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# みとよ MITOYO

Kagawa Prefecture in Shikoku  
Mitoyo Tourism Guidebook



## ACCESS

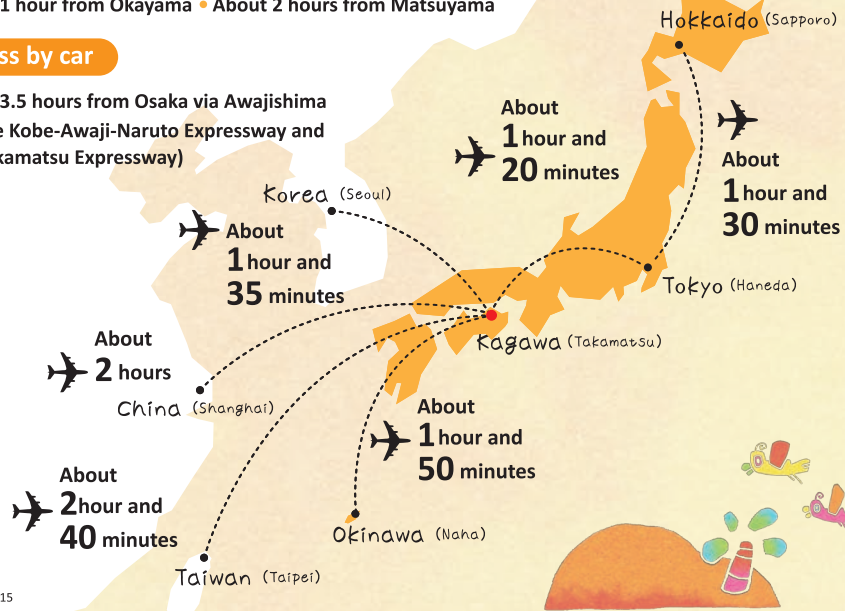
The city of Mitoyo is located in the western part of Kagawa Prefecture. It can be reached from the Kansai region in about 2.5 hours on the Nozomi Shinkansen Bullet Train and in about 3.5 hours by car via expressway routes. It is surprisingly close.

### Access by Japan Railways

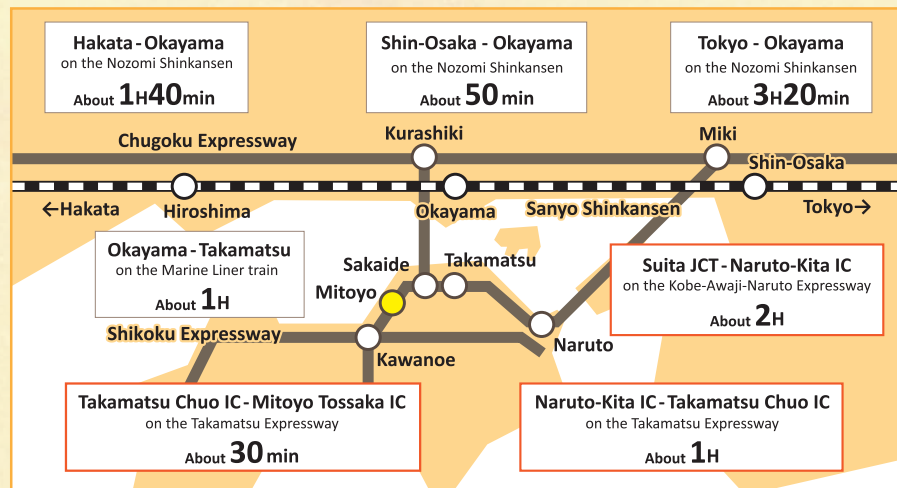
- About 2.5 hours on the Nozomi Shinkansen from Shin-Osaka Station
- About 1 hour from Okayama • About 2 hours from Matsuyama

### Access by car

- About 3.5 hours from Osaka via Awajishima (on the Kobe-Awaji-Naruto Expressway and the Takamatsu Expressway)



As of August 31, 2015



### Taxi Information

- Takuma Transport ☎0875-83-3136
- Sakura Taxi ☎0875-72-5048
- Kawata Taxi ☎0875-72-2918
- Motoyama Taxi ☎0875-62-2128
- Kamoda Taxi ☎0875-72-2121

### Bicycle Rental

▶ For more details, please see page 16

The Mitoyo Tourism Association rents out electric-assisted bicycles.

