

# National treasure Rurikoji Temple's Five-Storeyed Pagoda

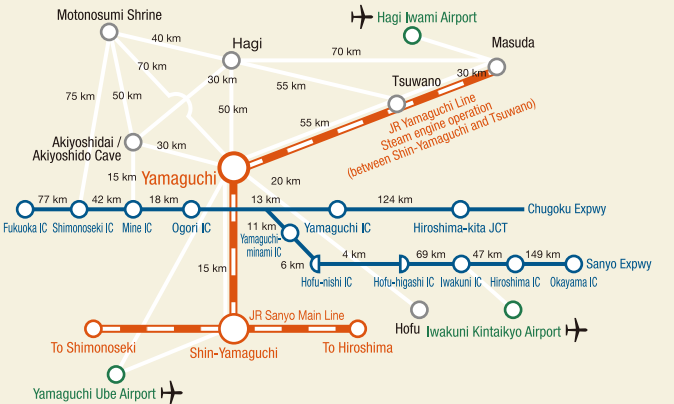
Ouchi Moriharu, the most prosperous feudal lord in western Japan, is believed to have built this pagoda in 1442, roughly 600 years ago (during the Muromachi period) in order to mourn his deceased older brother Yoshihiro. Thanks to the beauty of its changing appearances throughout four seasons – cherry blossom in spring, lush foliage in summer, colored leaves in fall, and snowy landscape in winter – it is numbered among the three greatest pagodas in Japan. There is a Japanese style sweets café in the park, where visitors can take a break from their walk enjoying *hiyashirame*, a refreshing summer drink. The pagoda is lit up after sundown until 22:00.



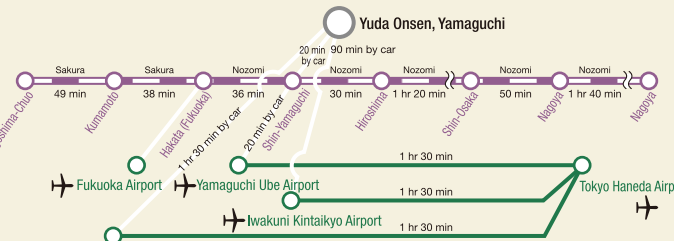
## Transit information for getting to tourist spots in Yamaguchi Prefecture



## Transportation Access in the Yamaguchi Area



## Main Modes of Transportation to Yamaguchi city



## Get info on Yamaguchi online!

Yamaguchi City Tourism Information Website: Nishinokyo Yamaguchi

Access by PC, smartphone, or cell phone!

<http://yamaguchi-city.jp/w/en/>

Nishinokyo, Yamaguchi Search



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# Ichinosaka River Area

The city of Yamaguchi was built long ago with Kyoto as its model. Ichinosaka River, which now flows through the town center, is said to have been designed to imitate Kamo River in Kyoto. The historical district along the river retains its old appearance. Some 200 cherry trees have been planted along both banks of the river, making the river one of Yamaguchi Prefecture's most famous spots in spring. Numerous historical sites from medieval times are also located nearby. The area is dotted with shops and cafes which were converted from old *machiya*, traditional townhouses, adding to the enjoyment of strolling in the town.



## Furusato Heritage Center

Visitors can enjoy viewing displays of Ouchi-nuri, a traditional lacquerware craft of Yamaguchi, as well as trying their hand at making chopsticks. ■ Reservation required: 083-928-3333



# Yuda Onsen

One of the top hot spring destinations in the San'yō area of Japan, its history stretches back some 800 years. With great transportation access to main sightseeing spots in Yamaguchi Prefecture, its streets are lined with restaurants, pubs and hotels, that bustle with activity in the evening hours. After a full day of sightseeing, spend your evening warming up in the hot springs and enjoying Yamaguchi Prefecture's local delicacies, which include fresh seafood and delicious local sakes.

# Festivals

Yamaguchi, with its wealth of natural resources, has numerous festivals that preserve traditions and express love toward nature and appreciation for its beauty. Check out the various festivals that enliven Yamaguchi throughout the year.



