

Japan achieved rapid industrialization from the late 19th century to the early 20th century, building the foundation of an industrial nation. Of the 23 heritage sites across the country that testify to the industrialization of Japan's heavy industry (iron and steel making, shipbuilding, and coal), five assets related to iron and steel making and shipbuilding are located in Hagi.

Footsteps of Yoshida Shoin and those who inherited his will

Yoshida Shoin
Yoshida Shoin was born as the second son of Sugi Yunosuke, a warrior of the Hagi clan. In 1854, he was arrested for smuggling and imprisoned. He tried to stowaway aboard on a US warship. In 1855, he was released from prison and joined and lead the Shokasonjuku Academy. There were more than 90 students who received teachings from Shoin and it produced many prominent figures of the Meiji Restoration Period.



Cradle of the Meiji Restoration
A Shokasonjuku Academy

This private school was presided over by Yoshida Shoin who accepted students regardless of status or class. **1537 Chinto, Hagi City** 0838-22-4643 ACCESS 10 minutes by car from Hagi IC.

1 Monument of Birthplace of the Meiji Restoration

Built in 1968 to commemorate the "100th Anniversary of the Meiji Restoration," it is a good representation of Hagi as the birthplace of the Restoration. **1537 Chinto, Hagi City** 0838-22-4643 ACCESS 10 minutes by car from Hagi IC.

2 Shoin Shrine

This shrine is dedicated to Yoshida Shoin, a pioneer of the Meiji Restoration. The shrine features various historical sites and a museum, including the Shokasonjuku Academy. **1537 Chinto, Hagi City** 0838-22-4643 ACCESS 10 minutes by car from Hagi IC.

3 Hagi Castle Ruins

Hagi Castle was built as a new residence to replace Hiroshima Castle. The castle is well-preserved and has been designated as a national historic site. **1-1 Horuchi, Hagi City** 0838-25-1826 ACCESS 10 minutes by car from Hagi IC.

4 Hagi Castle Town

Hagi Castle was built by Mori Terumoto in 1604, and for 260 years, the town flourished as a castle town with beautiful streets lined with stately samurai residences and blackboard fences that still retain the appearance of a bygone era. Dotted with places associated with the patriots of Meiji Restoration period, too. **Near Minamifuruhagi-machi, Hagi City** ACCESS 20 minutes by foot from Higashi-Hagi Station.

Walk through the town to sense what the Meiji Restoration was like

1 Edoya Yokochi Merchants, middle class, and lower class warriors once lived in this area. **2-27 Gofuku-machi, Hagi City** 0838-25-3139
2 Konpirasha Ensei-ji Temple The temple is a rare mix of Shintoism and Buddhism. **6 Minamifuruhagi-machi, Hagi City** 0838-22-3031
3 Former Residence of Kido Takayoshi Kido Takayoshi grew up in this wooden house with a tiled roof. **2-37 Gofuku-machi, Hagi City** 0838-25-3139
4 Former Kubota Family Residence This house from the late Edo period and early Meiji period has an excellent design, structure, and technology.

5 Kikuya Residence One of the oldest machi-ya houses with a history of 400 years. **1-1 Gofuku-machi, Hagi City** 0838-22-0005
6 Kikuya Yokochi This alley with dazzling white walls has been selected as one of the "100 best streets in Japan." **Near Gofuku-machi 1-chome, Hagi City**
7 Birthplace of Takasugi Shinsaku The birthplace of Takasugi Shinsaku, considered one of Yoshida Shoin's greatest students. **23 Minamifuruhagi-machi, Hagi City** 0838-22-3076
8 Shinsaku Plaza & Statue of Takasugi Shinsaku The statue was built facing the birthplace of Takasugi Shinsaku. **Shinsaku Plaza, Minamifuruhagi-machi, Hagi City**

