

Ise Kawasaki Shoninkan (Ise Kawasaki merchant's house museum)

伊勢河崎商人館



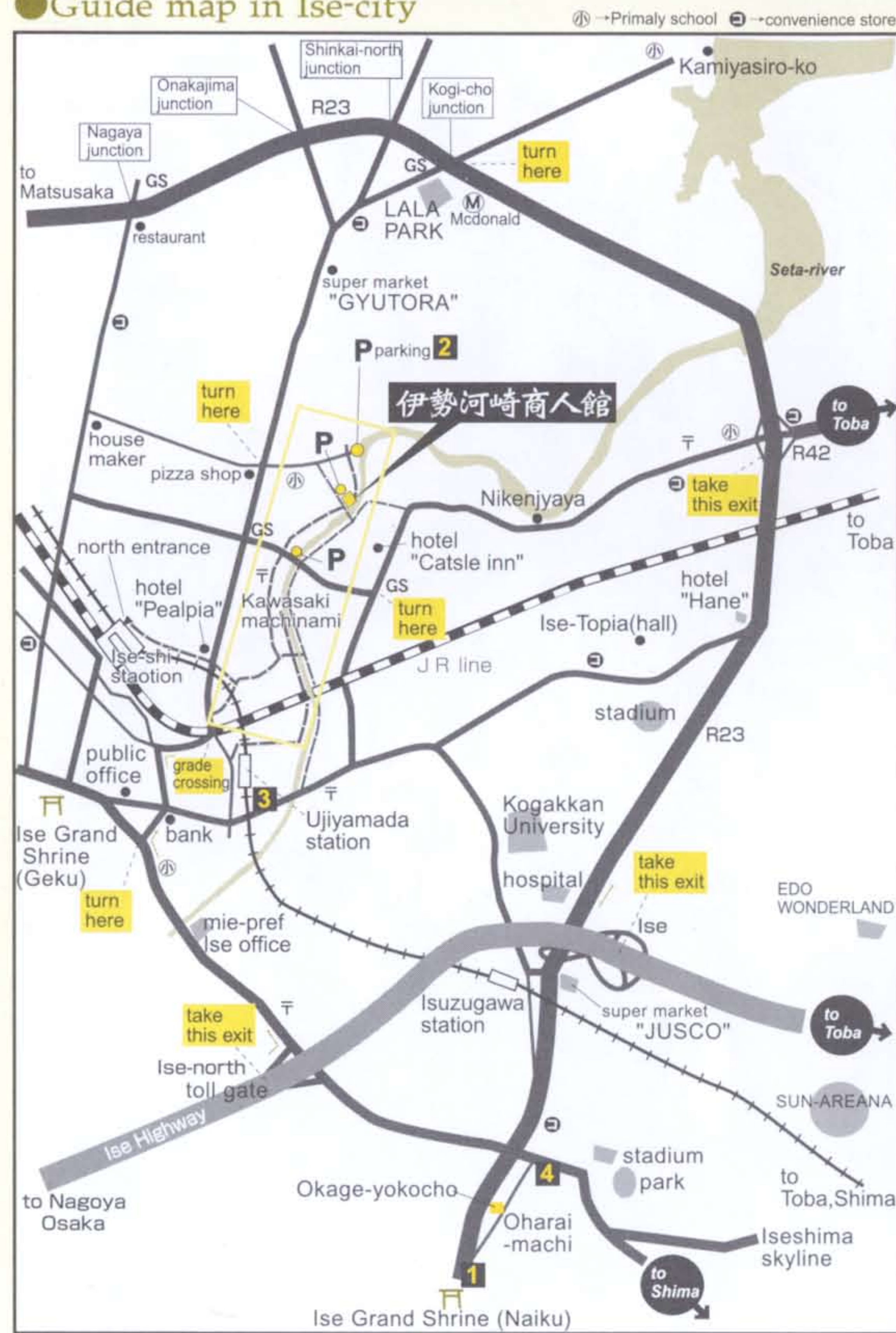
- Rental bicycles are free
- Volunteer guides (conducted only in Japanese) are also available.

