

2. Profile of Shizuoka Prefecture

1.Area 7999 square km (The 13th largest in Japan)

2.Population 3,782,352 (as of 1 February, 2002)

3.Location Shizuoka Prefecture is located approximately at the center of Japan, facing Kanagawa Prefecture to the east, Yamanashi Prefecture and Nagano Prefecture to the north, Aichi Prefecture to the west, and the Pacific Ocean to the south. There are 21 cities, 49 towns, and 4 villages in Shizuoka Prefecture, and the Prefectural Government is located in Shizuoka City.

4.Topography / Nature Shizuoka's boundaries stretching 155km from east to west and 118km from north to south, possesses a full range of Japanese geographical climate. Its coastline runs for roughly 500km. To the north, 3000m high mountains such as Mt. Fuji and that of the Southern Alps border Shizuoka. The Fuji, Oi and Tenryu Rivers, which have their sources in the streams and springs of these mountains, run throughout the prefecture.

5.Climate Except for the northern mountainous region, the prefecture has a mild, oceanic climate. Snow is rare in the lowlands. There are four distinct seasons, of which spring is mild, the first half of summer is rainy, and then becomes hot and sunny.

6.Symbols of Shizuoka Prefecture



Official Emblem of Prefecture : It depicts Mt. Fuji and the geographic shape by rounded lines. The design symbolizes an enriched, lively, and comfortable life for residents and also the powerful strides forward and unity in Shizuoka Prefecture.



Official Flower : Azalea It blooms from spring to summer. In Shizuoka Prefecture, there are many wild azaleas. Some of them grow in the wild only in Shizuoka. The citizen chose azalea as the official flower of Shizuoka because it is familiar to everyone and its cultivation is suited to the climate of Shizuoka.

vending machine. Long distance and special express tickets can be purchased at the ticketing office. Most of the ticket gates are automatic. As you go through, insert your ticket and it is punched. Cash is not accepted at automatic ticket gates. A commuter pass is convenient for regular travel, school and work.

Where to call

JR Tokai (Central Japan Railway Company)	
Shizuoka Telephone Center	054-254-6271
JR Higashinihon (East Japan Railway Company)	
JR Higashinihon Telephone Center	03-3212-4441
JR Tokai Tours	
Numazu branch	055-951-3167
Fuji branch	0545- 63-1489
Shizuoka branch	054- 272-3928
Hamamatsu branch	053-454-1240
Izu Kyukou (Izukyuu Corporation)	0557-53-1116
Izu Hakone Tetsudou (IZUHAKONE Railway Co., LTD)	055-977-1207
Gakunan Tetsudou (Gakunan Railway)	0545-53-5111
Shizuoka Tetsudou (Shizuoka Railway Co., LTD)	054-254-5115
Oigawa Tetsudou (Oigawa Railway Co, LTD)	0547-45-4112
Enshu Tetsudou (Enshu Railway)	053-435-0221
Tenryu Hamanako Tetsudou (Tenryu Hamanako Railway)	0539-25-6125
Bus Service	

How to ride the bus

The entrance door is at the back of the bus and the exit is at the front. When you get on the bus, take a numbered ticket from the machine beside the entrance. When you wish to get off the bus, push the button by the window to notify the bus driver, once the bus has passed the bus stop before your stop. Pay the bus fare when you get off. The panel at the front of the bus shows the fares to the next stop. The fare is the amount shown in the panel number corresponding to your ticket. Insert the money in the fare box next to the

driver, and get off the bus from the front door.

For people who use the bus every day or the same bus stop often, a commuter pass is useful.

Where to call

IZUHAKONE Railway Co., LTD (Motor Vehicles Division)	055-977-1211
Tokai Jidousha (Tokai Motors)	0557-36-1112
Izu Shimoda Bus	0558-22-2567
Fuji Kyukou (Fuji Express) (Information on regular bus route)	
Numazu area	055-921-0212
Mishima area	055-975-9123
Fuji area	0545-71-2495
Shizuoka Railway Shin-Shizuoka Bus Center	054-252-0505
Enshu Railway	053-455-2255

8. Industry of Shizuoka Prefecture

Agricultural Production

Shizuoka has a mild climate and good water sources. The favorable natural environment and pivotal geographic location in the nation has contributed greatly in the production of numerous distinct local products.

