

## Early Modern Town, Jōkamachi

### Birth of Jōkamachi

After Age of Warring State, feudal lords built castles accompanied city area around to rule their people. With increase of its economic and political value, the city was protected by defensive moat, earth mound and stone wall. The Jōkamachi frequently became a prefectural capital later.

### Components of Jōkamachi

Jōkamachi was composed of some districts, samurai (warrior), chonin (towns people) and tera (temple) districts and so on. The samurai district was the nearest to the castle to protect their lord against intruders. Chōnin district is a district that lay outside of Samurai district for merchants and craftsmen. Merchants and craftsmen were allocated



Takamatsu Castle protected against intruders by surroundings, the sea and city, became a naval base for an emergency.

according to their occupation. Tera district was placed on the outer rim of the Jōkamachi and formed an array of large temples. At the Meiji Restoration, the castles were regarded as symbols of the previous rulers and nearly 2,000 castles were dismantled or destroyed. Chonin district remained intact and has formed a city center.

### Takamatsu Castle

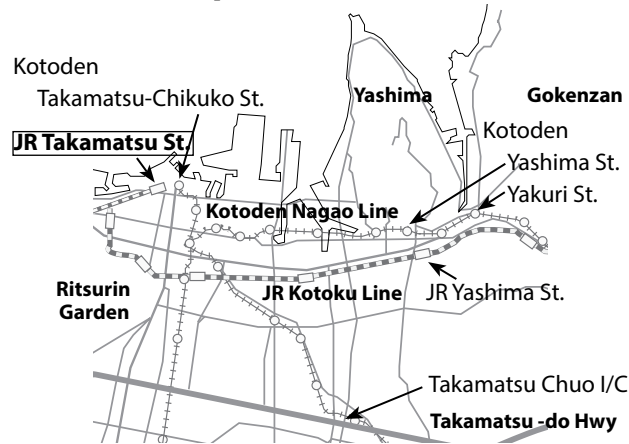
This castle was built on the seaside. Canal surrounding a castle keep was a defensive work. Compare with Marugame Castle.



## Tracing castle town

Takamatsu city was founded in 1890, having started the city surrounded feudal lord's castle, called Jōkamachi (photo C of cover). Shopping street of the castle town is currently flourished as the grand shopping arcade. The arcade has still preserved remnants of old city design, architectures and traditional cultures (A: Buddhist articles shop and B: Tea shop). It is convenient to drop by the arcade as it is on the way to Ritsurin Japanese Garden.

### Access map



From JR Takamatsu Station - 20 min. by a walk  
From Takamatsu Chuo Highway I/C - 20 min. by car



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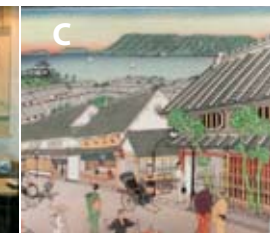
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## 3. Explore grand shopping arcade



A dome symbolic of the arcade







Takamatsu Castle Town

## Discover Early-Modern Japan

### Shopping arcade (Chonin district)



#### 1 Tsukemono (Oomori)

Tsukemono are Japanese preserved vegetables (usually pickled in salt). They are served with rice or drinks as garnish for meals.

#### 2 Footwear (Kojima)

You can get traditional Japanese footwear such as Geta and Zori which are worn with Kimono. Japanese ethnic footwear is unique and comfortable.



#### 3 Utensils for food stall (Ishizaki)

On festivals, both sides of the street are lined with food stalls. See a bunch of red lanterns as the sign of food stall.

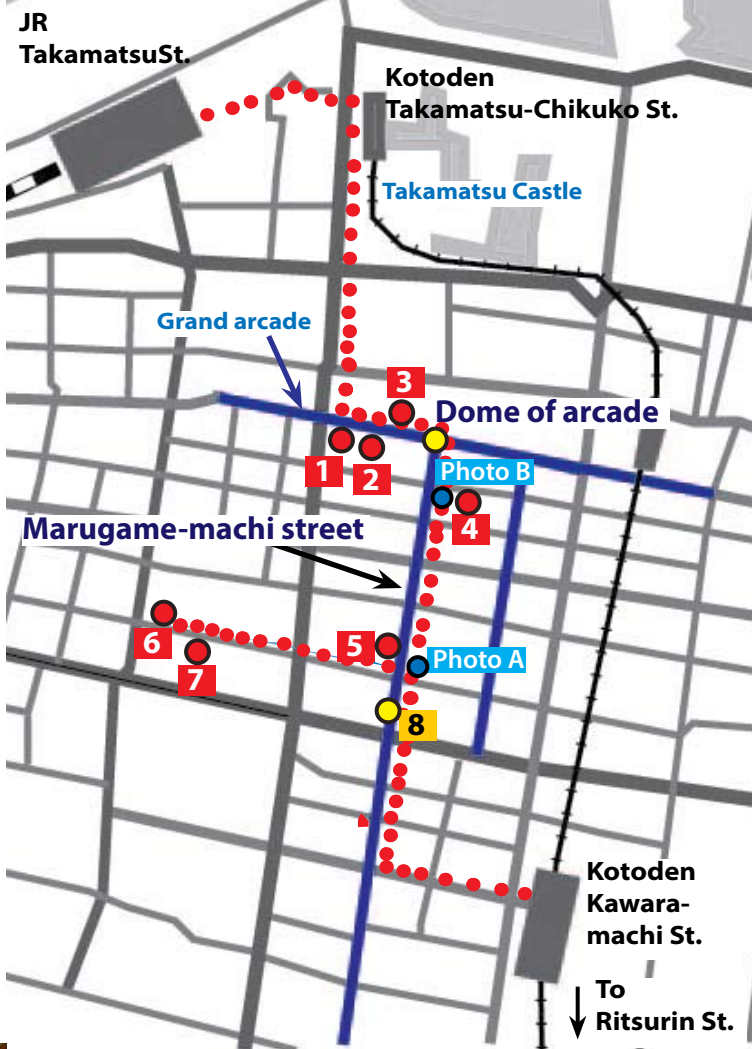


#### 4 Handcrafts (Fukuda)

Traditional Japanese handcrafts are discovered here. Take hours to look for something very Japanese.



Traditional Japanese handcrafts shop



#### 8 Marugame-machi green

Modern shopping center is located at another entrance of Marugame-machi street.



As feudal lord began to rule people, the town surrounding his castle became a political and economical center. The town was moated to protect from wars and riots. The city design can be traced by taking a walk down the arcade (See backcover).

### Tera-machi (Temple district)



#### 6 Hōsen-ji's Gate

One of the biggest temples in Tera district is *Hōsen-ji* (6 in map and illustration of back cover). The temple was built in Edo period, but destroyed at the World War II except the gate. The gate enables us to imagine the Tera district.

#### 7 Yonbancho square

Town people in Takamatsu were often suffered from shortage of water in dry seasons. The feudal lord built water supply systems utilizing originally three large wells. The water supply system from Kameido was well restored here.

### Try beautiful Kimono on!



To wear Kimono is quite difficult even for Japanese. This shop helps you wear a beautiful Kimono without difficulty. Try it on, and walk around the arcade in Kimono!

#### 5 Kimono (Fukuya)

Kimono dressing service for travellers is available here. <http://www.d.pikara.ne.jp/fukuya-gofukuten/>

