

Lost Railroad in Kurayoshi

The fantastic scenery is said to be the most beautiful lost railroad in Japan.

The National Railways Kurayoshi Line once connected approximately 20 kilometers from Kurayoshi Station to Yamamori Station in Sekigane. It was abolished at the end of March 1985, ending its 72-year history. Even now, many years after the line was discontinued, traces of the rails and platforms remain, and their remains can be seen in various parts of Kurayoshi City, including the Sekigane area. From the ruins of Taikyuj Station in Sekigane to the entrance of Yamamori Tunnel, there are ruins of abandoned railway lines in the bamboo forest, creating a fantastical scenery. You can freely walk around the ruins of the former National Railways Kurayoshi Line, except for the Yamamori Tunnel.

*The section from Taikyuj Station Ruins to Yamamori Tunnel-ruins will be closed in winter due to the difficulty of ensuring safety due to snow and ice.

If you are coming to the "Taikyuj Station Ruins / Bamboo Grove Area" by car, etc.Please use the tourist information center / parking lot below.

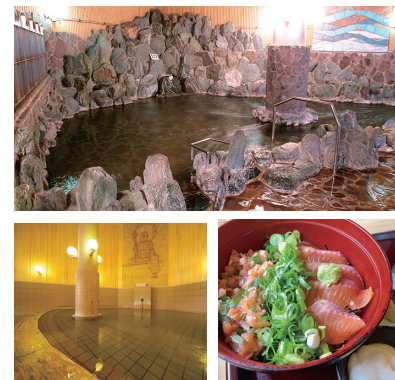
Lost Railroad in Kurayoshi Tourist Information Center

77-1 Taikyuj, Sekigane-cho
Open 10:00~16:30(12:00-13:00 close)
Closed : Mon-Thu, December-February



Sekigane Onsen

Sekigane Onsen, which opened approximately 1,300 years ago, boasts one of the highest levels of radium in Japan and has been selected as one of Japan's top 100 hot springs. It is effective for neuralgia, muscle pain, recovery from fatigue, etc., and has an outstanding hormesis effect that increases the body's "immunity" and "natural healing power"!



Sekigane Yu-meikan

A day-trip hot spring facility where you can enjoy rock baths, wooden baths, open-air baths, saunas, and more. In addition to the rest room, massage corner, and shop, there is also a restaurant called "Shirogane Shokudo" where you can enjoy local cuisine using char, a river fish, so you can spend a relaxing day there.

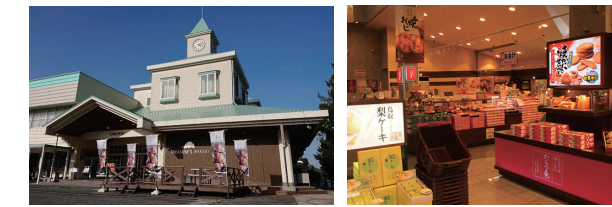
1139 Sekigane-Shuku, Sekigane-cho
Open 10:00~21:00 Reception is open until 20:30
Closed : Mon



Seiryu Yu YOU Village

The Koizumi River, which originates at the foot of Mt.Daisen, allows you to enjoy Sekigane's outdoor activities such as fishing for rainbow trout, yamame trout, and char, catching them, and barbecuing.

639 Koizumi, Sekigane-cho
Mar - Sep 7:00-18:00, Oct - Feb 8:00-16:30



Sweetland TAKARA

The clock tower with a pear green triangular roof is a landmark. From Japanese-style sweets to Western sweets, there is a wide selection of famous confections that make use of local specialties.

2913 Sekigane-Shuku, Sekigane-cho
Open 9:30~17:00 Closed : None

Food



Utsubuki Kouen Dango

A famous confectionery representing Kurayoshi that has been around since the Meiji period. The three-colored dumpling wrapped in three kinds of white bean paste, red bean paste, and matcha red bean paste is very rustic and adorable. Sold at Ishitani Seikado and other souvenir shops in the city.

459-1 Saiwai-cho (Ishitani Seikado)
Open 8:00~17:30 Closed : None



Kurayoshi Prince Melon

A safe and secure melon that uses less pesticides by spraying skim milk powder (milk cultivation). It is highly praised for its thick flesh, sweetness, and long shelf life. (Mid-May to late June)



Beef Bone Ramen

A local ramen made from beef bones that has been eaten in Kurayoshi since the end of the war. Be sure to try Kurayoshi's soul food.



Sekigane Wasabi

Wasabi, a specialty of Sekigane, grown in underground water originating from Mt. Daisen.



