

Otsu Matsuri Experience And Tourism



----- Plane
----- Train

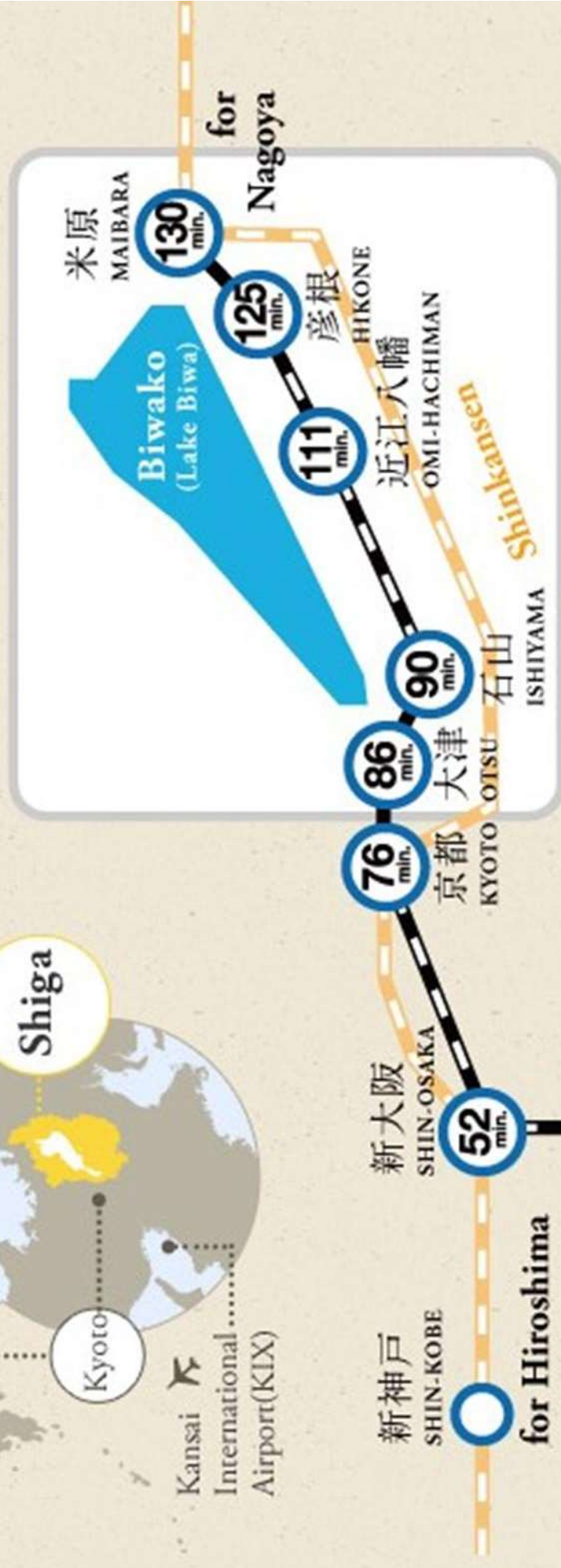
Japan's Golden Route

Passing through Shiga



Kansai Airport- **Otsu** : 1hr

Kyoto – **Otsu** : 9min



関西空港
KANSAI AIRPORT

for Hiroshima

from Kansai International Airport
by JR Airport Express "HARUKA"





JR (Japan Railway West)
Access Map
from Kyoto

KYOTO ← → OTSU

JR Tokaido Main Line

9 minutes





What is the Otsu Matsuri



Otsu Matsuri is one of Shiga's major festivals featuring thirteen ornate floats displayed and paraded around central Otsu over two days before Sports Day, a national holiday around Oct. 10.

1st Day

The first day of the festival has the floats parked and displayed on the streets and lit up at night. The first day of the festival is called Yoimiya.



During the first day, the karakuri mechanism are removed from the floats and displayed at a lower level. The karakuri ningyo puppets are a highlight of the floats and festival. The puppets perform on the floats during the procession.