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5 Former Residence of Tamaki Bunnohshin Home to Yoshida Shoin's uncle, where he opened a school and it became Shokasonjuku Academy. **1584-1, Chinto, Hagi City**
6 Birthplace of Yoshida Shoin The former residence of Yoshida's family. The house was small and simple. **1433-1 Chinto, Hagi City** 0838-25-3139
7 The Graveyard of Yoshida Shoin The tombs of Yoshida Shoin and his students. **Chinto, Hagi City**
8 Toko-ji Temple The family temple of the Mori family along with Daisho-in Temple. **1647 Chinto, Hagi City** 0838-26-1052

Creators of Japan's modern system The Choshu Five

At the end of the Edo period, the Choshu clan, felt threatened by the advance of the powers into Asia, sent five young men to England to get the knowledge on technology from the West. After returning to Japan, each of them made a major contribution to build a modern nation, and are now known as the "Choshu Five" in honor of their achievements.

Endo Kinsuke Father of Minting coins. After the Meiji Restoration, Endo Kinsuke trained engineers as the head of the national Mint, and succeeded in minting coins solely by Japanese nationals, contributing to building modern Japanese industry.
Inoue Kaoru Construction of Rokumeikan. In 1885, Inoue Kaoru became the first Minister of Foreign Affairs, and later served as Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, Minister of the Interior and other offices, exerting a great influence on the business world.

Inoue Masaru Father of the Railroad. Inoue Masaru was the head of the new Japanese government's railroad system, including the opening of Japan's first railroad line between Shimabashi and Yokohama. He also established a company to produce locomotives.
Ito Hirobumi Father of the Cabinet. Ito Hirobumi devoted himself to establishing a constitutional government, serving as Minister of Public Works and the Minister of Home Affairs, and then the first prime minister of Japan.
Yamao Yozo Father of Engineering. After being appointed to the new government in 1868, Yamao Yozo devoted himself to fostering people involved to promote industry in the new era, and eventually became the head of the Ministry of Public Works.

These 2D codes offer local information readable to humans and computers. They're designed to include an easy-to-understand map for people, as well as provide accurate maps and a variety of local information when scanned using a smartphone app. This information can also be transferred to in-car GPS systems and mapping applications for route guidance.

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2 View detailed information
3 Set your destination on your GPS or mapping application.

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Hagi Museum This Museum plays a key role to exhibit Hagi's history and culture together with the materials related to the end of the Edo period and the Meiji Restoration. **355 Horuchi, Hagi City** 0838-25-6447 ACCESS 10 minutes by car from Hagi IC.

Former Domain Boat House The shipyard stored the clan lord's throne ships and warships, and is said to have been built shortly after the construction of Hagi Castle. **Higashihamasaki-machi, Hagi City** 0838-22-0133 ACCESS 10 minutes by car from Hagi IC.

Hagi Art Museum & Uragami Memorial Hall An art museum specializing in ukiyoe, oriental pottery and ceramics. The "Michelin Green Guide Japan" ranks it as a 2-star tourist facility. **686-1 Hiyako-machi, Hagi City** 0838-24-2400 ACCESS 15 minutes by foot from Tamae Station.

Hiyako Kaimagari Kaimagari is a maze-like pathway with high walls on both sides and right-angle bends in the path. **Hiyako-machi, Hagi City** 0838-25-3299 Hagi City Cultural Properties Protection Section ACCESS 15 minutes by foot from Tamae Station.

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Pioneer of Western-style warship construction
C Ebisugahana Shipyard
In 1853, the Shogunate allowed the construction of large ships to strengthen the military power of each domain, and a shipyard was constructed in Ebisugahana for the Hagi clan. It is the only remaining of the earliest shipyards. **9159-14 Chinto, Hagi City** 0838-25-3380 ACCESS 15 minutes by car from Hagi IC.

Supporting Restoration with Traditional Technology
E Ohitayama Tataru Iron Works
The Ohitayama Tataru Iron Works is a typical example of large ships to strengthen the military power of the middle of the Edo period to the end of the Edo period, and supplied iron material for the construction of the Hagi Clan's vessel, Heshimaru. **10257 -11, Shibuki, Hagi City** 0838-25-3380 ACCESS 40 minutes by car from Hagi Station.

