

A Tour of Japan's Wonderful Rose Gardens

A variety of meaningful optional tours are being planned, with visits to beautiful rose gardens and botanical gardens all over Japan, including the gardens recognized by the WFRS with the Award of Garden Excellence. Enjoy the wonderful rose gardens that utilize the particular environments and characteristics of each region from north to south over the long Japanese archipelago.



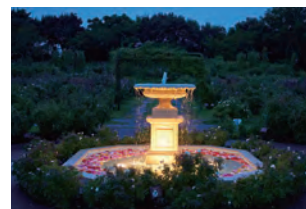
Gifu World Rose Garden



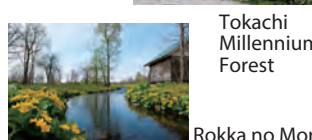
Jindai Botanical Gardens



Akao Herb & Rose Garden



Keisei Rose Garden



Tokachi Millennium Forest



Utsubo Park



The City of Sakura Rose Garden



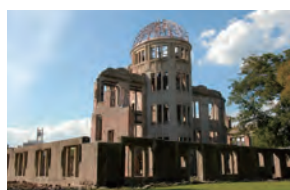
Yokohama English Garden

You can visit other attractive places in Tours or Excursions

Hiroshima Visiting World Heritage Sites



Itsukushima Shrine
(Photo courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture)



Hiroshima Peace Memorial
(Genbaku Dome)
(Photo courtesy of Hiroshima Prefecture)

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Theme: "Designing Future Society for Our Lives"
(Photo courtesy of the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition)

Location of Fukuyama City, Hiroshima



Access To Fukuyama City from Major Cities by Shinkansen

*Travel time to Fukuyama Station
by Nozomi or Sakura

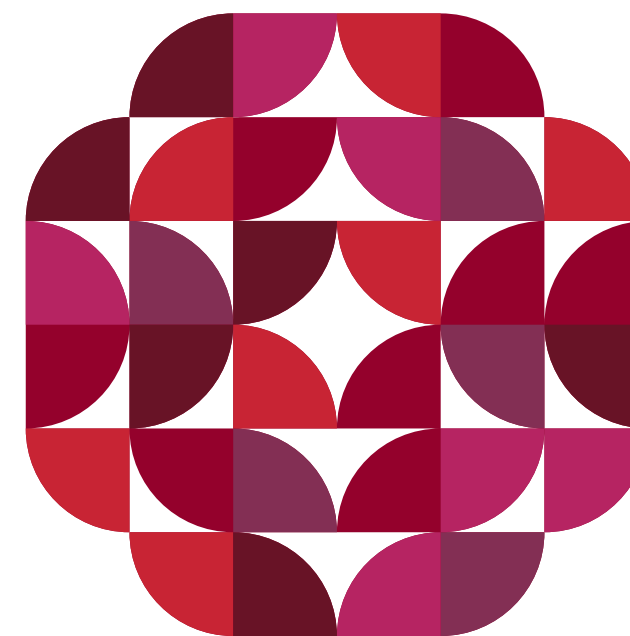
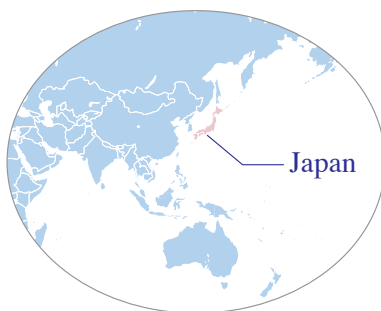
Approx. 3 hrs. 40min. from Tokyo
Approx. 1 hr. 20min. from Kyoto
Approx. 1 hr. from Osaka(Shin-Osaka)
Approx. 25min. from Hiroshima
Approx. 1 hr. 30min. from Fukuoka(Hakata)



Access to Fukuyama City from Major Cities by Air

*Travel time to Hiroshima Airport

Domestic flights
Approx. 2 hrs. from Sapporo(New Chitose)
Approx. 1 hr. 30min. from Sendai
Approx. 1 hr. 40min. from Narita
Approx. 1 hr. 20min. from Tokyo (Haneda)
Approx. 1 hr. 50min. from Okinawa (Naha)
Approx. 1hr by airport shuttle bus
from Hiroshima Airport to Fukuyama Station



WFRS 20th WORLD ROSE CONVENTION 2025 in FUKUYAMA

Roses for the Future A New Future Begins in Fukuyama

Create, Excite, and Shine Together!