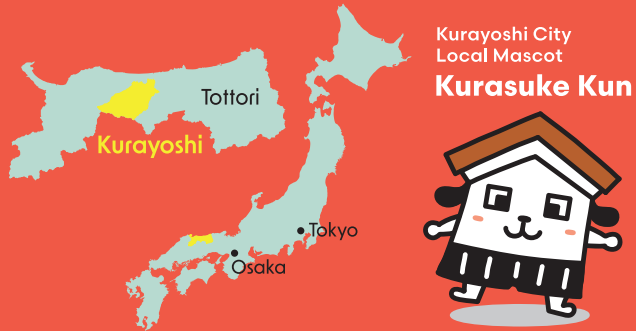
Kurayoshi Gokumi Watermelon

Watermelons are made with a lot of time and effort using innovative cultivation methods such as grafting. It is characterized by its thin skin, sweetness, crunchiness, and soft texture. (Late June to early July)



Tottori 20th Century Pear

Pear is the representative fruit of Tottori. Kurayoshi City and its surrounding areas are a major producer of 20th century pears, which are known for their juicy texture and sweetness. (Late August to early September)



Kurayoshi City Local Mascot Kurasuke Kun



Kurayoshi City is a city located in central Tottori Prefecture with a population of approximately 45,000 people, and includes the Utsubuki-Tamagawa district, which has been designated as a nationally important preservation district for groups of traditional buildings. Many of the houses and storehouses that were built remain.



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An original character work in the form of a pilgrimage to a sacred place, where fans and the town enjoy supporting the eight boys together. A drama tour in which unique characters from across the era play an active role in Kurayoshi is now available on the official "Kurayoshi Hakkenden" YouTube channel.

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Access To Kurayoshi



Hotel List



Event



Kurayoshi Spring Festival

Related events will be held throughout the city, centering around Utsubuki Park, which has been selected as one of the top 100 cherry blossom viewing spots. (Late March to late June)



Kurayoshi Utsubuki Festival

Kurayoshi's summer tradition. On the first day there will be a mitsuboshi dance, and on the second day there will be stage events and a Hiten fireworks display. (First Saturday and Sunday in August)



SUN-IN Mirai Walk

A walking competition held in Kurayoshi City as the main venue. You can enjoy nature, the townscape, and interacting with local people. (Around June)



Sekigane Satomi Festival

A festival held to commemorate Satomi Tadayoshi, who is said to be the model for Nanso Satomi Hakkenden, and his master and servant. (1st Sunday of Sep.)



Goou-sazuke, Kan-non-ichi

In the "Goou-sazuke", worshippers compete for lucky trees in hopes of receiving good fortune for the year. The next day, a "Kan-non-ichi" will be held at the Shirakabe Dozo Group, where various food stalls will be lined up. (3rd Saturday and Sunday in February)

JR Kurayoshi Station Tourist Information Center
JR Kurayoshi Station 1st Floor Age1195-12, Kurayoshi City

Kurayoshi Shirakabe Dozogun Tourist Information Center
Uomachi 2568-1, Kurayoshi City

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Kurayoshi City, Tottori Prefecture TRAVEL SPOT GUIDE



Kurayoshi Shirakabe Dozogun



As soon as you step inside, you will encounter an unexpected encounter.

This area, where many buildings from the Edo, Meiji, Taisho, and Showa eras still remain, has been designated as a nationally important preservation district for traditional buildings. The stone bridge over the Tamagawa River and the calm, atmospheric townscape with red tiles and white plaster walls are lined with restaurants, cafes, souvenir shops, and various experience facilities built from renovated storehouses and townhouses, making for a leisurely stroll through the town. can be enjoyed.

Shirakabe Dozogun Tour Guide Only Japanese

A unique guide will happily introduce you to the charm of the Shirakabe Dozogun, which you can't understand just by walking, with anecdotes from the time.

3,300 yen (tax included) per guide for up to 1 hour
*1,100 yen (tax included) for every 30 minutes if it exceeds 1 hour. One guide will guide up to 20 people.

Reservation
Required



Akagawara Building No.1

The building is a renovated soy sauce warehouse built in the Taisho era, and the first floor is stocked with local specialties and other souvenirs. The second floor has local crafts and handmade goods stores, as well as various exhibition corners.

1-2441 Shin-machi Open 9:00 - 17:00 (Closed : New Year's Holiday)



Hakota Dolls (Kurayoshi Hariko)

A folk toy from Kurayoshi City that has been passed down since the Edo period. Hakota Doll Workshop produces and sells a variety of papier-mâché. You can also try the "face drawing experience" where you can draw your own facial expressions.

