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Where majestic nature
and eternal mystery
are still alive.

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Tsushima City, Nagasaki

[Iki-Tsushima National Park: Nagasaki]

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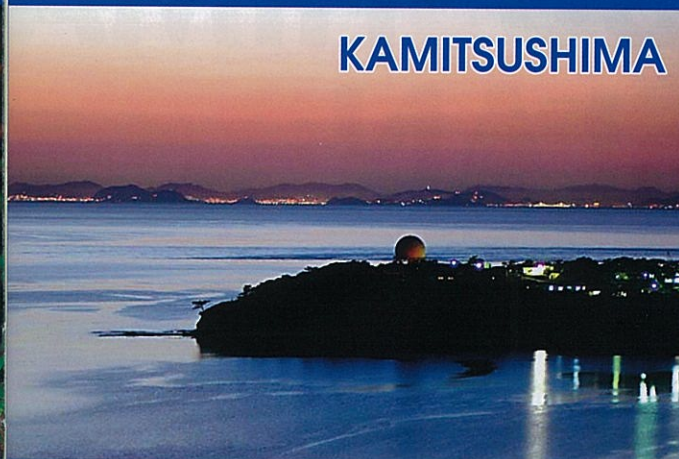
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Deep blue sea, deep green mountains,
and a distantly visible foreign country.
The national border island-
Tsushima's magnificent nature and
eternal mystery are breathtaking.

TSUSHIMA ISLAND MAP

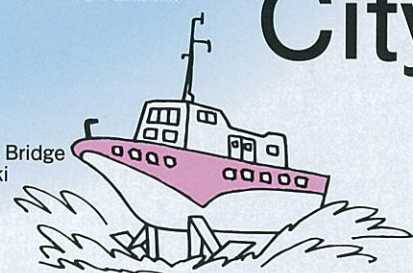
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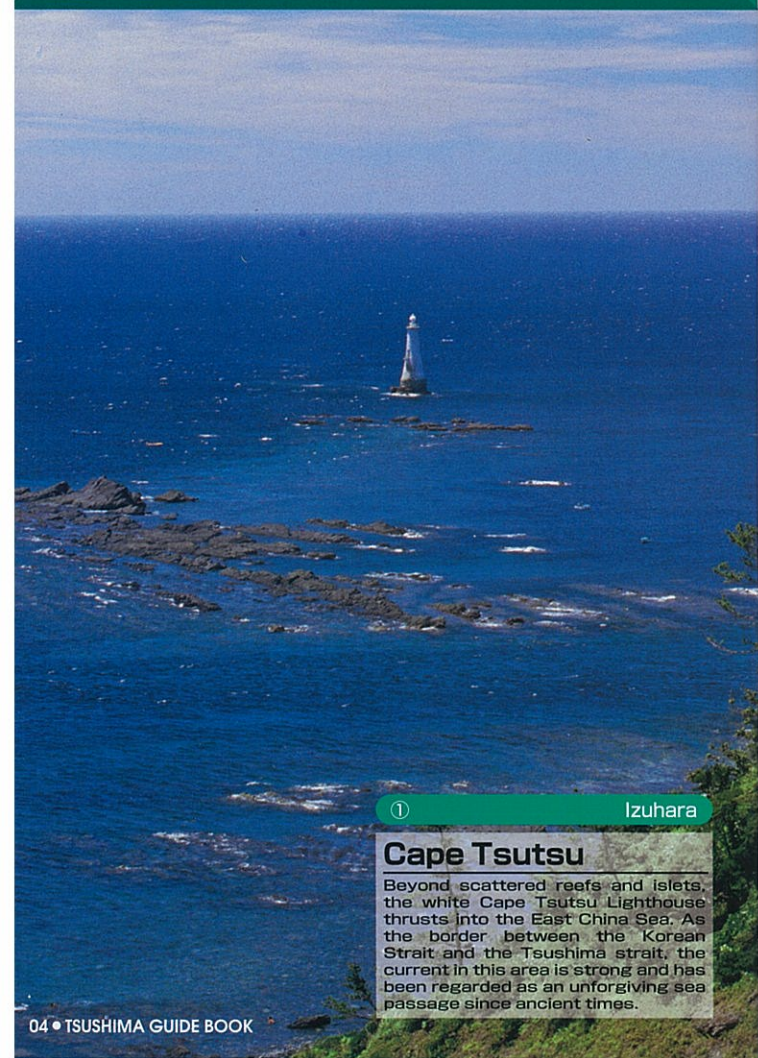
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Carved by the sea,
forged by the moun-
tains, the island's
spectacular
view.

