

Yokohama

Kanagawa Prefecture · Japan

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Yokohama is Japan's second-largest city, with about 3.7 million people. It sits on Tokyo Bay, roughly 30 minutes by train from central Tokyo. The port opened to foreign trade in 1859, and that history still shapes the city. You see it in the brick warehouses, the large Chinatown and the old foreign-residents' hillside district.

Most visitors stay near the waterfront. Minato Mirai is the modern harbour district with a Ferris wheel, museums and shopping. Chinatown, Yamashita Park and the Kannai area are a short walk away. Yokohama suits a day trip from Tokyo, or a calmer base for a few nights with easy trips to Kamakura and Hakone.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are the best seasons. Late March to April brings cherry blossom, and October to November is mild and clear. June and July are the rainy season. August is hot and humid. Typhoons are most likely from August to October. Winter is cold but dry and often sunny.

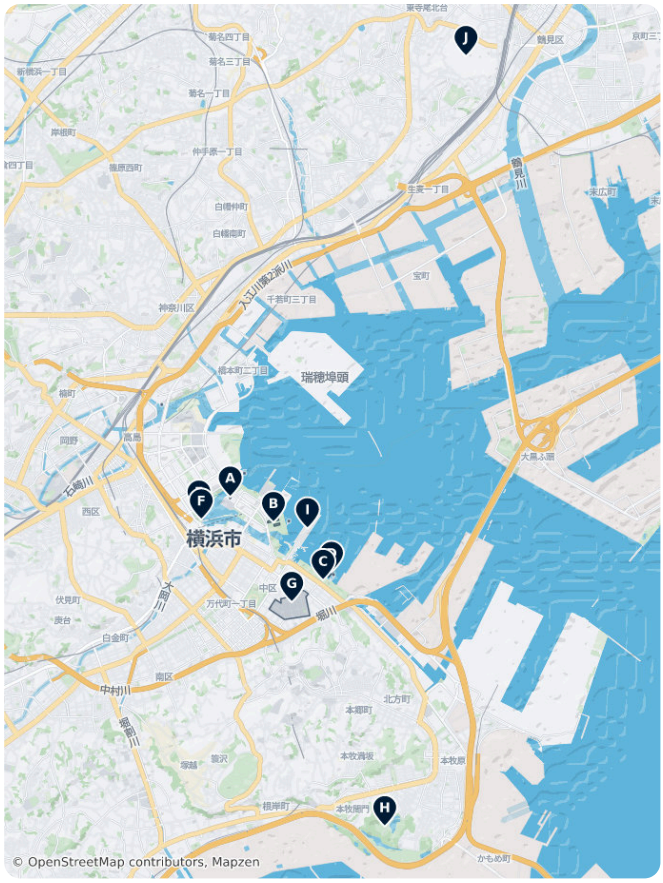
Plan a trip around the Christmas market at the Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse. It runs from late November to 25 December, with lights over the harbour.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	9° / 13° Feels like 4°	1° / -2°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	9° / 15° Feels like 5°	2° / -2°	Dry air
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	13° / 18° Feels like 8°	5° / 1°	13 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for sightseeing	17° / 22° Feels like 14°	10° / 5°	12 rainy days · Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 25°	15° / 11°	12 rainy days
June	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 28°	19° / 15°	14 rainy days · Muggy, humid air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	27° / 31°	23° / 19°	14 rainy days · Oppressive humidity
August	Fair Fair for sightseeing	29° / 32°	24° / 21°	14 rainy days · Oppressive humidity
September	Good Good for sightseeing	26° / 30°	21° / 16°	14 rainy days · Muggy, humid air
October	Good Good for sightseeing	21° / 26°	15° / 11°	13 rainy days
November	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 21°	10° / 6°	Dry air
December	Fair Fair for sightseeing	11° / 16° Feels like 7°	4° / 0°	Dry air

