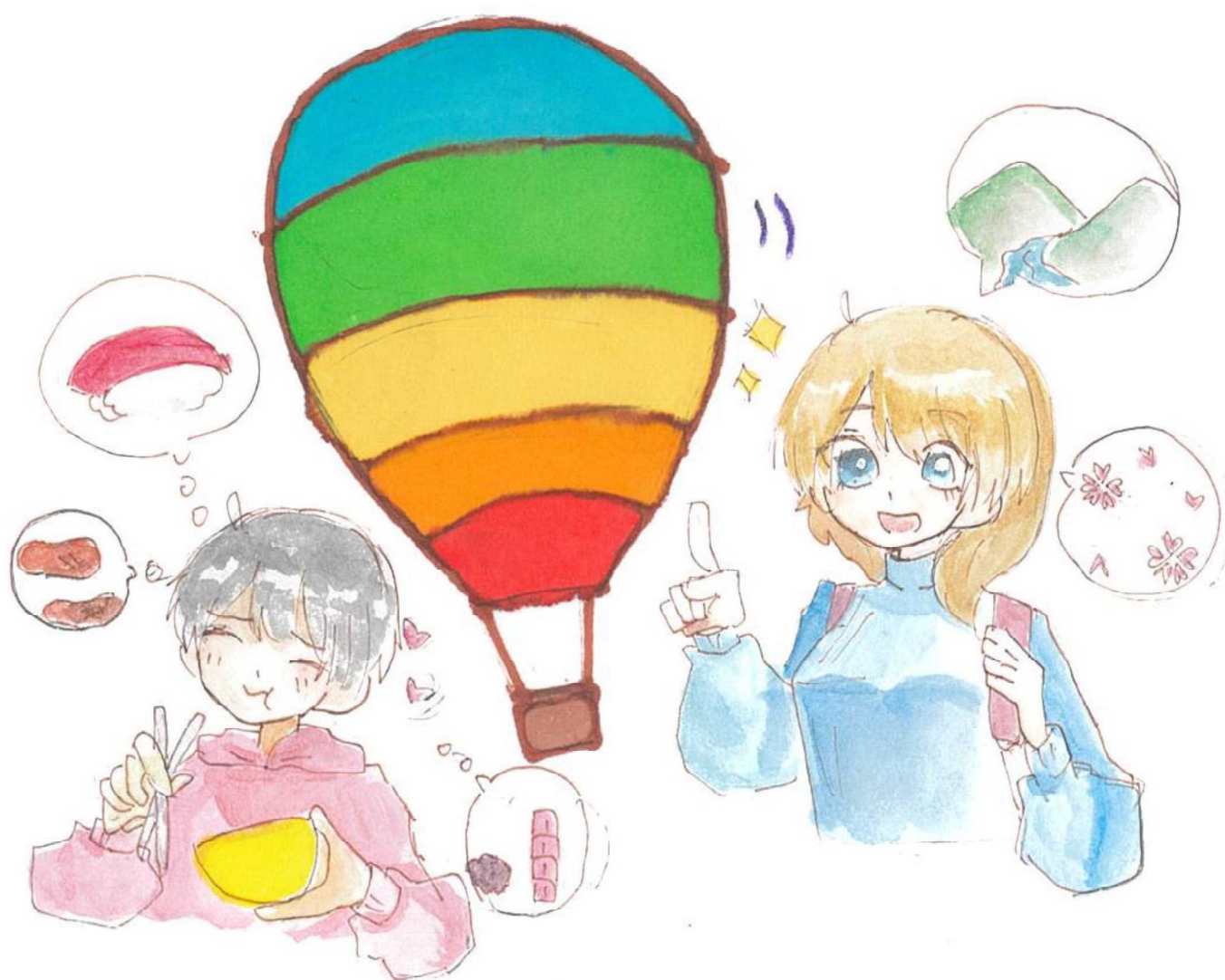


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Guidebook of Kameoka

for visitors from other countries



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Hello. I'm Kamemaru, a mascot of Kameoka City. Welcome to Kameoka! There are many historical things in this city. On this page, I'll tell you the best train, activity and shrine the local people recommend.

If you are curious about them, please go and experience them! And please enjoy the fun history of Kameoka.

