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1. **Futaarayama-Jinja Shrine**
   (First Shrine of Shintoism)
   - It is dedicated to Toyokuni-Inuboushi, 3-Mikoto, the eldest prince of
     Emperor Sutoku.
   - Situated in the center of the city, the shrine has influenced every aspect of the citizens' lives.

2. **Matsugamine Catholic Church**
   - Landmark Building in Utsunomiya
   - Registered Tangible Cultural Property
   - Awarded the grand prize in the Utsunomiya City Landscape Contest
   - Built in 1982, designed by Max Kendler, a Swiss architect and constructed by
     Naoyuki Matsuda.
   - An ancient-rand-early-medieval-style church building with four-storied Romanesque
     twin towers. Finished with Oya stone, a special product of Utsunomiya.

3. **Utsunomiya Castle Ruins Park**
   - Opened in 2007 after reconstruction of a part of the main compound of
     Utsunomiya Castle
   - It was the northern defense of Edo Castle, a feudal castle, surrounded by earthenworks and fourfold moats in its northwest,
     facing north and 1 square km without a donjon. Though 967castles and
     20 palaces existed, 8 castles, erected 180m long and 30m high earthworks, and
     80 loopholes (4 quadrants, 20, and 26 arrow-loop) were reconstructed.
   - The park area is 3.7 ha.

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**Frog-shaped Gargoyle**

Father Poulet and Kenji Miyazawa, the famous poet and author of children’s literature, were friends since the time of Poulet's stay in Morocco. Rumor has it that Kenji's tale “Frog’s Rubber Boots” has inspired him to create a gargoyle which looks like a frog.

**Gyoza City**

**Yellow Carp**
A papier-mâché folkcraft of Utsunomiya

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**Cocktail City**
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