

The Tale of Genji and Uji



It is in around 1000, that is, mid-Heian period when Murasaki Shikibu wrote a full-length novel "The Tale of Genji" that demands an international reputation. 54 chapters constitute this novel and the first 41 chapters are about love romance of Hikaru Genji, the lead of this novel, in the royal court and the decline of his life. In contrast to Hikaru Genji's

flamboyant love romance, the last 10 chapters are about the low-key romance of Genji's son, his grandson, and three princesses. These 10 chapters are called "Uji 10 chapters" as the main scenes of the story are in Uji. Appreciating the connection with the Tale, Uji city has developed the town based on the themes of the Tale.

Historic sites of Uji 10 Chapters There are historic sites concerning the last 10 chapters of The Tale of Genji around Uji River, inviting visitors to the world of The Tale.

- Names of 10 historic sites
 ●橋姫【Hashihime】●稚本【Shiigamoto】
 ●総角【Agemaki】●早蕨【Sawarabi】
 ●宿木【Yadorigi】●東屋【Azumaya】
 ●浮舟【Ukifune】●蜻蛉【Kagero】
 ●手習【Tenarai】●夢浮橋【Yumenoukhashi】

*The location of 10 places of historic sites of Uji 10 Chapters, see P9~10.



The only museum in the world that you must see as a fan of "The tale of Genji".

The Tale of Genji Museum 20

The Museum shows exhibitions and movies to explain about the world of "Uji 10 Chapters" of the Tale. You will enjoy Heian culture and know the world of Uji 10 chapters.

●Contact/Tel: 0774-39-9300 ●Closing Day: Monday (It is closed next day in case Monday is national holiday) and end and beginning of the year ●Fees: Adult - 500 yen elementary and junior high school child-250 yen ●Parking lot available: bus - 2,000 yen, car - 100 yen (per 30 minutes) ●About 8 minutes walk from Uji station of Keihan line



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The Statue of Murasaki Shikibu 21

Why don't you take a memory picture with Murasaki Shikibu?



The Monument of Uji 10 Chapters 22

The motif comes from the scene of Ukifune, the heroine, and Niou-no-Miya rowing a small boat in the river.

Genji Romance

Every autumn, Uji city holds lots of events called "Genji Romance" to promote the city.



There are more memorial events available.

Literature Prize

We open "Murasaki Shikibu Literature Prize" for female writers and "Murasaki Shikibu Civil Culture Prize" for the residents of Uji city. We hold these prize ceremonies every November.



Uji 10 Chapters Stamp Rally

Let's enjoy visiting the historic sites around Uji River. Anybody can join it. We have this event from late October to early November every year.



Wooden 11 face bodhisattva is installed in the Hondo (the main hall).

Eshin-in Temple 23

This temple was reconstructed by Genshin known as Eshin Sozu, the writer of The Ojyoshu (The Essentials of Rebirth in the Pure Land). He is seen as a model of the monk who helped Ukifune, the heroine of Uji 10 Chapters when she drowned herself in the river and led her to make a new start. You can enjoy flowers of four seasons here. ●Contact/Tel: 0774-21-3942



It is said the shrine was on the Uji bridge.

Hashihime Shrine 24

Until 1867 flooding swept it away, the shrine had been at the foot of the bridge. As Uji was an important site of traffic, Uji bridge played a crucial role. Many legends concerning Hashihime were created. ●Contact/Tel: 0774-21-2017



I am Princess Chihaya, an ambassador to promote Uji city.

The name of the princess is from "Chihayaburu" meaning energetic or powerful. We want to promote Uji city through her.

Seasonal flowers and events



Mimuroto-ji Temple 25

One of the best place to see blooming flowers in Japan It was built 1,200 years ago as an extraordinary head temple of Honzan Shugenshu (Mountain asceticism-shamanism integrating Shinto and Buddhist ideals). As the 10th temple of 33 pilgrimage sites in Western part of Japan, it attracts many visitors. Many Buddhist paintings and statues of this temple were made in Fujiwara period. In Reihoden hall is installed the oldest reproduced statue of Shakyamuni of Seiryoji-temple style. Currently, this temple is known as temple of flowers.

●Contact/Tel: 0774-21-2067 Opening hours: 8:30~16:00 (16:30 between April and October) ●Last time for entrance: 30 minutes before closing ●Fees: Adult - 500 yen Elementary and Junior High School Student - 300 yen ●Opening date of Reihoden: Only 17th of every month (Fees: Adult 300 yen) ●Parking lot available: bus-2000yen car-500yen ●A 15 minutes walk from Mimurodo station of Keihan line

- Best time to see flowers
 ●Rhododendron: April~early May
 ●Hydrangea: June~early July
 ●Indian Lotus: late June~early August



Beautiful tunnel of Maple leaves

Kosho-ji Temple 26

This is a temple of Soto sect and famous for slope called "Kotozaka". Though initially Master Dogen, the founder of Soto sect built the temple in Fukakusa, Kyoto, after it was burned down due to battles, Nagai Naomasa rebuilt the temple in Uji. As he was a tea master, he built at least three tea houses.

●Contact/Tel: 0774-21-2040 Opening ●Hours: 9:00~17:00 ●Fees: Free for walking in garden, 300 yen to tour inside the hall ●A 15 minutes walk from Uji station of Keihan



Main events introduction



Ujigawa Cherry Blossom Festival



Cormorant fishing in Uji River



Ujigawa Fireworks Festival

Ujigawa Cherry Blossom Festival

This festival is held on first Saturday and Sunday of April, attracting many visitors.

Cormorant fishing in Uji River

Cormorant fishing has a long history, which is recorded in "Kagero Nikki". With bonfires reflecting on the river, please enjoy watching cormorant and master working together for fishing. (mid June~late September)

Ujigawa Fireworks Festival

Please enjoy this annual great event. August 10th

Agata Festival

June 5th~in the early hours of 6th

Uji-tea Festival

Early October

Uji 10 Chapters Stamp Rally

Late October~early November



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Agata Festival