

# Chapter 5 Live / Enjoying Your Life

## 5-1 Place you live






【Aichi Prefecture】



Approx. 7.55 million (2019)  
(About 16% of Japan's total population)



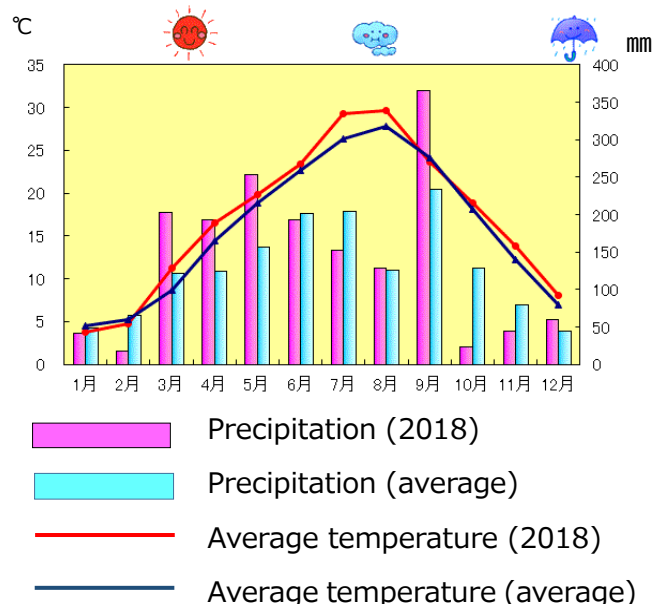
5,172 km<sup>2</sup> (2019)  
(About 1.37% of Japan's total area)

Prefectural crest	Prefectural flower: "Kakitsubata" (Rabbitear Iris)	Prefectural tree: "Hananoki" (Japanese Red Maple)	Prefectural Bird: Eurasian Scops-owl	Prefectural Fish: Kuruma Prawn
				

【Four seasons in Aichi Prefecture】

- There are four seasons in Japan.
  - Spring
    - Around March to May
  - Summer
    - Around June to September  
(many hot and humid days)
  - Autumn
    - Around October to November  
(many typhoons)
  - Winter
    - Around December to February

【Average temperature and precipitation in Aichi Prefecture (Nagoya 2018)】



【Places where you can enjoy free of charge in Aichi Prefecture】



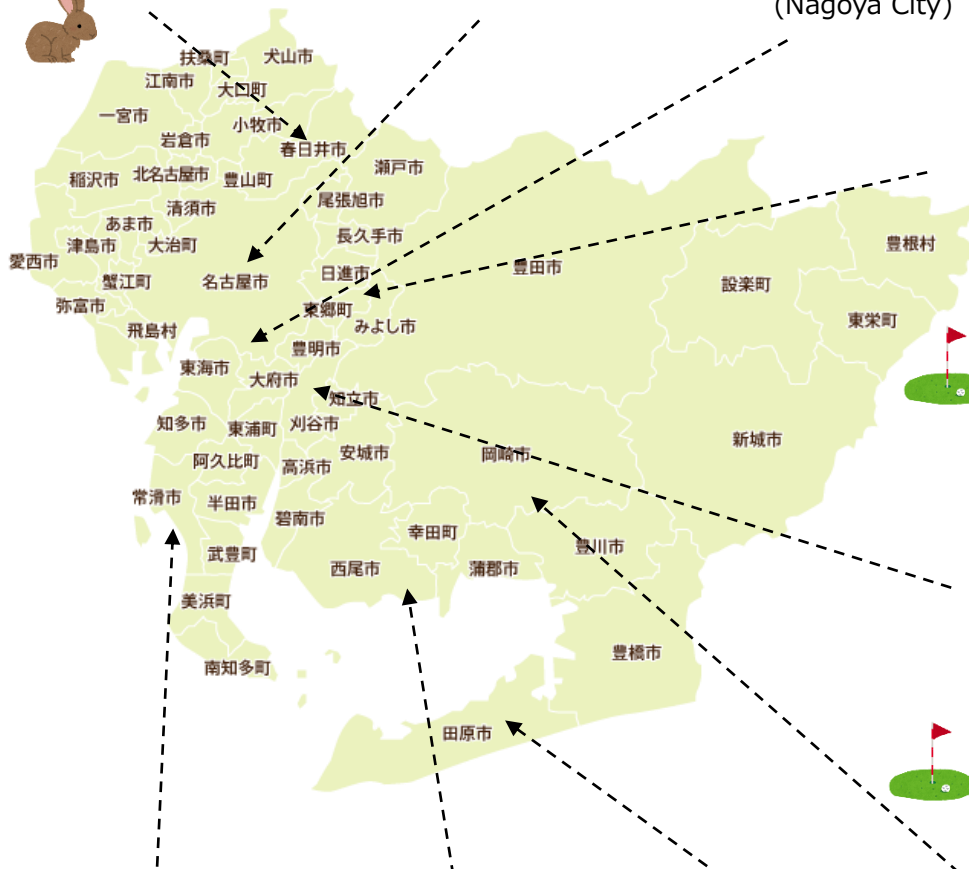
Greenpia Kasugai  
(Kasugai City)



