

Mizushima Island

Mizushima is an uninhabited island in Tsuruga. It's in the Wakasa Bay Quasi-National Park. The small island is approximately 500 meters long. It is surrounded by a clear, blue sea and has a white sandy beach. It has a very nice view. It is a popular beach for families and friends to go together.



Kehi no Matsubara and Fireworks Display

In Japan, we have three *matsubara* or pine tree parks. Kehi no Matsubara is one of them.

The Lantern Floating and Fireworks Festival is an annual event that began in 1950. Approximately 6,000 lanterns in three different colors — red, yellow, and blue — float on the sea while Buddhist priests chant sutra and fire works shine in the night sky.



Kehi Shrine and Tsuruga Festival

There is a big gate called a *torii*. It is about 10.93 meters tall, and it is also one of the biggest *torii* in Japan.

Tsuruga Festival is held every September and continues for four days. Not only do the citizens of Tsuruga enjoy the festival, but people from other cities come to enjoy the festival too.



The purpose of this leaflet

We would like to share the great things we have in Tsuruga with as many people as possible all over the world.

This is one of the integrated study activities we have worked on at our school.



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Fireworks Display

Things to See & Try in Tsuruga



Kehi Shrine

Port of Humanity Museum

The Port of Humanity Museum summarizes the history of Tsuruga Port. It mainly introduces the great work of Chiune Sugihara, who saved a lot of Jewish people by giving them entry visas.

The items on display include the recorded voice of Chiune Sugihara, watches left by refugees, valuable testimony from witnesses, and a "visa for life." In addition, the reopening will be in 2020.



Kombu Museum

The only *kombu* (kelp) museums are in Tsuruga and Hokkaido. The relation between these two places has continued for many years. Originally, Hokkaido was famous for *kombu*. After it was transported to Tsuruga through many ports, the people in Tsuruga were introduced to *kombu*. Maybe you will be able to understand the secrets of its taste.



Red Brick Warehouse

The Red Brick Warehouse was built as an oil storage warehouse. The north building, the south building and the brick wall were registered as tangible cultural property in January, 2009. The north building has been changed into the Diorama Building while the south one has been changed into the Restaurant Building.



Nakaikemi Wetlands

The Nakaikemi Wetlands cover 250 thousand square miles. In its peat layer more about 3,000 species of flora and fauna, which adjust to various kinds of environments, have been recognized.

If you go there, you will be able to see rare species such as *Marsilea quadrifolia*, *Monochoria korsakowii*, *Pogostemon yatabeanus*, and *Trapa incisa*.



Katapan

First of all, this isn't a hardened bread. *Katapan* is a very hard cookie. Tsuruga was a transportation base during the Sino-Japanese War, the Russo-Japanese War, and World War II. When units placed here went to war, many of the soldiers bought *katapan*. Some of the people in Tsuruga who saw this became *katapan* bakers.



Sauce Katsudon

If you come to Tsuruga, you must try Sauce *Katsudon* or pork cutlet bowl! You can get it at a restaurant called Yoroppa-ken. The secret sauce on the rice and cutlet tastes so good! The moment you eat Sauce *Katsudon*, you will be taken to an unknown world.



Ramen Stalls

Various kinds of ramen are offered at stalls in Tsuruga. In 1953, the first ramen stall in Tsuruga opened and the number of ramen stalls in front of Tsuruga station increased. In the late 1960s, they were moved along Route 8. At the height of their popularity there were fifteen stalls.



Saifuku-ji Temple

About 650 years ago, Emperor Gokougen wanted to build a temple, so a priest named Ryoyo built Saifuku-ji Temple which belongs to Jodo sect. The temple is also called "*Echi no Hidemine*." It has many important cultural objects. If you go there, you will feel relaxed. In the fall, the autumn leaves look very beautiful.



Kanegasaki

Kanegasaki is the place where Kanegasaki castle used to be. There are a lot of trees and it is rich in nature. It is also known for being the location of one of the few losing battles led by Oda Nobunaga who is famous military commander.