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① Izuhara

Cape Tsutsu

Beyond scattered reefs and islets, the white Cape Tsutsu Lighthouse thrusts into the East China Sea. As the border between the Korean Strait and the Tsushima strait, the current in this area is strong and has been regarded as an unforgiving sea passage since ancient times.

② Kamitsushima

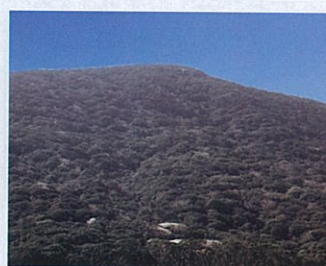
Narutaki Waterfall



Tsushima is a land of mountains; but due to its gently sloping rivers, there are few waterfalls. Narutaki is the island's number one waterfall, as it re-sounds loudly through the valley below.

③ Izuhara

Mt. Tatera's Primeval Forest



Mt. Tatera is 559m above sea level. Its primeval forest, on the north side slope, extends from the 120 m above sea level lowland up to the mountain's peak. From the vicinity of the 350m boundary, a beech grove in the lower region and an oak grove in the upper region are developing. The whole area is an extremely delicate existence.

④ Izuhara

Kamizaka Park



From the viewing platform at an elevation of 358m extends the deeply-indented rias coastline, representative of Japan. Summer nights feature

the fantastic and beautiful scene of fish-luring lights sparkling on the dark sea.

⑤ Mitsushima

Nokowaki Cliff



The Joyama Fortress mountain range caved in and created a cliff which looks as if it was cut with a saw. The Nokowaki cliff can be viewed from the shore opposite the Joyama Fortress mountain.

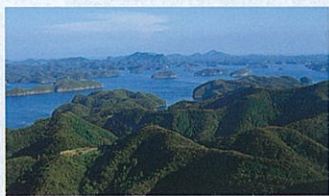
⑥ Mitsushima

Mt. Shiratake



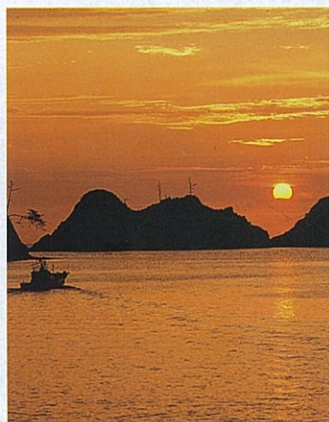
Mt. Shiratake is composed of quartz porphyry and is a symbolic sacred mountain of Tsushima. The mountain is also designated as a national natural treasure for its peculiar ecological system that contains vegetation from both Japanese and continental environments.

⑦ Toyotama
Mt. Eboshi Viewpoint



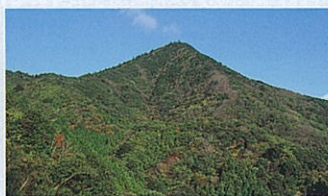
A 360-degree surveying viewpoint. The platform offers a splendid view of Aso Bay with many mountains, countless large and small islands suspended in the quiet sea, the rias coastline's waves, and more.

⑧ Toyotama
Tsunashima and Kanose



Tsunashima is a scenic area looking out on the Korean strait, where bustling fishing boats are visible. The sunset view from here is truly stunning. Kanose is located on the island's southern side. Resembling a gorilla, it is popular among tourists and as a fishing spot.

⑨ Kamiagata
Mt. Mitake



The district of Kamiagata's peak (490 m) has been revered from ancient times as a sacred mountain. The mountain is famous for its thickly grown primeval forest untouched by human hands, and as a migration point for white-tailed eagles. A 1920 survey confirmed that the phantom bird "Kitataki" (Tristram's Woodpecker) inhabited the area. Subsequently, although people have heard their calls and the rustle of the trees, they are no longer seen, and it is thought that they've gone extinct.

⑩ Mine
Kisaka Wild Bird Forest



Kyushu's fourth spot for the protection of the propagation of wild birds and birdwatching, this park has a small observation house where 30 varieties of birds are viewable around May and June. An observation road is also maintained within the 86 hectares forest, and the small birds happily playing provides a fun experience for observers.

⑫ Kamiagata
Mt. Senbyomaki



Senbyomaki, meaning "sowing a thousand bags of seeds," is a mountain covered in wild grass, a rare occurrence on Tsushima. The mountain was thought to be large enough to be able to sow a thousand bags of wheat and buckwheat seeds, thus earning its name. In ancient times, soldiers garrisoned on Tsushima prepared for a foreign enemy's possible invasion by arranging signal fires. Mt. Senbyomaki was the starting point of the signal fire relay.