## Yuda Onsen: The Legend of the Byakko (White Fox)

A legend holds that, long ago, an injured white fox cured its injuries by soaking itself in the water of Yuda Onsen. An enormous monument to this legend stands by Yudaonsen Station.

## May Firefly Viewing Week!

Ichinosaka River: The Genji fireflies that fit around Ichinosaka River, which flows through the city center, are a sight to behold around this time of year. The trails of the numerous glowing fireflies dancing the cool night along the river are an invitation to romance.

## Apr Yuda Onsen Byakko Festival

Yuda Onsen town: early April, Sat/Sun Portable shrine parades, onsen discounts, white fox parades, and other lively events take place at the Yuda Onsen area. At night, children dressed up like the legendary white fox march through the streets as part of a torch parade.

## Yamaguchi City Saikoutei

Originally a restaurant frequented by famous politicians and literati, Saikoutei has been relocated and restored here. Hengaku(framed tablets with calligraphy) by successive prime ministers are displayed in the main hall. A kimono rental service is also available, so visitors can walk around Ichinosaka River and Runkoji Temple's Five-Storeyed Pagoda dressed in authentic kimonos. ■ Admission: Adults ¥100, elementary/junior high school students ¥50 ■ Reservations: 083-934-3312



## Ryufukuji Temple

It's designated an Important Cultural Property for its architectural style typical of the Muromachi period. The use of cypress bark in its roof is a technique unique to Japan.

## Yamaguchi Xavier Memorial Church

This church was built to commemorate the 400th anniversary of St. Francis Xavier's visit to Yamaguchi. It incorporates "light", "water", and "tent" motifs in an innovative design with a pure white trigonal pyramid-shaped roof covering the entire structure.

## Oji Lobby

This facility provides information on tourist sites and shops around the Ichinosaka River area, and offers a resting room. Visitors can also try on Japanese samurai costumes that can be easily worn over your regular clothing.



## Yuda Onsen Sightseeing Information Plaza

## Kitsune no Ashi Ato

This tourist facility provides information on Yuda Onsen sightseeing spots, restaurants, and gift shops. It has a foot bath and a cafe, and you can enjoy local Yamaguchi sakes (from 18 breweries) and desserts made from local ingredients while you soak your feet in the foot bath. ■ Admission: free (¥200 to use the foot bath) ■ Hours: 8:00-22:00

## Local Yamaguchi cuisine available in the town at Yuda Onsen

Pubs and other restaurants stand side by side in the Yuda Onsen area. Visitors can enjoy local Yamaguchi cuisine including blowfish and other seafood as well as Kawarasa-b-noodle.



# Off the beaten track

## Nationally designated historical site and place of scenic beauty

## Joel-ji Sesshutei

It's thought that master painter Sesshu was asked to design this garden about 600 years ago (during the Muromachi period). Surrounded by woods on the east, west, and north sides, this garden is famous for its resemblance to Sesshu's landscape paintings and has been nationally designated as both a historical site and place of scenic beauty. At the southern end is Nanmei Garden, a traditional dry landscape garden. Guests can also enjoy matcha tea at the tea house. ■ Admission: Adults ¥300, junior high/high school students ¥200



## Chogen no Sato

This activity-oriented park has recreated the nostalgic look of a mountain village with thatched roofs and water wheels. Visitors can try their hand at paper-making, woodworking, bamboo crafts, and soba-making. ■ Admission: Adults ¥500, children ¥300 ■ Contact: 0835-52-1250



## Ryosokuji Temple

Ryosoku-ji Temple is so famous for its autumnal leaves that people call it "Momiji (maple) Temple". There are about 150 maple trees situated along the path from the temple gate and in the precincts. The temple is enlivened by vivid red in autumn each year. ■ Contact: 083-984-2201



## Aiosou

This lodge has the perfect location overlooking the Seto Inland Sea. The landscape seen from the open-air baths placed on the hill is spectacular, and guests can enjoy the onsen while taking in the panoramic view of the Sunada waters.