Best months: May, June

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Cosmo Clock 21 is the giant Ferris wheel and clock that defines the Minato Mirai skyline. It lights up after dark and is best seen from across the water.
- The B Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse is a pair of brick customs buildings from 1911 and 1913. Today they hold shops, restaurants and event space on the harbour.
- C Yamashita Park is a long waterfront park with a rose garden. Berthed beside it is D Hikawa Maru, an ocean liner from 1930 that sailed to Seattle and Vancouver.
- E Nippon Maru is a four-masted sailing ship from 1930 in the harbour. A combined ticket also covers the F Yokohama Port Museum next door.
- G Yokohama Chinatown is the largest Chinatown in Japan. Come hungry and walk the side streets, not only the main road.
- H Sankei-en is a large landscape garden built by the silk trader *Hara Tomitaro*. It holds old buildings moved from Kyoto and Wakayama, including a pagoda from 1457.
- I Osanbashi Pier is the cruise-ship pier, shaped as a long wooden deck. It is a good free spot for harbour views and sunsets.
- J Sojiji Temple in the north of the city is one of the two head temples of Soto Zen. It moved here in 1911 after a fire destroyed it in Noto.

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What to experience

- **Make your own Cup Noodles.** At the CUPNOODLES MUSEUM you can design a cup and choose the flavours. The museum is closed on Tuesdays. Book the Chicken Ramen workshop ahead.
- **Ride the Air Cabin at sunset.** The gondola crosses the harbour in a few minutes and gives a view of the skyline and the bay.
- **Watch a baseball game.** The Yokohama DeNA BayStars play at Yokohama Stadium from spring to autumn. The crowd chants and sings through the match.
- **Skate by the harbour.** From December to February an outdoor ice rink opens at the Red Brick Warehouse.
- **Take a Sea Bus.** The short boat ride from Yokohama Station to Minato Mirai shows the city from the water.
- **Try Oktoberfest.** A beer festival runs at the Red Brick Warehouse every autumn.

Day trips

Yokohama is a good base for day trips. Trains run often and times below are one way.

- Ⓐ Tokyo: about 30 minutes by JR or Tokyu train to central stations. Easy for a half day or a full day.
- Ⓑ Kamakura: about 25 minutes by JR train. A coastal town with the Great Buddha, Zen temples and hiking trails.
- Ⓒ Yokosuka: about 45 minutes by JR train. It has a naval port and the historic battleship Mikasa.
- Ⓓ Hakone: under 2 hours by train and local rail, with a change at Odawara. Hot springs, lake cruises and views of Mount Fuji on clear days.



Where to explore

Nearby destinations in Kanagawa:

- Coast and temples: Kamakura and the Shōnan coast.
- Port and naval history: Yokosuka.
- Industrial neighbour: Kawasaki.
- Mountains and hot springs: Hakone.
- The capital: Tokyo.

Getting there

- **By air**: Haneda Airport is the closest. The Keikyu line runs to Yokohama Station in 25 to 30 minutes for under ¥500. To reach Minato Mirai, change trains at Yokohama Station. Narita Airport is farther. The Narita Express goes direct to Yokohama Station in about 90 minutes, and all seats are reserved.
- **By train from Tokyo**: JR Tokaido and Yokosuka lines, the Keihin-Tohoku line and the Tokyu Toyoko line from Shibuya reach Yokohama Station in about 30 minutes. Shin-Yokohama, on the Tokaido Shinkansen, is about 15 minutes from Tokyo Station.
- **By Shinkansen**: Shin-Yokohama is about 1.5 hours from Nagoya and about 2 hours from Kyoto. Change to the Blue Line subway or the JR Yokohama Line to reach the centre, about 15 minutes.
- **By bus**: Airport limousine buses run to Yokohama City Air Terminal (YCAT). Use them when you have heavy luggage or arrive late.
- **By sea**: Cruise ships dock at Osanbashi Pier.