Torokko (trolley train)

There is a nice trolley train in Kameoka. We call it **Torokko**. It has a history of over 30 years. How is it different from normal trains? It has large open windows, so you can feel the wind and enjoy beautiful views from inside the train. It's really nice in all seasons. So, we recommend it!

It runs from Torokko Kameoka Station to Saga Station. It costs 880 yen for adults, 440 yen for children. It is so fun and exciting!



Source:Kameoka City HP
<https://www.city.kameoka.kyoto.jp/soshiki/29/3532.html>)

◆Time

one way: 25 minutes.
round trip: 1 hour.

◆Days of Operation

March 1 to December 29.

◆Access

1 min. walk (JR Saga-Arashiyama Sta. to Torokko Saga Sta.)
10 min. walk (JR Umahori Sta. to Torokko Kameoka Sta.)

◆Out of Service

Wednesday *If Wednesday is a national holiday, they will operate.

History lovers! In Kameoka

Shichifukujin-Meguri

(Seven Lucky God Tour)

There is a historic activity in Kameoka. It's Shichifukujin-Meguri. People walk around the seven shrines in Kameoka, such as Jinnoji Shrine and Gokurakuji Shrine.

Shichifukujin-Meguri is very popular among tourists. You collect red ink stamps called “**Goshuin**.” It's like a stamp rally.

Can you collect the seven stamps? You'll be blessed with **seven happinesses** and prevent **seven misfortunes!**



Source:Kameoka City HP (<http://kameoka-chitose.com/publics/index/14/>)

Izumo Shrine

There're many historic shrines in Kameoka. Among them, we recommend Izumo Shrine. You can go there by car from Chiyokawa Station. It takes 8 minutes.

Izumo Shrine has a history of over 1300 years. On New Year's Day, many people visit it and pray for good luck that year. Also, it's the best matchmaking shrine in Japan.

It sells many kinds of Japanese amulets called “**Omamori**.” You can buy one that is good for you, for example, amulets for matchmaking, good health, travel safety, passing an exam, or household harmony. It's interesting!



↓Goshuin

↓Omamori



Source: Izumo Shrine HP (<http://izumo-d.org/tougu.html>)

Town of nature, **Kameoka**

Yawaragi-no-michi

Kameoka has many cherry blossom viewing spots. For example, we recommend Yawaragi-no-michi. It is a walking course with beautiful cherry trees and rivers. There are 1,500 cherry trees along the road! The best time is end of March to beginning of April. You can feel rich nature of Kameoka.

You can go there by bus from Chiyokawa Station. Get off at Nanatanigawa bus stop. It takes 10 minutes. Please forget your daily life and enjoy the wonderful viewing on the road.



Source: Walkerplus (<https://hanami.walkerplus.com>)

The Nanatanigawa River The Hozugawa River

There are beautiful rivers in Kameoka. They're the Hozugawa river and the Nanatanigawa river. We can enjoy Hozugawa river boat ride. The cherry blossoms and autumn leaves from the boat are so special. You can use a bus or a taxi at Kameoka Station to get there. It takes 5 to 10 minutes.

Also, the scenery from a trolley train is special. The train is running near the Hozugawa river. You can enjoy the views with seasons while taking the trolley train.



Source: Mitsuhide Akechi AI Council(<https://akechiai.jp>)
Kyoto Tourism Guide (<https://www.kyoto-kankou.or.jp>)

Kameoka MAP

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
Kameoka is working on SDGs.

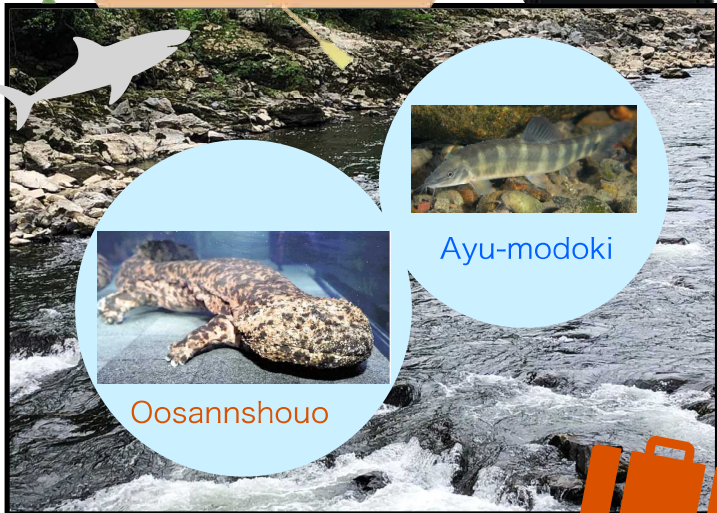


Hozugawa River



Kameoka has rich nature. The water is clean. So, we can see many animals and fish in the rivers.