### Awashima Line Ferry Service

Awashima Line Co., Ltd.

updated April 1, 2012

Port	Suda - Awashima - Miyanoshiba					
	Suda		Awashima		Miyanoshiba	
Ferry	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival
1	6:20	6:35	6:55	7:10	7:25	7:45
2	7:25	7:40				
3	9:05	9:20				
4	10:45	11:00	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:50
5	12:35	12:50				
6	15:05	15:20	15:20	15:35	15:50	16:10
7	18:00	18:15				
8	19:05	19:20				

Port	Miyanoshiba - Awashima - Suda					
	Miyanoshiba		Awashima		Suda	
Ferry	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival
1					6:45	7:00
2					7:50	8:05
3	8:30	8:50	8:50	9:05	9:20	9:45
4					11:15	11:30
5	12:45	13:05	13:05	13:20	13:35	14:30
6	16:15	16:35	16:35	16:50	17:05	17:20
7					18:25	18:40
8					19:30	19:45

Times are subject to change depending on conditions. Apart from the above, the Awashima Line also offers a chartered ferry service in response to demand. As of August 31, 2015

Look for this banner!







A Beautiful Mitoyo Day

# 紫雲出山 からの展望

## The View from Mt. Shiude

Mt. Shiude is located on the Shonai Peninsula, which separates the Bisanseto and Hiuchinada parts of the Seto Inland Sea. The summit offers a spectacular view of two different parts of the Seto Inland Sea.





# 瀬戸内海

## The Seto Inland Sea

Praised as one of the world's treasures, the Seto Inland Sea sparkles with beauty under Mitoyo's beautiful sunny sky.



# 浜の夕景

## Sunset on the Coast

In the evening, the Hiuchinada waters glow with the rays of the setting sun, reflecting them like a mirror. This spectacular scene is visible from different places in Mitoyo.



# 父母峠

## Chichibu Pass

Bathed in a warm golden hue, this is the sunset scene on the coastal road running along Hiuchinada. In the distance is Ibukijima, an island whose waters are famous for fishing small sardines that are dried before shipment.

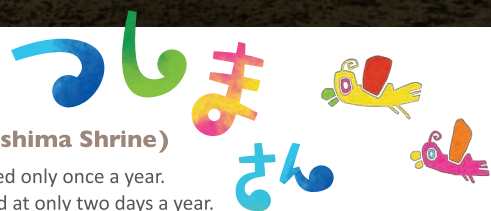


# 父母ヶ浜

## Chichibuga Beach

In the evening, Chichibuga Beach is at low tide, with beautiful shoals that attract humans and birds alike.





## Tsushima-san (Tsushima Shrine)

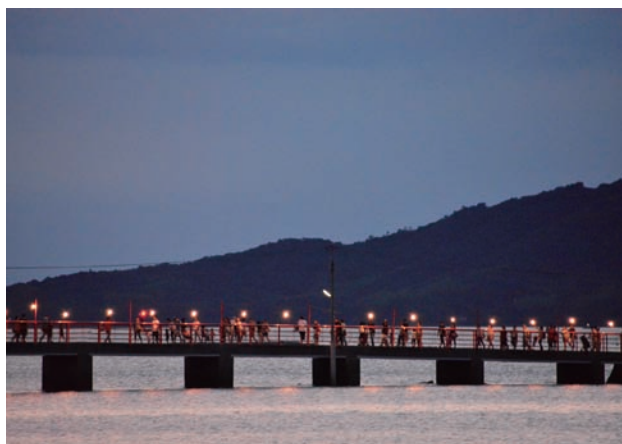
A bridge that can be crossed only once a year.  
A shrine that can be prayed at only two days a year.

## Tsushima Shrine

The shrine, whose diety is a guardian of children's health and growth, sits on a small island off the coast. Every year on August 4 and 5, there is a summer festival and planks are placed into the bridge to allow access to the shrine for only those two days.



Tsushima-no-Miya Station on the JR Yosan Line is said to be like a mirage because it is only open for the summer festival.



6816-2 Omiko, Mino-cho, Mitoyo City Tel: 0875-56-5880 (Mitoyo Tourism Association)



## 大楠

### Okusu

In the forest of Shishijima, a huge camphor tree said to be over 1,200 years old stands quietly, supported by its extensive roots.





## 1 Kotohira-gu Shrine

金刀比羅宮

One of the most famous Shinto shrines in Japan, Kotohira-gu Shrine is reached only after climbing a total of 1,368 stone steps. Inside the shrine, visitors can see "Tigers", a painting on fusuma sliding doors, by Okyo Maruyama, an 18th-century artist whose work remains very popular in Japan.

892-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun  
Tel: 0877-75-2121 (shrine office)  
Admission fee: free  
Paid parking available nearby  
\*Parking prohibited on shrine grounds.



