

Live in Seto! Handbook for Daily Living

瀬戸市はこんなところ

Seto is situated about 20km north east from Nagoya City and boasts 1,000 years of history as a center for pottery and ceramics. With natural sources of high quality clay for pottery and sand for glass, as well as vibrant forests for fuel, Seto City is blessed with abundant natural resources. Seto-ware is synonymous with ceramics both in Japan and around the world due to the many people that have inherited this culture of pottery.

With quick 40-minute access to Nagoya Station, Seto has grown as a residential town while continuing to be home to many jobs related to ceramics and pottery that has fostered a unique blend of lifestyle and cityscape. While the forests have been used as fuel for kilns, people have renewed the forests carefully covering about 60% of the city. One can hardly believe this much nature can be found this near Nagoya. Seto City is home to precious flora and fauna such as Japanese giant salamanders, northern goshawks and kobushi magnolia.

<Recommended outings!>

※Seto City's area code is (0561)

Outings with children

○Setokko Famiri Kouryuukan (miyawaki cho 43 TEL87-3636)

A place for children 18 and under to have fun with their parents. This facility includes a library, playroom, art studio and kitchen to host a wide variety of events.

○Kotsujidouyuuen(kamimatsuyama cho 2-466 shiminkouen TEL48-2350)

Located in the Shimin Park. There is a children's hall, traffic course and playground with a variety of playground equipment and bicycles one can use. Throughout the year this location also hosts a variety of events and opportunities to learn.

○Noberutii・kodomosouzoukan (izumi cho74-1 TEL88-2668))

Discover the techniques and history of novelties such as ceramic decorations and artwork. There are many kinds of creative and experiential programs using clay such as the popular Clay Pool giving opportunities to learn about the techniques of Seto potters.

The Novelty Museum also found here has a wide variety of novelties on display.



Experiencing Traditional Ceramics Culture

○Kakigakinokomichi (nakabora cho TEL88-2730)

This narrow road, about 400 m in length is home to a large number of fences and walls made using kiln furniture and ceramics called “kamagaki.” The archives found along the road are located in a building that was once the home of the Hongyoyaki kiln. The entire length has been designated as an important scenic zone.



○Shinseikikougeikan (minaminakanokiri cho81-2 TEL97-1001)



This facility connects ceramic and glass art to the next generation. Accepting trainees, it also supports development of human resources for working with ceramic and glass arts. There are galleries for purchasing works and a community room for enjoying something to drink in a vessel created here, as well as exhibitions of creative new works and the opportunity to view the studios where the trainees are at work.

○Setosometsukekougeikan (nishigou cho98 TEL89-6001)

This facility shows off traditional ceramic Seto glazing. Trainees are accepted. In addition to seeing historical works and viewing trainees at work, there are spaces for trying glazing or buying the works of past and present trainees. This is a designated old kiln as a municipal cultural asset.

○Aichikentoujibijutsukan (minamiyamaguchi234 TEL84-7474)

One of the largest ceramic archives with collections and exhibitions of important cultural assets that communicate the history of ceramics, international ceramics and modern works. Try making ceramics at the art gallery or enjoying tea with these works of art.

Experience nature and history

○Joukoujikouen (jyokouji cho)



This park surrounds Shoden Pond with its hexagonal hall with beautiful Cherry blossoms in the spring. The old Rinza school Jokuji Temple is the burial site of Tokugawa Yoshinao, the first lord of Owari. There are also many nearby locations for enjoying nature such as the Tokai Nature Trail, Jokuji Campsite and Jokuji Outdoor Center.

○Iwayadoukouen (iwaya cho)

Iwayado is named after the Iwaya-zan Yakushido Temple in the story of the famous monk, Gyoki. The dynamic natural scenery with unusually shaped rocks and waterfalls and Torihara River flowing through the verdant valley with waters and greenery are just some of the scenes that can be enjoyed. In summer, especially, the natural pools and fall leaves of Iwayado invite crowds of people escaping the heat. Found on the Tokai Nature Trail, there is an abundance of nature to be enjoyed in every season.



○Aichikentoujibijutsukan (minamiyamaguchi234 TEL84-7474)

Established as a hub for exchange and learning about forests and hills. In addition to preserving the Kaisho Forest that was home for the 2005 World Expo, the center is a place of discovery for the relationship between man and nature. Inside the facilities there are ruins of a castle and the Hirokute 30-go kiln, a designated municipal cultural asset and the oldest Seto Kiln.

So much more to do

○Setoshiritsutoshokan (higashimatsuyama cho1-2 TEL82-2202)

This iconic library features murals by Tomiji Kitagawa, a western artist closely associated with Seto City. In addition to this building, there is an information library on the third floor of Partiseto

○Dejitarurisaachipaakusentaa (hatanaka cho211-1 TEL87-3100)



Located at the base of Seto Digital Tower, the third highest tower in Japan. In addition to use as a broadcasting center for all of Seto City, efforts are being made to new kinds of information broadcast including HD video recording, editing and internet broadcasts. There are computers available for free use and a variety of computer courses available.