Hakota Dolls Workshop
2529 Uo-machi
Open 10:00 - 17:00 (Closed : Wed)



Kurayoshi Shirakabe Dozogun Tourist Information Center

As a base for sightseeing in the Kurayoshi Shirakabe Dozogun, it is located near the tourist parking lot and bus parking lot.

■ Rental Bicycle ■ Luggage Lockers ■ Brochure ■ Wheelchair
■ Baby Carriage ■ Vending Machine ■ Capsule-toy ■ Postcards

2568-1 Uo-machi Open 9:00 - 17:00 (Closed : None)
Around New Year, Open Time Will Change.

Kurayoshi Kasuri

Kurayoshi's traditional craft, "Kurayoshi Kasuri", is characterized by intricate and elaborate patterns that look like they were woven directly from a painting. At the Kurayoshi Furusato Crafts Museum, "Kurayoshi Kasuri" is on display and for sale. You can also tour the weaving machine and experience making coasters.

Kurayoshi Furusato Crafts Museum
2606 Higashinaka-machi
Open 10:00 - 17:00 (Closed : Wed, Fri)



Machiya Seisuian

Founded over 100 years ago with a dedication to mochi. Kurayoshi's specialty "Mochi Shabu" is a hot pot dish that can only be enjoyed here. When you dip the rice cake into the soup stock, it melts in your mouth.

1-876 Sakai-machi
Open 11:00~14:00 / 17:00~20:00
(Closed : Tue, Wed night)



Utsubuki Kairou

A complex facility right next to Shirakabe Dozogun. The observation deck is located 15 meters above the ground, offering a 360° view of Mt. Utsubuki and the red-tiled townscape.

1032-19 Meiji-machi Open 9:00~18:00
Closed : Thu

Experience in Shirakabe

*Information is subject to change without notice. Please check directly with each store for details such as business status and fees.

... Time required



Kyudo (Japanese Archery)

This is an activity facility where the distance to the target is 8m, which is shorter than usual, so even beginners can easily enjoy archery. No reservation required.

2577 Higashinaka-machi (matotoya)
500 yen
5 arrows 500 yen etc.
People over 130cm tall.



Kurayoshi Storytelling

You can listen to historical talks about Kurayoshi. It is also possible to tour the residence.

2701 Nishi-machi (Toyota Residence)
500 yen
Only Japanese



Pottery Experience

Enjoy a casual pottery experience. Unglazed and glazed finished products can be delivered at a later date (shipping fee not included).

1-chome2443, Shin-machi (Tougeikan)
1,500 yen + shipping fee



Kurayoshi Kimono Rental

Wearing a kimono made from the traditional craft "Kurayoshi Kasuri" walk through the white-walled storehouses. In summer, wear a yukata. Also available for men.

5,000 yen per person.
Two or more people can
apply. Reservation required
at least 5 days in advance.



Bamboo Lanterns

By drilling holes in bamboo and creating patterns, you can easily create a wonderful lantern. Recommended for children as it requires no strength.

Held at a designated venue within
Shirakabe Dozogun.
2,000 yen etc.
Reservation Required.



Hakota Dolls Face Drawing

Experience drawing your own facial expressions on the Hakota Doll, a local papier-mâché doll that has been passed down in Kurayoshi since the Edo period, as well as on the Watari and the Inaba White Rabbit.

2529 Uo-machi (Hakota Dolls Workshop)
1,300 yen etc.
You can choose papier mache.



Kurayoshi Coaster Making

At the Kurayoshi Furusato Crafts Museum, we create original coasters by weaving them step by step using a loom. You can choose from several coaster sizes and patterns.

2606 Uo-machi
1,000 yen
Elementary school students and above.



Making Bracelets and Straps

Create one-of-a-kind straps and bracelets using your favorite stones and combinations. Even children can easily try it out.

2542 Uo-machi (Voyage)
Elementary school student : 1,500 yen etc.
Adult Price : 2,000 yen etc.



Defense theory of the cyber world

Mystery-solving content for walking around town linked to your smartphone.

