

1. Outline of Nagahama City

"Nagahama City Living Guide Book" contains the rules and necessary information to live in Nagahama City. If you have troubles, problems, things you do not understand or do not know, please consult with the city or neighbors without worrying alone.

(1) About Nagahama City

Nagahama City is located in the northeastern part of Shiga prefecture, sharing a border with Fukui prefecture in the north and Gifu prefecture in the east. Also, it faces the Ibukiyama mountain chain and Lake Biwa. The city is located on an alluvial plain called Kohoku Plain, laid down by the Anegawa, Takatokigawa and Yogokawa rivers flowing into Lake Biwa, and blessed with one of the richest natural environments in Shiga prefecture. You will enjoy beautiful views of the mountains, rivers and the lake inhabited by a variety of aquatic birds.

Nagahama City is also conveniently located in terms of public transportation because it is surrounded by major economic zones including Kansai, Chubu and Hokuriku.

Nagahama City has an abundance of historical heritages such as Hokkoku-kaido, and Hokkoku-wakiokan-endo which was the shortest route connecting with Hokkoku-kaido and Nakasendo. There are also Nagahama Castle, the ruin of Odani Castle, Mt. Shizugatake and the Anegawa battlefield which reminds us of the Sengoku period (Warring States period), and Hogonji temple in Chikubushima island, Kannon no Sato which is a region where many Kannon statues (Buddhist goddess of mercy) are enshrined such as Doganji Temple with Eleven faced Kannon.

We have been providing brochures containing information about sightseeing of Nagahama City in multiple languages (English, Korean and Chinese (Traditional Chinese characters and Simplified Chinese characters)) at headquarters of Nagahama City Hall, North Government Building and each Citizen Service Counter. It also can be downloaded from the following. English, Korean and Chinese (traditional and simplified) are available.

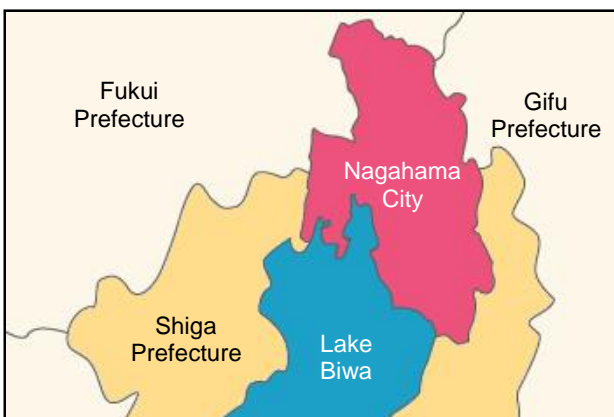
Tourist information website Enjoying Nagahama, Maibara and Oku Biwa
Lake PC version: <https://kitabiwako.jp>



(2) History of Nagahama City

Nagahama City used to be called "Imahama" in old days and Hideyoshi Hashiba (Hideyoshi Toyotomi) changed it from "Imahama" to "Nagahama" in Tensho Period (1572-1592). He gathered merchants from around the Odani Castle, and developed a castle town in which is the base of current Nagahama City.

Nagahama City merged with Azai-cho, Biwa-cho in 2006, and Torahime-cho, Kohoku-cho, Takatsuki-cho, Kinomoto-cho, Yogo-cho and Nishiazai-cho in 2010.



[Population] 111, 682 people
47, 905 households
(The number of foreign residents 4, 075 people)

[Area] 681. 02 square kilometers
(Stretching around 25 km east-west and 40 km north-south)

(As of May 1st of 2025)

【Climate】 From spring to autumn, the climate in Nagahama City is comfortable, however, it has much precipitation amount in winter due to a large amount of snow and seasonal winds that blow from Japan Sea.