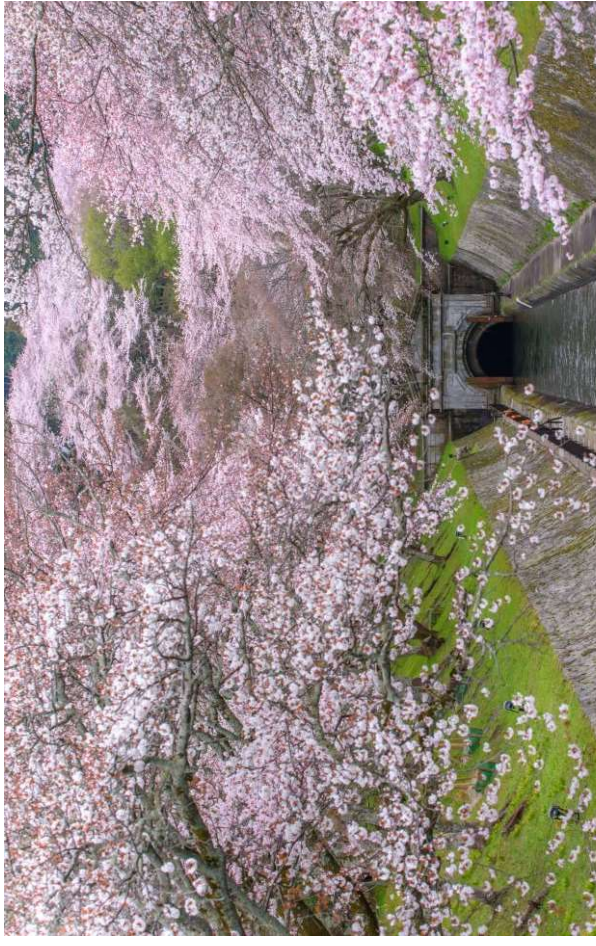
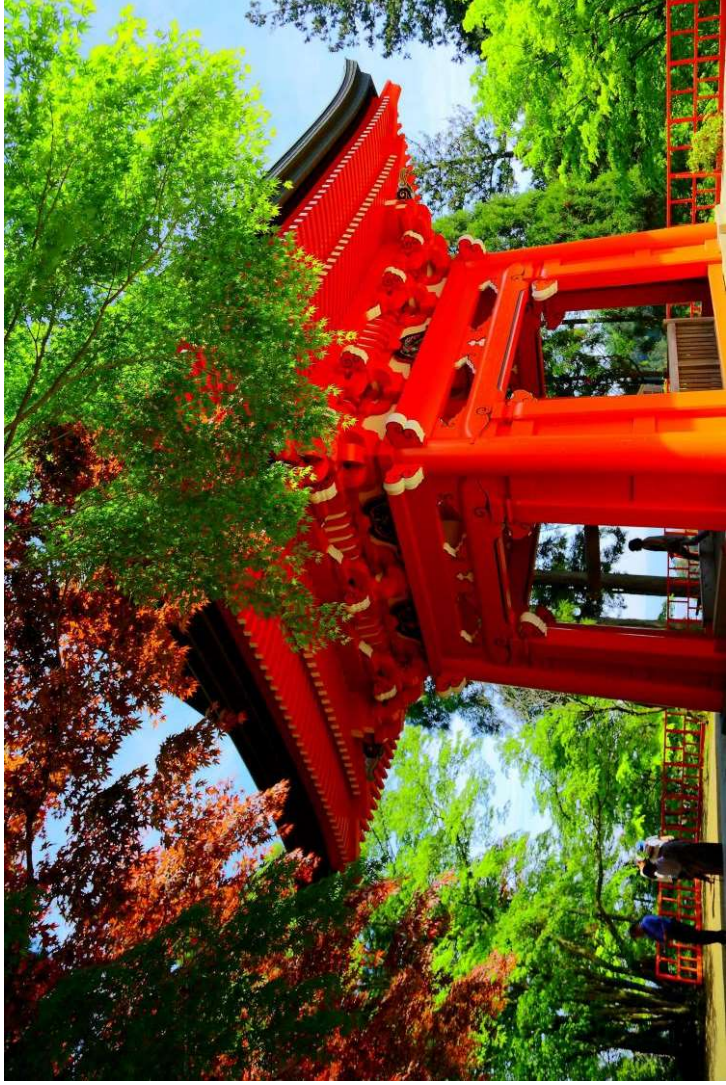
2nd Day

The second day of the Otsu Matsuri Festival is called the Honmatsuri, featuring a procession of the thirteen floats as the festival climax. The highlights are the performances by the karakuri mechanical dolls on the floats.

