



Lake Biwa Cruise

MICHIGAN

Lake Biwa: Japan's Largest Lake

Cruise

40th MICHIGAN 135th ANNIVERSARY



※This information is based on cruises departing from Otsu Port.

Cruise Courses		Departs Otsu Port (Biwako Hotel)	Departs Yanagasaki Port (Biwako Otsukan)	Departs Nionohama Port (Lake Biwa Otsu Prince Hotel)	Arrives Otsu Port	Fares (incl.tax) ※1	Cruise Availability
Michigan 60	60 minute course	9:40			(10:20) 10:40	Adults 2,400 yen Students 2,000 yen ※2 Children 1,200 yen ※3	Daily from April 1 to December 4, 2022, December 31, 2022 to January 3, 2023, and March 5 to March 31, 2023
Michigan 90	90 minute course	11:00			(12:10) 12:30	Adults 3,000 yen Students 2,400 yen ※2 Children 1,500 yen ※3	Daily from April 1 to December 4, 2022, December 31, 2022 to January 3, 2023, and March 5 to March 31, 2023 Weekends and public holidays from December 5 to 30, 2022, and January 4 to March 3, 2023
		13:00			(13:20) 14:30		
Michigan 60	60 minute course	15:00			(15:20) 16:00	Adults 2,400 yen Students 2,000 yen ※2 Children 1,200 yen ※3	
Michigan Night	90 minute course	18:30 ※4	—	—	20:00	Adults 3,200 yen Students 2,600 yen ※2 Children 1,600 yen ※3	Daily from April 29 to May 8 and August 6 to 15, 2022 Weekends and public holidays from July 16 to September 25, 2022 ※Excluding the date of the Lake Biwa Fireworks Festival

※1. Groups of 15 or more receive a 10% group discount (rounded up to the nearest 10 yen). ※2. Please show proof of your status as a student (middle school, high school, university). ※3. For children 5 years old or under, one free fare is included with each adult fare (if accompanying two children 5 years old or under, one child fare is required). However, this discount does not apply for groups of 15 or more. ※4. Guests with meal reservations are able to board from 18:00 and enjoy their meal (while moored). ※Cruises are available even on non-scheduled dates for reservations of 40 or more persons. This does not apply to winter. ※Michigan cruises may be operated by the Bianca or other craft. ※Cruises may be unavailable due to private reservations or use in events. Please check our website or call us in advance to check sailing status. ※Please inquire for pricing for school groups. ※Please note that cruise schedules (timetables) or ports of arrival/departure may be changed or cancelled due to large numbers of passengers, strong winds, or poor weather.



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Chikubushima

A Power Spot and an Island of Mystery

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Imazu Route (Imazu Port ↔ Chikubushima return)	
Fares	Return ※1
Adults 2,700yen, Students 2,200yen, Children 1,400yen	
■Inquiries / Reservations	
Imazu Port TEL.0740-22-1747 FAX.0740-22-3559	

Normal Timetable

■ Daily from April 1 to July 15, 2022
daily from, December 31 to January 5,
2023, and March 5 to 31, 2023

Cruise	Dep.Imazu Port	Arr.Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep.Chikubushima	Arr.Imazu Port
①	9:30	9:55	75mins	11:10	11:40
②	10:40	11:05	85mins	12:30	13:00
③	12:00	12:25	75mins	13:40	14:10
④	13:10	13:35	75mins	14:50	15:20

High Season Timetable

■ Daily from April 29 to May 8, and
from July 16 to December 4, 2022

Cruise	Dep.Imazu Port	Arr.Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep.Chikubushima	Arr.Imazu Port
①	9:30	9:55	75mins	11:10	11:40
②	10:40	11:05	85mins	12:30	13:00
③	12:00	12:25	75mins	13:40	14:10
④	13:10	13:35	75mins	14:50	15:20
⑤	14:20	14:45	70mins	15:55	16:25

Winter Timetable

■ Weekends and public holidays from
December 5 to 30, 2022, and January 6
to March 3, 2023

Cruise	Dep.Imazu Port	Arr.Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep.Chikubushima	Arr.Imazu Port
①	10:40	11:05	85mins	12:30	13:00
②	13:10	13:35	75mins	14:50	15:20

Timetables may change if oisade (net) fishing is being carried out.

