 2h

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