⑪ Mine
Omi Village



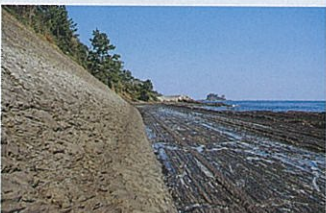
Each season's produce grows along the abundant coastline on terraced fields, contrasted by the naturally beautiful and picturesque scenery.

⑬ Kamiagata
Foreign Country View Point



A viewpoint on the road running from Nodo harbor to Ikuchi beach. The area commands a spectacular panoramic view of the sea; the fishing lights and Busan's commercial and residential streets and buildings are visible on clear nights.

⑭ Kamitsushima
Ripples of Ajiro



Created by waves hitting the coast, there is an uneven bedrock called renkon or "ripple marks." The wavelet-hit shallow seafloor fossilized with the ripples still standing, so it's as if the sound of the waves from ancient times has been preserved.

⑮ Kamitsushima
The Great Ginkgo Tree of Kin



This large tree is said to be 1,500 years old and Japan's oldest ginkgo tree. The tree is still prosperous today, and in spring the branches are full of leaves. In autumn, they turn beautiful colors, and the fallen leaves in late autumn create a scene just like old Koban coins scattered around. The precise circumference of the tree's trunk is 12.5m, and its height is 40m.

⑯ Kamitsushima
Waniura Hitotsubatago Wildflower Area



Also called, "Nanjamonja" (What the heck is this!?) and "umiterashi" (Shining the sea), the hitotsubatago were designated a national natural treasure of Japan in 1928. Three thousand hitotsubatago trees grow naturally in Kamitsushima town's Waniura district. Each year in May, the entire mountain blooms beautifully with snow white flowers.



HISTORY & CULTURE
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TSUSHIMA ISLAND

A long, unique road walked while mingling with foreign countries.

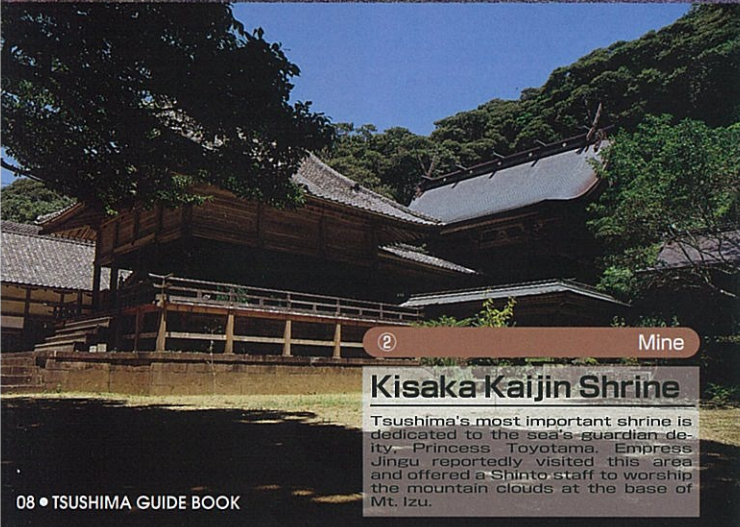


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① Izuhara
Banshojin Temple

Built by the second lord of the Tsushima domain, Soh Yoshinori in 1615 to pray for his father's happiness in the next world, Banshojin is the revered family temple of the Soh clan. Banshojin contains a Momoyama Era-style temple gate, 100-step stone staircase, the Buddhist mortuary tablet of a Tokugawa Shogun, and materials used for correspondence with Korea.



② Mine
Kisaka Kaijin Shrine

Tsushima's most important shrine is dedicated to the sea's guardian deity—Princess Toyotama. Empress Jingū reportedly visited this area and offered a Shinto staff to worship the mountain clouds at the base of Mt. Izu.

③ Izuhara
Ofunae Port



At the mouth of Kuta River are remnants of five boat docks that belonged to the Tsushima domain. The dock was created in the third year of the Kambun Era (1663). The embankment's piled up stones are preserved in the same form as that time. The main gate, storehouse, and resting place for feudal lords remain here.

⑤ Izuhara
Samurai Residences



A residential street on land near the castle, stone wall fence—surrounded samurai residences remain with the look of the past.

⑦ Mitsushima
Kaneda Castle Ruins



④ Izuhara
Ishiyane (Stone Roof)



On the west coast of the Izuhara Town area, is one of the few remaining stone roof houses. Stone sheets made on Tsushima tile the roof of the raised-floor building, which is used as a storehouse. This type of building is rare in Japan, and can only be seen at Shiine district in Tsushima.