Common to all three routes

※No afternoon cruises from either Imazu or Nagahama on the day of the Lake Biwa Great Fireworks Festival.
※Please note that cruise schedules (timetables) or ports of arrival or departure may be changed or cancelled due to large numbers of passengers, strong winds, or poor weather.
※Visiting the temple and shrine on Chikubushima costs 600 yen for adults or 300 yen for children (middle school and older are charged adult prices). Pay on site.
※1 Groups of 15 or more receive a 10% group discount (rounded up to the nearest 10 yen)
※2 Please show proof of your status as a student (middle school, high school, university)
※3 For children 5 years old or under, one free fare is included with each adult fare (if accompanying two children 5 years old or under, one child fare is required). However, this discount does not apply for groups of 15 or more.

Nagahama Route (Nagahama Port ↔ Chikubushima return)	
Fares	Return ※1
Adults 3,200yen, Students 2,600yen, Children 1,600yen	
■Inquiries / Reservations	
Nagahama Port TEL.0749-62-3390 FAX.0749-65-0735	

Normal Timetable

■ Daily from April 1 to July 15, 2022,
weekdays from July 16 to December 4,
daily from December 31 to January 3,
2023, and from March 5 to 31, 2023

Cruise	Dep.Nagahama Port	Arr.Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep.Chikubushima	Arr.Nagahama Port
①	9:00	9:30	75mins	10:45	11:15
②	10:10	10:40	85mins	12:05	12:35
③	11:30	12:00	85mins	13:25	13:55
④	12:50	13:20	80mins	14:40	15:10
⑤	14:05	14:35	80mins	15:55	16:25

High Season Timetable

■ Daily from April 29 to May 8, weekends
and public holidays from July 16 to
December 4, daily from August 11 to 15, 2022

Cruise	Dep.Nagahama Port	Arr.Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep.Chikubushima	Arr.Nagahama Port
①	9:00	9:30	75mins	10:45	11:15
②	9:30	10:00	85mins	11:25	11:55
③	10:10	10:40	85mins	12:05	12:35
④	10:50	11:20	85mins	12:45	13:15
⑤	11:30	12:00	85mins	13:25	13:55
⑥	12:10	12:40	80mins	14:00	14:30
⑦	12:50	13:20	80mins	14:40	15:10
⑧	14:05	14:35	80mins	15:55	16:25

Special Timetable

■ Daily from April 29 to May 8,
August 11 to 15, September 17 to
19, and September 23 to 25, 2022

Cruise	Dep.Nagahama Port	Arr.Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep.Chikubushima	Arr.Nagahama Port
①	13:25	13:55	80mins	15:15	15:45
②	15:20	15:50	75mins	17:05	17:35

Biwako Traverse Route (from either Imazu Port or Nagahama Port)	
Fares ※1	
Adults 2,900yen, Students 2,400yen, Children 1,500yen	
■Inquiries / Reservations	
Please contact either Imazu or Nagahama port.	

1. Imazu Port→Chikubushima sightseeing→Nagahama Port
■ Daily from March 1 to December 4, 2022, and March 5 to March 31, 2023

Cruise	Dep.Imazu Port	Arr.Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep.Chikubushima	Arr.Nagahama Port
①	9:30	9:55	50mins	10:45	11:15
②	10:40	11:05	60mins	12:05	12:35
③	12:00	12:25	60mins	13:25	13:55
④	13:10	13:35	65mins	14:40	15:10
⑤	14:20	14:45	70mins	15:55	16:25

2. Nagahama Port→Chikubushima sightseeing→Imazu Port
■ Daily from March 1 to December 4, 2022, and March 5 to March 31, 2023

Cruise	Dep.Nagahama Port	Arr.Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep.Chikubushima	Arr.Imazu Port
①	9:00	9:30	30mins	10:00	10:30
②	10:10	10:40	30mins	11:10	11:40
③	11:30	12:00	30mins	12:30	13:00
④	12:50	13:20	20mins	13:40	14:10
⑤	14:05	14:35	15mins	14:50	15:20

You may board the next ship if you want to spend more time on Chikubushima. (Please check with crew when boarding)
※From July 16th to December 4th, you can transfer to a flight departing from Chikubu Island at 15:55.

Winter Timetable

■ Daily from December 5 to 30, 2022,
and from January 4 to March 3, 2023

Cruise	Dep.Nagahama Port	Arr.Chikubushima	Sightseeing stop	Dep.Chikubushima	Arr.Nagahama Port
①	10:10	10:40	85mins	12:05	12:35
②	12:50	13:20	80mins	14:40	15:10



※All images are for illustrative purposes. ※All prices include consumption tax.
※Details of cruises are subject to change depending on future social conditions.
※A cancellation fee may be charged if the entire reservation is canceled. Thank you for your understanding.