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This building was used to be Ogawa liquor shop. The Ogawas had *Kuras* and were one of the most famous merchant families in *Kawasaki* in *Edo* period. In 2001, the building was registered as heritage in Japan. Then, the city of *Ise* renovated and opened it as **Ise Kawasaki Shokuminkan** (Ise Kawasaki Merchants' house museum) in 2002. It is now run by an Incorporated NPO, **Ise Kawasaki Machizukurishu**.

The museum consists of four sections: **Kawasaki Machinamikan** where *Kawasaki's* history and culture are introduced; **Omoya** is a traditional Japanese, *Kyoto-Urasenke* style tea room; **Kawasaki Kadogoza** where various concerts and comedy performances are held; and **Machinami-hiroba** that is a stone pavement open space for other various events and markets.

● Guide map in Ise-city



● Getting there
By car : 15 minutes drive from *Ise-nishi* or *Ise* exit on the *Ise Highway*

Walking : 15 minutes from *Ise-shi* station (JR/Kintetsu line) or *Ujijamada* station (Kintetsu line).

By bus :
"CAN bus" tour around Ise, Futami, Toba
25 minutes away from Ise Grand Shrine (Naiku)

timetable
(weekday)
1 Naiku
↓ 11:22 13:22 15:22
2 Kawasaki Shoninkan
↓ 11:47 13:47 15:47
3 Ujijamada station
11:52 13:52 15:52

(weekend and holidays)
4 Oharai-machi
↓ 11:25 13:31 15:31
2 Kawasaki Shoninkan
↓ 11:51 13:56 15:56
3 Ujijamada station
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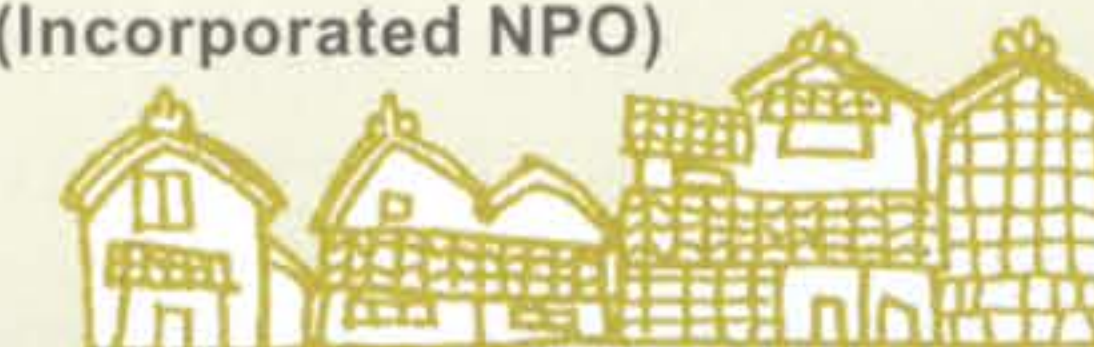


On every 4th Sunday, *Ise-no-daidokoichi* market takes place where you can buy fresh local vegetables, seafood such as dried fish, and other groceries.

- Open
9:30~17:00 (the house museum) 10:00~17:00 (Shoningura)
- Closed
Tuesdays (or Wednesday when Tuesday is a Public Holiday)
- Admission
Adult 300yen / High school and College students 200yen / Primary and Middle school students 100yen.

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"CAN bus" Bus stop

Kawasaki Living historic town

Different from typical commercialized sites that display only certain buildings designed especially for tourism, Kawasaki is a place where you can not only see heritage architecture but also feel local people's cherished way of life. Take a stroll and experience an ethos of the good old-fashioned Japanese town, Kawasaki.