○Setoshisupootsushisetsu (kamihonmachi1 shiminkouen TEL82-2202)

A wide assortment of sports facilities are available, such as the gymnasium and pool in the Shimin Park, as well as Kamagami Ground, Toso Ground, Higashi Park, Minami Park, Kita Sports Facility and more. Sports training events are hosted throughout the year.

○Michinoekisetoshinano (shinano cho1-126-1 TEL41-3900)

This rest area includes a fresh-picked direct produce market using Seto produce and local ingredients and a Seto-meshi Canteen with delicious foods using traditional recipes born from the culture of the local trades-people. Other facilities include 24 hour road information and tourist information, and beautiful washroom facilities featuring ceramics and glass.

<Major Municipal Public Facilities>

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	Facility Name	Address/TEL	Notes
Lifestyle information	Setoshiyakusho	Oiwake cho 64-1 (82-7111)	
	Setoshijougesuidouchousha	Harayama cho 1-7 (85-1177(Suido ka) (85-1173Gesuido)	Separated into waterworks and sewage sections at their respective facilities.
	Mizunoshisho	Nakamizuno cho 1-150 (48-1111)	Issuance of Certificate of Residence, paying municipal taxes, notifications of change of address, updating family register, registering seals and other procedures. Bulky waste is also handled here.
	Hatayamashisho		
	Shinanoshisho	Hatayama cho 71 (82-2680) Shinano cho 6-105 (41-1111)	
	Parutiisetoshiminsaabisuse ntaa	Sakaemachi 45(Parutiiseto 1F) (82-4191)	Issuance of Certificate of Residence, and paying municipal taxes can be performed here. These facilities are also available on weekends.
	Hishinodanchishiminsaabis usentaa	Hishinodai 1-2-201 (87-1155)	
	Saien	Harusame cho 38 (82-8800)	Seto City municipally operated funeral hall.
	Owarisetozeimusho	Kumano cho 76-1 (82-4111)	
	Setonenkinjimusho	Kyoueidouri 4-6 (83-2412)	
Trash / Recycling	Setokoukyoshokugyouanteij o	Higashinagane cho 86 (82-5123)	
	Shigenrisaikurusentaa	Higashiyoshida cho 2-1 (21-3196)	This facility accepts recyclables.
	Haruokasentaa	Owariasahi shi karuoha cho 33-1 higashi (54-1643)	Accepts occasional large amounts of waste such as during moving.
Health / Welfare	Yasuragikaikan	Kawabata cho 1-31 (85-5511(kenkou ka))	The Health Section and Social Welfare Committee of Seto City are located here.
	Roujinikoinoie	Suhara cho 100 (83-5610)	A location to rest for seniors aged 60 or older.
	Aichikenhokenjo	Mitsuke cho 38-1 (82-2196)	
	Kouritsutouseibyuin	Nishioiwake cho 160 (82-5101)	General hospital for local medical needs.

Parenting / Consultation	Setoyougogakkou (sakuranbogakuen)	Hagiymadai 2-22 (76-4391) Hagiymadai 9-244 (76-2263)	A school for children with special needs located with an elementary school. Education is made available for mutual understanding by students with and without disabilities.
	Nozomigakuen	Harayama cho 1-14 (82-0154)	This facility for children before attending school that need help due to disability or delayed development. Rehabilitation consultation is also available at Ozora.
	Setoshiyakusho	Oiwake cho 64-1 (82-7111)	This facility supports parents hoping for the gradual growth of their children as well as those supporting the children.
	Setoshijougesuidouchousha	Harayama cho 1-7 (85-1177(Suido ka) (85-1173Gesuido)	Parental consulting for children under 18 and their guardians. Major areas of consultation include parenting, nurturing, personality, bullying, school attendance, abuse, etc.
Safety / Security	Mizunoshisho	Nakamizuno cho 1-150 (48-1111)	
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Culture / Tourism	Saien	Harusame cho 38 (82-8800)	This building located near a station is a hub for activity, exchange and learning. Commercial shops, an international center, the Seto Consortium of Universities, a kids play room and information library are all found here. It can also be used for meetings.
	Owarisetozeimusho	Kumano cho 76-1 (82-4111)	This facility is visited by many residents and tourists alike with the Seto Museum, Tsubaki Hall, places to buy art and refreshments and conference rooms.
	Setonenkinjimusho	Kyoueidouri 4-6 (83-2412)	The three buildings house a cultural hall, cultural exchange hall and Seto City Art Gallery, with permanent temporary and special exhibitions on display all the time.