

GUIDED CYCLE TOUR IN
THE COUNTRYSIDE OF
CHIBA

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The “Izumi Green Village”
is an agriculture zone in
the east of Chiba City.
The “Wakaba Route” is a
recommended cycle route
designated and promoted
by Ciba City office.

HIGHLIGHT

- Farmers Shops
- Rice Paddies
- Cattle Ranch
- Local Ice Cream
- Izumi Nature Park
- Herb Tea & Cake
(Option)

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COUNTRYSIDE CYCLING

Feature IZUMI GREEN VILLAGE CYCLING

COUNTRYSIDE NEAR BIG CITY

“My guests are surprised to find
this kind of fascinating place ex-
isted near a big city. You will see,
feel and taste the countryside of
Chiba; rice paddies along twisted
rural trails, a cattle ranch, nature
park, traditional houses, and local
ice cream,” says Watanabe, the
guide.

If you wish to spend relaxed
time in the countryside, this is for
you. The knowledgeable local
guide helps you avoid getting lost
in the middle of the countryside.

IZUMI GREEN VILLAGE

The area called “Izumi District” is
located in the suburb of Chiba
City. Thanks to Kashima River,
the district is a rich agriculture
zone, dubbed “Green Village.”
Once you get out of the business
and residential area of Chishiro-
dai Town, you will be in the mid-
dle of the countryside.



Izumi Nature Park



Traditional house
along the route



Herb tea & cake,
Ishihara Herb Garden

(Weekends of April to Nov. only)

SPRING



Cherry Blossoms,
Izumi Nature Park



Ground Pink,
Tomita



Meeting at Chishirodai station,
Chiba Monorail

SUMMER



Rice paddies

THE TOUR

The route is about 30km long, laid out by Watanabe. The highlight of the tour includes rice paddies, dairy cattle ranch, farm product shops, traditional houses, one of which is where Emperor Meiji once rested, and Izumi Nature Park. Popular experiences include trying locally-made ice cream.

ITINERARY

- Meeting/Start/End point: In front of Chishirodai station, Chiba Monorail Exit 2, on the ground.
- Meeting at 10:00, Departure at 10:30, End at 14:00 or later de-

FEE

Fee: 4,000 yen, adult, w/ bike rental. 2,800 yen, adult, w/o bike rental.

Family discount is available for a 2nd adult 3,200 yen, for a child 2,800 yen.

Note: The fee does not cover lunch and any other foods and drinks.

Payment method: To be paid in cash and in person only.

COUNTRYSIDE CYCLING

Optional byways include walk-through in Izumi Woods for forest-bathing, Herb Garden, where you might want to try herb tea and cake.

The length of the tour is 4 hour, or longer, depending on options.

Minimum guest count is 1, maximum guest count is 4.

pending on options.

- If you have time preference on itinerary, your preference would be accommodated. Please ask.



Yeah, ice cream time!

Direct from the local plant.

Guests and the producer [center] of dairy product

RESERVATION AND CANCELLATION

■ Reservation: e-mail (preferred) or phone. See “CONTACT” at the end.

■ Acceptance: First come, first served basis.

■ Cancellation: The tour may be cancelled when bad weather is expected. The cancellation is notified via e-mail, no later than 17:00 of previous day.

TIPS

■ Bring your cap, gloves, health insurance, ID, foods & drink (can be purchased on the way).

Note that a bicycle helmet is not required for adult by the regulations in Japan.

■ Use a rental bike included in the fee, or bring your own bike.

■ Insurance for injury and indemnity are recommended for your own protection. If you are not sure, ask.

ACCESS

■ Monorail is recommended, but if you use a car, coin-operated parking is available nearby.

■ From JR, transfer to Chiba Monorail bound for Chishirodai station, at JR Chiba-Minato, JR Chiba, or JR Tsuga station.

■ From Makuhari area, take JR Keiyo line to go to Chiba Minato station (8 min.), transfer to Chiba Monorail to go to Chishirodai (29 min.)

■ From Narita area, take JR line to go to Tsuga station (28 min.)

■ From Tokyo area, there are two ways;

1. JR line to go to Chiba station (40min.), where transfer to Chiba Monorail to go to Chishirodai station (25 min.);

2. Expressway Bus for Chishirodai at Keisei Bus Stop No. 3, Yaesuguchi, Tokyo station, departing Tokyo at 9:10, arriving Chishirodai at 10:26 (76 min.).

Note that the travel time is approximate, which does not include walking and waiting time.

AUTUMN



Autumn Leaves,
Izumi Nature Park



Autumn leaves,
Yato Kobo



Chiba Monorail, the world's longest
of suspended monorail.

WINTER



View along
Kashima River

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Izumi Nature Park

For more information,
please visit website
<http://bcage.jimdo.com>
Or contact Watanabe.



In 1963, Watanabe [center]
raced for a candidate selection
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1964, in Hachioji, 110km, 13th
pl. (May 21st, 1963)

ROUTE MAP— IZUMI GREEN VILLAGE CYCLING



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ABOUT US

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He has extensive cycling experiences over 50 years since he was an university student. He started the Chiba Countryside Cycling Guided Tour in 2008 (see the picture inside). Was a former chairman of the Japan Cycling Navigator. The leader of Chiba Country Cycling Club. A member of Cycle Volunteers Japan.

Nobuaki Itagaki, Guide



He is a dedicated cyclist, devoting his life to bicycle since he had overcome cancer and regained health. He has been challenging himself by joining major cycling events such as those held in Yakushima Island, Sado Island to name a few. This is the sixth year in his cycling experiences. A member of the board of Cycle Volunteers Japan.