

# Welcome Aboard Your Michigan Cruise!

The stern-wheeler Michigan was built in 1982 to commemorate the sister city relationship between Lansing, Michigan, and Otsu. Since then, she has been beloved by thousands of tourists as one of the most symbolic pleasure boats on Lake Biwa.

## Explore the Ship!



### Royal Room Reservations required

This is the VIP room of Michigan, and is perfect for parties of up to 26 people.

Enjoy views of Lake Biwa from the exclusive Royal Deck.

\*Ordinary passengers can use the Royal Deck if the Royal Room has not been booked.



### "Lovers' Sanctuary" Satellite

This heart-shaped sign at the bow on 1F is the perfect spot for romantic photos. There are three more hearts concealed elsewhere on the decks.



### Michigan Hall

Reservations required

Enjoy dining in the antique-style interior of this restaurant, themed after a New York jazz hall.

Spaces marked Reservations required may only be used by passengers with the appropriate reservations.



### Michigan Dining

Reservations required

With décor inspired by high-end Creole restaurants in New Orleans, the "19th century America" themed interior creates a soothing atmosphere.



### Observation Room

From the Observation Room you can watch Michigan's captain steering the ship. There's also uniforms you can wear for photos.



**360-degree panoramas of Lake Biwa from the Sky Deck!!**



**We'll make your cruise on board Michigan one to remember!!**

\*Example

### Stage & Cruise Deck

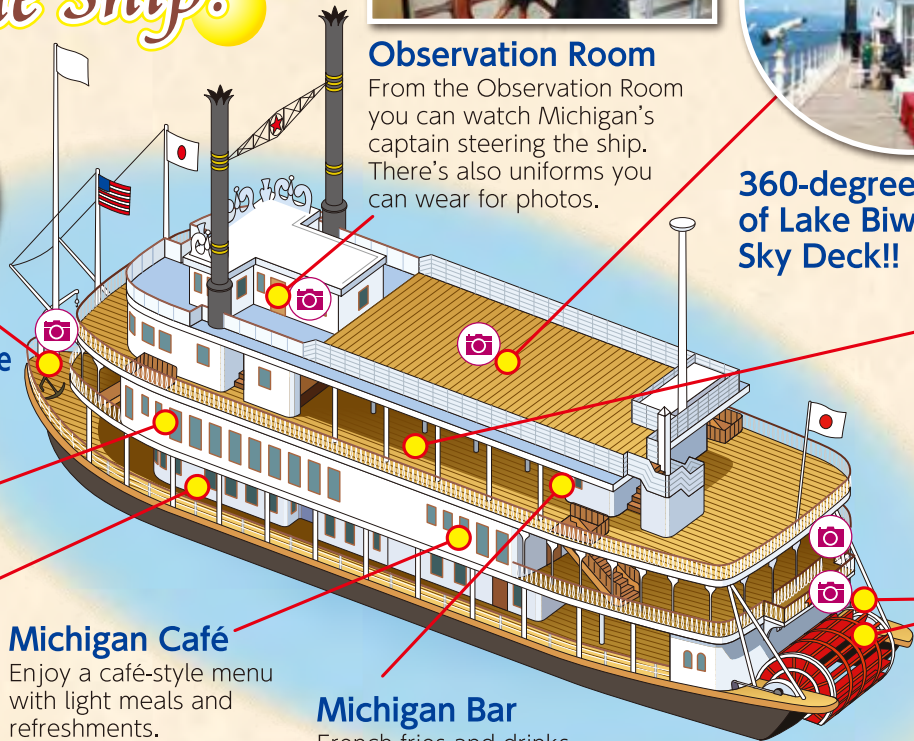
Michigan's pursers will tell you about all the sights and put on live performances. All passengers are welcome to come and watch.

\*Tourist sight guidance and live show schedules change according to the season.



### Best place to watch the paddlewheel turn!!

Head out onto the narrow passageway at the end of the red stern on 1F to get a great view of the powerful paddlewheel churning.



### Photo Spots

### Michigan Café

Enjoy a café-style menu with light meals and refreshments.  
\*May not be available during buffet hours.