Among them, there are two rare creatures in Kameoka. They are **Ayu-modoki** and **Oosanshouo** (Japanese giant salamander). They are natural monuments in Japan. Because Kameoka is rich in nature, they can live here.

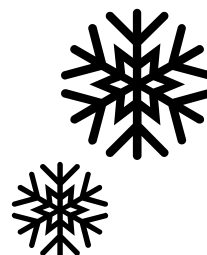


Source: Yomiuri Newspaper (<https://www.yomiuri.co.jp/>)
Kameoka City HP (<https://www.city.kameoka.kyoto.jp/>)

Kameoka Fog

Kameoka is called “a city of fog.” The town is covered with thick fog in cold seasons. You can overlook the beautiful fog from **Kameoka Fog Terrace** in the morning.

You can get there in 11 minutes by car from Kameoka Station. The fog in Kameoka is the second thickest in the world. Come and see it! You'll be surprised at the mystical view.

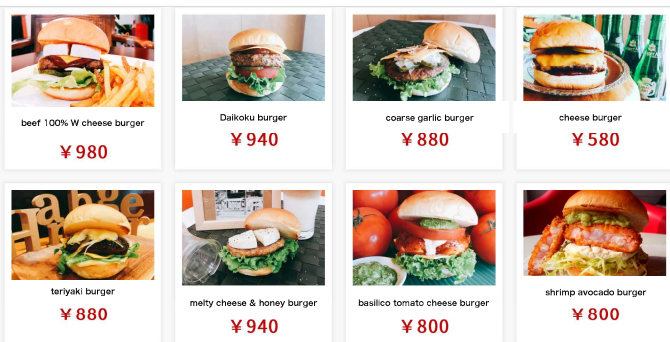


Kameoka

There are many delicious foods in Kameoka. We will tell you about four popular stores and restaurants here.

1. Daikoku Burger

There're many kinds of burgers here. For example, beef 100% cheese burger, premium beef burger, and bacon cheese egg burger. Look at the menu below. Which burger do you want to eat?



You can enjoy juicy beef patty and fresh vegetables from Kameoka. Also, the buns are made of rice flour from Japan. Rice flour bread is soft and chewy. Please go and eat these original burgers!

◆Business Hour
11:00-20:00

*Open year round

◆Access

3 min. walk from Kameoka Sta.



Source: Daikoku Burger HP
(<https://www.daikoku-burger.com>)

2. Kiso Butcher

Look at this picture. This is Kameoka beef. It looks tasty! You can buy it at Kiso Butcher.



It sells fresh beef at a cheap price. It's about 400-1,500 yen for 100 g.

Also, you can get Kameoka beef croquette there. The staff fry it at the shop, so you can eat freshly-fried ones! They're really delicious. In warm seasons, let's have BBQ with the beef from Kiso Butcher!

There is a restaurant attached to the butcher. It's Gyuraku. You can enjoy Kameoka beef steak, curry or sukiyaki. Please enjoy it!



◆Business Hour
9:00-18:30

*Closed on Wednesdays

◆Access

1 min. walk from Umahori Sta.



Source: Kameoka City HP (<https://www.city.kameoka.kyoto.jp>)
Gyuraku HP (<https://www.gyuraku.jp/restaurant.html>)

GOURMET

3. Tawawa

There's a nice vegetable store in Kameoka. It is called Tawawa. The vegetables at Tawawa are fresh, cheap and delicious.

Also, you can buy local foods. For example, Kameoka beef, honey and Japanese pickles. They are all delicious! Please bring an eco-bag (shopping bag) with you. Because it's not free in Kameoka.