⑥ Mitsushima
Manzeki Bridge



In the 33rd year of the Meiji Era (1900), a channel was artificially dug out as a passage for the warships of the Japanese Navy, but the modern bridge is an important transportation point. When the tide is going out, the tide flow multiplies the sea's swirls and rolls, and the scene is admired by people who view the scenery from the bridge. The current bridge is the third generation bridge.

In the second year of the Tenji Era (663), the Japanese army was defeated in the battle of Baekgang by the allied forces of China's Tang Dynasty and the kingdom of Korea. Tsushima, which became the foremost line of Japan's national defense, prepared for an invasion from the continent. On the south bank of Aso Bay, they built the Fortress of Kaneda on the towering castle mountain as a strategic point of defense. The living remains include three castle doors and a surrounding stone fortress. At the summit, the distant South Korea is visible when the weather is fine.

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Mitsushima

Western Rowing Side



Kofunakoshi is connected to the western side of Aso Bay, which is separated from Mitsuura Bay by a small hill. Kofunakoshi's name (Small Boat Crossing) originates from old times when boats were carried across the hill between the east and west. At one time, Japan's envoys to the Sui and Tang Chinese dynasties came from the Kyushu mainland to Mitsuura Bay, transferred to boats on the western bank prepared for them, and went on to the continent.

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Toyotama

Igaki Wall



At the peak of a mountain road, a stone wall spans about 150m. Called Igaki (Boar's Wall), it is reported to be historic ruins of Suyama Totsuan's "boar hunt." The short pile of stones facing the summit zig-zags up the mountain, giving the impression of the Great Wall of China.

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Entsuji Temple



In Ouen 15 (1408), the 7th generation Daimyo Soh Sadashige, who came to Tsushima from Chikuzen, built a mansion at the Saka area of Mine village that was used as the seat of government for 78 years until Sadakuni (10th generation) moved it to Fuchu (Izuhara). The temple bell was influenced by Chinese bells and made using a South Korean design, visibly ornamented with flower petal kimono sashes, arabesques of clouds, lotus bud bumps, a bodhisattva, the Four Devas, and more.

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⑨

Toyotama

Watazumi Shrine



At this sea shrine, where Hikohohodemi no Mikoto and Princess Toyotama no Mikoto are deified, the ancient Palace of the Dragon King legend remains. In front of the main shrine are five torii gates, two of which are in the sea, and their appearance changes with the ebb and flow of the tide, recalling the mysteries of legendary times.

⑪

Toyotama

Ikeda Shore



This magnificent stone embankment was created during the Bunke and Bunsei eras using natural stone. The stone walls here are not angular and the gentle slope carries a feeling of dignity. The wall draws people's attention as the eternal masterpiece of the skilled artisan, Masuda Joshichi.

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Kamiagata

Tsushima Wildlife Conservation Center and Saozaki Park



Saozaki is in the downstream region of the Sago River, Tsushima's largest, and is known here and abroad as the habitat of precious plants and animals. Among other things, the Wildlife Center explains the fear of extinction of the Tsushima Leopard Cat species and its current status, while actively working to expand public awareness, understanding, and concern for preserving wildlife. The center opened in 1997 as an institution to carry out comprehensive research studies on this subject.

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Closed Mondays

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Kamitsushima

Korea Translator Memorial



In the 16th year of the Genroku Era (1703), on the 5th day of the 2nd month of the Japanese lunisolar calendar, a governmental translation boat from Busan with 108 passengers intended for arrival at Tsushima shipwrecked at Waniura due to a sudden change in weather. All passengers perished in the tragic, accidental shipwreck. The accident's historic background became the basis for neighborly friendship and international exchange. Crossing over borders and minds, the stone monument was completed through the well-intentioned cooperation of the governments and people on March 20, 1991.

⑭

Kamiagata

Tenjin Takuzudama Shrine



This is an ancient shrine in a forest with a sacred stone used as a dwelling place for gods. The area is believed to be a place where gods of heaven and Earth are deified. The Sago area of Kamiagata and the Tsutsu area of Izuhara are famous for worshipping priest Tendo. The story is included in Japan's "Three Main Truths" which was recorded in the 12th year of the Jogan Era (870).

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Kamitsushima

Toyo Battery Ruins

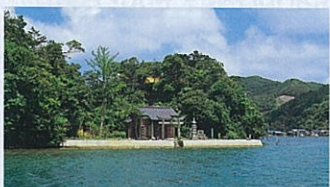


A battleship's main armament was placed in this fort in March 1934. Not used in actual battle, it has taken on the guise of a "phantom fort" but the barracks, pedestal, and cellar recall the appearance of that time.

