



Ono City's Castle and Architecture

Tera-machi/Moto-machi/Meirin-cho, Ono City

Time passes slowly in the old districts of Ono. Marked by serene scenes of greenery and kind locals, the city preserves its history while inviting newcomers to enjoy its delightful qualities.



Tera-machi



Shichiken-Dori's morning market

The area of Ono City retains its original layout, patterned after a go-board. Constructed by Kanamori Nagachika, loyal retainer to Oda Nobunaga, the town below the castle separated samurai and commoner residences, as well as Buddhist temples, from one another. 400 years later, the spirit and architecture of the original town are alive and well.

Tera-machi, which runs along the city's eastern limits, was built during the medieval and early modern period of Japan's history, and is a favorite of locals and travelers alike seeking a quiet atmosphere. Shichiken-Dori, situated near the town's center, still bears much of its character as part of the old Mino Road. Its morning market, with a history of over 400 years, is held every day from spring to New Year's Eve, beckoning customers looking for produce, mountain vegetables, and other local products.



View of the city from Echizen-Ono Castle



The castle as viewed from Yui Station



Echizen-Ono Castle



Teramachi's light-up (Teramachi-Dori)



Former home of the Uchiyama clan, samurai family

Tourist information, local merchants, and a thorough introduction to the area's charms can be found at Echizen-Ono's Yui Station. It can be found easily by anyone looking for its signature clock tower, situated in the complex's center. Every year's Obon season bathes the streets of Tera-machi in the soft glow of the Tera-machi Mantōe, a display featuring 700 meters of stone walkway decorated by countless lanterns. At the foot of the castle sits the former residence of the Uchiyama clan, loyal retainers to the Ono's domain leaders and whose members included brothers Uchiyama Ryūkyū and Ryūsuke. Its current form is a reconstruction meant to preserve the memory of the virtuous deeds of these two prominent samurai.