Admission fee: Adults ¥800  
(8:30~17:00)



The stone stairway here is 785 steps.



Good-luck charms  
available at the shrine.

Start with a  
famous tourist  
attraction...



## 2 Old Konpira Grand Theatre

(Kanamaru-za)  
旧金毘羅大芝居 (金丸座)

Built in 1835, Kanamaru-za is one of the oldest Kabuki theaters that still exists in Japan. Leading actors star in the Shikoku Konpira Grand Kabuki Performance every spring.

1241 Otsu, Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun  
Tel: 0877-73-3846  
Open: every day, year-round, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Admission fee: Adults ¥500  
Paid parking available nearby



Preserved theatre



Picturesque Sunsets

STEP 2  
善通寺  
ZENTSUJI

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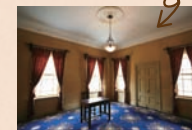
...and finish  
with the dazzling  
Seto Inland Sea.

## 3 Former Zentsuji Kaikoshia Officers Club

旧善通寺偕行社

The building was constructed to serve as a club for officers of the Imperial Army during the Meiji Era (1868-1912). Restored and repaired in 2004, it is now open to the public. There is also a cafe on the grounds.

2-1-1 Bunkyo-cho, Zentsuji City  
Tel: 0877-63-6362  
Open: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Closed: Dec. 29 - Jan. 3  
Admission fee: free  
Parking: available at Zentsuji City Hall



Large hall

Photographer/  
Satoshi Asakawa



view from  
the cafe

Photographer/Satoshi Asakawa

## 4 Zentsuji Temple

総本山 善通寺

Zentsuji Temple was built at the birthplace of Kobo Daishi, the founder of Shingon Buddhism, and is the main temple of the Shingon Buddhism Zentsuji sect. The temple continues to attract a steady stream of devoted faithful, and is the 75th temple on the famed Shikoku 88 Temple Pilgrimage route. The expansive grounds include many interesting structures, such as Kondo (the main hall) and the five-story pagoda.

3-3-1 Zentsuji-cho, Zentsuji City  
Tel: 0877-62-0111  
Viewing hours: from before morning services in the Miedo to 5:00 PM  
Open: every day, year-round  
Admission fee: free  
Parking: ¥200 for standard-sized cars





## 1 Ritsurin Garden

特別名勝 栗林公園

Originating in the days of daimyo feudal lords, Ritsurin Garden was awarded three stars in the Michelin Green Guide Japan. It encompasses no less than six ponds and thirteen artificial mounds. On the grounds are also structures of historical value, such as teahouses and Shoko Shoreikan (Commerce and Industry Promotion Hall).

1-20-16 Ritsurin-cho, Takamatsu City

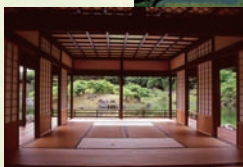
Tel: 087-833-7411

Open: every day, year-round, 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

(hours vary somewhat with the season)

Admission fee: Adults ¥410

Parking: available (Paid)

Engetsu Bridge  
(South Pond)

Enjoy the park while riding on a traditional boat. Adults: ¥610

STEP 2  
丸亀  
MARUGAME

## 3 Marugame Castle

丸亀城

Built in the Edo Period (1603 - 1868), Marugame Castle has the smallest tower of all remaining Japanese castles. It is renowned for the beauty of its stone walls, which were built up in four layers.

Ichiban-cho, Marugame City

Tel: 0877-24-8816 (Culture and Tourism Section, Marugame City Government)

Castle tower open: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Ote Ichinomon Gate open: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Open: every day, year-round

Admission fee: Adults ¥200 (castle tower only)

Parking: 50 spaces available (free)



Castle Walls ▶



## コラム

## 6 Matsugaya House

旧松賀屋(堀田忠左衛門旧屋敷)

The town of Nio is home to mansion built by Chuzaemon Shiota, who made his fortune from a salt business. Known by the family trade name "Matsugaya", the mansion is ordinarily not available to the general public, but the grounds are open for certain local events.

Matsugaya House

980 Nio-tei, Nio-cho,

Mitoyo City

Tel: 0875-82-4525

(Mr. Namikoshi)



▲ There is a hole in the wall to look through.

Come try  
the noodles at Chobe!Try to  
find me!

## 5 The townscape of Nio

仁尾の町並み

A flourishing port during the Edo Period (1603-1868), the town of Nio retains the charm and appearance of a historic port town. A walk through the town to experience the flavor of old Japan is the perfect way to finish your trip.