Getting around

- **Trains and subway**: JR, Keikyu, Tokyu and the Minatomirai Line cover the centre. The city's Blue Line and Green Line subway accept contactless credit and debit cards at all stations. Suica and PASMO IC cards work on trains, subways and buses.
- **Buses**: The Akai Kutsu loop bus links Sakuragicho, Minato Mirai, the Red Brick Warehouse, Chinatown and Yamashita Park. A single ride costs ¥220.
- **Ropeway and boats**: The Yokohama Air Cabin gondola runs from Sakuragicho Station to Unga Park, near Cosmo World. The ride takes about 5 minutes. Sea Bus boats connect Yokohama Station with Minato Mirai and the Red Brick Warehouse.
- **On foot**: Minato Mirai, Kannai, Chinatown and Yamashita Park are all within a 20 to 30 minute walk of each other. Sankei-en and Sojiji need a bus or train.
- Official transit: Yokohama Municipal Subway touch payment.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The central waterfront from Minato Mirai to Chinatown is compact and flat. Sankei-en and Sojiji are farther out.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Bike share and waterfront paths exist, but traffic is heavy in the centre.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** Not for a city stay. Trains and buses cover all main sights. A car helps only for trips to the hills or the Miura peninsula. Japan drives on the **left**.
- **Parking**: Paid car parks are common but costly in Minato Mirai and near Chinatown. Many hotels charge a nightly fee.
- **Restrictions**: Expressways in the Tokyo Bay area are tolled. Rental cars usually include an ETC card for automatic payment.

Food & drink

Chinatown is the main place to eat. Look for steamed buns, dim sum and set lunches on the side streets, not only the main road. Many places have queues at midday, so go early or late.

Yokohama is also known for *iekei* ramen. This style has a pork and soy broth and thick, straight noodles. For a fun ramen stop, the Shin-Yokohama Ramen Museum in Shin-Yokohama has small shops from around Japan. For evening drinks, try the izakaya streets in Noge near Sakuragicho, or the area around Motomachi.

What to eat & drink

DINNER

Sushi · 寿司 (Sushi)
Vinegared rice paired with raw fish, seafood, or vegetables; ranges from casual conveyor-belt shops to high-end counters.

Ramen · ラーメン (Ramen)
Wheat noodles in a meat or fish-based broth, with countless regional styles.

Tempura · 天ぷら (Tempura)
Lightly battered, deep-fried seafood and vegetables.

Okonomiyaki · お好み焼き (Okonomiyaki)
A savory grilled pancake with cabbage and a choice of fillings, popular in Osaka and Hiroshima.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Onigiri · おにぎり (Onigiri)
Rice balls wrapped in seaweed, often with a savory filling; an everyday convenience-store staple.

Yakitori · 焼き鳥 (Yakitori)
Grilled skewers of chicken, popular at izakaya alongside beer or sake.

DRINKS

Green Tea · 緑茶 (Ryokucha)
The everyday non-alcoholic drink, served hot or cold.

Sake · 日本酒 (Nihonshu)
Rice wine served warm or chilled, a traditional accompaniment to a meal.

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Safety & health

Yokohama is very safe for visitors. Petty crime is rare. Lost items are often returned.

- Street touts in nightlife areas may lead you to overpriced bars. Say no and choose places that show prices.
- Earthquakes are common in Japan. Know your hotel's exit, and follow local alerts.
- Typhoons are most likely from August to October. Check the forecast before outdoor plans.
- Tap water is safe to drink.
- Summer heat and humidity can be intense. Drink water and rest indoors in the afternoon.

History

Yokohama was a small fishing village until 1853, when Commodore Perry's ships arrived nearby. In 1854 Japan signed a treaty with the United States. The port opened to foreign trade in 1859. Foreign merchants lived in Kannai and on the hill in Yamate. Chinese traders settled where Yokohama Chinatown is now.

In 1872 Japan's first railway linked Yokohama with Tokyo. In 1923 the Great Kanto earthquake destroyed much of the city. Yamashita Park was built on rubble from that disaster and opened in 1930. The Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse were built in 1911 and 1913 as customs buildings and reopened to the public in 2002.

Air raids in May 1945 destroyed large parts of the city. From 1983 the old shipyard land became Minato Mirai 21. Cosmo Clock 21 and the Yokohama Bay Bridge opened in 1989.