# Steam Locomotive Yamaguchi

Affectionately known by the nickname "The Lady", steam locomotive Yamaguchi runs through verdant mountain valleys and rice fields, in a 2-hour journey between Shin-Yamaguchi and Tsuwano stations, blowing smoke as it goes. It's a nostalgia-laden experience that will make your trip unforgettable. There's also plenty to see and experience around the stations along the route: Yuda Onsen, the famous hot spring resort; Yamaguchi, from where to access the city's historical neighborhood; and Chomoriyō Gorge, a place of scenic beauty.



## Yamaguchi Travel Support Call Center

Tel. 083-902-6370 (open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year)

## Inquiries regarding hotels and inns

## Yuda Onsen Tourist Center

Tel. 083-901-0150 | 2-1-23 Yudaonsen, Yamaguchi-shi 753-0056

## Inquiries regarding tourism

## Shin-Yamaguchi Station Tourist Office-North Gate

Tel. 083-902-0037 | North-Gate, JR Shin-Yamaguchi Station 1291-14 Ogorishimogo, Yamaguchi-shi 754-0002

## Yamaguchi Tourism Convention Association

<http://yamaguchi-city.jp/w/en/>

Tel. 083-933-0088

2nd floor, JR Yamaguchi Station

2-1 Sodayu-cho, Yamaguchi-shi 753-0042

## Yamaguchi City Travel APP!

**DIG JAPAN!**

<https://digjapan.travel/>

## App Store



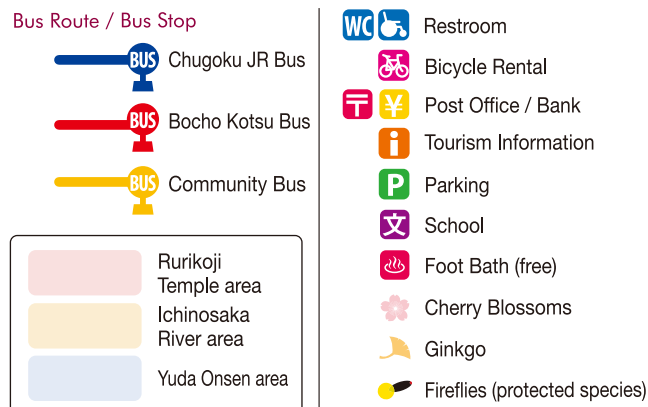
## Google Play





# Yamaguchi Downtown Map

## Legend



## Accommodation

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|---|---|
| 1 Green Rich Hotel Yamaguchi Yuda Onsen | 16 UBL Hotel Matsumasa                  |
| 2 Nishi-no-Miyabi Tokiwa                | 17 Suizanso                             |
| 3 Kokian                                | 18 Kappo Onsen Ryokan Saikyo            |
| 4 Kyoei Ryokan                          | 19 Caliente Yamaguchi                   |
| 5 Business Hotel Fujinoya               | 20 Centcore Yamaguchi                   |
| 6 Business Hotel Kiraku                 | 21 Business Hotel Ueno                  |
| 7 Hotel Kamefuku                        | 22 Bochoen                              |
| 8 Hotel New Tanaka                      | 23 KKR Yamaguchi Asakura                |
| 9 Umenoya                               | 24 Kanpo-no-Yado Yuda                   |
| 10 Stays Inn Yamaguchi Yuda             | 25 Paltopia Yamaguchi                   |
| 11 Ichifuku                             | 26 HOTEL ROUTE INN YAMAGUCHI YUDA ONSEN |
| 12 Super Hotel Yamaguchi-Yuda-Onsen     | 27 Sansuien                             |
| 13 Infune Ryokan                        | 28 Sunroute Kokusai Hotel Yamaguchi     |
| 14 Matsudaya Hotel                      | 29 Taiyoudo Ryokan                      |
| 15 Plaza Hotel Kotobuki                 | 30 Yanai Ryokan                         |

- Train**
- Yudaonsen Station ↔ Yamaguchi Station  
Departure interval: Every 30 mins  
Trip duration: About 4 min (1 station)
- Bus**
- Yuda Onsen ↔ Saikyobashi  
(Ichinosaka River Kotsu Koryu Hiroba)  
Departure interval: Every 20 mins on Weekdays  
Every 30 mins on Sat, Sun, public holidays  
Trip duration: About 13 min (Y220)
- Taxi**
- Yuda Onsen ↔ Saikyobashi area  
Trip duration: About 10 min (about ¥1,000)
- Bicycle**
- Yuda Onsen ↔ Saikyobashi area  
Trip duration: About 12 min

## Yuda Onsen Optional Taxi Tour

Only for lodgers at Yuda Onsen Ryokan Cooperative member inns and hotels.