296-1 Nio-tei, Nio-cho, Mitoyo City (Nio Town Cultural Center)

\*For information on tourism in Nio-cho: 0875-56-5880 (Mitoyo Tourism Association)



▲ The oldest rice vinegar factory in Kagawa (Nio-cho).

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... To a nice walk.



## 4 Nakatsu Banshoen Garden

中津万象園

Built by a feudal lord in the Edo Period (1603 - 1868), Nakatsu Banshoen Garden recreates the scenery surrounding Lake Biwa. Also on the grounds is a museum housing works by masters such as Millet and Corot.

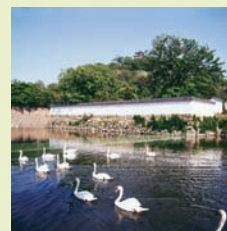
25-1 Nakazu-cho, Marugame City

Tel: 0877-23-6326

Open: every day, year-round, 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Admission fee: Adults ¥1,000

Parking: available (free)

Swans enjoy  
swimming here.

## 2 Yashima

屋島

Mt. Yashima has a mesa-type shape, which is unusual in Japan. Yashima gets its name from the flat shape, and was the site of a medieval battle. The mesa is topped with a lookout point, teahouse, and Yashima-ji Temple (the 84th temple on the Shikoku Pilgrimage). The mountain offers spectacular views of many islands in the Seto Inland Sea and downtown Takamatsu.

892-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun

Tel: 0877-75-2121 (shrine office)

Admission fee: free

Parking: available for a fee at nearby parking lots run by the town

\*Cars may not be parked within the shrine precincts.

People say it looks  
like a roof.Romantic  
sunsets



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View from  
Mt. Shiude

Beautiful Mountain Views

# Mt. Shiude

Stunning scenery awaits you.

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View from  
Mt. Shiude

### Mt. Shiude Archaeological Museum

The museum is devoted to remains excavated on Mt. Shiude dating from around the 3rd century BC to the 3rd century AD. There are also figures recreating life in those days.

**Scenic Cafe**  
In the museum's cafe, tables by the window offer a spectacular view.



Donors receive a cute badge.

### Cherry Blossom Badge

Donations are being collected to help preserve the beautiful scenery of Mt. Shiude. We would deeply appreciate your contribution.



● **Inquiries** Mt. Shiude Archaeological Museum  
451-1 Ohamaotsu, Takuma-cho, Mitoyo City Tel: 0875-84-7896  
Open: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
(until 6:00PM, June - August; until 4:00PM, December-February)  
Parking: 80 spaces available (10 min. walk from summit)

Spectacular Scenery

## Coastal Sunset Seaside Drive

A leisurely drive, starting from Mt. Shiude, the Shonai Peninsula offers stunning sunset views.

**Mt. Shiude**  
紫雲出山

Total  
driving time  
about  
30  
minutes

**Kamo-no-Koshi**  
鴨之越

This beach is believed to be the setting of the famous Japanese folktale, Urashima Taro. When the tide is going out, visitors can walk to Maruyama Island.

**Sun Resort Nio & Nio Marina**  
サンリゾート仁尾&仁尾マリーナ

Sun Resort Nio is a perfect place to stop and take a rest. It is known for its delicious pizza. After eating, take a stroll to Nio Marina, a yacht harbor with nice wooden piers.

**Chichibugahama**  
父母ヶ浜

The sea off the Chichibugahama coast is quite shallow for a long distance. The sight of the sun sinking beyond the horizon here is unforgettable.



## Mt. Shiude Lookout Point

The lookout point atop Mt. Shiude (352 meters above sea level) affords a view of numerous islands dotting the sea to the east, and to the west, a beautiful view of an almost islandless sea with the shore of mainland Japan visible in the distance.



## Matchmaking Clam Shells

The museum offers visitors a matchmaking clam shell charm free of charge. It is said that the charm brings happiness when the shells are put together. Many couples write their wishes on the shells and tie their charm to a nearby tree!





Exhilarating!!