18_(Sun)–24_(Sat) May 2025



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Let's Discover the Sustainable Future with Roses in Fukuyama

The World Federation of Rose Societies' 20th World Rose Convention 2025 in FUKUYAMA aims to create a new value for roses, and realize the sustainable society based on the SDGs in 'Fukuyama, the City of Roses'.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



1 The Gift from the Past for the Future

The citizens planted roses about 60 years ago in the hope of creating a peaceful town. The roses gave the people the courage to live, and soon became a symbol of peace. Thus, Fukuyama's history of embodying the philosophy of the SDGs* is a gift from the past.

*SDGs (UN Sustainable Development Goals)



History

Citizens planted a thousand roses in reconstruction efforts after the war



Students nurture their roses

Small rose beds in all corners of the city



2 The Experience of Fukuyama Now

During the Convention, you will be able to see how roses are an integral part of the city today by visiting the most attractive rose gardens among of more than 400 in the city. The Convention will be held mainly at hotels within walking distance of Fukuyama's main station, Fukuyama Station.



Fukuyama Station



Rose Park (World Rose Convention Osaka 2006 Award of Garden Excellence)



Fukuyama Hall of Art & Culture - Reed & Rose - (The venue for the Opening Ceremony and Reception)



Fukuyama New Castle Hotel (The venue for the WFRS Council and Committee Meetings)



Blooming roses in our daily life (Roses and the city character "Rola" in front of the library)



Local shopping street (The venue for the cultural exchange program)



3 A Destination for Enjoying Traditional Culture

Fukuyama is the city that has carefully preserved its history and traditions, and nurtured the abundant nature that is blessed by the calm Seto Inland Sea. As part of the Convention program, you will be able to enjoy historical sites and the breathtaking scenery of the Sea.

During the Convention, there will be various programs by which you can experience the traditional culture of Fukuyama.



The light-up was designed by Motoko Ishii, a world-leading Japanese lighting designer.



Fukuyama Castle

Fukuyama Castle expresses the history of Fukuyama and conveys its culture.

Tomonoura



Japan's Leading Port Town in Early Modern Times, Tomonoura



Classical Japanese Drama, Noh



Japanese Tea Ceremony, SADO



Zen experience and Zazen (seated meditation)

4 Opening up the Future of Roses

At Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025, held in conjunction with the WFRS 20th World Rose Convention 2025 in FUKUYAMA, you can experience the charm and potential of roses, and a sustainable future through a new world view of roses.

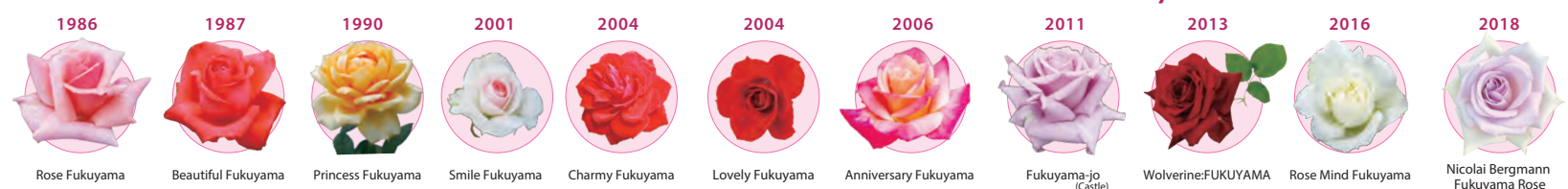


One of the venues, Rose Hill in Midorimachi Park



Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025-- for illustration purposes

There are more than 10 varieties of roses named after Fukuyama



(Photos of Fukuyama Hall of Art & Culture - Reed & Rose, Rose Park, Midorimachi Park (Rose Hill), and roses : courtesy of Fukuyama Tourism Convention Association)