2-hour tour: ¥3,000/person

Departure times: 9:00, 10:00, 14:00, 15:00  
Tour route: JR Yudaonsen Station → Yamaguchi Xavier Memorial Church → Park Road → Hanchomon Gate → Toshunji Temple Kannon-do → Kozan Park → National Treasure Rurikoji Temple's Five-Storeyed Pagoda → Ichinosaka River → Yamaguchi City Saikotei (or Ryufukuji Temple) → Jozei Sesshutai → Xavier Memorial → JR Yamaguchi Station → JR Yudaonsen Station

1-hour tour: ¥2,000/person

Departure times: 9:00, 10:00, 15:00, 16:00, 20:00  
Tour route: JR Yudaonsen Station → Yamaguchi Xavier Memorial Church → National Treasure Rurikoji Temple's Five-Storeyed Pagoda → Ichinosaka River → JR Yamaguchi Station → JR Yudaonsen Station

Contact information:  
Yuda Onsen Tourism Center Tel. 083-901-0150 / Yuda Onsen Ryokan Cooperative Tel. 083-920-3000  
\* Available for parties of one or more. For groups of four or more, special services will run independent of the departure schedule.  
\* The tour cost does not include admission to paid facilities.  
\* Depending on your request and time, some destination may be skipped.

## Bicycle Rentals

Rented bicycles are a convenient way to tour the city (fees are approximate).

**Yamaguchi Station (Fukutake bicycle rentals)**

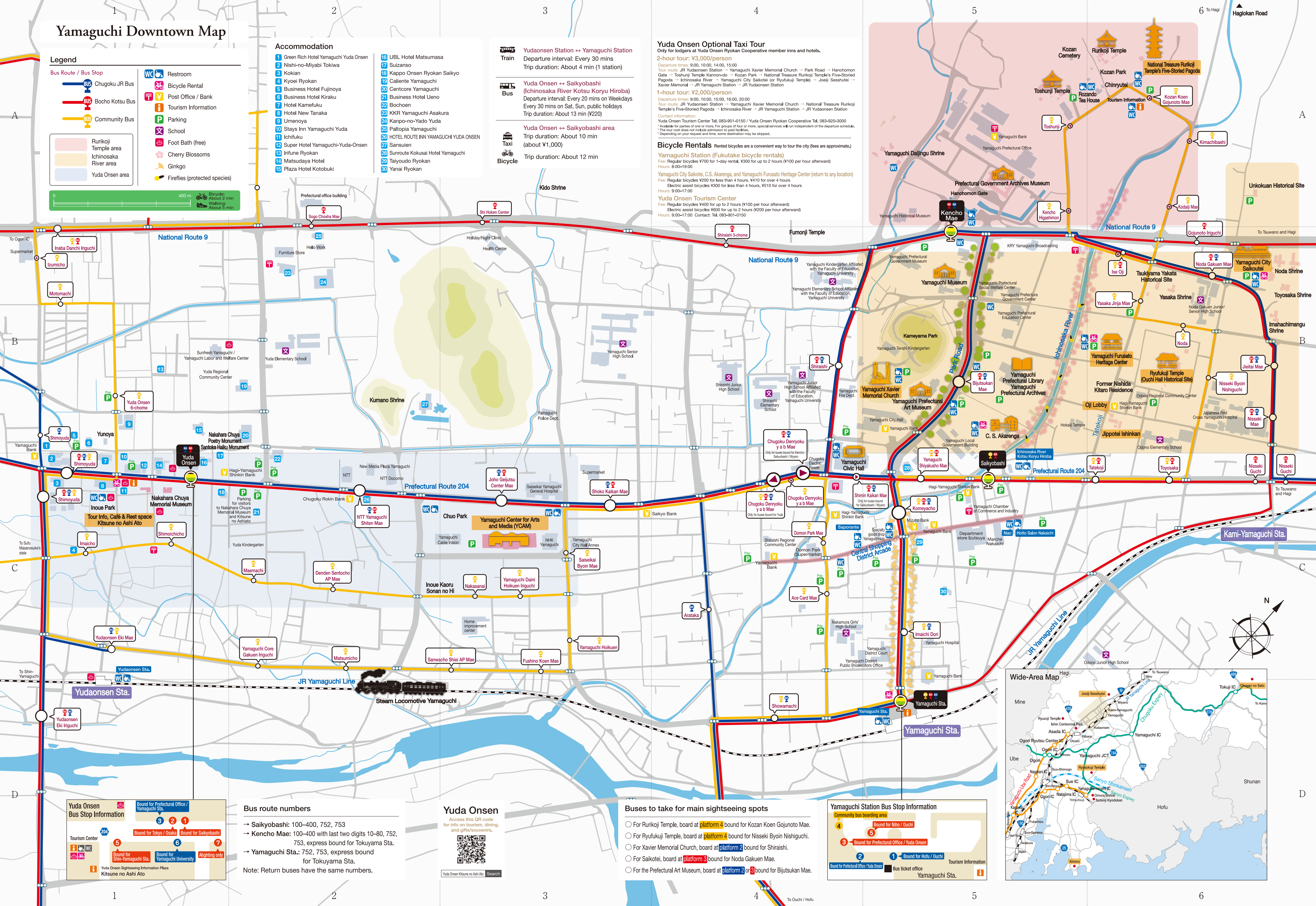
Fee: Regular bicycles ¥700 for 1-day rental, ¥300 for up to 2 hours (¥100 per hour afterward)  
Hours: 8:00-18:00