# Rent Bicycles to Ride Around the Shonai Peninsula

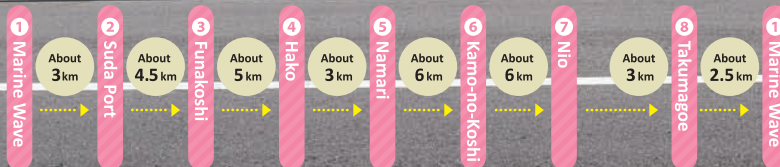
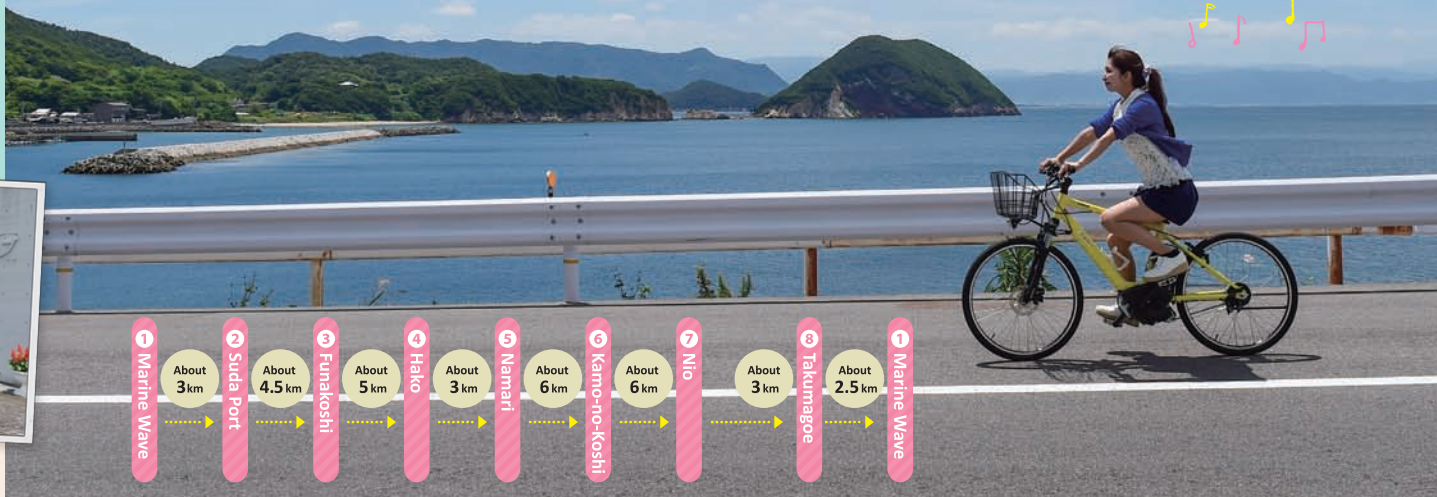


Start!



1 Marine Wave

Rich in natural beauty, Mitoyo is a great place to cycle around. Hills can easily be conquered with rental bicycles equipped with electric-assisted pedal units. The route circling the Shonai Peninsula is the most recommended.

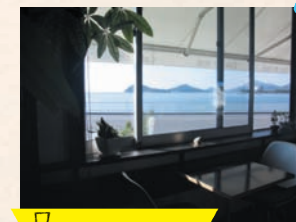


Almost there! Goal!



8 Takumagoe

This is a little pass leading from Nio to Takuma. The sea comes into view once you go through it.



7 cafe de flots

Take a break and have a bite to eat while relaxing at cozy cafe de flots.

165-1 Nio Otsu, Nio-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-82-4525

Open: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (until 6:00 PM on weekends and holidays)

Closed: every Thursday

\* For dinner, reservations must be made two days in advance.

5 Namari

Namari is said to be the birthplace of Urashima Taro.



On the Shonai Peninsula, there are many place names derived from Urashima Taro.

2 Suda Port

Ferries leave from here for Awashima and Shishijima.

The Taro family of three is still together.



4 Hako

This is one of the places thought to be the setting of Urashima Taro, a famous Japanese folktale similar to Rip Van Winkle. The graves of Urashima Taro and his parents are here.

3 Funakoshi

Funakoshi has beautiful ocean views.



A breakwater jutting into the sea



6 Kamo-no-Koshi

At ebb tide, you can walk to the island of Maruyama, which is visible from the shore.

## Mitoyo Tourism Association Rental Bicycle Information

Visitors can rent bicycles with 8 speeds and electric pedal-assisted units.

- Fee: ¥1,000 for 4 hours, ¥1,500 for all day
- Open: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Closed: every Tuesday (also on a different day of the week if Tuesday is a holiday as well as during the year-end holiday season)
- Must be at least 148 cm tall and of junior high school age or older
- Info: Mitoyo Tourism Association (inside Marine Wave)
- Tel: 0875-56-5880 \* Must have ID





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## Enjoy the Summer Sea in Mitoyo!

Mitoyo is a great place in the summer for marine recreation. Sea kayaking is a great activity, even for beginners!



START!

Paddle into the Seto Inland Sea on a sea kayak



Explore the sea together with an experienced guide

### Free Cloud

There are a variety of sea kayaking options, including one-day, half-day, and sunset trips. Reservations must be made at least two days in advance. The guides, Mitsuko and George, speak excellent English!