### Michigan Bar

French fries and drinks to take away.

### CAFE MENU

There is a café on Deck 2 and a shop on Deck 3, both of which can be used without reservations.

2F : Michigan Café	3F : Michigan Bar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisherman's Shrimp ¥800</li> <li>Cakes ..... from ¥500</li> <li>Soft Drinks ..... from ¥400</li> <li>Draft Beer ..... ¥700</li> <li>Local Sake ..... ¥700</li> <li>etc...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hot Dog Bun Sandwich ¥450</li> <li>Michigan French Fries ¥500</li> <li>Omi Beef Croquette ¥350</li> <li>Ice Cream ..... ¥350</li> <li>Soft Drinks ..... from ¥350</li> <li>etc...</li> </ul>

\*These menus are samples. The items on offer and their costs may vary by season.  
Prices include 8% Consumption Tax. With the increase in the Consumption Tax rate in October 2019, prices will change to include a 10% tax.

### Take home some precious memories of your cruise

A full range of Shiga souvenirs!

**Umi-no-Eki Hama-Otsu**  
Direct-run shop Inside Hama-Otsu A-Qus

Stocks a wide and varied range of goods, including accessories as well as famous products and souvenirs from Shiga and Omi

2 min. walk from Otsu Port  
TEL.077-526-8286 [SISTER SHOPS]  
OPEN 10:00~22:00  
Ureshiya, inside Michi-no-Eki Biwako Ohashi Kome Plaza  
Umi-no-Eki Shiga Ryuo, inside Mitsui Outlet Park

All the best of Shiga under one roof

**Shop Shiga no Hana**  
Direct-run shop Inside Biwako Otsukan

A wide range of uniquely Shiga craft items, snacks, and stylish rose accessories that make perfect gifts or souvenirs.

1 min. walk from Yanagasaki Lakeside Park Port  
TEL.077-511-4187  
OPEN 10:00~18:00

### Relax before or after your cruise

Coffee shop, light meals

**Capitano**  
Direct-run shop

Enjoy a range of drinks, cakes, and lunches. The next-door souvenir area is great for mementos of your cruise.

Inside Otsu Port Passenger Terminal  
TEL.077-521-8019  
OPEN 9:00~16:00  
\*Hours may vary by season.

Restaurant

**Bel van Brugge**  
Inside Biwako Otsukan

At this French restaurant, themed on a Belgian port town, you can enjoy elegant meals as you gaze out over Lake Biwa. The Cake Set is particularly recommended.

1 min. walk from Yanagasaki Lakeside Park Port  
TEL.077-511-4180 [LUNCH] 11:00~14:30  
OPEN 10:00~21:00 [DINNER] 17:00~21:00 (L.O. 19:30) Reservations required [CAFÉ] 10:00~11:00, 14:30~17:00

## INFORMATION

Information about the Ship

**4F** Steerage, Michigan Sky Deck, Observation Room

**3F** Royal Deck, Stage, Michigan Bar, Terrace Deck

**2F** Royal Room, Cruise Deck, Paddle walk

**1F** Michigan Hall, Michigan Café, Michigan Dining, Multi-purpose toilet, Paddle viewing area, Lovers' Sanctuary (Lovers' Michigan), Nursing room, Elevator information (1F-3F): Wheelchair passengers can board without worry.

**Michigan Data**

- Total length: 59.0 m
- Beam: 11.7 m
- Depth: 2.1 m
- Draft: 1.0 m
- Gross tonnage: 1046.26 t
- Date launched: April 2, 1982
- Fuel: Diesel
- Maximum speed: 8.65 knots (16 km/h)
- Construction material: Steel
- Main engines: MTU x 2
- Passenger capacity: 787 persons

