



# Cross Hotel Kyoto

Cross Hotel Kyoto is conveniently situated just south of Kawaramachi Sanjo on Ryoma Street, with the Kawaramachi Street shopping district on its west side and the picturesque Takase River and Kiyamachi Street on its east side. Close to the dining establishments of Pontocho Alley and only 9-minutes' walk to the historical Gion precinct, it's the ideal location from which to explore the ancient capital of Kyoto.

## Enjoy Sake

### Discover your favorite

Sake is officially classified based on specifications such as the rice polishing ratio and amount of added alcohol, but these are not the only things that affect the taste; the time of year pasteurization took place, how long the brew is matured, and other factors also make a big difference. In addition, different types of sake are more suited than others to being warmed to certain temperatures. For example, Junmaishu is better for atsukan (about 50 degrees C) than daiginjo or junmai daiginjo. Part of the fun of sake is discovering your favorite label and style of drinking.

## Sake Classifications

### Types of sake

\*Includes only those with at least 15% koji (malted rice) content. The following categories are not exhaustive; sake may also be categorized by maturation period, manufacturing method or other factors.

### Temperature categories and names

\*Categories and terminology may vary according to region.

Junmaishu brews	Honjozoshu brews	Approx. 55°C	Tobirikikan (very hot)
Ingredients: rice, koji, alcohol	Ingredients: rice, koji, alcohol	Approx. 50°C	Atsukan (hot)
50%	Daiginjoshu	Approx. 45°C	Jokan (slightly hot)
60%	Ginjojshu	Approx. 40°C	Nurukan (warm)
70%	Honjozoshu	Approx. 35°C	Hitohadakan (body temperature)
No Specified	Junmaishu	Approx. 30°C	Hinatakan (sunshine warmed)
		Approx. 20°C	Hiya (chilled)
		Approx. 15°C	Suzubie (cool)
		Approx. 10°C	Hanabie (flower chilled)
		Approx. 5°C	Yakibie (snow chilled)

Reference: National Tax Agency, Nihonshu ni Kansuru Mono

### Fushimi Sake Brewers Association Breweries

Kizakura Major Breweries Kizakura	Kitagawa Honke Major Breweries Tomio	Gekkeikan Major Breweries Gekkeikan
Kinshi Masamune Major Breweries Kinshi Masamune	Takara Shuzo Major Breweries Sho Chiku Bai	Saito Shuzo Major Breweries Eikari
Shotoku Shuzo Major Breweries Shoutoku	Toyosawa Honten Major Breweries Housyuku	Tamanohikari Shuzo Major Breweries Tamanohikari
Masuda Tokubei Shoten Major Breweries Tsukino Katsura	Matsumoto Shuzo Major Breweries Momo no Shizuku	Heiwa Shuzo Major Breweries Keicho
Yamamoto Honke Major Breweries Shisetsu	Higashiyama Shuzo Major Breweries Konteki	Miyakotsuru Shuzo Major Breweries Miyakotsuru
Joyo Shuzo Major Breweries Joyo	Fujioka Shuzo Major Breweries Sookuu	

Don't forget to try the spring water certified in 1995 by the Ministry of the Environment as one of the top 100 natural water sources in Japan!

**Gokounomiya Shrine**  
The guardian deity of Fushimi. Points of interest include the entrance gate relocated here from Fushimi Castle and the dry garden built in tribute to Kobori Ensha.

**Young Leaf**  
Takoyaki octopus dumplings and okonomiyaki pancakes. Sake and single-dish food offered at the counter inside.

**Daichu**  
Ramen noodles in soup with Daichu's unique taste that comes from simmering pork and chicken bones for 24 hours. A favorite with locals.

Site of Fushimi Magistrate Office  
The Aizu Clan and Shinsengumi holed up here during the Battle of Toba-Fushimi and fled after being fired on by the Satsuma Army which was based at Gokounomiya Shrine.