Tsuruma Park  
(Nagoya City)



Odaka Ryokuchi  
Greens Park  
(Nagoya City)



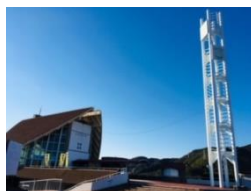
Aichi Farm  
(Nisshin City)



Aichi Health Village  
Park  
(Obu City)



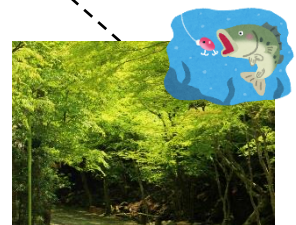
Tokoname Pottery  
Footpath  
(Tokoname City)



Aichi Kodomo no Kuni  
(Nishio City)



Sante Park Tahara  
(Tahara City)



Kuragari Gorge  
(Okazaki City)



There are many other events and fun spots in Aichi Prefecture.  
Let's check it up! **Aichi Now** <https://www.aichi-now.jp/en/>



【Festivals and events in Aichi Prefecture】



Ichinomiya Tanabata Festival  
(Ichinomiya City)



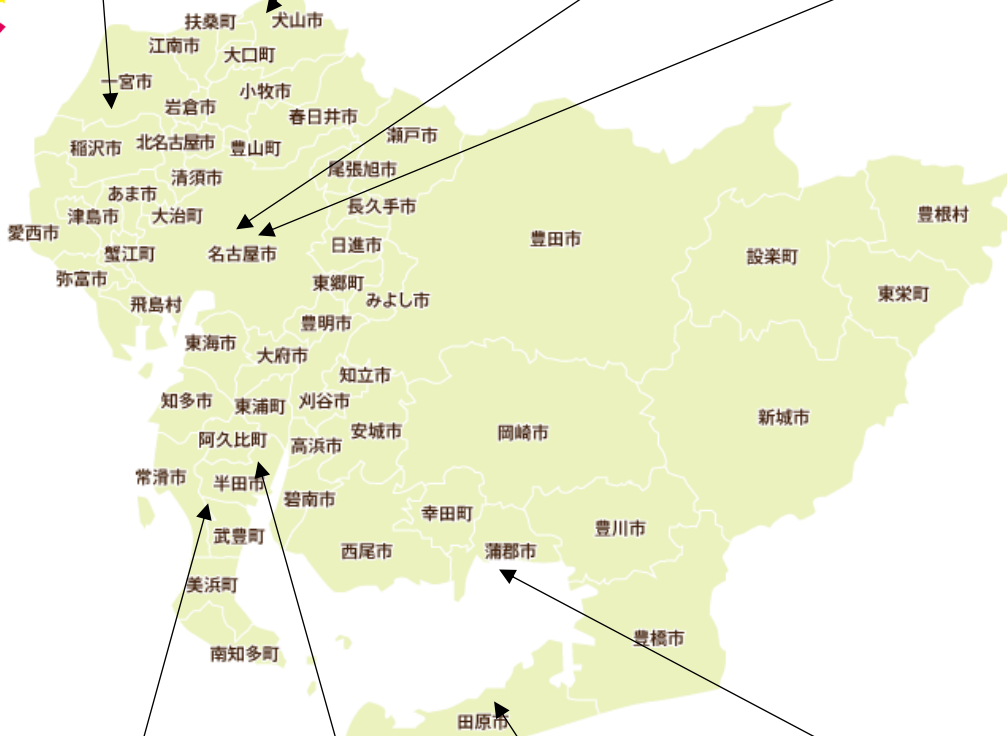
Inuyama Festival  
(Inuyama City)



Hirokoji Avenue Illumination  
(Nagoya City)



Osu Summer Festival  
(Nagoya City)



Red spider lilies along Yakachi River  
(Handa City)



Hanakatsumi-en  
(Agui Town)



Clam digging at Shiroya Beach  
(Tahara City)



Katahara Onsen Hydrangea Festival  
(Gamagori City)

## 5-2 Calendar and events

【National holidays and their meaning】 The dates of public holidays may change.

January 1	New Year's Day	To celebrate the beginning of a new year. Many Japanese visit temples and shrines.
Second Monday of January	Coming-of-age Day	To congratulate people who reach the age of majority (20 years old)
February 11	National Foundation Day	To commemorate the founding of the nation
February 23	The Emperor's Birthday	To celebrate the birthday of Emperor Naruhito
Around March 21 to 22	Vernal Equinox Day	To celebrate the first day of spring
April 29	Showa Day	To commemorate the birthday of Emperor Showa and reflect the Showa Era
May 3	Constitution Memorial Day	To celebrate the enforcement of the Constitution
May 4	Greenery Day	To show gratitude for nature, such as forests, rivers, and sea
May 5	Children's Day	To wish for children's healthy growth and happiness
Third Monday in July	Marine Day	To show appreciation for the blessings of the sea
August 11	Mountain Day	To show appreciation for the blessings of the mountain
Third Monday in September	Respect-for-the-Aged Day	To celebrate the health and happiness of elderly people
Around September 22 to 23	Autumnal Equinox Day	To celebrate the first day of Autumn
Second Monday of October	Health and Sports Day	To commemorate the anniversary of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics
November 3	Culture Day	To express respect and appreciation for freedom, peace, and culture
November 23	Labor Thanksgiving Day	To praise diligent labor and give thanks to one another

【Holidays other than national holidays】

- Substitute holiday : When a national holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday becomes a "public holiday."



