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TSUCHIURA and TSUKUBA



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"YOKOSO" means "welcome"

TSUCHIURA

Tsuchiura (土浦) (pop. 143,700), the central city of southern Ibaraki Prefecture, thrived as a castle and post-station town during the Edo Period (1603–1867). It is now the gateway to Suigo-Tsukuba Quasi-National Park which includes Tsukuba Science City and Mt. Tsukuba, also a center of transportation by water on Lake Kasumigaura, the second largest lake in Japan.

Access:

Tsuchiura from Ueno (Tokyo) by JR Joban Line:

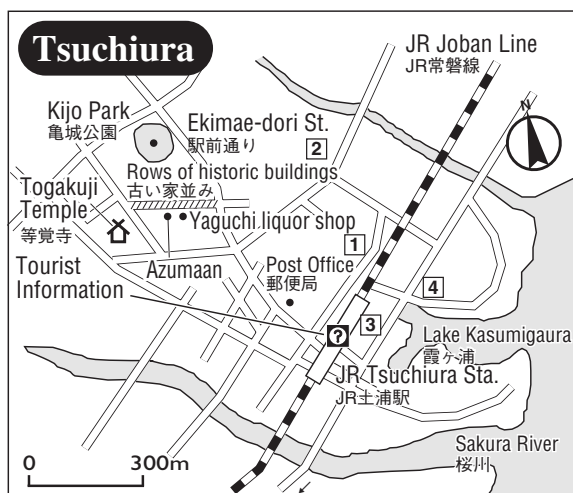
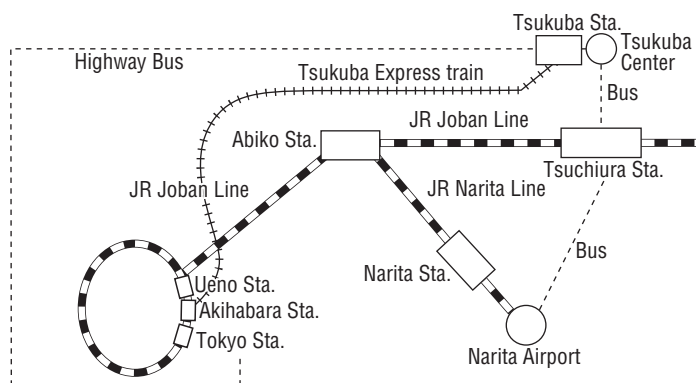
To	From	By	Time required	One-way fare
Tsuchiura	Ueno	Ltd. Express "Super Hitachi", "Fresh Hitachi"	40 min. – 55 min.	¥2,520 (*¥2,010)
		local train	55 min. – 1 hr. 20 min.	¥1,110

(* non reserved seat)

Tsuchiura from Narita via Abiko:

To	From (via)	By	Time required	One-way fare
Tsuchiura	Narita Sta. – (Abiko Sta.)	JR Narita Line	40 – 50 min.	¥1,110
	(Abiko Sta.) – Tsuchiura Sta.	JR Joban Line	35 – 50 min.	
	Narita Airport	Chiba Kotsu Bus	2 hrs.	¥2,540

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Numbers 1 - 3 correspond to those on the "Accommodations" list on page 2/3.

Place of Interest:

Kijo Park (亀城公園), 15-min. walk from Tsuchiura Sta., is the site of former Tsuchiura Castle which is said to have been built by Saburo Wakaizumi in the early part of the 15th Century. A donjon gate and a moat can be seen. The castle was popularly called "Kijo" meaning Turtle Castle because of its resemblance to a turtle floating on the water. Cherry Blossom Festival is held in early April.

Rows of historic buildings along the old Mito Avenue (旧水戸街道の古い町並み), 10-min. walk from JR Tsuchiura Sta. Historic buildings are concentrated on the street called Nakajo Avenue. The tempura restaurant at the Sakurabashi intersection, the Azumaan with a beautiful lattice door, the Yaguchi liquor shop with white walls and black lacquer are all worth seeing.

Togakuji Temple (等覚寺), 15-min. walk from Tsuchiura Sta. The temple was founded during the Kamakura Period. Located in the town of Tajuku on the old Mito Avenue. The bronze bell comes from the Tsuchiura Castle.

Annual Events:

All Japan Fireworks Contest to be held every year on the 1st Sat. in October is said to be one of the biggest firework displays in Japan. The site of the spectacle is on the bank of Sakura River. Firework makers from all over the country gather here to compete.

Other annual events this city has to offer include Cherry-Blossom Festival in Apr., Lake Festival and Gion Festival in Jul., Tsuchiura Kirara (Lake and Tanabata) Festival in Aug. and Chrysanthemum Festival in Nov.

Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)
① Hotel Toko (BH)	(029)821-0481	(029)824-4119	¥
② Hotel Marroad Tsukuba (H)	(029)822-3000	(029)822-3244	¥¥
③ Hotel Alpha the Tsuchiura (BH)	(029)824-1211	(029)824-1110	¥
④ Hotel Cankoh (R*)	(029)821-5110	(029)821-5142	¥

Remarks:

Standard rates are quoted.
 Numbers ① - ④ correspond to those on the map on page 1/3.
 H = Hotel Rate for a twin room.
 R* = Ryokan Rate per person.
 BH = Business Hotel Rate per person.