Country facts

Here are the essentials for traveling in Japan:

CURRENCY
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ELECTRICITY

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LANGUAGES
Japanese

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Cultural Treasures of Yokohama

Discover Yokohama's diverse cultural sites including specialized museums dedicated to ramen, maritime history, and model railways. Explore traditional Japanese gardens, archaeological sites from the Yayoi period, and local history museums that showcase Yokohama's development and heritage. This collection highlights unique art institutions and interactive science centers located across the city.





A Shin-Yokohama Ramen Museum

The Shin-Yokohama Rāmen Museum is a food court which opened in 1994, located in the Shin-Yokohama district of Kōhoku-ku, Yokohama, Japan.

Japan, 〒222-0033 Kanagawa Prefecture, Yokohama, Kohoku Ward, Shinyokohama, 2-14-21
(35.50985, 139.61453)

Mo–Fr	11:00–22:00
Sa	10:30–22:00
Su	11:00–22:00

raumen.co.jp, +81454710503



B CUPNOODLES MUSEUM

Are you a fan of the famous Japanese ramen (also called cup noodles)? In this museum, which also has a bigger sister in Osaka - the...

4, 231-0001 横浜市 (35.45549, 139.63888)

Mo–Su	10:00–18:00

cupnoodles-museum.jp, +81 45-345-0918



C Sankei-en

Sankei-en is a traditional Japanese-style garden in Naka Ward, Yokohama, Japan, which opened in 1906.

58–1 Honmoku San-no-tani, Yokohama, Kanagawa-ken, 231-0824, Japan (35.41704, 139.65878)

Mo–Su 09:00–17:00

sankeien.or.jp/history/index.html, +1 621–0634



D Yokohama Museum of Art

Yokohama Museum of Art, founded in 1989, is located in the futuristic Minato Mirai 21 district of the Japanese city Yokohama, next to the...

Kawasaki, Japan (35.45701, 139.63059)

Mo–Su 10:00–18:00

yaf.or.jp/yma/index.php



E Hara Model Railway Museum

The Hara Model Railway Museum is a model railway museum in Nishi-ku, Yokohama, Japan, which opened on 10 July 2012.

2, 横浜市 (35.46315, 139.62509)

Mo–Su 10:00–17:00

hara-mrm.com



F Yokohama Port Museum

Yokohama Port Museum, formerly known as Yokohama Maritime Museum is a museum in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan.

Kawasaki, Japan (35.45271, 139.63263)

nippon-maru.or.jp/port-museum/



G Yokohama History Museum

Yokohama History Museum is a history museum in Tsuzuki-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan.

Japan (35.55009, 139.57818)

Tu–Su 09:00–17:00

rekihaku.city.yokohama.jp



H Omotoyama Sojiji Treasure Hall

Treasure hall associated with Sojiji Temple, housing religious artifacts and cultural treasures.

2–1–1 Tsurumi, Yokohama, Kanagawa-ken, 230-0063, Japan (35.50554, 139.67012)

sojiji.jp/zenen/sisetu/index.html, +1 581–6021



I Santonodai Site

The Santonodai site is an archaeological park with the ruins of a large-scale Yayoi period settlement, located in the Okamura neighborhood...

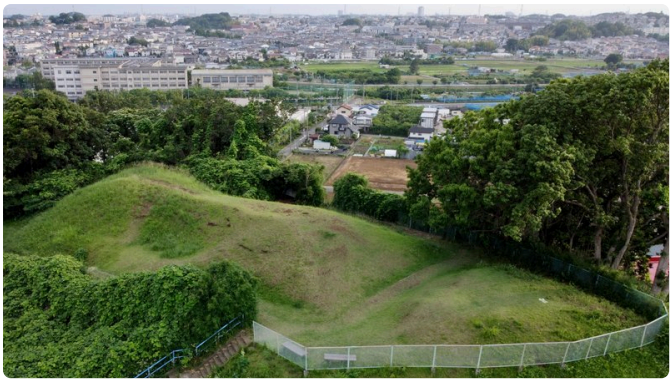
Kawasaki, Japan (35.42066, 139.61075)



J 市ヶ尾横穴墓群

Ancient cluster of horizontal hole tombs designated as a Kanagawa Prefecture historic site.