You can go there by taxi, car or bus from Kameoka Station. It takes 10 minutes.

- ◆Business Hour : 9:00-17:00
- ◆Closed during year-end and new year holidays



Source: JA Group HP (<https://life.ja-group>)

4. Sushihiko

Do you want to eat sushi? There are nice sushi restaurants in Kameoka, but, we recommend Sushihiko. It serves many kinds of sushi. For example, tuna, toro, ikura (salmon roe) and conger eel.

Also, Sushihiko has a wide variety of fish dishes, such as tempura and deep-fried puffer fish. So, everyone can enjoy the meal. You can go there on foot from Umahori Station in 5 minutes.

- ◆Business Hour
11:30-14:00, 17:00-22:30
- ◆Closed on Wednesday.
- ◆Lunch : About 2,000 yen.



CAFE & SWEETS SHOP of KAMEOKA

Bishamon Terrace

A nice Japanese-style cafe opened in Kameoka in 2022.

It's Bishamon Terrace. The Japanese sweets are an acquired taste. For example, **Anko Yogurt** and **Ohagi**. They are both made of **anko** (**sweet red bean paste**) sweets.

It's near a bus stop called Bishamon. Please take a bus from Kameoka Station, or you can use a taxi.



- ◆Business Hour:
11:00~17:00 on Fridays to Sundays
- ◆Closed on the third Tuesday
- ◆Access: 10 min. from Kameoka Sta.



Source: Bishamon Terrace HP (<https://v-terrace.com>)

Round Garden “Neko-no-Ongaeshi”

This is a popular Danish sweets shop. They sell sweets is called Neko-no-Shippo. It means “cat’s tail.” What a cute name! Actually, it looks like a cat’s tail. It’s about 150 yen. There’re many limited-edition Danish sweets at this shop. The yellow car and the log house are the landmarks.

- ◆Business Hour: 10:00~17:00
- ◆Closed on the third Tuesday.
- ◆Access: 10 min. from Kameoka Sta.
(By taxi, or rent a car.)



Source: Nekonoshippo HP (<https://www.nekonoshippo.net>)



ASAHI DOU

There's a mom-and-pop candy store in Kameoka. It's **Asahido**. We recommend the vanilla soft serve ice cream. It's very long, but only 300 yen! You can eat it in the summer.

The store sells Japanese sweets, too. For example, Yokan, Monaka, Daifuku and Minazuki. There are so many! They use a special local product, Umaji-dainagon beans. It's very rare, so we can't buy it at supermarkets. The sweets there are tasty and familiar to local people.



soft serve ice cream



Monaka

- ◆Business Hour:
8:00-18:30 (The days off are not fixed)
- ◆Access:
20-minute-walk from Chiyokawa Sta.



Source: Mori-no-Kyoto HP (<https://morinokyoto.jp/gourmet/tanbadainagon/>)

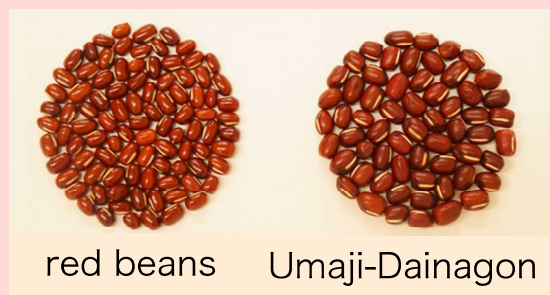
Column: Umaji-Dainagon Beans

Umaji-Dainagon are premium beans.

Look at this picture. They are bigger than normal red beans. In the old days, people said we could stack up to 12 beans! Can you believe it?

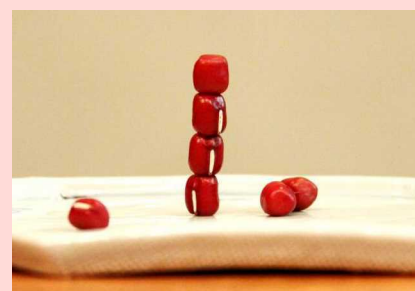
The beans are used in many Japanese sweets. We recommend Umaji-Dainagon Monaka. It's sweet and crispy. And it's a speciality of Asahido. Let's go to Asahido and enjoy the Japanese sweets with Umaji-Dainagon.