Sun Resort Nio, Ie-no-Ura, Nio-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 080-3924-9610  
<http://free-cloud.jp/>



STEP 2

After an outing at sea, how about brick-oven pizza?

Genuine Neapolitan style pizza in a resort style café

### Sun Resort Nio

A delectable Neapolitan-style pizza served in a cafe with a tropical atmosphere. The pizza is quickly baked in a stone oven heated to a temperature of about 400°C.

331 Ie-no-Ura, Nio-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-82-3711  
Open: weekdays 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
weekends/holidays 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Closed: every Monday (unless Monday is a holiday)  
Parking: 50 spaces available



Pizza Lunches (Starting at ¥980)

Access by car  
About 10min.

Available To-Go The Perfect Midday Snack - Takoban!

GOAL!

Try some Takoban: Mitoyo's hearty snack food

### Komae: Home of Takoban

Takoban is a type of snack food made by frying ingredients, including chopped vegetables and octopus meat, in a flour batter. This shop is said to be the birthplace of Takoban.



Takoban (starting at ¥150 for one)



33-9 Nioshin, Nio-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-82-3189  
Open: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Closed: on the second and final Monday of each month (if Monday falls on a holiday, the shop is closed the next day)  
Parking: 12 spaces available





## Forrests, Mountains, and the Sea

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## Getting Back to Nature

Come and experience all that the nature in Mitoyo has to offer. Pick fruits right off the branches, visit lovely waterfalls, and walk down a wondrous path that emerges into the sea! After your excursion, relax by soaking in a soothing, natural hot spring.

### Half-day route

[about 45km]



### START!

Discover the delicious secret behind Takase grapes

### Shirai-no-Mi Farm

Visitors can try harvesting and packaging grapes first-hand. The growers will show you, as only they could, the best way and time to eat grapes to get the most of their flavor.

Access by car  
About 15min.

3441 Hiji, Takase-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 090-9815-7845  
Open: 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
Closed: on irregular days  
Parking: available

Fresh-picked grapes taste amazing!



Program fee (including merchandise and insurance) -  
Adults ¥2,600 (age 18 or over),  
Children ¥1,500 (age 5 - 17)  
\* Reservations required. When making reservations, please mention that you heard about the farm in the Mitoyo Tourism Guidebook.

### STEP 4

The path to the island emerges only at low tide

### Maruyama Island

The beach at Kamo-no-Koshi is thought to be the setting of Urashima Taro, a Japanese folktale similar to Rip Van Winkle. At low tide, there is a path that leads all the way to Maruyama Island where there is a little shrine waiting to greet visitors.

Kamo-no-Koshi, Ohama, Takuma-cho, Mitoyo City

Access by car  
About 35min.

Take a walk down a wondrous path through the sea!



A statue of Urashima Taro

You couldn't find a better sight to photograph.



A watery work of art with a different beauty every season

### Fudo Waterfall

This breathtaking waterfall plunges from a sheer cliff 50 meters high. Its beautiful sight changes with the season. It is adorned with wild cherry blossoms in the spring, vivid greenery in early summer, and autumn colors in the fall.

Okamoto, Toyonaka-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-62-5205  
(Toyonaka Community Center)

### STEP 3

Take a break with a delicious pizza

### Fune Pizza & Café

Fune is famous for its pizza baked in a stone oven. It also offers scenic views outside its windows.

1164 Hijinaka, Takase-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-72-6216  
Open: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Monday and Tuesday  
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM from Thursday to Saturday  
Closed: every Wednesday and third Thursday  
Parking: 23 spaces available



Scenic views!

Access by car  
About 30min.

Access by car  
About 15min.

### STEP 2

### STEP 5

Universe-themed land of leisure

### Cosmoland Mino

This theme park is next to Fureai Park Mino, a roadside shopping and leisure complex. It is equipped with a roller slide that is 115 meters long, the Lovely Mono Rider (a one-rail ride with a total length of 600 meters), and other attractions.

Lovely Mino Rider Hours:  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Nov-Feb until 4:00 PM)  
Closed: Wednesdays and during rainy weather  
Parking: 200 spaces available



Wide selection of gifts and souvenirs available

Relax in a natural hot spring

### Fureai Park Mino

A roadside shopping and leisure complex, come to Fureai Park Mino to take a refreshing break in a natural onsen (hot spring). The complex also has a heated pool.