Kintetsu Momoyama Station

Kintetsu Momoyama Shopping Street

**Cocoraku**  
Taiyaki fish-shaped cakes with thin skin. As well as the traditional bean paste variety, the bacon and egg filling is popular.

**Daitora Nomikuidōjō**  
Budget-friendly izakaya with a nostalgic feel. The specialty is stewed pig's feet so tender they pull apart with chopsticks.

**Sohonke Surugaya Zenemon**  
Japanese confectionary shop established in 1461. Famous for red yōkan sweet-bean jelly that was acclaimed by feudal lord Toyotomi Hideyoshi.

**Kimi to Shiromi**  
Sister establishment of Cotelette serving pancakes, custard puddings and more made with free-range eggs from Kyoto.

Keihan Line

Fushimi-Momoyama Station

## SENGOKU-MOMOYAMA AREA

Site of Fushimi Mint

**Oyatsumura**  
Takoyaki octopus dumplings, taiyaki fish-shaped cakes, yakisoba noodles, okonomiyaki pancakes, soft-serve ice cream and more. A local mainstay for over 40 years.

**Warabi Shoten**  
Subtly sweet warabimochi cakes made from a blend of glutinous rice and bean paste with a delightfully sticky, fluffy texture.

**Sancho Salad Shop**  
Western food in a relaxed atmosphere. The 100-year-old building was once a brewery.

**Torisei**  
Delicious Fushimi sake and chicken dishes in a renovated brewery.

**Bengaraya**  
Oden hot pot restaurant with fans from far and wide. Bookings are a must.

**Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum**  
The best place to learn about the history of sake. Old wooden vats, barrels and other traditional tools of the trade are on display at the various stages in the brewing process. The building and displayed pieces are accredited as Heritage of Industrial Modernization by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

**Fushimi Station on the Kyoto highway and distribution hub**  
Fushimi had long flourished because of its strategic location, but it became even more important after Toyotomi Hideyoshi built a castle here and established a highway and water transportation system. He diverted the Uji River to Fushimi and constructed dikes to connect it to the Yodo River, thus enabling water transportation between Fushimi and Osaka. Located on the route from the east into Kyoto, Fushimi became a distribution hub for Kyoto and Osaka. Tokugawa Ieyasu, who was next to establish a shogunate in this area after Hideyoshi, also recognized the importance of Fushimi and built the first mint in Japan here. He excavated the Takase River, thus connecting Kyoto, Fushimi, and Osaka with a single waterway and making Fushimi the largest river port in Japan.

**Otemachi Alley**  
Alleyway with restaurants that will make you feel as if you've stepped back in time to the Showa era of late century.

**Kyogokuya**  
Specialty shop selling a selection of sake and Japanese pickles. Their popular home-made pickles sell out quickly.

**Stand Gilroy**  
Western cuisine by a celebrated chef awarded the French Ambassador's Wife's Special Prize in a national cooking contest.

**Fushimi Kagura Main Store**  
Japanese confections using local ingredients from Fushimi. We recommend the freshly steamed sake manji buns and mitarashi dango skewered dumplings made using Junmai Daiginjo sake.

**Cotelette**  
Western cuisine by a celebrated chef awarded the French Ambassador's Wife's Special Prize in a national cooking contest.

**Yume 100shu**  
Café and sake-related souvenir shop in the former Gekkeikan headquarters.

**Benzaiten Chokenji Temple**  
The only temple in Kyoto with Benzaiten, the goddess of elegance, as its principal deity. The Akasui spring water is famous.

**BAKUMATSU-CHUSHOJIMA AREA**  
Shopping street with traditional Kyoto townhouse-style shops. Enjoy the late 19th-century atmosphere.

**Takagai Shoten**  
Wheel cakes, crepes, cold candy drink, ice pops and more. Popular with local sweet-toothed students.

**Ginjo Shubo Aburacho**  
The place to buy Fushimi sake. Some 80-90 ginjojshu and daiginjo sake labels and more from 18 breweries available to sample.

