## Osaka Must-See Places! Sumiyoshi Taisha Grand Shrine / Sakai

## **About Sumiyoshi Taisha**

One of Japan's most renowned shrines, Sumiyoshi Taisha was founded in 211 and is the head of approximately 2,300 Sumiyoshi shrines throughout Japan. At the beginning of each year, more than 2 million worshippers visit the shrine to pray for health and prosperity in the coming year. Encompassed by natural beauty, the shrine grounds overflow with spiritual spots offering a profound sense of history, such as the Sorihashi arched bridge (Taikobashi) - an emblem of Sumiyoshi Taisha - sacred trees over 1,000 years old, numerous cultural properties. and the Honden Main Shrine Hall, which is a designated national treasure. Sumiyoshi Taisha also carries a popular souvenir shop offering various charms for good fortune. safety in childbirth, and luck in love and work as well as the shrine's own original folding fan.









## **Sakai City Traditional Crafts Museum**



All the traditional crafts and their master craftmanship in Sakai can be seen here. There are many sections for knives, incenses, Japanese breached cotton light cotton kimonos called yukata, carpets, kombu seaweed, bikes, carp streamers and hands-on experience for Japanese confectionary making and leaning. You can purchase these fine products and the local souvenirs at the shop. Especially on the 2nd floor Sakai Knife Museum shows knife making process and its history on the panels. The other kinds of knives including knife for shefs are displayed and sold there.

●Opening Hours: 10:00am ~5:00pm

Closed : End and beginning of the year ( Temporarily Closed )

## Hamadera Park

Rose Garden



Hamadera Park is one of the oldest parks designated as a park in Osaka in 1873. It is a big and a lush, green park where pine forest have been planted since ancient times. You can appreciate some roses native to Japan and 500 kinds of 6,000 modern roses. Moreover, there are many other facilities including a giant slide in the pool, transportation amusement park, ballpark and tennis courts, so many poeple often visit this park to enjoy as a multi-purpose park.

Additionally you can enjoy the history from those monuments of poems by Yosano Akiko and Okubo Toshimichi are dotted in the park. ●Duration for Rose Garden: March 16 ~December 15 10:00am ~5:00pm

(Last Entrance 4:00pm) \*Closed: Tuesdays (If national holiday falls on Tuesday, the next day will be closed.)

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