

# Yokkaichi City



① Hello, everyone. Today, I am going to tell you about Yokkaichi. It is a port city located in the North of Mie prefecture. Yokkaichi became a city in 1897, and it has a lot of history. It is the city with the largest population in Mie.



② At first, air pollution was a big problem in Yokkaichi because it is an industrial city. But, the pollution problem was solved. Yokkaichi has clean air and water, so you can see much of Japan's beautiful nature.



③ I think that you will be able to see beautiful nature in Yokkaichi. For example, you can see the mountains of Gozaisho from Yokkaichi. You can see many fireflies near the beautiful rivers. You can see a nice ocean view at Yokkaichi Port.



④ Do you know why Yokkaichi's Port Building is famous? Because, there is a beautiful view of the city if you visit Yokkaichi Port Building.



⑤ You can visit the Yokkaichi Municipal Museum, which has a famous planetarium. Here, people have been able to enjoy a clear view of the stars.



⑥ To experience Yokkaichi's culture, you can make bankoyaki at the Bankoyaki museum. It is a famous pottery that is made in Yokkaichi.



⑦ You can also enjoy Kabusecha in Suizawa. Kabusecha is a special green tea made in Yokkaichi.



⑧ In August, you can enjoy a fireworks show. There is also a big summer festival in Yokkaichi every August. The Yokkaichi summer festival is a great chance to experience many parts of Japanese culture. At the summer festival, people dance yosakoi and play suwadaiko.



⑨ You can also meet Yokkaichi's mascots at the Summer festival. The mascots of Yokkaichi are Onyudo and his son. We call his son Konyudo-kun. Konyudo looks like Onyudo; but Onyudo's neck is longer than Konyudo's.



⑩ If you want to eat some local food, Yokkaichi is known for a famous dish called Tonteki. It is a pork steak served with sauce and cabbage. Many restaurants serve Tonteki in Yokkaichi. When you are eating Tonteki, you can experience the famous taste of Yokkaichi. Many people enjoyed Yokkaichi's famous tonteki.



⑪ There are many things to do in Yokkaichi. For example, you can relax in one of Yokkaichi's many parks with friends and family. If you come to any park in Yokkaichi in spring, you can enjoy seeing cherry blossoms.



⑫ There is also a train tour that you can join in Yokkaichi. You can see many of Yokkaichi's most famous locations while you are riding the Asunarou Line. The trains running on this line are special. They have the smallest train tracks in Japan.



⑬ Yokkaichi has many things everyone can enjoy, so please come and see it all. What are you going to see first? I want everyone to know more about Yokkaichi. I am sure you will find some interesting things in Yokkaichi.