¥¥¥ more than 15,000 yen
 ¥¥ 8,001 yen - 15,000 yen
 ¥ 8,000 yen or less

TSUKUBA

Tsukuba (つくば) (pop. 209,000), located 50 km northeast of Tokyo and 40 km northwest of Narita International Airport, the site of the International Science and Technology Exposition in 1985 (Tsukuba Expo '85), is a future-oriented city of Japan with 33 national research centers, universities and more than 250 private research institutes.

Access:

To	From	By	Time required	One-way fare
Tsukuba Sta.	Akihabara Sta.	Tsukuba Express Train	45-60 min.	¥1,150
Tsukuba Center	Tsuchiura Sta.	Kanto Tetsudo Bus	30 min.	¥510
	Tokyo Sta., Yaesu-Minami- guchi Exit	Kanto Tetsudo Bus / JR Bus	1 hr. 5 min.	¥1,150
	Narita Airport	Limousine Bus	1 hr. 40 min.	¥2,540

You can visit eight facilities by "Tsukuba Science Tour Bus" ¥500 (21 runs a day on Sat., Sun. and national holiday).

Places of Interest:

Tsukuba Center Bldg. (つくばセンタービル) designed by Arata Isozaki, is a symbolic structure of the city which includes a hotel, a concert hall and stores.

Tsukuba Information Center (つくばインフォメーションセンター) in Tsukuba Center Bldg. is where the history of the city along with its research and educational facilities is introduced in detail through the use of video and various exhibitions. Open: 10:00-17:00. Closed: Dec. 28-Jan. 3.

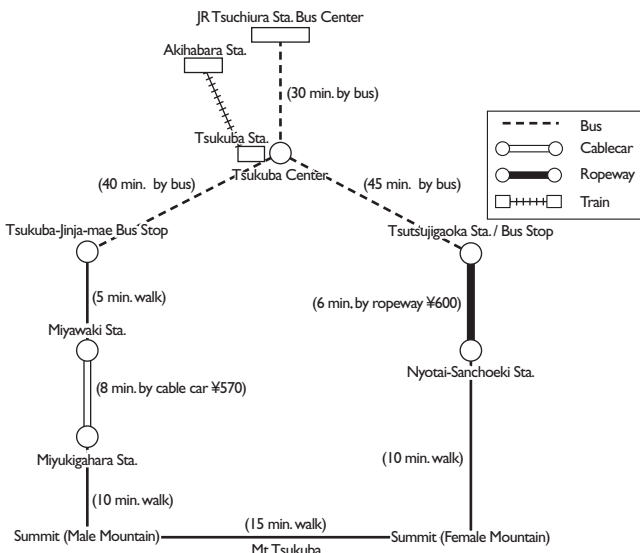
Tsukuba Expo Center (つくばエキスポセンター) is a permanent facility constructed in commemoration of the Tsukuba Science Expo. A number of exhibition articles shown at the time of the Expo are displayed here. This Center consists of Children's Park, Science Forum and Cosmic Hall with one of the largest planetariums in the world. Open: 10:00-16:00 (Dec.-Jan.), 10:00-17:00 (Feb.-Nov.) enter 30min before closing time. Closed: Mon., every last Tue. of the month and Dec. 27-Jan. 3.

Admission: ¥300 (¥700 including admission to the Cosmic Hall planetarium).

Mt. Tsukuba (筑波山) is the main peak of the Tsukuba Mountains located in the north of the city. The summit consists of 2 peaks, Nantaisan (Male Mountain, 871 m) and Nyotaisan (Female Mountain, 877 m). The summit of the mountain commands a panoramic view of the Kanto Plain. Tsukuba City is at its foot. Mt. Tsukuba constitutes a part of Suigo-Tsukuba Quasi-National Park. The summit of the mountain can be reached easily by cable car or ropeway.

Tsukubasan Shrine (筑波山神社), located in middle of Mt. Tsukuba, is one of the most historic shrines in Japan. This shrine is for conjugal harmony and match making and is dedicated to

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Numbers ① - ⑥ correspond to those on the "Accommodations" list on page 3/3.

Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)
1 Okura Frontier Hotel Tsukuba (H)	(029)852-1112	(029)852-5623	¥¥¥
2 Hotel Grand Shinonome (H)	(029)856-2211	(029)856-2679	¥¥
3 Okura Frontier Hotel Tsukuba Epochal (H)	(029)860-7700	(029)860-7701	¥¥¥
4 Tsukuba Sky Hotel (H)	(029)851-0008	(029)856-5116	¥¥
5 Tsukuba Daily Inn (BH)	(029)851-0003	(029)856-5116	¥
6 Gakuen Sakurai Hotel (BH)	(029)851-3011	(029)851-3611	¥
Tsukuba-Sanso Youth Hostel (Y)	(029)866-0022	—	¥

Remarks: Numbers 1 - 6 correspond to those on the map on page 2/3.

H = Hotel
Y = Youth Hostel
BH = Business Hotel

Rate for a twin room.
Rate per person.
Rate per person.

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JNTO Website

www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/essential/guideservice.html



TOURIST INFORMATION

(Visit Japan Information Network)

Tsuchiura City Tourist Information Center:

JR Tsuchiura Station, 1-30, Ariake-cho, Tsuchiura City, Ibaraki Pref. Tel. (029)821-4166

Open: 10:00–18:00 (Mon.–Fri.), 9:00–18:00 (Sat., Sun. and national holidays). Closed: Dec. 29–Jan. 3.

Tsukuba Tourist Information Center:

2-104, Azuma, Tsukuba City, Ibaraki Pref. Tel. (029)855-8155

Open: 8:30–18:30 Closed: Dec. 29–Jan. 3



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