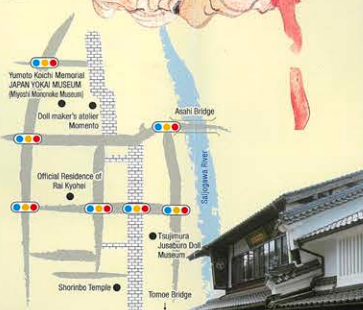




Why not take a casual walk through the streets of Japan that retain remnants of the past? ... Yokai (Japanese folk monsters) may be lurking about!

About 270 years ago, yokai appeared every day for 30 days in a boy's house to frighten him. The boy courageously visited the frightening appearances, and finally one day the yokai never returned. This story was recorded in books and picture scrolls, which can still be seen today. Miyoshi Mononoke Museum exhibits materials related to this yokai story and a collection of over 5,000 items donated by yokai collector YUMOTO Kuichi.



Miyoshi-machi is an old town that prospered as a castle town as well as a post town on the Iwami Ginzan Kaido (Highway). The old cobblestone highway lined with large houses that were once merchant houses is connected to back roads by a number of alleyways, giving you the feeling of slipping back through time. At the "Mononoke Festival," people disguised as monsters parade through the streets, and there is also a costume contest. Mt. Otaki, which overlooks the cityscape, has a well-known beautiful park for viewing cherry blossoms in spring and colorful autumnal leaves in fall.



Doll Town Miyoshi -Modern creative dolls and traditional crafts

The world-famous doll and puppet-maker TSUBUMURA Junsaburo is a master creator, puppet theater performer and stage costume designer. His creations are on display at the "Tsubumura Junsaburo Doll Museum." Another type of doll is the traditional "Miyoshi doll." These dolls are brightly colored clay dolls. In this region, it was customary to present a Miyoshi doll to celebrate the birth of a child. Why not visit the pottery shop and purchase your own Miyoshi doll?



Kagura... A fascinating traditional performing art in which performers wearing magnificent costumes perform spectacular dances

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Enjoy wine, barbecue and shopping

Hiroshima Miyoshi Winery is the first authentic winery in Hiroshima Prefecture, where grapes are cultivated, harvested and fermented. You can also observe the wine-making process. In addition to the free wine-tasting corner, there is a shop where you can taste fine wines for a fee with your own original glass. The winery has a product shop where Miyoshi wine and specialty products are available. The winery also has a barbecue garden and a cafe that serves Hiroshima wagyu beef and local wines. What's more, fun events are held during each season including a wine festival in spring and fall.



Enjoy Japanese-style paintings and dolls at the "museum that has the most beautiful view of the moon in Japan"

Artworks by Miyoshi-born Okada Gemo, a great master of Japanese-style paintings and his wife also from Miyoshi, Okada Sayame, a well-known doll-maker, are on permanent display at Okada Gemo Sayame Art Museum. The museum also displays special exhibitions from Japan and abroad. In the evening of a full moon, the closing time of the museum is extended and events such as concerts are held in the lobby in a dream-like atmosphere.

■ The full moon viewed from the lobby of Okada Gemo Sayame Art Museum ■ "Koto (Red Pine)" representing "Sanjuro Koto" ■ Okada Sayame's work "Tsuki no Wakara (Pierced Moon)"



Enjoy local foods, activities, and sporting activities in Miyoshi

In the surrounding area, you will find all you need "Forests Miyoshi" where you can enjoy local foods of Miyoshi, an athletic park with facilities for physical fitness to full-scale sports, and a playground for children.