**Lake Biwa Free Wi-Fi**  
Free Wi-Fi is available on decks 1 to 3.

**No food or drink may be brought on board.**

# Welcome to MICHIGAN 2019-2020



**South Lake Area**

Map includes: Garden Museum Hiei, Hiezian Enryaku-ji Temple, Konpon Chudo Hall, Sakaiyo-ji Temple, Hiyoshi Taisha Shrine, Sakamoto-Heizanguchi, Ogo Onsen Port, Biwako Ohashi Port, Biwako Ohashi Bridge, Lake Biwa Museum, Kusatsu City Aquatic Botanical Garden Mizunonori, Mt. Mikami (Omi-Fuji), Omi-jingu Shrine, Kenan-hayama Sakamoto Line, JR Kosei Line, Lake Biwa, Automated Water Quality Measurement Tower, Round-the-Lake Road, Kusatsu O, Kusatsu-juku Honjin, Chikubushima Cruise, Chikubushima Port, Nagahama Port, Imazu Port, Oki-no-Shiraishi, Takeshima Island, Lake Biwa, Okishima Island, Ishiyamadera O, Ishiyama-dera Temple, JR Tokaido Shinkansen, Seta-no-Karashashi Bridge, Takebe Taisha Shrine, Meishin Expressway, Naniwa Route 6, Nionohama Port, Omi Ohashi Bridge, Biwako Otsukan, Biwako Hana Funsui (Fountain), Michigan, Yanagasaki Port, Biwako Hotel, Biwako Otsu A-Qus, Biwako Otsu Bunkakan, Biwako Hall, Yamashina, Otsu IC, Gichu-ji Temple, Lake Biwa Otsu Prince Hotel, Otsu IC, Keihan Railway Keishin Line, Otsu IC, Otsu Port, Otsu IC, Otsu Port (Biwako Hotel), Nionohama Port (Lake Biwa Otsu Prince Hotel).

Routes may change due to weather conditions.

**★For passengers arriving by car★**  
Passengers can park for free at the **Hama-Otsu A-Qus Parking Lot** or the **Yanagasaki Lakeside Park Parking Lot** for up to three hours. Please show your boarding pass for that day at the facilities listed below.  
\*Three hours from time of vehicle entry.  
\*Parking validation is not available at the Biwako Kisen Ticket Office.  
● Umi-no-Eki Hama-Otsu, 2F, Hama-Otsu A-Qus  
● 1F Reception, Biwako Otsukan, Yanagasaki Lakeside Park

**Inquiries / Reservations: By phone or from our website**

Reservations Center (9:00~17:00) **0570-052-105**

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## Trivia about Lake Biwa, Japan's Largest Lake

- ★Lake Biwa is actually one of the world's oldest lakes, dating back some four million years.  
Like the Caspian Sea and Lake Baikal, Lake Biwa is one of only about a dozen lakes worldwide officially classified as an Ancient Lake. Lake Biwa was formed about four million years ago, and was originally some 50 km south, roughly where the Ueno Basin in Mie Prefecture is now. However, repeated crustal movements have shifted the lake, which arrived in its present location about 400,000 years ago.
- ★The size of about 17,000 Koshien baseball stadiums, the lake is also home to more than 60 endemic species.  
With an area of 670 km<sup>2</sup> and a circumference of 235 km, the lake covers a sixth of Shiga Prefecture. With an average depth of 41 m, it plunges to 104 m at its deepest point. The lake holds 27.5 billion m<sup>3</sup> of water, and supplies water to the Kansai region broadly in addition to Shiga Prefecture. With a long history, Lake Biwa is home to more than sixty endemic species, found nowhere else, such as the honmoroko (willow gudgeon).
- ★There are four natural islands in the lake.  
There are four naturally-formed islands in the lake. The biggest, Okishima, is 6.8 km around and covers 1.5 km<sup>2</sup>. The other islands are Chikubushima, which has recently become a popular spiritual place, Takeshima off Hikone, and Oki-no-Shiraishi, rocks sticking out of the water that rise 100 m from the bottom.