**Fushimi Nayaomachi Alley**  
Alleyway with eateries including French and Japanese restaurants, izakaya, and a dining bar. The brick-style gates make it a great photo spot.

**Pizzeria Napoletana Don Ciccio**  
Authentic pizza baked in a wood-fired oven. The lunch set with choice of salad and drink is good value.

**AMAZAKE HOUSE**  
Homemade raw amazake fermented rice drinks with no alcohol or sugar. Easy to drink even if you've never had amazake before.

**Teppan Kushiyaki Sakura**  
Delicious skewered foods grilled with olive oil. Serves Fushimi sake as well.

**Chushojima Yanagichō Shopping Street**  
A 3-minute walk, approx. 345 steps

**Chushojima Station**  
About 20 minutes from Cross Hotel Kyoto by limited express train

**Yasu**  
Jumbo-sized pieces of deep-fried chicken entirely home-made, even the marinade and sauce. Delicious hot or cold.

**Fushimi Sake Village**  
Feast on sake from 17 breweries and dishes from 8 specialty restaurants.

**Sasakipan**  
Founded in 1921. The specialty is rugby-ball-shaped "melon bread" with white bean paste filling.

**Fushimi Sake Shop**  
Sells the sake served at Fushimi Sakagura Koji and a variety of Fushimi-related sake vessels and food.

**Ryomadori Shopping Street**  
A 2-minute walk, approx. 230 steps

**Statue of Ryoma and Ryo**

**Site of Fushimikuchi Battlefield**

**Fushimi Port Square**  
Located next to Misu Lock Gate, a key structure in the region's water transportation. There's a museum here as well.

**Originaly built as the main approach to Fushimi Castle and became a shopping street in the early 20th century.**

**Nayamachi Shopping Street**  
Parisian arcade-style shopping street with a nostalgic Showa-retro feel. The official mascot is Nayamacchi.

**Takeda-Kaidō Street**

**Birthplace of the Electric Railway Business**

**AMAZAKE HOUSE**

**Teppan Kushiyaki Sakura**

**Statue of Ryoma and Ryo**

**Fushimi Port Square**

**Beautiful old brick buildings and chimneys. The contrast with yellow rape-flowers that cover the grounds in spring is stunning.**

**Okinaya**  
Centuries-old sake brewer Kitagawa Honke's retail outlet specializing in sake and rice.

**Hori River**

**Higashitakase River**

**Kyoto's Pride The Momoyama region, producer of quality sake**

**Fushimi is so blessed with clear spring water that it was originally known as "Fushimizu", meaning "underground water".**

**Even today, there are water sources around the town—Gokozui spring at Mikamiya Shrine is one—that have been key to the proliferation of the sake industry here over the centuries.**

**Fushimi sake's renown spread throughout the country in the Edo-period (1603-1867) as the result of a system that required feudal lords to spend time in Edo (present-day Tokyo) attending the Shogun. Those coming from the western Japan would stop in Fushimi to prepare their processions before going on to Edo.**

# The Cross Experience Concierge Map

Concierge paper for walking in the city of Kyoto today.

FUSHIMI MOMOYAMA FROM CROSS HOTEL KYOTO

## Cultural Experiences at Japan's Only River Port Town

Fushimi-Momoyama was the seat of the great unifier of Japan, feudal lord Toyotomi Hideyoshi, serving for a time as the country's capital. It's the location of Japan's only inland port, which was registered with the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism as a "Port Oasis" in 2021. Neither a typical tourist attraction nor a regular residential town, this vibrant area is full of nostalgic charm and has much to offer visitors. Whether it be exploring the local sake culture or eating your way around the arcades and alleyways, Fushimi is a destination to be enjoyed in whichever way takes your fancy.

(According to PR pamphlet by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Kyoto Fushimi Ward Office, and Ports of Kyoto Prefecture, 23 April, 2021)

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