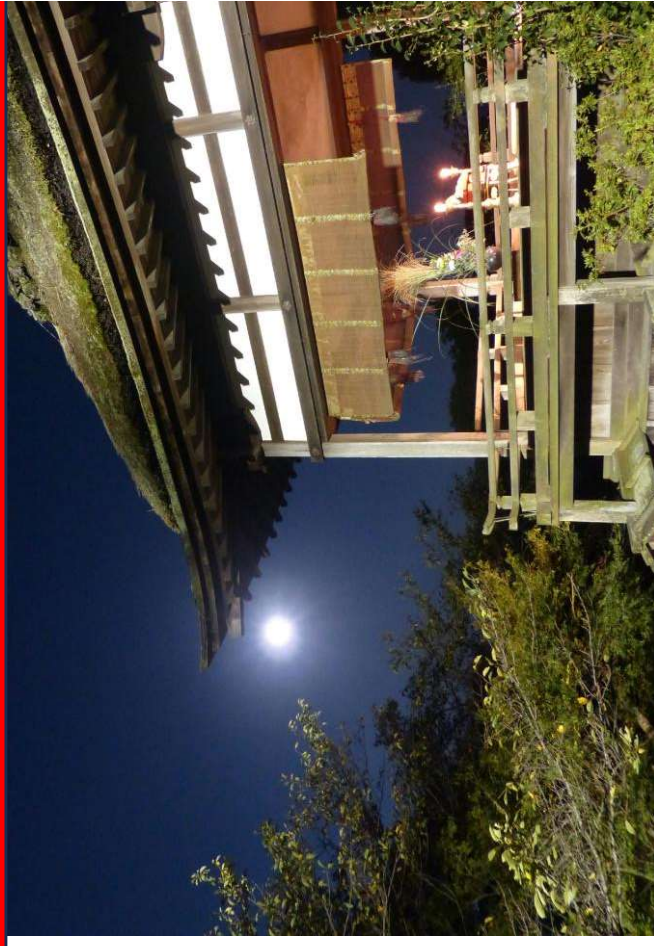


At various spots along the procession route, each float stops to perform the karakuri puppets.

The Chuo Odori road is wide, making it easy to view the floats. It's not as crowded as Gion Matsuri in Kyoto. There's a more earthly atmosphere at Otsu Matsuri.