<p><b>TICKET</b></p> <p><b>Umi-no-Eki Hama-Otsu</b> Ureshiya</p> <p>Passengers will receive a free gift on presentation of this coupon. Validity: End of March 2020</p>	<p><b>TICKET</b></p> <p>Shop <b>Shiga no Hana</b></p> <p>Passengers will receive a free gift if they are spending 500 yen or more on presentation of this coupon. Validity: End of March 2020</p>	<p><b>TICKET</b></p> <p>Restaurant <b>Bel van Brugge</b></p> <p>Passengers dining (light meals not included) will receive a free soft drink on presentation of this coupon. Validity: End of March 2020 *One coupon is valid for up to 2 people</p>
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# Three ports as the gateway to attractive tourist spots!

There are many fun spots around the three ports. Cruising around Lake Biwa and sightseeing will give you an amazing experience. A short trip to the World Heritage Site Heizan Enryakuji Temple is also recommended.



## Recommended spots : from Otsu Port

**Miidera Temple (Onjo-ji Temple)**  
Head temple of the Tendaijimon Buddhist sect, and known for its Evening Bell, which is counted as one of the Omi Hakkei (Eight Views of Omi). The cherry blossoms in spring and colored leaves in autumn are also a must-see.

**Japan Heritage**

**Biwako Canal**  
Constructed in an epoch-making civil engineering project during the Meiji era. In spring, cherry trees on both sides of the canal are illuminated, allowing visitors to enjoy night flower viewing.

**Otsu City Museum of History**  
The history and culture of Otsu are introduced via permanent exhibitions featuring videos and models. Special exhibitions are also offered from time to time.

**Otsu Festival Hikiyama Exhibition Pavilion**  
The pavilion is themed on the Otsu Festival, one of the three greatest festivals around Lake Biwa. Visitors can experience the excitement of the festival.

## Recommended spots : from Nionohama Port

**Gichu-ji Temple**  
Dedicated to the warlord Kiso Yoshinaka, Matsuo Basho (a famous haiku poet) often visited this place, and there are many monuments dedicated to Basho's poems. All areas of the temple comprise a nationally-designated historic site.

**Old Tokaido Road/Samurai Residences**  
The old houses and curved paths give visitors a glimpse of the olden times along the Old Tokaido Road.

**Zeze Castle Ruins Park**  
Zeze Castle was built by Tokugawa Ieyasu in 1601, the year following the Battle of Sekigahara. The site of the main palace has been developed as the Zeze Castle Ruins Park, known as a cherry blossom viewing spot.

**Ishiyama-dera Temple**  
Famous for the "autumn moon at Ishiyama," one of the Omi Hakkei (Eight Views of Omi). The temple is deeply associated with Murasaki Shikibu, author of The Tale of Genji.

**Japan Heritage**

## Recommended spots : from Yanagasaki Port

**Biwako Otsukan**  
The building of the former Biwako Hotel, first built in 1934, was restored as the Biwako Otsukan. It has a restaurant, a multi-purpose hall, and rental conference rooms. An English-style garden next to the building allows visitors to enjoy seasonal flowers.