河崎のまちなみ散歩地図

Kawasaki is a 10-minute walk away from Ujiyamada station (Kintetsu line) and Ise-shi station (JR and Kintetsu line).

河崎のまちなみ machinami

The most outstanding characteristic of Kawasaki is rows of tradesman's houses and KURAs along the streets parallel to the Seta River. These buildings are a traditional Ise style of architecture and called KIRITSUMA-YANE. The houses were built in such a way that people could load and unload goods directly from boats on the river.

History of Kawasaki

Kawasaki is located at the halfway up the 7-kilometer long Seta River which runs across the city of Ise, and rows of old houses stand along the riverbanks. In 15th century, Kawasaki was built up as a river port for economic reasons: Kawasaki was very close to the heart of Ise. In those days, Kawasaki was surrounded by Kango, a moat, as well.

During 17th century, Edo period, over 5 million people came to visit Ise Grand Shrine every year. This led to Kawasaki's development; Kawasaki changed into a huge wholesale town. Along the south side of the Seta River stood more than 100 warehouses that sold sugar, salt, rice, liquor, and other groceries, and people called this area "Ise's kitchen". Meanwhile, crafts people clustered on the north side where they made Japanese lacquer wares, woodwork and tatami and brewed miso (soybean paste), and soy sauce.

Even now, many traditional styles of architecture, such as old tradesman houses and traditional Japanese storehouses called Kura, and the old way of life has been well preserved by the great effort of people in the Kawasaki community and an NPO. Thus, you can witness the good old days of Japan in Kawasaki.

shop guide

- 1 KAWASAKI SHONINGURA 河崎商人蔵**
Three KURAs, traditional warehouses, along the Seta River. There are various stores and galleries carrying antiques and handmade goods in here.



- 2 TSUTAYA: Noodle Restaurant.** Ise city is famous for Ise-udon, Japanese noodle.
- 3 YAMAGO KATSUOBUSHI-TEN: Seafood Store.** A dried bonito store established in 17th century.
- 4 WAGUYA: Chinaware Store.** Classic chinaware at a 300 year-old Kura.
- 5 AJIKKO: A Japanese restaurant.** Enjoy Japanese meals in a traditional tradesman's house. Lunch is also popular.
- 6 COIFFURE CHIYO: Hair Dresser** A beauty parlor in a remodeled tradesman's house.
- 7 KAWASAKIGURA: Cafe** Enjoy coffee and local foods in a Kura
- 8 PORAN: Bookstore** Secondhand bookstore on a classic street
- 9 TORAMARU: Bar** An Izakaya, Japanese style casual bar. Enjoy delicious seafood in a Kura.
- 10 HARITAYA: Japanese Confectionery** Famous ITOIN-SENBEI, crackers, is an ideal gifts.
- 11 MONNA LISA: Cafe** Cafe in an old Kura. Enjoy sweets and light meals.
- 12 TSUKI-NO-SAKANA: Antique Store** Antique Kimono, fancy goods, and silver accessories are here.
- 13 KAWASAKI-NICHOME-SHOKUDO: Restaurant** Enjoy Asian food in a classic tradesman's house.
- 14 MIZUNO SHOTEN: Shoe Store** Zori and Geta, traditional Japanese sandals and wooden clogs are sold.
- 15 TAMAYA: Wine bar** Stylish restaurant in a renovated 150 year-old Kura. Wines, Sake, and magnificent meals are here.
- 16 HOSHIDEKAN: Ryokan, a traditional inn** Two-storey wooden Japanese-style inn serves healthy meals.
- 17 OKAGE-FUROKAN ASAHI-YU: Sento, Public Bath** Relax in various types of baths. Shio-yu, boiled seawater bath and a free footbath are popular.
- 18 NAKAMURA COFFEE: Coffee Bean Store** Rich aromatic coffee beans roasted by a "coffee meister" are sold here.

博 = Sign of a private museum. You can see living culture of Ise. All the private museums are free, but some require an appointment.