74 Omiotsu, Mino-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-72-5300

#### ●Main Building

Onsen/Pool: 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Restaurant: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Closed: on the second Wednesday of every month (except in August and December, when it is open every day)

#### ●Local Products Building

Souvenir Shop: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Café: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Open: every day

Parking: 200 spaces available



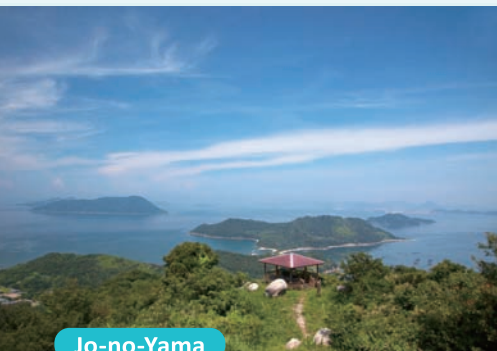
Fun for young and old



# Awashima,

## Island of Art and Sea Fireflies

Located about 15 minutes away from the Port of Suda, Awashima is bound to delight and soothe visitors with its heart-warming works of art and enchanting sea fireflies.



Jo-no-Yama

### The highest peak on the island

With an elevation of 222 meters, Jo-no-Yama is the highest point on Awashima. It takes about one hour to climb to the summit, and from there, visitors can enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view of the Seto Inland Sea.

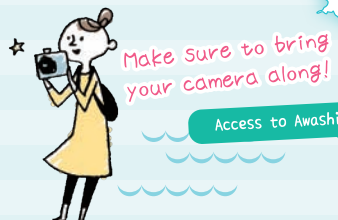


### An island convenience store

#### Takeuchi Store

Takeuchi Store has a full assortment of food and other daily necessities. There are Awashima-original goods for sale, such as cell phone straps and driftwood pens made by islanders.

1348 Awashima, Takuma-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-84-7015  
Open: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Mon-Sat



Access to Awashima

Awashima Line  
tel.0875-83-3204

Iseya Water Taxi  
tel.0875-84-6753



Buoy-Buoy Garden

### Flowers and art brought to you by the islanders

The residents of Awashima create various works of art with their own hands by recycling buoys that can no longer be used in fishing. The works include imaginative statues of little Buddhas and animals.

Kamishinden, Awashima, Takuma-cho, Mitoyo City

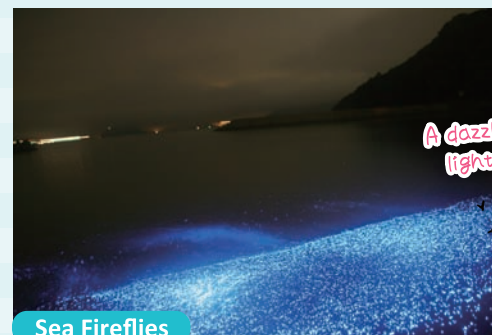


### Where many marine careers started

#### Awashima Kaiyo Kinenkan (Awashima Maritime Museum)

The Kaiyo Kinenkan used to be a school for boat workers, which produced many seamen who then embarked on careers that took them all across the ocean. Today, it is a museum for navigation-related materials.

1541 Awashima, Takuma-cho, Mitoyo City Tel: 0875-84-7884  
Open: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Closed: every Monday (closed on Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) and during the year-end holiday season  
Admission fee: free



Sea Fireflies

### A magical world in the sea

Sea fireflies are little creatures that emit light in the water at night. Plentiful in the sea off Awashima, they are best seen during the months of June through September, when the water temperature rises.

### Letters that drifted over the sea of space and time



#### Missing Post Office

This is not a real post office, but an art project that receives letters with unknown addressees.

Photographer: Yoshinobu Motoda  
Producer: Saya Kubota

1317-32 Awashima, Takuma-cho, Mitoyo City  
<http://missing-post-office.com/>

### Lodging and Restaurant



#### Le-port Awashima

Le-port Awashima consists of a hotel and restaurant. At lunchtime, guests can come in for lunch specials and other set menus with no reservation. From June to September, hotel guests can participate in tours to see the sea fireflies.

1418-2 Awashima, Takuma-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-84-7878  
Open: every day, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (lunchtime service)  
Parking: at a parking lot in Suda Port available only for lodging guests

1day  
500yen

put your money in here!



#### Island Bicycle Rentals

On Awashima, visitors can rent bicycles on a self-serve basis. To pay the rental fee, simply deposit 500 yen into Ms. Shimako Okuchi's mouth!







