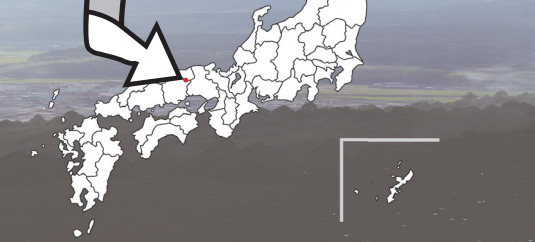


# Chizu

Tottori Prefecture, Japan

<http://www1.town.chizu.tottori.jp/>

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## 1. Where is Chizu Town ?

Chizu Town, Tottori-Prefecture is located in western Japan's main island of Honshu, in the northeast area of the Chugoku region. It is a fairly long and narrow Tottori-Prefecture running some 120km east to west and 50km north to south. To the north is the Sea of Japan, with the Tottori Sand Dune. In the south is the Chugoku Mountains, including Mt Daisen, the highest peak in the region.

Chizu Town is located in the southeast part of Tottori prefecture. This town has an area of 224.70 square km, with a population of 7300 people. The climate is temperate, with four distinct seasons: weather is relatively fine from spring to autumn, with some snow in winter. Roughly 93% area covered with forests, the major industries are forestry and farming including flowers "Doudan-tutuji (*Enkianthus perulatus*) and Rindou (Japanese gentian)" and production of goods using the wood.



## 2. Tourist sights

### 2.1 ISHITANI Residence

Facing Chizu town's main thoroughfare, in the Edo period the ISHITANI Residence was the largest building in the Tottori feudal domain's largest post-station town, which later became Chizu town. Laid out to encircle a spacious courtyard garden, the mansion is comprised of 40 rooms, including seven earthen-walled storehouses.

Built over a ten-year span in the Taisho period, the harmony of this splendid structure's varied forms and patterns have earned it a place in Japan's list of Important Cultural Properties as a masterpiece of extant traditional construction. Four of the seven storehouses have been converted to museums open to the public.



### 2.2 Chizu-shuku on the old Inaba-kaido Road

Designated as a traditional architectures preservation district, Itaibara Village is one of Japan's very few mountain villages whose appearance has remained unspoiled by development. Recent restoration projects aim to preserve the authentic traditional structures as indelible cultural heritage. Shops such as the little crisp-water tearoom housed in a restored hundred-year-old building, and the restaurant open only on Sundays serving authentic farm fare with rice cooked on an old fashioned hearth, are certainly worth a visit. It's a lovely experience even just stopping in for tea.



### 2.3 Mitakien (<http://ashidumitakien.jp/en/>)

In the setting of a babbling brook flowing through its garden, exposed ceiling beams of a thatched roof and an open sunken hearth, Mitakien serves vegetarian cuisine prepared with nature's bounty of seasonal wild mountain plants. Visitors are welcome to stroll around the grounds and enjoy the waterfall running into the mountain stream.

