



## Kuranotsuji Square (蔵の辻)

In the center of Echizen City there is a fashionable square called "Kuranotsuji" (蔵の辻). The opening markets in Kuranotsuji are built from an old warehouse with white walls.

### THE FIRST MARKET (壱の市) THE ANTIQUE MARKET (骨董市)

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Every Month**

**Next date: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 16:00**

Local Food from Echizen will be available (sakura noodles, korokkes, hot dogs, etc).

The soba noodle chefs will be making and serving soba noodles for the event.

Let's eat soba  
and  
enjoy the cherry blossoms!!

Contact: The committee of Ichinoichi (壱の市)  
090.1317.4976 (Koto)



**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Every Month**

**Next date: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 15:00**

Opened at "Echizen Fuchu Kotto Ichi"

Let's discover your treasures!!

Contact: The committee of Sannoichi (骨董市)  
0778.22.0010 (Otsuka)



## Hanagatami Matsuri (はながたみまつり)

**DATES: APRIL 4-12**

Kakyo Park is famous for 1,000 cherry trees. You can enjoy the dance performances, Japanese tea ceremony, snacks, etc. with the beauty of cherry blossoms. Also, Japanese lamps (bon-bori) will be lit up softly at the hill in the park on Saturday and Sunday from sunset until 21:00.

**PLACE:** Kakyo Park, Awatabe-cho (Take Fukuetsu bus fro Tonoguchi from JR Takefu Station, get off at Kakyo koen guchi, and walk 5 minutes/10 minute drive from Hokuriku Expressway Takefu I.C)

**CONTACT:** Kakyou Promotion Committee 花筐自治振興会 0778.42.3710



## Daihouji Temple (大宝寺) Drooping Cherry Tree

**DATES:** Early April to Mid April

Illumination of the 40 year old big tree: This tree was bigger than now and was more than 100 years old but was broken under a big hemlock fir influenced by Typhoon No. 23 in 1965. This is the tree which a bud sprouted from the root of the broken tree and grew. A free resting area will be set up.



**PLACE:** Daihouji Temple (10-2 Honmachi, Echizen City)  
**ACCESS:** About 15 minute walk from JR Takefu St.  
**CONTACT:** Daihouji Temple 0778.22.1682

## Takefu Kimono Festival (たけふきものがたり)

**DATE:** APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – 15:00

Let's wear kimono and enjoy cherry blossoms!!

Individuals 2,500¥ / Couples only 4,500¥

Limited number of kimonos so you must reserve one!

**PLACE:** Echizen City, Hourai-cho, Kuranotsuji

**ACCESS:** 3 min walk from Takefu Train St.

See Kuranotsuji map on flip side

**CONTACT:** The committee of Takefu kimonogatari

0778.21.3791 (Akari san)

or 0778.25.6802 (Echizen City Machi Zukuri Center)

### ADMISSION INCLUDES:

- kimono dressing
- cherry blossom viewing lunch
- tea ceremony
- kimono manner lecture
- guided tour of the area
- Your picture taken
- Also includes insurance

## Sakuramochi (桜餅)

There are many small shops in Echizen City that sell sakuramochi (桜餅). Here are three lovely examples:



### Ei-un-do (栄雲堂)

Open: 8:00am-8:00pm (closed Monday)

Prices only ¥180

Other menu items: rick cakes stuffed with 5 kinds of jam ミックス大福



### Takura Kaho (田倉菓舗)

Open: 8:30am-7:30pm (closed Monday)

Prices only ¥126

Other menu items:

Buckwheat bean-jam bun (越前蕎麦虎焼) ¥158

Rice cake stuffed w/bean jam & strawberry



### Nogi (野木)

Open: 9:00am-7:00pm (closed Monday)

Prices only ¥158

Other menu items:

Chestnuts Japanese sweets

(勝栗最中) ¥179



## Usuzumi Cherry Tree (薄墨桜)

**GOOD DATES:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of April (these cherry blossoms bloom a little later than the rest because of the cold temperatures on the mountain).

Mt. Sanri is known for some very old cherry trees. The "Usuzumi" Cherry Tree is about six hundred years old. There is a story with this tree. A man, "Ohto-no-oh" had to part with his girlfriend in order to be appointed emperor. Because of his girlfriend's sadness, the blossom's color became lighter. The tree was named after the Japanese word meaning "almost colorless pink".

There is a path with signposts marked. And only takes about 40 minutes to hike up! Bring your camera! Bring your binoculars!

**ACCESS:** Please see Hanagatami Matsuri Map on flip side. You can access the trail from Kakyou Park.

For more information please call:

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