

Walking Map

Saijo Sakagura-dori Street flourished as a post-station town during the Edo era. Since then, it has grown into a major brewing area called "the Sake Capital Saijo" benefitting from a climate suitable for sake brewing and excellent groundwater. Even now, seven breweries stand side by side continuing to brew sake according to traditional techniques. The distinctively attractive streetscape includes red brick chimneys, namako walls, and Saijo lattices. Why not visit and stroll down Saijo Sakagura-dori Street and enjoy the atmosphere and culture in your own way?

JR Saijo Station   

Higashihiroshima City Tourist Information Center (2F, JR Saijo Station)
☎ 082-430-7701 **Open** 9:00-18:00

 Offers city-wide information and access information, etc.
The namako-wall-like designs are inspired by the surrounding mountains and the clear and clean water essential for brewing sake. English available.

1F  Omiyage Kaido Saijo  Musashi Saijo Ekimae-ten 2F    Bakery Saint Etoile Saijo-ten



Legend

-  Information Center
-  Parking lot
-  Luggage lockers
-  Wifi spot
-  Restaurant
-  Souvenir shop
-  Public pay phone
-  Accommodation
-  Lavatories (barrier-free)
-  Convenience store
-  Rent a car
-  Bus stop
-  Taxi

-  **Water wells**
The underflow water of Mt. Ryuo is used to brew sake in Saijo. Respective sake breweries open their water wells to the public.
-  **Western-style buildings**
From the Taisho era to the Showa era, several sake breweries built western-style buildings which were then considered modern and emulated public offices. Those buildings have been used as their offices.

Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center

Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center and Free Rest Space
Distributes brochures, offers information about Sakagura-dori Street, and is stocked with souvenirs.
☎ 082-421-2511 **Open** 10:00-16:00
Closed Mondays *Open if Monday is a national holiday, and closed on the following day.

Kugurimon
A unique building that straddles an alley. In 2011, this gate was refurbished and multipurpose space is available for exhibitions and other events.

Let's collect commemorative Nonta stamp!

 **Nonta**
Higashihiroshima City's tourism mascot. Loves festivals and parties! Although a bit mischievous when drunk, he is a nice guy who is carefree and cheerful.

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  Kugurimon Coffee cafe •  Sakagura-dori Kawaraban signboard •  Nonta's comic cardboard cutout •  Kutsu-ishi



Stained glass

In the building, constructed during the mid-Meiji era, see the stained glass with an image of a crane on an office door.



Ebisu-gura brewery

This brewery exhibits the first sake barrel used for the famous fund raising activities undertaken by the Hiroshima Toyo Carp baseball team, the Chinese Zodiac symbol-labeled bottles and other items relating to sake.

Experience the appeal of sake!

- Multilingual panels and video
- "Gold KAMOTSURU"-featured corner
- Premium sake tasting
- Fascinating instagrammable spots
- New goods and original sweets
- Brewery tour with the sake master brewer. (Reservations required)



Gallery of sake and turtles

You will find various tortoise goods collected by KIREI, whose name contains a Chinese character that means "tortoise".



Western-style buildings



KAMOTSURU



KIREI



FUKUBIJIN



KAMOIZUMI(Shusenkan)



Sugidama (cedar ball)

Sugidama (or sakabayashi) balls are hung under eaves of sake breweries as symbols indicating that they are brewing sake. Some breweries replace them with new ones when new sake is produced and sold.



Saijo lattices

Saijo lattices used for machiya (traditional wooden houses), etc., are a rarity in which both vertical and horizontal lattices are combined.



Namako wall

Black flat roof tiles are attached and the joints between them are plaster-finished semi-cylindrically. The name of this construction method is derived from sea cucumbers (namako in Japanese).



Akagawara (red roof tiles)

Akagawara roof tiles glazed and fired at high temperatures, which are resistant to damage from freezing, are descended from Sekishu-gawara roof tiles.

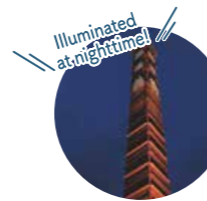


Manhole cover

This uniquely designed manhole cover can only be found on Sakagura-dori Street. Key rings and hand towels of the same design are available.

Red brick chimney

The towering symbols of each sake brand on Sakagura-dori Street soar above the town. Most of the bricks are produced in Akitsu-cho. See if you can spot all 12 chimneys around the station.



Kakari-ishi (hanging stone)

Kakari-ishi is a weight that was used on an old press called "fune."



Kutsu-ishi (shoe stone)

This stone, casually placed on Sakagura-dori Street, is usually placed under a tank.



Nonta's comic cardboard cutout

The big hit installation in front of Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center. Why not take a commemorative photo as if you were climbing up a chimney or looking up at a sugidama ball unique to Sakagura-dori Street?



HAKUBOTAN Empo-gura Brewery building

The first sake brewery in Saijo, the City of Sake.



Sakagura-dori Kawarabansignboard

Offers knowledge about Japanese sake.



Sake Monument

What does sake mean to you?



Saijo Honmachi Historical Square

The history and culture of Sakagura-dori Street are introduced square.



Nonta Daimyojin

(The precincts of Mitate Shrine)

1. Please get the Katashiro of Nonta at Higashihiroshima city Tourist Information Center or Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center.
2. Please write your wishes and worries in the Katashiro and put the Katashiro in the offertory box along with the money.

Nonta is the mascot character of Higashihiroshima City. Katashiro is a Nonta-shaped paper for writing your wishes and worries.



Matsuo Shrine (located within the premises of Mitate Shrine)



Remains of Ochaya Honjin Inn



Aki Kokubunji Temple

Sakagura-dori Sweets

Sake chocolate truffle

● mike cacao



Taru-monaka and bin-monaka (sake bottle-shaped) wafers

● Sakuraya



Sake lees karinto (deep-fried cookies)

● Kugurimon Coffee



Gelato

● SAJOTSURU
● KIREI
● FUKUBIJIN



Nonta biscuits

● Kugurimon Coffee



Sake lees caramels

● Omiyage Kaido
● Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center



Sake-no-ame candies

Sake lees candies

● KIREI
● FUKUBIJIN

Sakagura-dori Gourmet Foods



Bishu-nabe (hot pot made with high-grade sake)

Originally, it was a brewer's dish and served to the staff. With this superb hot pot seasoned with Japanese sake, salt, and pepper, you will enjoy the umami deliciousness of the ingredients.

● Shops around Saijo Station

Sakagura-dori Original Goods



Nonta mascot doll

● Omiyage Kaido
● Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center



Suppin kirei (beauty) soap

● KIREI



Fukubijin soap

● FUKUBIJIN



Tote bags

● KIREI
● FUKUBIJIN
● KAMOIZUMI



T-shirts with sake label prints

● Omiyage Kaido
● Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center

T-shirts with sake bottle prints

● Omiyage Kaido
● Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center



Tokkuri (sake decanter)

● Each sake brewery

Ohoko (sake cups)

● Each sake brewery,
● Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center



Manhole key rings and manhole towels

● Omiyage Kaido
● Saijo Sakagura-dori Tourist Information Center