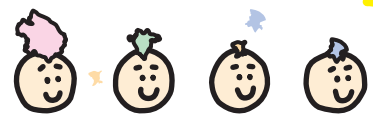


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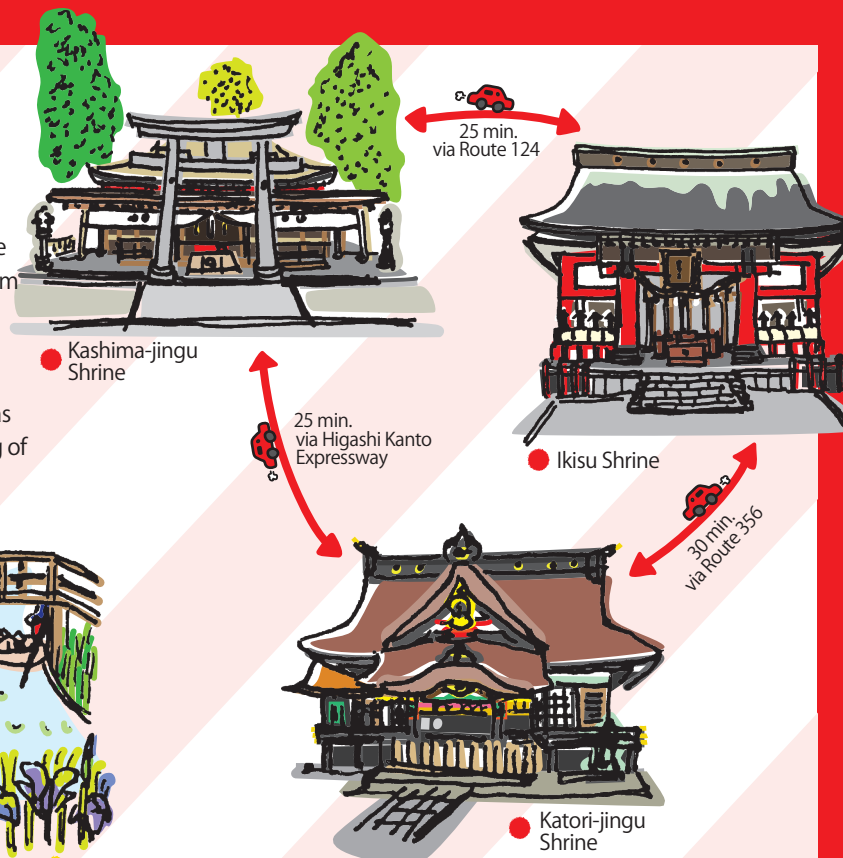
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★ Eastern Region's Three Major Shrines

Eastern region's "Three Major Shrines" implies Kasima-jingu Shrine, Katori-jingu Shrine and Iksu Shrine. Traditionally, there was a custom that people visiting Ise-jingu Shrine from further north of Kanto region also visited them on the way back. Those shrines classified as "jingu" have been only Ise, Kashima and Katori-jingu Shrines since Heian period. Nowadays they are popular tourist destination as a spiritual "power spots". During Edo period when water transportation was highly developed, it was very popular to visit those shrines via boat tour, along with the sightseeing of riverside towns.



★ Early summer in riverside towns Blooming Iris Flowers

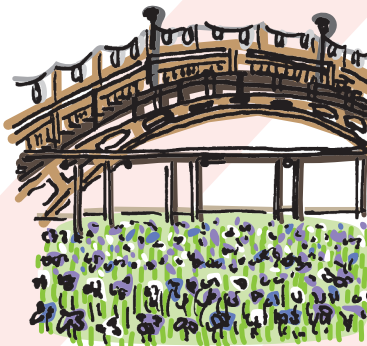
● Rivertown Sawara Iris Flower Festival
Sawara Aquatic Plant Botanical Garden
▼ 1.5 million Iris flowers in 400 breeds
【Period】 5/28(Sat)~6/26(Sun)
【Hour】 8:00 - 18:30
【Fee】 Adult ¥ 700 / Age 6~12 ¥ 350
(During Iris Flower Festival)
【Tel】 0478-56-0411



These canals throughout this 8 hectare botanical garden recreates the traditional riverside town atmosphere. "Lotus Flower Festival begins from July 9.

● Lotus Flower Festival
▼ 300 breeds of lotus flower - the best collection in Japan
【Period】 7/9(Sat)~8/7(Sun)
【Hour】 8:00 - 16:00
【Fee】 Adult ¥ 500 / Age 6~14 ¥ 250
※2016 operation period is 5/28(Sat) to 8/31(Wed) for redevelopment construction.

● Rivertown Itako Iris Flower Festival
Itako Iris Garden
▼ 1 million Iris flowers in 500 breeds
【Period】 5/28(Sat)~6/26(Sun)
【Hour】 All day
【Fee】 Free of charge
【Tel】 Operation Office : 0299-63-1187
Itako city Tourism & Commerce Section : 0299-63-1111



When this Iris Flower Festival began in 1952, those iris flower lovers gathered together by bringing cut iris flowers in a bottle.

※ The stamp for the "Stamp Rally" can be found at the office of Itako city Tourism Association, located at the entrance of JR Itako Station.

★ Nakamura Danlin and Iidaka Danlin

"Danlin" used to be a school for Buddhist monks. Among those danlin schools in Japan, Nakamura, Iidaka and Konishi Danlins (Shobo-ji Temple /Oamishirasato city) were called some of the biggest ones, regarded as Kanto region's three major danlins.

● Nakamura Danlin (Nichihon-ji Temple)
The front signage hung at the gate is said to be written by a major artist Honami Koetsu. Today, this temple is known for its 8,000 roots of hydrangea flowers including some special breeds blooming in winter. A special prize of the event is to plant hydrangea here as a commemoration. Some treasure of the temple is displayed during the event period.



● Iidaka Danlin (Hanko-ji Temple)
Temple's lecture hall, bell tower, drum tower and main gate constructions are designated as National important cultural properties. The total area of the temple is vast in 67,667m², with tall Japanese cedar trees line up in front of the hall to lead us into the depth of history.



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