**Heritage of Industrial Modernization**

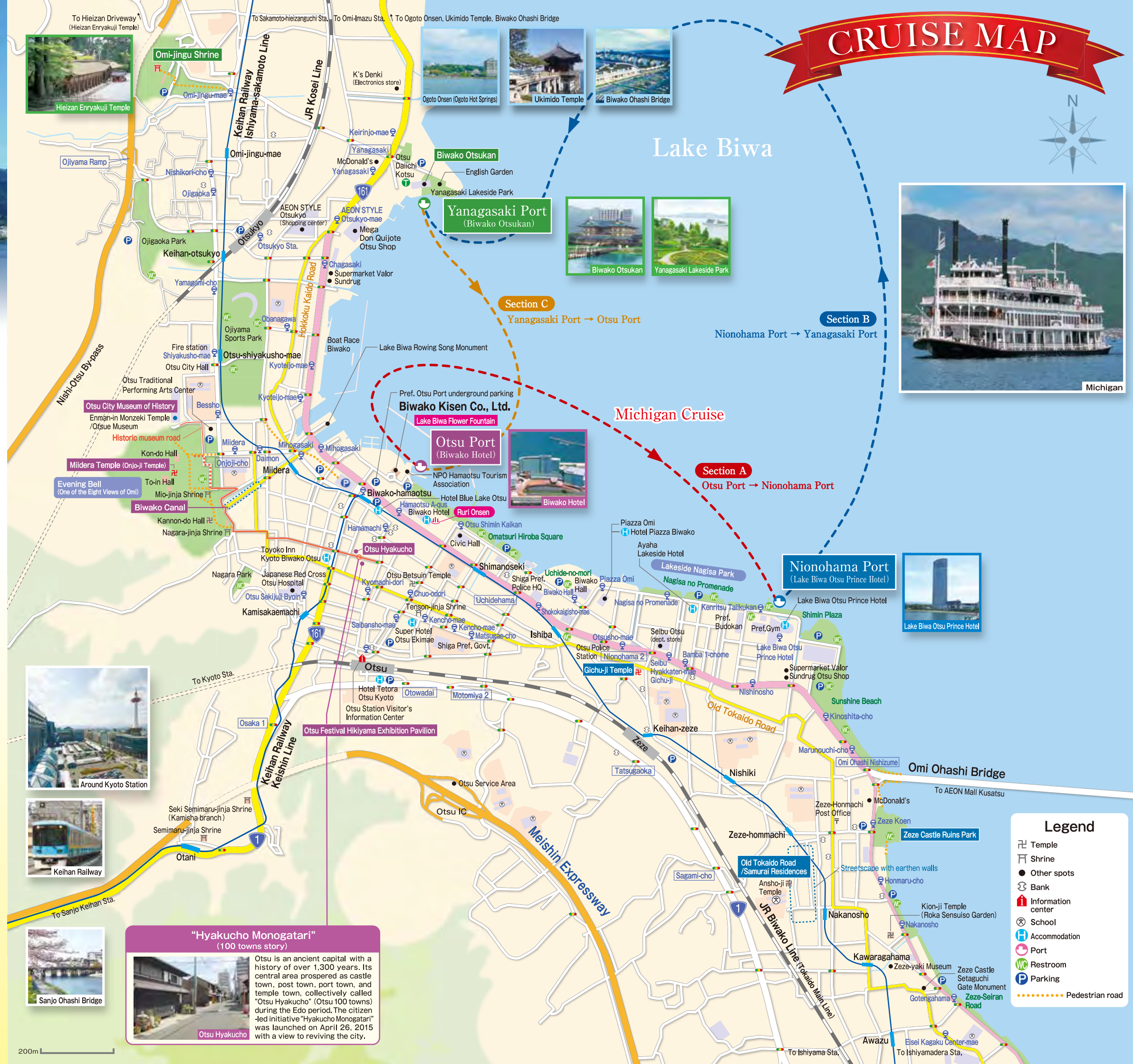
**Omi-jingu Shrine**  
Enshrines the Emperor Tenchi. On the premises is the Clock Museum and Treasure House. Used as the venue for karuta championship tournaments, the shrine is known as the "sanctuary of competitive karuta."

**Sanctuary of competitive karuta**

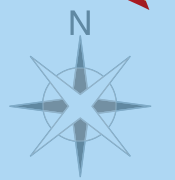
**Heizan Enryakuji Temple**  
Founded in 788, when the priest Saicho (founder of the Tendai Buddhist sect) built a temple in the mountains. Registered as a World Cultural Heritage Site in 1994.

**Japan Heritage**  
**World Heritage**

**Garden Museum Hiei**  
An artistic garden on top of Mt. Hiei, offering a relaxing time with abundant seasonal flowers in bloom. Selected as one of the "Lover's Sanctuary" spots.



# CRUISE MAP



**"Hyakucho Monogatari" (100 towns story)**

Otsu is an ancient capital with a history of over 1,300 years. Its central area prospered as castle town, post town, port town, and temple town, collectively called "Otsu Hyakucho" (Otsu 100 towns) during the Edo period. The citizen-led initiative "Hyakucho Monogatari" was launched on April 26, 2015 with a view to reviving the city.

- Legend**
- Temple
  - Shrine
  - Other spots
  - Bank
  - Information center
  - School
  - Accommodation
  - Port
  - Restroom
  - Parking
  - Pedestrian road