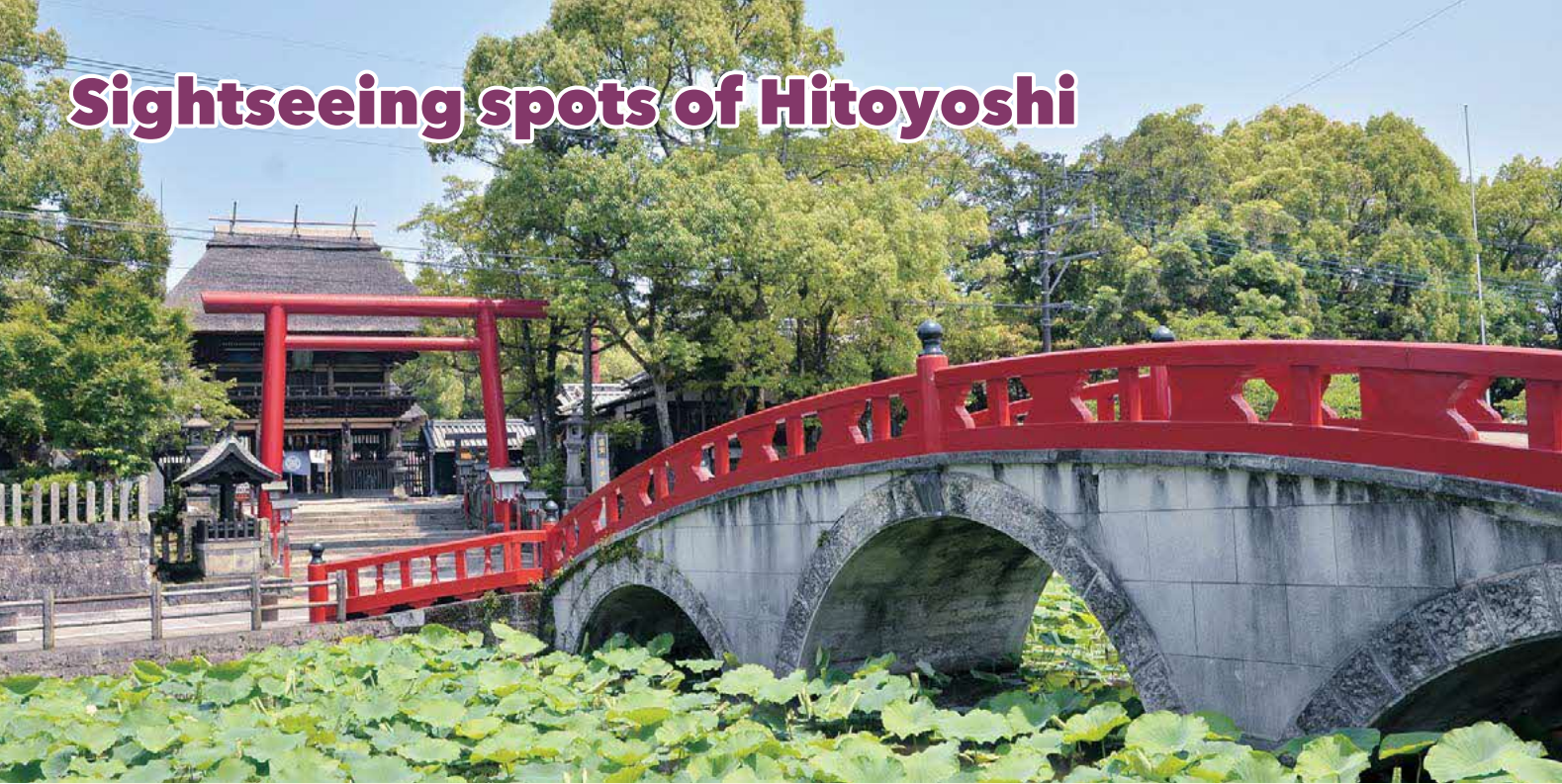


Sightseeing spots of Hitoyoshi



Hitoyoshi Castle Ruins

Hitoyoshi castle was the residence of Sagara clan for 700 years.

It is also called Sengetsu-ryo, or Crescent castle, after a stone which has crescent shape was found during its reconstruction about 800 years ago. Visitors can enjoy the picturesque scenery of Hitoyoshi and Kuma river from the higher place of the ruins.



Aoi-Aso Shrine

Aoi-aso shrine was founded on 9th September, 806. Most of the buildings have about 400 years history and they were constructed using the Momoyama method and have been designated as one of the national treasures.



Kuma-Shochu(Rice spirit)

Kuma-Shochu, which has a history of over 500 years, is a symbol of Hitoyoshi as a rice producing region. The main ingredients of Kuma-shochu produced here are local rice and water. It is a world class liquor which is protected as a geographical indication by World Trade Organization. There are also some distilleries where you can enjoy factory tour and tasting.



Hitoyoshi Hot Springs



There are around 30 hot-spring facilities ranging from large open-air pools in garden surroundings to lively neighborhood baths in rustic bathhouses. Some have private baths that can be reserved for a fee. Public baths are segregated by gender, and bathing is without swimsuits. Some facilities have policies prohibiting tattoos, so please check in advance.

Kuma river boat trip

Taking a wooden boat to go down the Kuma river which flows the center of Hitoyoshi for 50 min. is popular tourist attraction. You can enjoy the beautiful scenery of Hitoyoshi. Footwarmers are provided for your boat trip comfort between December and March.