Source: Alpha Online Shop (<http://www.alpha-come.co.jp>)



red beans

Umaji-Dainagon

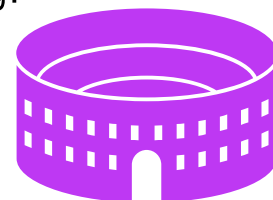


Sports & Experiences

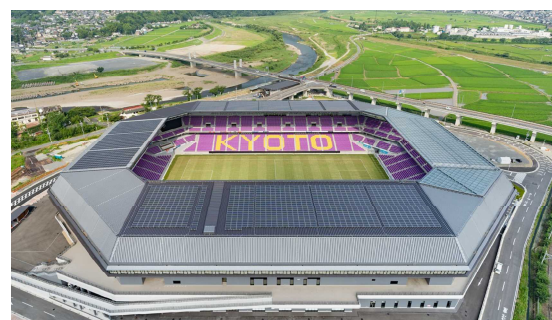
How do you enjoy your stay in Kameoka? We recommend the sports and experiences on this page. Please go to these places with your friends or family. They are all exciting!



Sanga Stadium



There is a nice stadium in Kameoka. It's a 2-minute-walk from Kameoka Station. There are various facilities and places to play. For example basketball courts, playgrounds with equipment, foot baths, and a bouldering place. It's the first stadium with bouldering spots in Japan. Some people have a wedding ceremony here. Sanga Stadium is a community-based place.



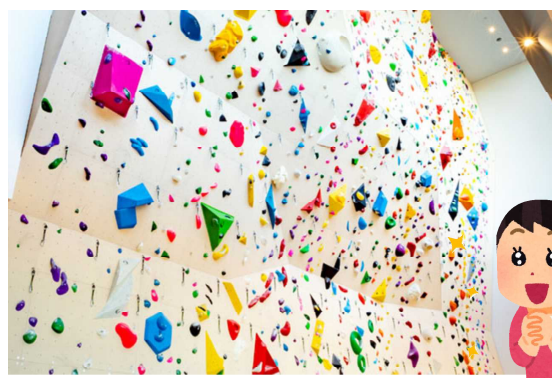
Bouldering Experience

◆Business Hour *Closed on Mondays

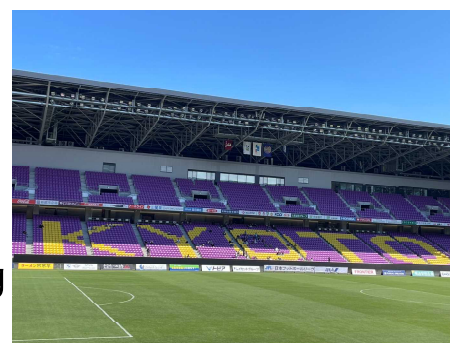
Weekday: 13:30-22:00 Weekend: 9:30-18:00

◆Charge

60 min./ 2,300 yen Free Time/ 3,300 yen



Also, the stadium is amazing because we can watch professional soccer games every month. Famous players come. It's very exciting! On days when there's a game, there're many food stalls. How about watching the soccer game and eating delicious food? You can make great memories at Sanga Stadium!



Source: Sanga Stadium HP (<https://sangastadium-by-kyocera.jp>)

Sanga FC HP (<https://www.sanga-fc.jp/news/detail/17083>)

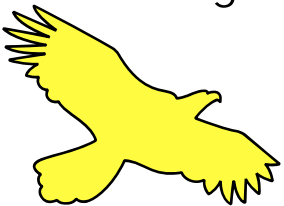


Azuki-no-Sato Fujiko

There is a nice Japanese sweets shop in Kameoka. It's Azuki-no-Sato Fujiko. You can experience making Japanese sweets here. It's **2,000 yen**. The craftsman teach you how to make Japanese sweets, and you can make it by yourself. **Five or more people** can join the lesson. So, please have fun with your friends or family.



Also, you can buy delicious Japanese sweets, too. For example, amber sugar is 1500 yen, rare cheese rice cake is 540 yen, and Hozugawa Funa Kasa is 1300 yen. You can go there by car from Chiyokawa Station. It takes 8 minutes. Please go to Azuki-no-Sato Fujiko.



