



## Shirasu-don (whitebait rice bowl)

By Foot

Dining

This rice bowl dish is filled to the brim with fresh whitebait caught off the coast of Ibaraki Prefecture's Oarai Town. Raw whitebait must be eaten the day they're caught which is what makes Oarai's shirasu-don raw whitebait rice bowls so special. In fact, seafood lovers from around Japan and beyond visit the town just to sample the super-fresh whitebait. Mix a little grated ginger and soy sauce into the bowl for an even bigger flavour punch.

Location/View	Oarai Town
Access	
Season	Year-round
Related links	Oarai Tourist Association <a href="https://www.oarai-info.jp">https://www.oarai-info.jp</a>

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## Hitachi Wagyu Beef

By Public Transport

Dining

Only approved cattle farmers who raise Black Wagyu Cattle to the strictest of standards are allowed to sell their beef under the name 'Hitachi Wagyu Beef'. Like all Wagyu Beef, Hitachi Wagyu Beef is known for the marbled fat throughout the beef that gives it its delicious flavour, but it is also particularly well-known for the superior quality of its red meat. Kobe Beef may be more well-known, but don't decide on your favourite until you've tried Hitachi Wagyu Beef for yourself!

Location/View	Various locations throughout the prefecture
Access	
Season	Year-round
Related links	Ibaraki Guide (Ibaraki Prefectural Tourism & Local Products Association) <a href="https://english.ibarakiguide.org/">https://english.ibarakiguide.org/</a>

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## Local Sake in Ibaraki

By Public Transport

Dining

Thanks to its abundant natural resources and 5 major water courses, Ibaraki is home to 41 sake breweries so there's guaranteed to be a sake for everyone! Each of Ibaraki's breweries offers a different unique and authentic sake, and many have won awards in the National Research Institute of Brewing Annual Awards.

If you don't have time to visit a brewery, stop by Mito Station or Tsukuba Station and visit the 'Ibaraki Local Sake Bar'. This stand-bar offers 30 different kinds of local sake!

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Access	
Season	Year-round
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### Hitachi Seaside Park

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By Public Transport

Topics

This expansive park is a flower lover's paradise. The sea of blue nemophila flowers during the Spring was chosen by CNN as one of Japan's 36 Most Beautiful Places, and the carpet of red kochia bushes during the Autumn is not to be missed either!

Location/View	Hitachi Seaside Park, 605-4 Mawatari, Hitachinaka City, 312-0012		
Access	About 10 minutes by car from port (about 6km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	70 buses
Related links	Hitachi Seaside Park <a href="https://hitachikaihin.jp/en/">https://hitachikaihin.jp/en/</a>		

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### Fukuroda Falls

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

At 120m tall and 73m wide, Fukuroda Falls is one of Japan's three greatest waterfalls. The falls flows over four levels of cliff, earning it its other name of 'Yodo' or Four Falls. The landscape changes dramatically throughout the four seasons, from the fresh green of Spring and refreshing Summer to the bright Autumn foliage and dramatic frozen curtains of water in the Winter; another reason why Fukuroda is also known as the Four Falls.

Location/View	Fukuroda Falls, 3-19, Fukuroda, Daigo Town, Kujigun, 319-3523		
Access	About 90 minutes by car from port (around 64km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	10 buses
Related links	Fukuroda Falls (Daigomachi Tourist Association) <a href="https://www.daigo-kanko.jp/">https://www.daigo-kanko.jp/</a>		

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### Kairakuen Garden

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Kairakuen is counted as one of Japan's three greatest gardens, alongside Kenrokuen in Kanazawa and Korakuen in Okayama. It was first opened in 1842 by Tokugawa Nariaki, the 9<sup>th</sup> lord of the Mito Clan, as a place for local citizens to relax and enjoy themselves. During the Ume Matsuri (Plum Blossom Festival) in late February to early March, more than 3000 plum trees of 100 different varieties bloom, filling the garden with a floral fragrance.

Location/View	Kairakuen, 1-3-3, Tokiwa-cho, Mito-shi ,310-0033		
Access	About 40 minutes by car from port (around 20km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	17 buses
Related links	Kairakuen <a href="https://ibaraki-kairakuen.jp/en/language/">https://ibaraki-kairakuen.jp/en/language/</a>		

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## Ushiku Daibutsu (Buddha)

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

At 120m tall, this giant Buddha statue holds the Guinness World Record for the world's tallest standing bronze statue! Visitors can take an elevator 75m up inside the statue for panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

Location/View	2083, Kunocho, Ushiku City, 300-1288		
Access	About 65 minutes via Expressways from port (around 80km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	15 buses
Related links	Ibaraki Guide (Ibaraki Prefectural Tourism & Local Products Association) <a href="https://english.ibarakiguide.org/">https://english.ibarakiguide.org/</a>		

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## Nakaminato Fish Market

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

This fish market is one of the Kanto Region's biggest tourist destinations, attracting more than 1,000,000 people from Ibaraki and beyond every year. As well as freshly caught fish and local produce, the ultra-fresh conveyor belt sushi and other seafood restaurants are particularly popular.

Location/View	Hitachinaka City		
Access	15 minutes by car from port.		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	Over 10 buses
Related links	Nakaminato Fish Market <a href="http://www.nakaminato-osakanaichiba.jp/">http://www.nakaminato-osakanaichiba.jp/</a>		

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## Kamiiso no Torii Gate (Oarai Isosaki Shrine)

By Foot

Topics

It is said that the Gods of the nearby Isosaki Shrine came down to earth at this spot in 856. Since then, these Gods have been worshipped as protectors of marine traffic and sailors. Kamiiso Torii Shrine Gate stands dramatically in the sea, and is particularly popular with people who come to see the first sunrise of the New Year before visiting the shrine.

Location/View	6890, Isohamacho, Oarai Town, Higasiibarakigun ,311-1301		
Access	About 5 minutes by car from port (around 3km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour	-
Related links	Oarai Isosaki Shrine <a href="http://oarai-isosakijinjin.net">http://oarai-isosakijinjin.net</a>		

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## Oarai Marine Fireworks

By Foot

Topics

Oarai Marine Fireworks are held on Oarai Sunbeach, one of the Kanto Region's biggest beaches. This display is one of just a handful of fireworks displays held on a beach! The display is overseen by fireworks professionals who have received the Prime Minister's Award and features a huge variety of fireworks accompanied by music.

Location/View	Chisaki, Minatocho, Oarai Town, Higashiibarakigun, 311-1305		
Access			
Season	Autumn	Parking for tour buses	10 buses
Related links	Oarai Tourist Association <a href="https://www.oarai-info.jp">https://www.oarai-info.jp</a>		



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## Aqua World (Ibaraki Prefectural Oarai Aquarium)

By Public Transport

Topics

Home to approximately 580 species, Aqua World Oarai boasts one of the most diverse aquatic exhibitions in all Japan, and is widely recognized as housing the largest number of shark species in the country. In the last few years the aquarium has seen exciting new additions thanks to its "Come on, Shinsekai!" initiative, including a mystical area with jellyfish of all shapes and sizes, and a musical performance where over 15,000 iwashi sardines swirl under changing lights! Aqua World is also invested in the discovery and research of new species of jellyfish, and is the first center in Japan (fifth world-wide) to successfully breed sand tiger sharks.

Location/View	8252-3 Isohamacho, Oarai Town, Higashiibarakigun, 311-1301		
Access	About 10 minutes by car from port (around 5km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	20 buses
Related links	Ibaraki Prefectural Oarai Aquarium <a href="https://en.aquaworld-oarai.com/">https://en.aquaworld-oarai.com/</a>		



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