Let's Speak Japanese!

**Basic Expression**

Good Morning = Ohayo Gozaimasu.
Good Afternoon = Konnichiwa.
Good Evening = Konbanwa.
Good Night = Yossuiseminai.
Thank you = Arigato Gozaimasu.
Excuse me = Sumimasen.
My name is **= Watashi no name wa ** desu.
Nice to meet you = Hajimeimasite.
I'm fine = Genki desu.
Delicious = Oishii. 
Beautiful = kirei.
Train station = eki.
Bus stop = basu tei.
Bank = ginko.
Large = ookii.
Small = chisai.

**Conversation**

Where is the **? = ** wa doko desu ka?
Where do I get off (the bus/train)?
** = dokode orimasu ka?
I want to go to ** = ** ni ikita.
I would like ** = ** wo kudasai.
How much is it? = ** ka ikura desu ka?
Where is the restroom? = toire wa doko desu ka?
Please say it again = mou ichido itte kudasai.

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**Sightseeing**

Iiyama Castle Ruins Park
Just east of the city center, the Castle Ruins Park was once the site of the Warring States period castle built as a strategic fortress. Currently maintained as a park, the site’s history is preserved in the restoration castle gate, earthen fortifications, and stone walls. In the spring, the spot is known for its beautiful cherry blossoms.

Shojuan Temple
Originally built in 1666 by Doukyo etan, a Rinza Buddhism monk, and the site of his lifelong training and study. The current temple was constructed in 1847, but original artifacts like the stone hand washing basin still remain.

Buddhist Altar Street
Shops selling Iiyama handicrafts, Buddhist altar items, and Uchiyama paper, both designated “traditional handicrafts” by the national government. The museum offers a unique look into manufacturing techniques finely honed by Iiyama craftsmen.

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**Festival**

**Iiyama Nanohana Flower Festival**
Nanohana Park boasts gorgeous views of the Chikuma River backed by mountain ranges in the distance. From late April to early May each year, the park is carpeted in bright yellow blossoms, making it a great time to enjoy the city’s beautiful natural scenery.

**Iiyama Snow Festival**
The defining event of Iiyama’s snowy winter season, the Iiyama Snow Festival is held in mid-February each year. Huge snow sculptures tower over the main event area, with smaller sculptures lining the downtown city streets. The event includes the sculpture contest and judging, plus snow tubing, ziplining, and other attractions.

**Chikuma River Fireworks Festival**
Held on the banks of the Chikuma River, close to the downtown Chuobashi bridge, this August 14th fireworks festival coincides with the Japanese “obon” holiday. Brilliant fireworks light up the river and the night sky, making this event a sight to see!

**Iiyama Lantern Festival**
Held in downtown Iiyama, the event features dance performances during the day, followed by a sea of softly lit lanterns in the evening, crafted from locally produced Uchiyama paper.

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**Gourmet**

Iiyama is known for the high quality and exquisite flavor of its produce, fruit, and rice. With the help of local recipes passed down through generations, these ingredients are turned into mouth watering dishes like unagi (grilled eel), sukiy, and traditional Iiyama foods. These include: Tomkara soba (locally-grown buckwheat noodles) and sazaushi (vinegar rice with miso-pickled radish and mountain vegetables, served on a bamboo leaf).

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**Souvenir**

Iiyama offers a wide variety of great souvenirs, from soba noodles, and bamboo leaf sushi to pastries, pickles, and miso. With many delicious options to choose from, guests are assured nothing but the best. Good can be purchased online, or at the roadside stop Moji no Bi.