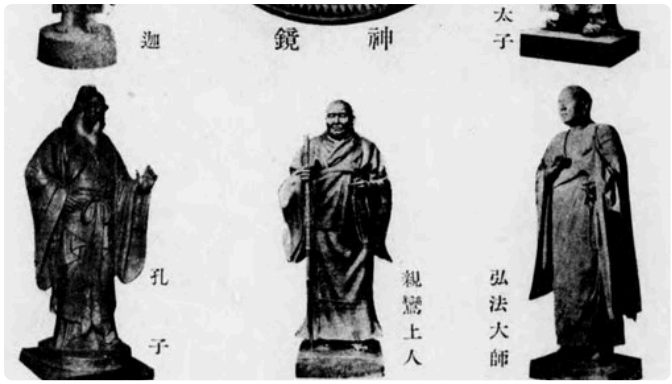
Japan (35.55752, 139.53990)



Ⓚ 稲荷前古墳群

Group of ancient burial mounds with several remaining kofun, recognized as a Kanagawa historic site.

(Unnamed Road), Japan (35.55964, 139.53175)

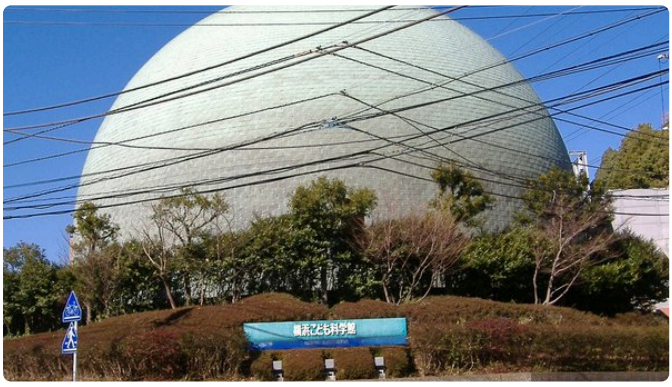


Ⓛ Yokohama City Hasseiden Local Museum

Ethnographic museum managed by Yokohama's local history foundation, focusing on regional folk culture.

Kawasaki, Japan (35.41508, 139.66481)

rekihaku.city.yokohama.jp/shisetsu/hasei/



Ⓜ Yokohama Science Center

Yokohama Science Center is a science museum in Isogo-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan.

Japan (35.37707, 139.59492)

yokohama-kagakukan.jp



Ⓝ Museum of Tin Toys

Museum of Tin Toys is a museum in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan.

Kawasaki, Japan (35.43764, 139.65306)

toysclub.co.jp/muse/tintoy.html



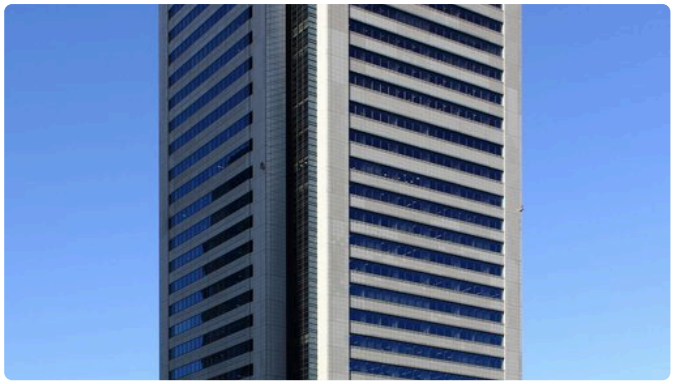
O NYK Maritime Museum

The NYK Maritime Museum is a museum in Naka-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, dedicated to the maritime history of Japan and of the...

横浜市中区海岸通３－９ (35.45036, 139.63942)

Tu–Su 11:00–17:00

nyk.com/rekishi/



P Mitsubishi Minatomirai Industrial Museum

Industrial museum located in a 150-meter skyscraper built in 1993, showcasing Mitsubishi's technological history.

Kawasaki, Japan (35.45573, 139.63008)

Tu–Su 10:00–17:00

mhi.co.jp/museum/, +81 45-200-7351

Sacred Temples & Shrines

This list highlights key Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines in Yokohama, including Sōji-ji, a principal temple of the Sōtō Zen sect, and 富岡八幡宮, a historic Shinto shrine. The sites represent diverse Buddhist traditions and Shinto heritage, offering insight into local religious architecture and history.