2568-1 Uo-machi (Tourist Information)
500 yen
Please have your smartphone or tablet
ready. Only Japanese

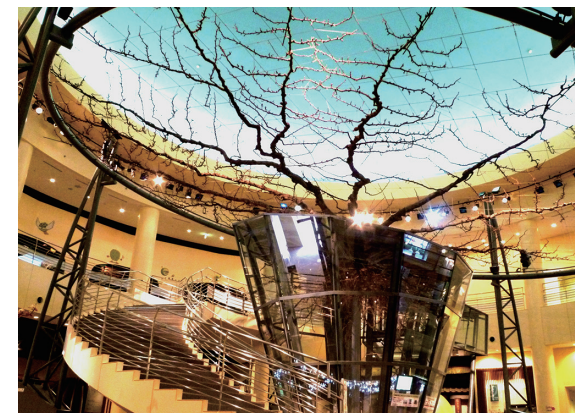


Hodoki-gami

The past you want to forget has been turned into a paper, so if you float it gently on Hagaromo Pond, it will dissolve in the water and sublimate your feelings.

Hagaromo pond, Utsubuki Park
Red and Blue 400 yen each
Purchase at the tourist information center
(2568-1 Uo-machi)

Area around Shirakabe Dozogun



Enkei Gekijo Kurayoshi Figure Museum

The oldest existing circular school building in Japan has been reborn and opened as one of the largest figure museums in Japan. Approximately 2,000 works by Japan's leading figure makers are on display. Other highlights include a corner that recreates the classrooms of those days and a spiral staircase in the center of the building.

1-2971-2 Kaji-machi
Open 9:00 - 17:00 (Summer time -18:00) Closed : None



Tottori 20th Century Pear Museum

The only museum in Japan with a pear theme. In addition to exhibits focusing on the history and cultivation of pears, the "Mysterious Pear Garden", which is designed to simulate exploring a pear orchard in a smaller size, is also popular, as is the corner where you can taste and compare three varieties of pears throughout the year. At the attached parlor, you can enjoy "20th Century Pear Soft-serve Ice Cream" and "Nashikko Mini Parfait", both of which have an addictive harmony of refreshing acidity and vanilla.

198-4 Dakyoji-cho
Open 9:00 - 17:00 (Entrance close at 16:40)
Closed : Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday
(Or the first work day if after a long weekend)
December 29th - January 3rd



Tottori Prefectural Museum of Art 2025.3.30 OPEN!

An art museum with a large open roof with lots of free space. We encourage encounters with diverse people, art, and culture and creativity on a daily basis, and welcome visitors with open arms. (Courtesy of Maki and Associates, Image production: Vicc Ltd.)

Construction site: 2-chome, Dakyoji-cho



Ogawa's Garden Kansuien

A stroll-style garden with a pond created by Teiichi Ogawa, one of modern Kurayoshi's leading businessmen and politicians. In addition to strolling through the garden, you can relax with a cup of matcha while looking out at the garden in the tea room "Nanzanso."

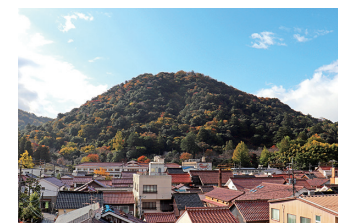
3030-12 Kawahara-cho
Open 9:30 - 17:00 (Reservation Only)
(Closed : Mon - Thu)



Kurayoshi Railroad Museum

The museum, which was built on the site of Utsubuki Station, displays documents and photo panels from the time, and next to the memorial hall, there is also an SL locomotive from the time on display.

1012-7 Meiji-machi Open 9:00 - 17:00 (Closed : None)



Utsubuki Mountain

Utsubukiyama, the symbol of Kurayoshi, is 204m above sea level. Utsubuki Castle was built by Yamana Moriyoshi in the Middle Ages. It is also popular as a trekking course with well-developed walking paths. It is a treasure trove of natural forests covered in virgin forest, and you can enjoy forest bathing throughout the year.



Utsubuki Park

It is known as the best cherry blossom viewing spot in the Sanin area, and azaleas and camellias also grow in clumps. The park also has a corner for small animals such as monkeys and goats, making it a relaxing place for families with children. It is the second city park in Japan after Tokyo Hibiya Park.



Kurayoshi Museum

A museum built with the motif of a group of white-walled storehouses. Exhibits include archaeological materials, works of art related to the local area, and folklore materials.

9:00-17:00 (Last admission 16:30) Closed on
Mondays (next day if Monday is a holiday)
3445-8 Nakanomachi, Kurayoshi City



Kurayoshi City Hall

A modernist building designed by world-renowned architect Kenzo Tange. Exposed concrete pillars, beams, and eaves are effectively arranged to create an exterior that emphasizes the horizontal line.

722 Aoi-cho, Kurayoshi City