Products with the highest production rate in Japan

Green tea, mandarin orange, greenhouse melon, bok choy, log, Japanese horseradish (wasabi), daisies, navel orange (Agriculture Production Income Statistics of 1999)

Green Tea

The cultivation of green tea trees is said to have originated in China, when Sei Ikkoku Shi brought back seeds from the Sung Dynasty and sowed them in Shizuoka City in 1241. Currently, Shizuoka Prefecture produces about 45% of the tea in Japan and it rates the best on both quality and quantity. Within the prefecture, you can familiarize yourself with tea at cultural facilities which offer tea picking experience .

Cultural Facilities Associated with Green Tea

Facility	Address	Telephone number
Ocha no Sato	3053-2 Kanaya, Kanaya-cho, Haibara-gun	0547-46-5588
Chadokoro Taiken Land 'Kaori-no-Oka Chapia'	7157-1 Okazaki, Fukuroi-shi	0538-44-1900
Foret Nakakawane Chameikan	71-1 Mizukawa, Naka Kawane-cho, Haibara-gun	0547-56-2100
Gyokuro-no-Sato	976-1 Nyufune, Okabe-cho, Shida-gun	054-668-0019
Greenpia Makinohara	1151 Nishihagima, Sagara-cho, Haibara-gun	0548-27-2988
Sagara Kanko Temomi Chadokoro Satsukien	679-1 Oe, Sagara-cho, Haibara-gun	0548-52-1062

Fruit Picking Shizuoka's Local Taste

Fruit	Season	Place
Strawberry Picking	January to May	Higashi Izu-cho, Minami Izu-cho, Matsuzaki-cho, Nirayama-cho, Izunagaoka-cho, Shimizu-shi, Shizuoka-shi, Ogasa-cho, Osuka-cho, Hamamatsu-shi, Arai-cho
Mandarin Orange Picking	October to December	Atami-shi, Ito-shi, Higashi Izu-cho, Kawazu-cho, Shimoda-shi, Matsuzaki-cho, Izunagaoka-cho, Heda-mura, Toi-cho, Numazu-shi, Fuji-shi, Shimizu-shi, Shizuoka-shi, Yaizu-shi, Okabe-cho, Haibara-cho, Inasa-cho, Hosoe-cho, Mikkabi-cho, Hamamatsu-shi

The fruit-picking season varies somewhat, depending on the region. Please check with each tourist association.

Fisheries

The clean waters of Shimizu Port, Yaizu Port and rivers are a treasure box for the fishing industry of the prefecture. The industry of marine product processing is also well developed.

Products rated best in Japan

Small shrimp, dried bonito flakes, sun dried horse mackerel, alfonsin, boiled fish sausage, young sardines, dried young sardines, yellow fin tuna, and bonito

Forestry

65% of the prefecture is covered by forest. Tenryu Forestry with its Japan

cedar and Fuji area of Japanese cypress are the representative examples of developed forestry. Each region of forestry management has its own characteristic. The forestry is also utilized for various mushroom cultivation.

Industry

Due to its advantageous geographic location in terms of natural resources and transportation, Shizuoka Prefecture has one of the leading industries in the country. Shizuoka ranks 5th for number of employers and production shipment for the manufacturing industry. The industry of musical instruments and transportation equipment, industries based on traditional techniques such as plastic models, wooden chandlery, furniture and Hina dolls, and the paper industry in Fuji area are well developed.