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Imazu Port 〒520-1621 30 Imazu, Imazu-cho, Takashima City, Shiga Prefecture, TEL.+81-740-22-1747

Shiga, Japan Lake Biwa

40th MICHIGAN Michigan Cruise

Look for the red paddle wheel! The entertainment cruise ship that symbolizes Lake Biwa.

The Michigan had her maiden voyage on April 29, 1982, and is the most famous large cruise ship on Lake Biwa. She is named after the American state of Michigan, which has a sister state relationship with Shiga Prefecture, as a wish for friendly relations between the two countries.

Since her first voyage, she has been beloved by millions of passengers as the only stern-wheeler in Japan.



The Michigan pursers and the Michigan crew will make your cruise or sightseeing tour of Lake Biwa a time to remember. Enjoy one of the free live music shows on board.



The top deck offers sweeping 360-degree panoramas of Lake Biwa. Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the lake.



The Michigan is unusual in that it is a stern-wheeler, powered by a single rear paddle wheel. Passengers can get a view of the wheel from directly above in the Paddle Watching Zone.



There are night cruises at certain times during the year, offering the chance to enjoy views of the illuminated Lake Biwa Fountain and the night lights around the lake.

Restaurant

Reservations required



Michigan Buffet
Michigan 90

Arrives
Departs
Otsu Port

Buffet charges
● Adults : 3,000yen
● Children : 1,500yen
● Infants (2 or older) : 800yen

Dinner Course
Michigan Night

Arrives
Departs
Otsu Port

Full-course dinner charges 4,000yen, 6,000yen, 9,000yen

Children's Plate 1,800yen

Michigan 60 limited menu

★ Morning Set
With one drink
(9:40 sailing only)
1,200yen



★ Afternoon Tea Set
With one drink
(15:00 sailing only) 1,800yen

Reservations
required

The following passengers must make advance reservations.

① Those wishing to dine. ② Those wishing to hire the entire ship or a private cabin.
③ Groups of 15 or more.

Light meal Drinks

These can be purchased without reservations at the Michigan Bar on Deck 3.
*Menus are examples. *Please note that contents and prices are subject to change based on the season.

Michigan Burger : 1,000yen

Omi Beef Croquette : 350yen

Soft drinks : from 300yen...And more



Lunch Box

With one drink (Michigan 90 only) 1,500yen

*No outside food or drink is allowed on board.

Dining charges do not include cruise fares, which must be paid separately.

Sightseeing spots around Otsu port

Biwako Terrace / Biwako Valley



● 70 mins. by car from Otsu Port

Enryaku-ji Temple, Mt. Hiei



● 30 mins. by car from Otsu Port

Ishiyama-dera Temple



● 20 mins. by car from Otsu Port

Mii-dera Temple



● 5 mins. by car from Otsu Port

Biwako Otsukan (Former Biwako Hotel)



● 1 min. walk from Yanagasaki Port

Chikubushima Cruise

To the mystical island of Chikubushima, a "power spot" in the northern reaches of Lake Biwa.

About six kilometers off the shore of Lake Biwa is a granite island about two kilometers in circumference. The island is known for "Sinking Shadow of Chikubushima" in the famous Eight Views of Lake Biwa. A popular "power spot," the entire island is steeped in a mystical atmosphere, and people come from all over the country to visit. The Benten Daruma Dolls of Happiness at the Hogen-ji Temple and the "kawarake-nage" clay dish-throwing at the Tsukubusuma Shrine are both popular ways to help make prayers come true.



Chikubushima Cruise

— Imazu route
— Nagahama route
— Biwako Traverse route

Metasequoia Avenue ●

Imazu Port

● Hogen-ji Temple
● Tsukubusuma Shrine

● Kurokabe Square

● Nagahama Castle Historical Museum

Nagahama Port

LAKE BIWA

Takeshima

Shirahige Shrine

● Biwako Terrace

● Biwako Valley

Okishima

● Oki-no-Shiraishi Rocks

● Hikone Castle (National Treasure)

Main Hall, Hogen-ji (Benzaiten Hall)

This hall houses the Benzaiten image. Don't miss the paintings of the Heavenly Deities and the Flying Angels.



Biwako Ohashi Bridge

Restoration work was completed in spring 2020, returning it to its original beauty.

