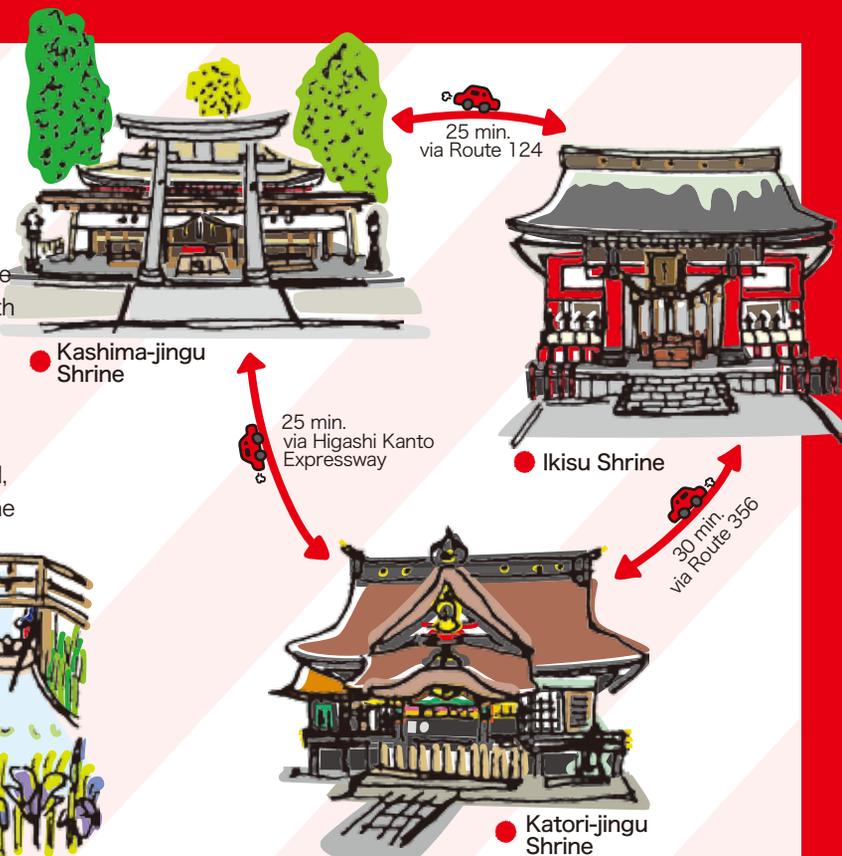




Eastern Region's Three Major Shrines

Eastern region's "Three Major Shrines" implies Kasima-jingu Shrine (Kashima city, Ibaraki prefecture), Katori-jingu Shrine (Katori city) and Iksu Shrine (Kamisu city, Ibaraki prefecture). 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

● Suigo Sawara Iris Flower Festival Suigo Sawara Ayame Park

▼ 1.5 million Iris flowers in 400 breeds

【Period】 6/3(Sat)~6/25(Sun)

【Hour】 8:00 - 18:30 6/3 (sat) : 9:00 ~

【Fee】 During Iris Flower Festival:

Adult ¥ 800 / Age 6-15 ¥ 400 / Adult over age 65 ¥ 700

【Tel】 0478 - 56 - 0411

These canals throughout this 8 hectare botanical garden recreates the traditional riverside town atmosphere.

"Lotus Flower Festival begins from July 8 (Sat).

● Lotus Flower Festival

▼ 300 breeds of lotus flower - the best collection in Japan

【Period】 7/8(Sat)~8/6(Sun)

【Hour】 7:00 - 15:00 (weekend, holidays: 6:00 ~

【Fee】 Adult ¥ 600 / Age 6-15 ¥ 300 / Adult over age 65 ¥ 500

● Suigo Itako Iris Flower Festival Suigo Itako Iris Garden

▼ 1 million Iris flowers in 500 breeds

【Period】 5/27(Sat)~6/25(Sun)

【Hour】 All day

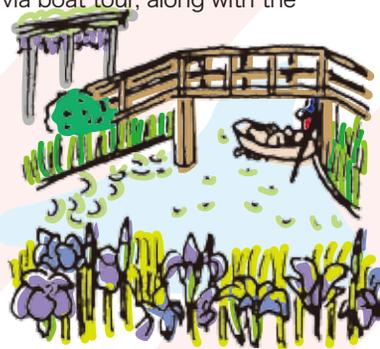
【Fee】 Free of charge

【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 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 / Tako town)

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 / Sosa city)

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 67,667㎡, with tall Japanese cedar trees line up in front of the hall to lead us into the depth of history.

