

## Great Water Views with Islands

### The eight views of Ōmi

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.



Islands in a pond imitates the eight views of Ōmi

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

### 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

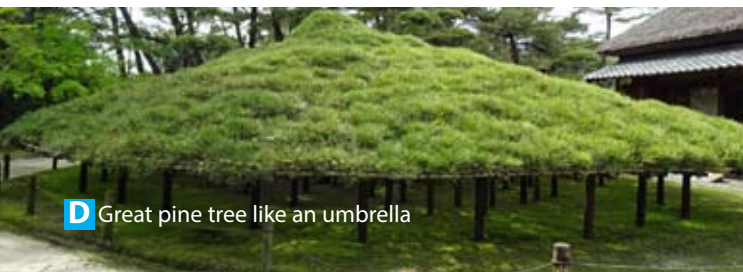
and craftsmen were allocated according to their occupation. Tera district was placed on the outer rim of the Jōkamachi and formed an array of large temples. At the Meiji Restoration, the castles were regarded as symbols of the previous rulers and nearly 2,000 castles were dismantled or destroyed. Chonin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



### Dwarf pines

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



Great pine tree like an umbrella

## The eight view

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.



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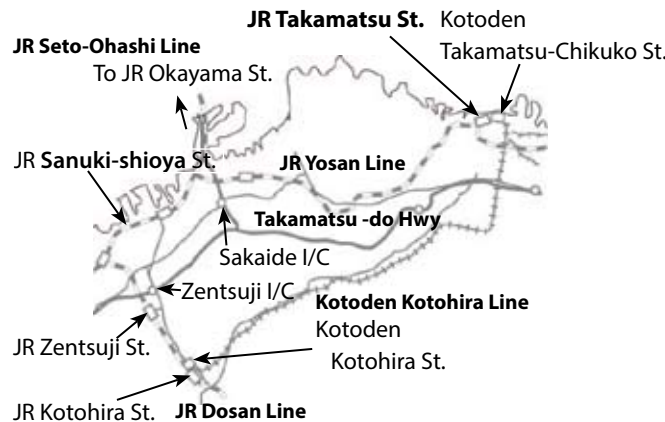


## 7. Explore secret islands



Arch bridge (Yogetsu-kyo)

### Access map



From JR Takamatsu to JR Marugame - 45 min. by train  
 From JR Sanuki-shioya Station- 20 min. by a walk  
 From Zentsuji Highway I/C - 20 min. by car  
 From Sakaide Highway I/C - 20 min. by car



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## Discover Great Water View

### Garden islands for strolling



**1** 1 Arbor for moon-viewing

Tsukemono are Japanese preserved vegetables (usually pickled in salt). They are

**2** 2 Gazebo

Rocks in the lake called Sengi is regarded as an island of eternal youth (Mt. Horai) in Chinese myth. As like Utopia, the paradise is believed to be an island.



**3** 3 Benten Shrine

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** 4 Dwarf pines

Traditional Japanese hand-crafts are discovered here. Take hours to look for something very Japanese.



**E** A local Mt. Fuji Mt. Fuji stands within the garden



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).

### Gardens for tea ceremony



**1** 6 Entrance to tea gardens

One of the biggest temples in Tera district was *Hosen-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

**2** 7 Tea garden

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.

### Two tea houses



**4** 8 Marugame-machi

difficult even for Japanese. This shop helps you wear a beautiful on, and walk around the arcade in Kimono!

**3** 5 Hokomatsu (Fukuya)

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