Birds - Paraglider School

Do you want to fly in the sky? Do you like high places? If you answer "Yes!", how about trying paragliding in Kameoka? You can fly in the sky and see the beautiful scenery like green rice fields and mountains. If you want to join the program, please access the website below.



→ **Birds Paraglider School** (<https://birds-para.com.>)



There're two courses, **Tandem Course** and **Challenge Course**. Check the detail on the website and choose the best one for you. It's about **13,000 yen**. It's not cheap, but it should be exciting!

Source of pictures: Birds Paraglider School Website

Kameoka's



There are many exciting events and traditions in Kameoka. We'll tell you the 4 best events and traditions local people recommend. Please visit and enjoy them!



Balloon Festival

There is a fun festival in Kameoka. It is the hot air balloon rides. We can join the festival at the end of February. From the balloon, you can see the beautiful sky and mountains.

It costs 3000 yen.

At the festival, you can eat tonjiru(miso soup with pork and vegetables).



Source: Kameoka City HP (<https://www.city.kameoka.kyoto.jp/soshiki/13/41001.html>)

Izumo Furyu Hanaodori

There are many traditions in Kameoka. One of them is Izumo Furyu Hanaodori. It's a traditional dance. Every year, students in our school practice this dance. Local people kindly teach us. You can see it at Izumo Shrine. We have it on April 18th. It's free! You can take a bus from Kameoka Station in 15 minutes.

By the way, the shrine has a rabbit stone. Please touch the rabbit softly. You will be happy.

Also, you can draw a fortune. Will you be lucky this year?

Source: Izumo Shrine HP (<http://izumo-d.org/keidai.html>)



TRADITIONS EVENTS &

Kameoka Firework Festival

There's a nice festival in Kameoka. It is Kameoka Firework Festival. It's held near Kameoka Station in early August. A lot of people come and enjoy the beautiful fireworks.

Also, we can enjoy delicious food at the stalls. For example, takoyaki, yakisoba, corn, and cold pineapples. Please join the festival and wear yukata!



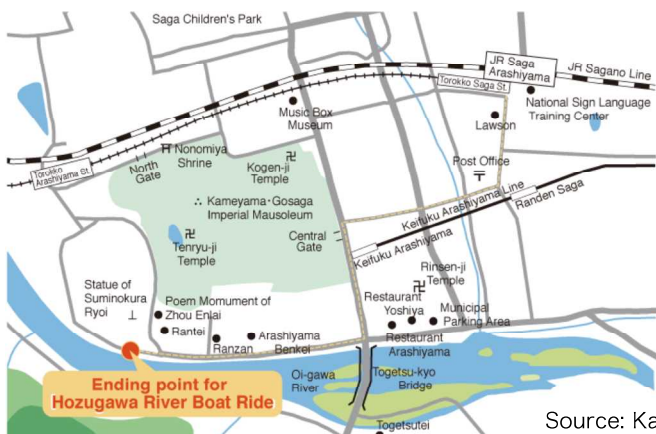
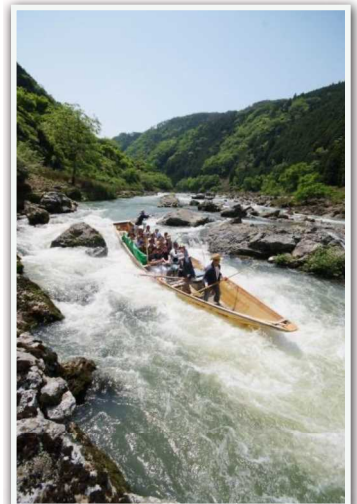
There're over **100** food stalls at the riverbank!

Source: Hanabito(<https://festival.eplus.jp>)
Kameoka City HP (<https://kameoka-hanabi.jp>)

Hozugawa River Boat Ride

Do you like roller coasters? If you love such thrilling attractions, let's try the Hozugawa River Boat Ride! You go down the river on the boat. It's like Splash Mountain at Disney Land.

You can experience the activity near Kameoka Station. It costs 4,000 yen. It's exciting and fun!



Source: Kameoka City HP (<https://www.city.kameoka.kyoto.jp/soshiki/45/4145.html>)

