



What is Japan Heritage...

Stories that pass down regional culture and traditions through cultural properties are recognized by the country as 'Japan Heritage.' In May of 2018, it was recognized that, 'A Landscape Interwoven with Vineyards - Kyotoh-Yamanashi Wine Country-,' provided such a story through its rich cultural stories and beautiful vineyards.

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A Landscape Interwoven with Vineyards - Kyotoh-Yamanashi Wine Country -

The eastern part of the Kofu Basin, north of Mt. Fuji, is filled with vineyards and provides a beautiful landscape that changes with each season. It is accessible in only 90 minutes from Tokyo by the limited express train. The cultivation of grapes, which has been going on for over 1,300 years, has continued through the generations through the wisdom and ingenuity of past generations. The wine made with these grapes has been enjoyed as a part of daily life in the region, and is also gaining world recognition for its fine quality.













Overhead Trellis-type Grape Cultivation

(Yakushi Nyorai)

Buddha statue with grape in its hand.

out the branches of grape vines. This is called the 'Koshu method' since it began in this region. (Koshu is the old name for Yamanashi Prefecture)

Daizenji Temple, founded 1,300 years ago, is also called

the 'Grape Shrine' due to a legend which says this is the

birthplace of grape cultivation, and there is also a

Daizenji Temple / Statue of Bhaisajyaguru







A Landscape of Vineyards

The vineyards have many appearances, each of which change with the seasons. From being a carpet of green in the spring and summer, to a yellow and red patchwork in the fall and a sea of branches stretching over the landscape in the winter.





Ichinomiya Asama-Jinja Shrine The goddess enshrined in this shrine (Konohanasakuya-hime) is said to be the goddess of alcohol brewing, and wine is dedicated to



Making Dried Persimmons

region. They create a curtain of orange over the You can see various large and small waterfalls here. cycle while seeing the view of vineyards and Mt. Fuji. landscape, which is a winter tradition of the area.



Nishizawa Valley

'Dried Persimmons,' is a specialty dried fruit of this A beautiful valley with a well-developed promenade. The 'Fruit Line' is a road in which one can leisurely



Fruit Line Cycling



Landscape of **Peach Blossoms**

You can see the landscape of peach blossoms during



Yamanashi, the Kingdom of Fruits

Yamanashi Prefecture has the highest production volume of grapes, peaches and plums in Japan. Here, visitors can relish various kinds of fresh and delicious frui





Seihakuji Temple

over 600 years ago and remains unchanged is a national the

There are about 50 plum trees planted on both

Toriiyaki Festival

This is a festival conducted near Daizenji Temple, which celebrates the autumn harvest. Torches arranged in the ape of a Shinto shrine archway are lit on the slope of the