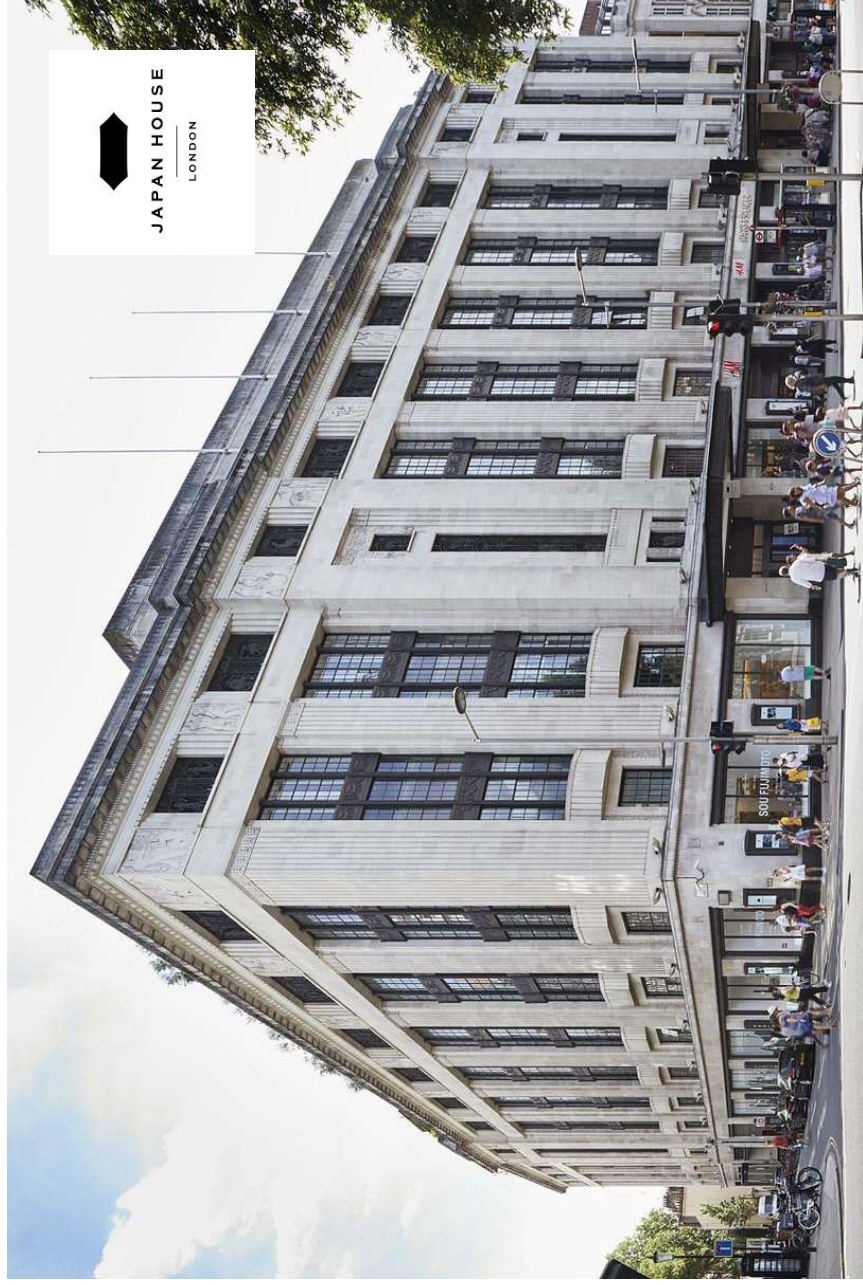


Tourism spots around Otsu N Shiga prefecture

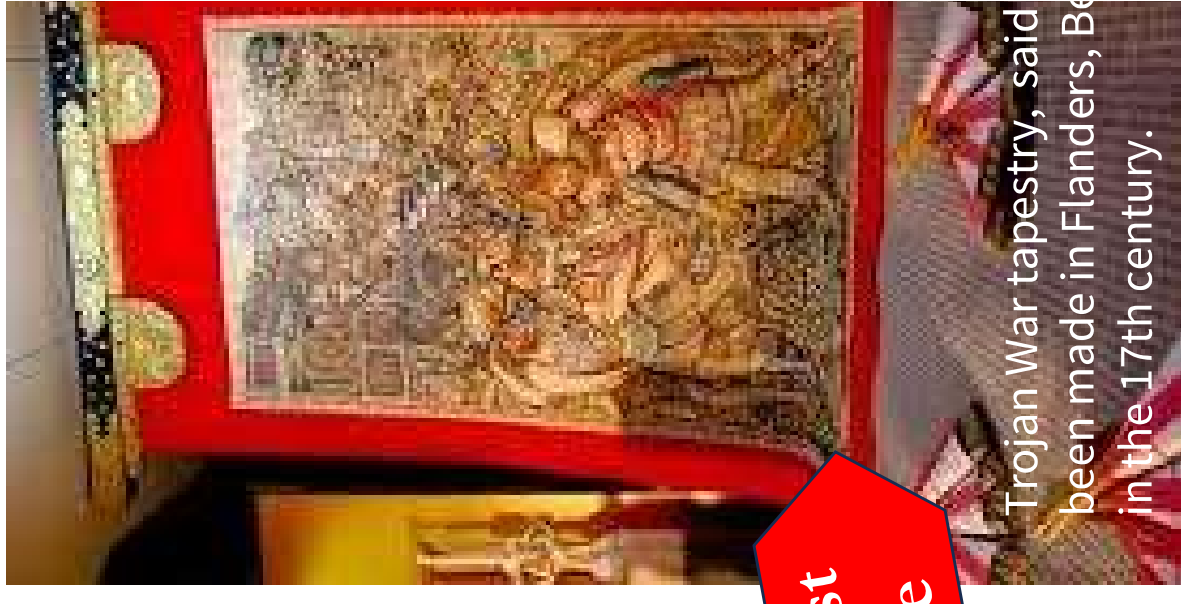


Otsu Matsuri Experience in London

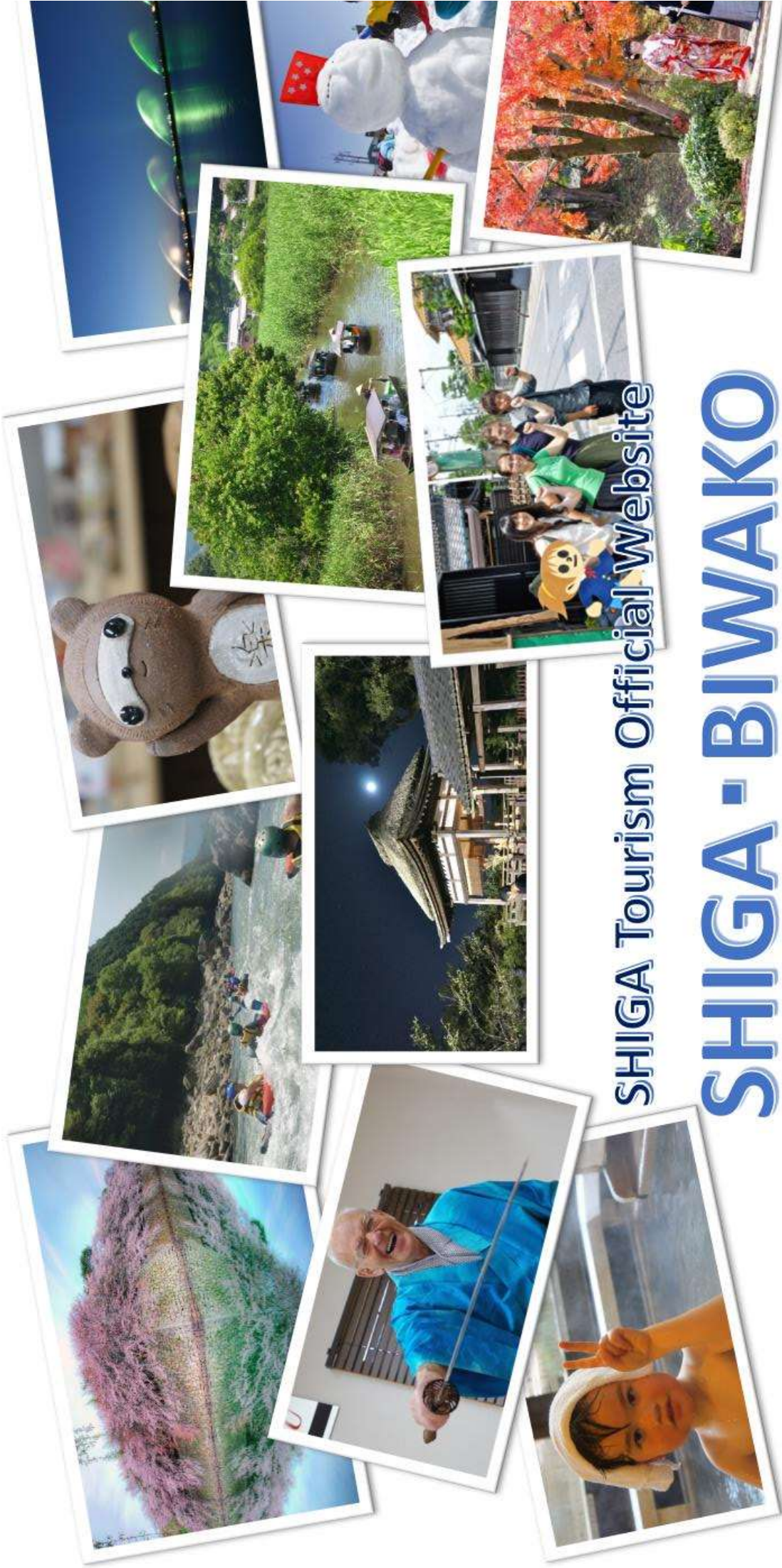
30th November 2024
Japan House London



Must
See



Trojan War tapestry, said
to have been made in Flanders, Belgium
in the 17th century.



SHIGA Tourism Official Website

SHIGA・BIWAKO



Shiga Biwako



reis@biwako-visitors.jp



<http://www.facebook.com/go.biwako>
https://www.instagram.com/japan_go.biwako/



[Japan_go.biwako](https://www.youtube.com/japan_go.biwako/)