**Around the West gate of JR Utsunomiya Station**

**Utsunomiya Walking Map**

**Sakura (cherry blossom) at Tagawa River**
from the end of March until the beginning of April

Why don’t you walk around west exit of Utsunomiya station for a bit if you have a chance? Blooming Shidare-zakura (weeping cherry blossom) will warmly welcome you around Tagawa River in spring. Stroll around with below 3 course for your self-guided tours that are full of attractions and gourmet food.

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**Main attraction**

Tagawa River is just outside the west exit of Utsunomiya station. Walk along with 100s of Shidare-zakura in the spring!

- **Gyoza Statue & Frog Statue**
  - The symbol of Utsunomiya. At the center of the pedestrian deck, outside the west exit of the station, you will find the “verus” Gyoza Statue, made of Oya stone. You can find the Frog Statue on the first floor of the station, welcoming everyone.

- **Benches at Tagawa River**
  - Special seats for sakura viewing. Get some tacos or dumplings from shops around the station and enjoy them with sakura in petals.

- **Bicycle Rental**
  - Utsunomiya is also famous for the bicycle riding. Rent a bike from the bicycle parking outside the station. Open hours: 8am – 8pm. Rental fees: 100yen for a city bicycle and 300yen for electric assist bicycle.

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**Gourmet & Souvenirs**

Famous dumpling shops around the station. Buy dumplings, sweets and croquettes and enjoy them with the sakura view at Tagawa River.

- **Gyoza statue monaka & Tochiotome strawberry Name-Dorayaki & Tochiotome strawberry Daifuku**
  - Onkarashikasaka Masahun (1 minute walk) A traditional and famous shop Masahun is located on the first floor of the station. Tochiotome strawberry name-Dorayaki that is a mix of strawberry and cake same as wekares filled with cream of ripe strawberries from Tochigi is highly recommended. The Gyoza statue monaka shape is a replica of the Gyoza statue approved by the Utsunomiya Gyoza society. The red bean paste lavishly used is a brand name made in Hokkaido. Also try the seasonal limited Tochiotome strawberry Daifuku, that is rice cake sheet filled with fresh big Tochiotome strawberry.
  - Open hours: 10am - 8pm. Closed days: based on Utsunomiya Station Pace’s calendar.

- **Homemade Croquette Matsui Senikuten**
  - Butcher’s special croquette is perfect for city walk. Try one with good old taste that has not changed for more than 50 years.
  - Open hours: 7am - 8pm. Closed days: Sundays and national holidays, the 3rd & 4th Saturdays.

- **Kibuna & Fukube**
  - Fukube-Do (1 minute walk) Tochigi traditional craft “Fukube kaku” is famous for talisman mask. Remember to check out the varieties of the other lucky charms.
  - Open hours: 10am - 8pm. Closed days: Sundays and national holiday.

- **Kibuna & Fukube**
  - Kibuna (2 minute walk) Delicious shops from all over Tochigi. Convenient to buy Souvenirs, located at the station.
  - Open hours: 8am – 8pm, all days

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**Short Course** (approx. 30 - 40 mins)

“Sakura (cherry blossom) viewing & Kibuna (lucky charm) & local food”

1. **Utsunomiya station** Gyoza Statue  - Viewing spot of sakura from Mya bridge  - you can grab a croquette from the butter shop called Matsui Senikuten  - Shopping at Fukube-Do 
2. **Tagawa River** walk with sakura viewing  - you can find benches as you go down the river path. Best eat your croquette here!  - Back to the station.

**Medium Course** (approx. 40 - 60 mins)

“Old Shinohara Family House(Important Cultural Properties) & Oya Stone Warehouse”

1. **Utsunomiya station** Gyoza Statue  - Take-out some Gyoza dumplings from Gyoza shop  - Go downstairbs of east side of Tagawa River then walk to the North  - Enjoy Gyoza & beer at Senami Park with sakura viewing  - You may wisely see the KoI carp fish!  - Turn back at Azuma bridge  - Visit Old Shinohara Family House  - Back to the station.

**Long Course** (approx. 60 - 90 mins)

“Slow walk with sakura viewing & Enjoy Gyoza”

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**Tourist information office**

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