

## Information on Genkyuen Garden Geihinsen Boat

### Schedule and reservation

- Schedule varies by season.
- Reservations required. (You cannot buy tickets on the day of your ride.)
- Check the schedule and make reservations through the Hikone Tourism Association. Access the Association's website using the QR code on the right.



### Ride time

- Approximately 10 minutes

### Ticket price

- Adult ¥1,000
  - Child (elementary and junior high student) ¥500 (Free for preschoolers)
- \* Ticket price includes ship stamp and special Hikonyan Geihinsen Boat key chain.  
\* Separate admission fee charged for entry to Genkyuen Garden.

### Capacity

- 4 adults, or
  - 6 elementary school students
- ◎ Operation may change or be canceled in the event of rain, strong winds or low water level. There may also be special operation for events. Inquire with the Hikone Tourism Association in advance.
- ◎ If you wish to reserve the Geihinsen Boat for your event, etc., inquire with the Hikone Tourism Association in advance. (with fee)

## Access to Genkyuen Garden

- Train : 15 min. walk from JR Hikone Station
- Car : 10 min. from Meishin Expressway Hikone IC

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## Hikone Castle Genkyuen Garden

# Geihinsen Boat



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## Genkyuen Garden and Pleasure Boat

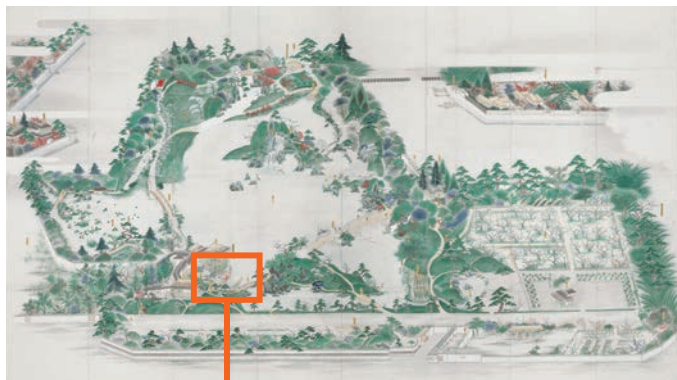
Genkyuen Garden was built in 1677 by the 4th Lord Ii Naooki during his reign. Thereafter, the garden was continuously used for leisure, entertainment, and banquets.

The name “Genkyuen” is thought to have originated from China. In the Zhuangzi (book), there is an article about an ancient Chinese emperor, Zhuangxi, retiring to Genkyu, which was located north of the capital. The palace in this garden was located on the north side of Omote Goten, where Hikone Domain’s administrative offices were located, and it was also used as the residence for retired rulers. It is thought that it was named based on these similarities.

Genkyuen Garden has a large pond in the middle with the Genjima, Shinjima, and two other islands. Artificial hills were built on the east toward the north sides of the pond. A walking path was created between the pond and hills to enable a variety of views of the garden’s landscape.

Boating at Genkyuen Garden had already been enjoyed during the reign of the 10th Lord Naohide.

(The text is quoted from “Scenic Spot: Genkyu Rakurakuen -Garden and Keyakigoten (Japanese Zelkova Palace)-” published by Hikone City.)



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### Map of Genkyuen Garden (owned by Hikone Castle Museum)

Bird’s-eye view of the Genkyuen Garden from the castle on the hill during the late Edo Period



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Pleasure boat (Yakatabune) in the drawing

## Pleasure Boat (Yakatabune) Restored as Genkyuen Garden Geihinsen Boat

The Hikone Tourism Association decided to resume the operation of the pleasure boat (Yakatabune) that was used by Hikone lords to entertain guests on Gyoyakusho Pond as a Geihinsen Boat. This is part of the project designed to build momentum for the registration of Hikone Castle as a World Heritage site and to highlight the attractiveness of Hikone as a tourist destination.

Shiga Prefecture’s Future Investment Comprehensive Subsidy as well as generous donations from contributors were used to build the Genkyuen Garden Geihinsen Boats.

We sincerely hope that this Genkyuen Garden Geihinsen Boat project will promote the preservation and use of Hikone City cultural properties, assist in the registration of Hikone Castle as a World Heritage site, and showcase new attractive aspects of Hikone in and outside of Japan as well as contribute to sustainable sightseeing in Hikone.



### Geihinsen Boat Specifications

<b>Length</b>	5.99m
<b>Width</b>	1.24m
<b>Depth</b>	0.63m
<b>Weigh</b>	Approx. 500kg

**Material** The FRP paddy field boat finished with cypress and cedar to create a Japanese-style boat