A Sojiji Temple

Sōji-ji is one of two daihonzan of the Sōtō school of Zen Buddhism. The other is Eihei-ji temple in Fukui Prefecture.

Kawasaki, Japan (35.50656, 139.67036)

sojiji.jp



B 宝樹院

A Shingon Buddhist temple in Kanazawa Ward, affiliated with the Omuro sect.

Yokosuka, Japan (35.32782, 139.60738)



C 林光寺

A Kōyasan Shingon sect temple in Midori Ward, part of the Kanto 88 Temple pilgrimage (site 66).

Japan (35.51056, 139.57360)



D 弘明寺

A Shingon sect temple known as Gumyō-ji, with the mountain name Suiō-san and subtemple Renge-in.

Kawasaki, Japan (35.42425, 139.59745)

Mo–Su 08:00–16:30

gumyoji.jp



E 富岡八幡宮

A Shinto shrine in Kanazawa Ward, formerly classified as a village shrine.

(Unnamed Road), Japan (35.36940, 139.63587)

Yokohama Parks & Attractions

This collection features Yokohama's diverse parks and recreational areas, including historic Western-style parks established in the 19th century, traditional Japanese gardens dating back to the early 1900s, multiple waterfalls, and expansive zoos. Highlights include waterfront parks founded in the 1920s, urban green spaces preserving medieval castle ruins, and modern sports and water parks.





A Yokohama Cosmo World

Yokohama Cosmo World is a theme park in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan.

1号, 231-0001 横浜市, JP (35.45528, 139.63646)

cosmoworld.jp, +81 45-641-6591



B Yamashita Park

Founded in 1923, this public park stretching alongside the city's waterfront and the bay bridge is a great place to enjoy a morning stroll...

Yokohama, Kanagawa-ken, 231-0023, Japan (35.44568, 139.64999)

city.yokohama.lg.jp/kankyo/park/yokoh... , +81 45 671 3648



C Sankei-en

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Mo–Su	09:00–17:00

sankeien.or.jp/history/index.html, +1 621–0634



D Yokohama Park

Established in 1875, Yokohama Park is one of Japan's oldest Western-style parks, home to Yokohama Stadium and notable for hosting Japan's first international rugby match.

Kawasaki, Japan (35.44372, 139.64025)



E Yokohama Zoological Gardens

Asahi-ku is one of the 18 wards of the city of Yokohama in Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan.

241-0001 横浜市, JP (35.49651, 139.52322)

Mo	09:30–16:30
Tu	Closed
We–Su	09:30–16:30

F Yokohama City Kanazawa Zoo

A city-operated zoo featuring native and exotic species, focused on conservation and education.

なかよしトンネル, Kanazawa Ward, Yokohama, Kamariya-higashi 5-chome 231-0017, Japan (35.34919, 139.59701)



G Honmokusanchō park

Urban park located in Yokohama's Naka Ward offering natural scenery and recreational space.

Kawasaki, Japan (35.42531, 139.66016)



H 茅ヶ崎城址公園

Park preserving the ruins of the medieval Chigasaki Castle from the 15th to 16th centuries.

Japan (35.54463, 139.57904)

I 不動の滝

A natural waterfall located within Yokohama.

(35.50024, 139.53486)

J 白糸の滝

Waterfall known locally as Shiraito no Taki.

(35.48193, 139.54809)

K 小瀧

Small waterfall situated near Shiraito no Taki.

(35.48213, 139.54897)

L 日産ウォーターパーク

A water park facility featuring pools and aquatic recreational areas.

5, 222-0036 横浜市 (35.51076, 139.60706)

+81 45 477 5040



M NISSAN Stadium

Nissan Stadium, a.k.a. the International Stadium Yokohama, is a multi-purpose stadium in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, which opened...

Japan (35.51000, 139.60639)

N Okamura Park

Urban recreational park located in Isogo Ward, Yokohama.

(35.41487, 139.61214)

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