Karamon Gate (National Treasure)
Kannon-do Hall, Hogen-ji

Part of the sixteenth-century "Paradise Bridge" in Toyotomi Hideyoshi's Osaka Castle, this is the only remaining part of the castle. The arched gable gate is a classic example of Momoyama-period design. The Kannon-do Hall is the Thousand-Armed Hall.



Boat Corridor, Hogen-ji (Important Cultural Property)

Said to have been built using the hull from Toyotomi Hideyoshi's pleasure craft, Nipponmaru. (Approx. 1.8 m wide, 30 m long)



Main Hall, Tsukubusuma Shrine (National Treasure)

The building is believed to have originally been part of Fushimi Castle. The shutters in the front of the Main Hall interior are beautifully carved with chrysanthemums, peonies, and phoenixes.



Ryujin Worship Site

It is said that your prayers will come true if you can manage to throw clay dishes through the torii gate facing Lake Biwa.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Control Measures for Safe Travel in Japan

Face Masks Required

Physical Distancing

Sanitizing Stations

Temperature Checks



for details about infection measures and first-aid treatment for overseas visitors

All Biwako Kisen ships and boats have taken full precautions against bacteria and viruses.

Sightseeing spots around Imazu&Nagahama port

Metasequoia Avenue



● 15 mins. by car from Imazu Port

Shirahige Shrine



● 20 mins. by car from Imazu Port

Hikone Castle (National Treasure)



● 10 mins. walk from Hikone Station

Kurokabe Square



● 15 mins. walk from Nagahama Port

Nagahama Castle Historical Museum



● 12 mins. walk from Nagahama Port

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Otsu Port

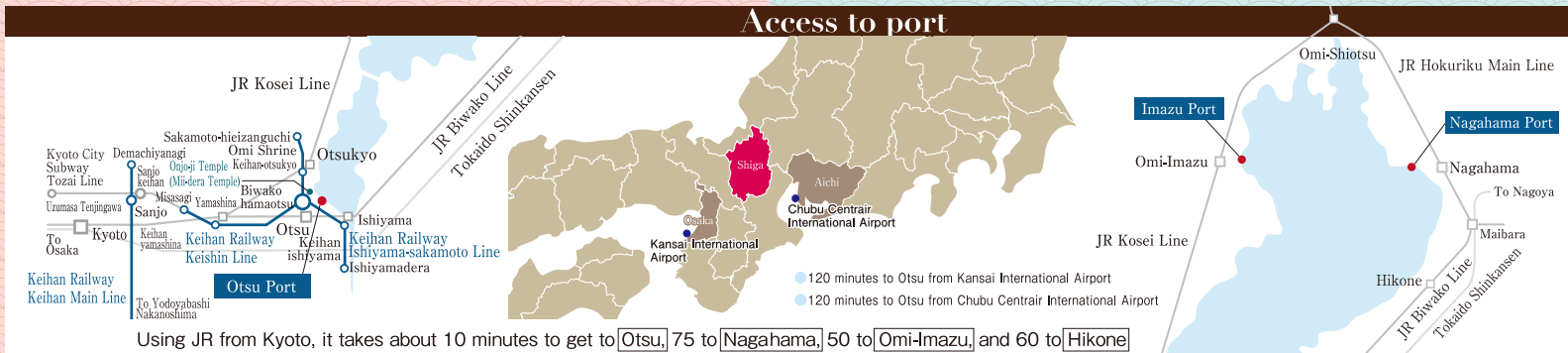
- 5 mins. by bus from JR Otsu Station. Get off at Hamaotsu bus stop (Keihan Bus, Kojak Bus, Ohmi Railway Bus)
- 3 mins. walk from Biwako-hamaotsu Station on the Keihan Line (A good way to get here from Osaka or Kyoto is to transfer to the Keihan Railway at JR Yamashina Station and get off at Biwako-hamaotsu)
- 10 mins. by car from Otsu Interchange on the Meishin Expressway

*Biwako Kisen passengers can use the parking lot at Hamaotsu A-Quas for 3 hours at no charge. Present your cruise ticket and a parking ticket for that day at umi no eki (during business hours) on the 2nd floor of A-Quas.

Please check access to Nionohama Port and Yanagasaki Port on our official website.



Access to port



Using JR from Kyoto, it takes about 10 minutes to get to Otsu, 75 to Nagahama, 50 to Omi-Imazu, and 60 to Hikone.

Imazu Port

- 5 minutes walk from JR Omi-Imazu Station



Nagahama Port

- 10 minutes walk from JR Nagahama Station
- 15 minutes by car from Nagahama Interchange on the Hokuriku Expressway



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