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The trial and error of iron cannon casting
D Hagi Reverberatory Furnace
At the end of the Edo period, the Hagi clan introduced a reverberatory furnace necessary for casting iron cannons to prepare for foreign threats. **4897-7 Chinto, Hagi City** 0838-25-3380 ACCESS 15 minutes by car from Hagi IC.

Hagi Meiringakusha Visitor Center (Hagi Domain School Meirinkan)
Meirinkan was the center of education in the Hagi clan, and the school buildings are registered as a Tangible Cultural Property of Japan. **802 Emukai, Hagi City** 0838-21-0304 ACCESS 20 minutes by car from Edo IC.

Site of Gunji Foundry
The plaza is the site of the Gunji family foundry, who were foundry workers for the Hagi clan. The Gunji Foundry cast cannons using a special furnace. **Chinto, Hagi City** 0838-25-3139 ACCESS 10 minutes by car from Hagi IC.

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Blowfish One of Yamaguchi's most popular luxury foods. There was a time when it was forbidden to eat it because of the establishment of safe cooking methods, Shimonsuki became the first place in Japan where the ban was lifted, and the area is lined with historic restaurants.
Obake (wheat) A local dish from the Abu and Hagi regions. The meat between the body and the tail is considered the most expensive cut.
Kasado flounder The flounder are raised on Kasado Island on a diet that includes Hagi's natsumikan extract, making them thick and firm.

Kenran Beef This brand beef is a crossbreed of Mishima and Holstein beef raised on Mishima Island off the coast of Hagi. It is tender, and of superb quality.
Susumikoto squid Live squid landed at the Susa Fishing Port is some of the finest squid because of its rich sweetness and elasticity.
Kawara soba A local dish of Yamaguchi. It originated when samurai roasted with wild plants and meat on tiles and ate that. Crispy and chewy soba noodles are served with sweet sauce.
Bari soba This popular dish consists of noodles with a crunchy texture topped with a rich starchy sauce. In spite of its large volume, it is easy to eat because of its light flavor.

Iwakuni sushi This is a local dish of Iwakuni Castle town. It is characterized by its gorgeous and colorful ingredients and served in square shape, which is a typical manner in the castle town. It is said to have originated as a preserved food made by the first feudal lord, so it is also called "tonosama-zushi" (lord's sushi).
Mikan nabe The sight of a whole roasted tangarine floating in a pot is an eye-catching local delicacy of Suo Oshima. The fresh aroma of tangarine enhances its flavor.
Setsukigaji jack mackerel The jack mackerel is caught in the Japan Sea. More fat and thicker flesh, making for superb sashimi and marinated.
Choshu chicken This free range chicken is raised in Nagato, which is rich in nature, and fed 5 different herbs. The meat has delicious flavor as they are not fed antibiotic and synthetic antibacterial agents at all. It is popular not only for its delicious taste but also for its safe and secure chicken meat.

GI Hagi: The pride of Yamaguchi
Geographical Indications (GI) is a national standard that guarantees the place of origin and quality.
Abunotsuru The brewery's Abunotsuru sake brewery, is refreshingly crisp and dry, and emphasizes the flavor of Yamada Nishiki rice. It is carefully brewed on a daily basis.
Choyo Fukumusume Choyo Fukumusume, made with soft, low water from the brewery's well, is a gentle and smooth. This sake goes well with seafood and fish cakes produced from them.
Chomonyo Chomonyo of Okazaki sake brewery, is founded near the scenic Nagato Gorge, is slightly dry. It has a mellow aroma and a full flavor of rice.

Sumikawashuzouju It is made from rice grown in Hagi together with spring water produced in the area. With the aim of brewing sake on classic way, it creates pure and fresh taste.
Nakamura shuzou Takarabune sake is made with the hope that it will bring good fortune to those who drink it. The brewer tries to upgrade this sake by learning from the past.
Yachiyo shuzou Yachiyo is a junmai ginjo with a modest aroma and a hint of sweetness. It is a perfect food sake that goes well with Hagi's white fish.

Walking around the town where patriots grew up
Feed the dynamics of the Meiji Restoration

List of Accommodation Facilities

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