Once upon a time, there lived an old couple.

One day, the old man went to a forest to cut firewood, and the old woman went to the river to wash clothes.

When the old man and the old woman began to slice the peach... a baby boy jumped out of it.

The old couple were extremely happy and they named him Momotaro (Peach Boy), because he was born from a peach.

She picked it up and took it home.

Splosh~ Splosh~

Oh! What a big peach!

One day, the monkey and the pheasant heard Momotaro singing and they decided to follow him.

Momotaro quickly grew to be a strong boy.

At that time, in the village...

Everyone was troubled by the Ogres which plagued the village.

I'm going to go subdue the Ogres! Are you sure?

The old couple made some millet dumplings and a banner for Momotaro.

I'll wipe out Ogres! We'll wait for you!

Along the way....

If you give me one dumpling, I'll follow you!

He gave one dumpling to the dog, and they continued on their way.

Along the way....

If you give me one dumpling, I'll follow you!

He gave one dumpling to the monkey, and they continued their way....

Along the way....

If you give me one dumpling, I'll follow you!

He gave one dumpling to the pheasant, and they continued their way....

Momotaro and his followers filled treasure and returned home, where they lived happily ever after.

Because Momotaro and his followers ate the millet dumplings, they had become tremendously powerful.

Each of the Ogres were beaten down, and they surrendered.

Why did you come?

We're sorry! Please forgive us! We promise, that we'll never do bad things again and we'll return everything we stole.

Momo-taro, the dog, the monkey and the pheasant, headed toward Ogre Island.

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Okayama Peach

Fruit production flourishes in Okayama Prefecture due to the regional geography being blessed with long hours of sunshine and the gentle climate of the Setouchi area. The volume of white peach production is number one in Japan! The elegant taste is popular as a part of the Okayama brand. The lovely peach blossoms have been designated as the Prefecture’s floral emblem.

Momotaro Festival

The festival is carried out every year in summer and autumn. In summer, a fireworks display and the Kibi Road Ura Legend themed “Uraja Festival” is held on the banks of the Asahi River. Large groups of locals dress themselves as ogres and compete against each other with energetic dances. In autumn there are exhibitions of local products and folk arts.

Kibi Dango

Kibi Dango, well known due to their prominence in the Momotaro Legend, are dumplings made from millet flour and sticky rice flour, and are popular as a regional souvenir. How about comparing the various flavours at different shops?

Momotaro Karakuri Museum

This museum in the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area features many exhibits of historical documents, Japanese woodblock prints, picture card shows, and dolls, all relating to Momotaro, and is Momotaro fan’s paradise. The exhibits using optical illusions and Karakuri are especially interesting.

Mt. Kinojo / Kino Castle

This is an area which features in the Ura legend and is connected to the Kibitsu Shrine. According to the legend, the Ogre “Ura” was imprisoned on Mt. Kinojo. On the summit of the mountain, 400m above sea level, there sits a huge ancient Korean style castle, encircled by a castle wall which runs a total of approximately 3km. Due to certain similarities between it and the Iseongsanseong Mountain Fortress in Hanam, Korea, the two countries are currently cooperating to carry out research.

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There’s an amazing view

Okayama prefecture’s official mascot