**Yamaguchi City Saikotei, C.S. Akarenga, and Yamaguchi Furusato Heritage Center (return to any location)**

Fee: Regular bicycles ¥200 for less than 4 hours, ¥410 for over 4 hours  
Electric assist bicycles ¥300 for less than 4 hours, ¥510 for over 4 hours  
Hours: 9:00-17:00

**Yuda Onsen Tourism Center**

Fee: Regular bicycles ¥400 for up to 2 hours (¥100 per hour afterward)  
Electric assist bicycles ¥500 for up to 2 hours (¥200 per hour afterward)  
Hours: 9:00-17:00 Contact: Tel. 083-901-0150



**Yuda Onsen Bus Stop Information**

Bound for Prefectural Office / Yamaguchi Sta.

Bound for Tokyo / Osaka

Bound for Saikyobashi

Bound for Shin-Yamaguchi Sta.

Bound for Yamaguchi University

Alighting only

Yuda Onsen Sightseeing Information Plaza  
Kitsune no Ashi Ato

## Bus route numbers

- Saikyobashi: 100-400, 752, 753
  - Kencho Mae: 100-400 with last two digits 10-80, 752, 753, express bound for Tokuyama Sta.
  - Yamaguchi Sta.: 752, 753, express bound for Tokuyama Sta.
- Note: Return buses have the same numbers.

## Yuda Onsen

Access this QR code for info on tourism, dining, and gifts/souvenirs.



Yuda Onsen Kitsune no Ashi Ato Search

## Buses to take for main sightseeing spots

- For Rurikoji Temple, board at platform 4 bound for Kozan Koen Gojunoto Mae.
- For Ryufukuji Temple, board at platform 4 bound for Nisseki Byoin Nishiguchi.
- For Xavier Memorial Church, board at platform 2 bound for Shirashi.
- For Saikotei, board at platform 3 bound for Noda Gakuen Mae.
- For the Prefectural Art Museum, board at platform 2 or 3 bound for Bijutsukan Mae.

## Yamaguchi Station Bus Stop Information

Community bus boarding area

Bound for Nino / Ouchi

Bound for Prefectural Office / Yuda Onsen

Bound for Prefectural Office / Yuda Onsen

Bound for Hoku / Ouchi

Bus ticket office

Yamaguchi Sta.

## Wide-Area Map