# The Island of Shishijima, Watched Over by Okusu (a Huge Camphor Tree)



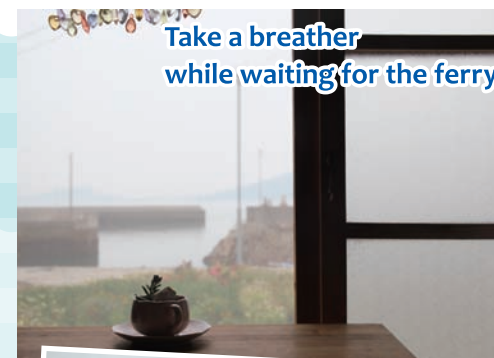
## Yoko-no-Tsuji

### A panoramic view of the Seto islands

Enter the trail on the way from the port to the huge camphor tree, and you can reach the summit within 15 to 25 minutes. A panoramic view of the expanse of sea and nearby islands awaits on top.



## Take a breather while waiting for the ferry



## Kusu-Kusu, a Rest Spot on Shishijima

Standing in front of the port, this is the only café or place to rest on Shishijima. A remodeled house, Kusu-Kusu sells island souvenirs, ice cream, and coffee.

397 Shishijima, Takuma-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 090-1598-5885  
Open: 10:30 - 11:30 AM and 2:30 - 3:50 PM  
(with variation)  
Closed: on irregular days



Souvenirs of  
the island!



## Goats

### The island's mascots

Goats are free to graze on Shishijima. Ask the staff at Kusu-Kusu where they are today.



## Okusu



### A tree over 1,200 years old - the symbol of Shishijima

More than 1,200 years old, this big camphor tree measures 14 meters around its trunk and is about 40 meters tall. It has been designated as a natural monument by the Kagawa Prefectural Government.

## Burial Graves

### A final resting place for islanders

In this area, it is customary to make two graves, one to hold the deceased (the burial grave) and the other for people to visit. The burial graves of Shishijima take the form of little houses.





# Visit the Heart of Japan

Visit these places that carry on the traditional spirit and craftsmanship of Japan. They include everything from temples on the Shikoku Pilgrimage to paper-mache makers.

## Little Buddha statues everywhere

### Iyadaniiji, the 71st Temple on the Shikoku Pilgrimage

There is a cavern whose opening looks like the mouth of a lion, with a statue of Master Kobo Daishi inside. You can also see Buddhist figures carved on rock faces in various parts on the grounds.

70 Omiotsu, Mino-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-72-3446  
Parking: 50 spaces available



## Imposing statues of Deva kings

### Daikoji, the 67th Temple on the Shikoku Pilgrimage

The Deva king statues within the Deva gate stand 3.14 meters tall, higher than any other on the Shikoku Pilgrimage. An offering of a votive candle for seven days in the main hall is said to answer prayers for the curing of diseases and for a safe childbirth.



4209 Tsuji, Yamamoto-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-63-2341  
Parking: 10 spaces available



## The main hall is designated as a national treasure

### Motoyamaji, the 70th Temple on the Shikoku Pilgrimage

The main hall of this temple, with a beautifully sloping roof, has been designated as a national treasure. It is a historical edifice whose dedication date of 1300 has been verified.

1445 Motoyamako, Toyonaka-cho, Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-62-2007  
Parking: 30 spaces available



## Papier-mâché tigers with cute expressions

### Tai Folk Crafts

The papier-mâché tigers come in a wide range of sizes, from 12 to 120 centimeters long. There are also cute key-holders and mobile phone straps.

426-6 Shimotakase, Mino-cho,  
Mitoyo City  
Tel: 0875-72-4978  
Open: weekdays only,  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Parking: 2 spaces available



## Experience the fun of making things with clay



It's really fun!

### Muneyoshi Tile Exhibition Hall

Around the middle of the 7th century, Mitoyo was a center of roof-tile production. This facility displays a replica of the kilns used in those days. Visitors can try their hand at making objects out of clay.

153-1 Yoshizuko, Mino-cho, Mitoyo City Tel: 0875-56-2301  
Open: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
(9:00 AM - 3:00 PM to sign up for the craft-making class)  
Closed: every Monday (closed on Tuesday if Monday is a holiday)  
Parking: 31 spaces available

## The Urashima Taro Legend of the Shonai Peninsula

One of the most famous folktales in Japan is Urashima Taro, a story about a young villager who is taken to a fantastic underwater castle by a turtle he saves. He meets a princess there who gives him a kind of Pandora's box with instructions to never open it. When he returns home, many years have passed. Eventually, he decides to open the box and mysterious smoke comes out. He is then turned into an old man. The Shonai Peninsula in Mitoyo is considered to be one of the most likely candidates as the setting of the story. There are place names similar to those in the legend and many related cultural events dating from ancient times.

Kaname Yamada,  
a modern-day  
Urashima Taro