One-point advice

Check your company holidays because different companies have different holidays.

【Hanami, Fireworks festivals and Autumn foliage】

■ Hanami . . .

Enjoying food while viewing cherry blossom (around March to April)

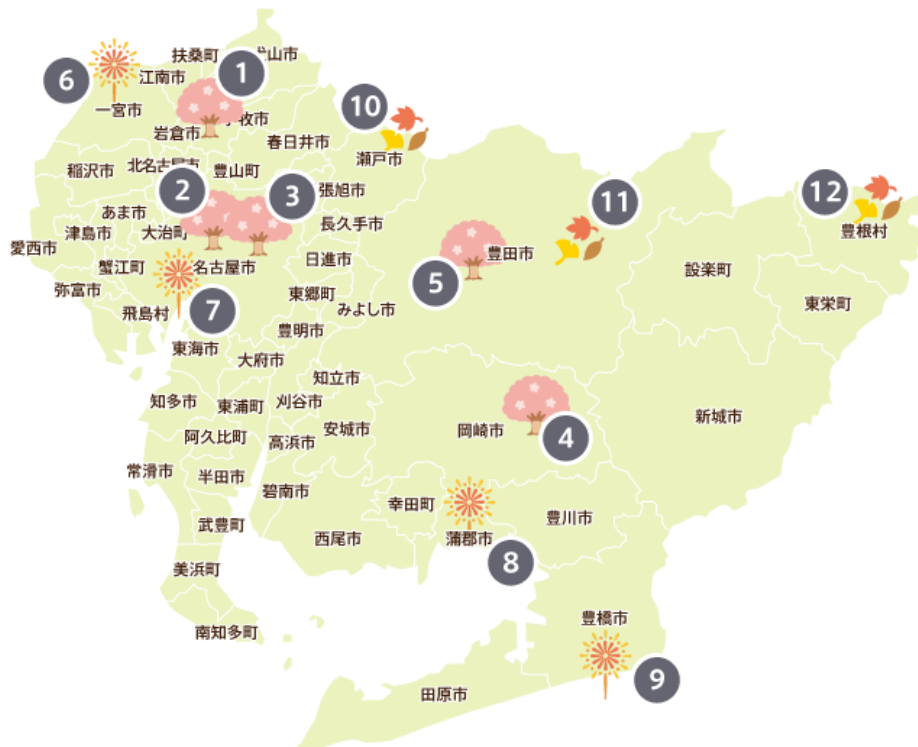
- ① Gojo River (Iwakura City)
- ② Tsuruma Park (Nagoya City)
- ③ Yamazaki River (Nagoya City)
- ④ Okazaki Park (Okazaki City)
- ⑤ Suigen Park (Toyota City)



■ Fireworks festivals . . .

Enjoying summer while viewing fireworks display (around July to August)

- ⑥ Noubi Fireworks Festival (Ichinomiya City)
- ⑦ Nagoya Port Fireworks Festival (Nagoya City)
- ⑧ Gamagori Noryo Fireworks (Gamagori City)
- ⑨ Toyohashi Gion Festival and Fireworks (Toyohashi City)



■ Autumn foliage . . .

A phenomenon that changes their color into red and yellow (around November)





- ⑩ Iwayado Park (Seto City)
- ⑪ Korankei Valley (Toyota City)
- ⑫ Chausuyama Kogen (Toyone Village, Shitara gun)



## 5-3 Shopping

【Be aware of the following when shopping】

- ① Bargaining or negotiating is not a custom in Japan.  
Do not ask the shop clerk, "please make it cheaper."
- ② Do not take a product out of the bag or box before you pay for it.  
Pay first and then take it out.
- ③ Do not excessively handle or damage the meat, fish, or cooked food that you do not intend to buy.

Types of stores	Available items / opening hours	Characteristics
<b>【Supermarket】</b> 	groceries, beverages, daily necessities, liqueurs  ⌚ around 9:00 to 21:00 hrs	Sales days vary from supermarket to supermarket.
<b>【Drug store】</b> 	drugs, groceries, beverages, daily necessities, liqueurs  ⌚ around 9:00 to 21:00 hrs	Sales days vary from drug store to drug store.
<b>【100-yen shop】</b> 	groceries, beverages, daily necessities  ⌚ around 9:00 to 21:00 hrs	Most of the items are for sale for 100 yen (+ tax).
<b>【Convenience store】</b> 	groceries, beverages, daily necessities, liqueurs, drugs  ⌚ 24 hours	It is convenient, but the prices are a little higher. They offer various services, such as accepting home delivery parcels.

<"Nihongo" - let's use it!>



Is there a convenience store near here?



Where can I buy cold medicine?