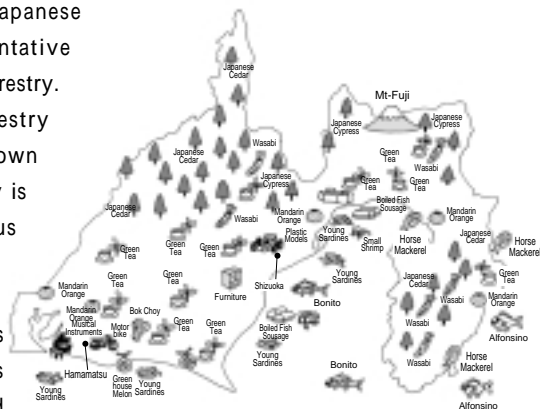
Eastern region of Shizuoka Prefecture: Paper manufacturing is the center of industry in Fuji. Its shipment value of paper production is the highest in the country. In consideration for environmental issues, recently, effort is being put into production of 100% recycled paper.



Shizuoka Prefecture Industrial Union for Domestic Paper Use

2590-1 Obuchi, Fuji-shi 〒417-0801 Tel 0545-35-5061

Central region of Shizuoka Prefecture: Sandals, Wooden chandlery, Hina doll (Shizuoka makes up 90% of the Hina doll production of Japan) products are developed on the foundation of traditional technique. Moreover, all the plastic model industries are based in the central part of Shizuoka, making it the focal point for the plastic model industry noted by the world.



TAMIYA, INC.

3-7 Ondabara, Shizuoka-shi 〒422-8022

Tel. 054-286-5105

At the head office of TAMIYA INC., there is a free exhibition corner of classic plastic models.



Taiken Koubou Sunpu Takumijuku

3240-1 Mariko, Shizuoka-shi 〒421-0103 Tel. 054-256-1521

You can see traditional art and craft of Shizuoka prefecture. Also, there are sections where you can create Takesensuji-zaiku (bamboo craft), pottery, and wooden clogs.



Western region of Shizuoka Prefecture: Manufacturers of transportation equipment, musical instruments, electric machines, and textiles make up most of the manufacturing industry in Hamamatsu City. Currently, most of the musical instruments made in Japan are produced in western Shizuoka, mainly in Hamamatsu-City. Especially, all pianos manufactured in Japan are produced in Shizuoka. As a matter of fact, the shipment values for both Western musical instrument and Japanese musical instrument are the top in Japan. Also, motorbike production is the largest in Japan.



YAMAHA, INC.

10-1 Nakazawa-cho, Hamamatsu-shi 〒430-8650

Tel. 053-460-2071

At the factory of grand piano of YAMAHA, INC., you can observe the process of making a grand piano. Bookings are taken from as few as single individuals, but reservation is necessary.

Where to call: 10-1 Nakazawa-cho, Hamamatsu-shi Tel. 053-460-2901

Also in Hamamatsu, ' the music city ' is the one and only public museum for musical instruments in Japan.

Hamamatsu City Museum of Musical Instrument

Where to call: 108-1 Itaya-machi, Hamamatsu-shi Tel. 053-451-1128
SUZUKI MOTORS CORPORATION
300 Takatsuka-cho, Hamamatsu-shi 〒432-8611 Tel. 053-440-2216
HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD (Hamamatsu plant)
1-13-1 Aoihigashi, Hamamatsu-shi 〒433-8501 Tel. 053-439-2011
YAMAHA MOTORS CO., LTD
2500 Shingai, Iwata-shi 〒438-0025 Tel. 0538-32-1145

3. Immigration Procedures

Upon entering Japan, your status of residence and period of stay is determined. The status of residence indicates the activities you may engage in during your stay in Japan. The period of time you are allowed to stay for is also determined together with your status of residence.

If you wish to engage in activities other than those granted under your status of residence or to extend your period of stay in Japan, you must apply in person and receive permission to do so in advance at the Immigration Bureau. The application forms, format for the guarantee letter, registration fee and other documents are available at the Immigration Bureau. You will be required to pay the registration fee in the form of a revenue stamp. Please find out the closest shop where you can purchase this stamp at your local Immigration Bureau.

If you over stay your visa, you may be subject to severe punishment. You should confirm your passport and be sure of your status of residence and period of stay (List of Status of Residence on pg.29).

If you fall into the following categories, you need to take the following steps.