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Mitsushima

Mt. Asahi's Ancient Tomb



Within the inlet of Hamagusu, a cape juts out eastward where Hekireki (Thunder-clap) Shrine is quieted. On the mountain behind it, rare artifacts such as Han Dynasty mirrors, iron swords, single-edged swords, axes, hoes, and unglazed pottery were found in several foundations of ancient tombs. Important to scholars, the ruins distinguish a middle period separate from the early and latter periods of ancient culture.



See it, touch it, feel it
The continental
culture connection

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1 Toyotama

Cultural Village

A cultural meeting hall that expands contact, a local historical hall with a modern atmosphere, and Tsushima's only town hall with the latest technology for stage productions-with these three halls at the center, the area is transformed into a culture park.

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2 Mitsushima

Yuttari Land Tsushima

Five minutes by car from Tsushima airport, Yuttari Land has a public hot spring bath and heated swimming pool, as well as a weight training room and restaurant.

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3 Izuohara

Isaribi Park Foot Bath

From an elevation looking down on Tsushima's eastern sea, a popular foot bath greets visitors with its restful sensation.

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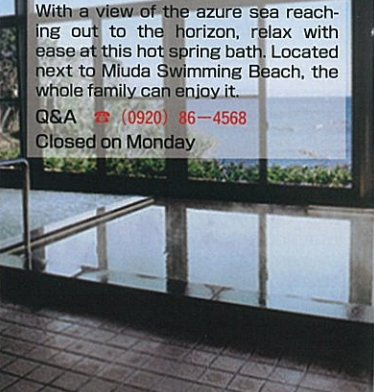


4 Kamitsushima

Kamitsushima Hot Spring Bath Nagisa no Yu

With a view of the azure sea reaching out to the horizon, relax with ease at this hot spring bath. Located next to Miuda Swimming Beach, the whole family can enjoy it.

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5 Izuohara

Prefectural Tsushima History and Folk Customs Museum



Opened in December 1978, the museum compiles and exhibits treasures such as the island's cultural assets, archaeological and historical materials, folk custom materials, family head's personal libraries, and more. Among other things, the Emaki picture scroll used for correspondence with Korea is a must-see.

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6 Mitsushima

Tama no Yu Hot Spring



At Mitsushima Town's hot spring bath, enjoy the smooth hot spring baths that have many fans, on the island and elsewhere.

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7 Mine

Mine History and Folk Customs Museum



In Mine Town, from the Jomon Period until recent times, important historic ruins have been discovered. Including precious cultural assets left behind by our ancestors and a library of these collected materials, this is a great place to study history.

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8 Mine

Mine Hot Spring Bath-Hotaru no Yu



Nearby the clearwater stream of Mine River, Hotaru no Yu has an abundant volume of gushing hot water, and in the right season, the soft glow of fireflies across the baths. With both foot baths and family bathhouses completed, it's a popular spot to rest.

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9 Kamitsushima

Korean Viewpoint



Kamitsushima Town, 49.5 km from South Korea, commands a view of the cityscape of Busan, Korea on fine weather days. It's truly the "national border town." Built with the ancient architectural style of the geographically and historically closely connected land of Korea, this outlook is a popular sightseeing spot.



The sea and the mountains teach of the Earth's vastness

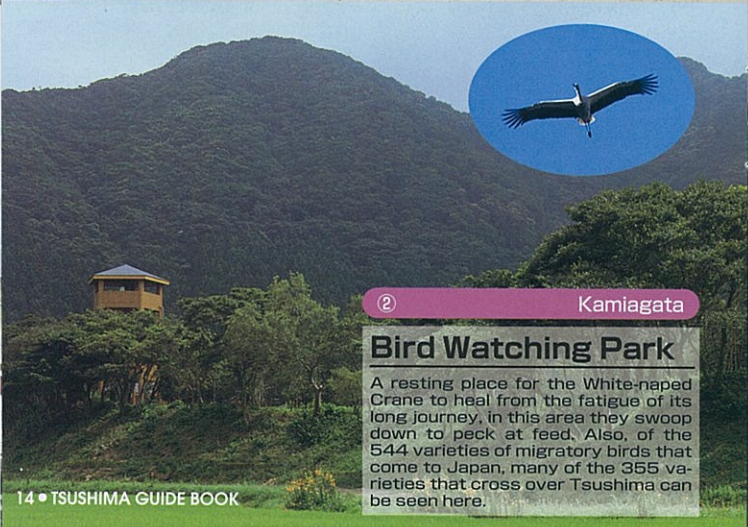
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MAP



① Kamitsushima
Miuda Beach Swimming Area
A swimming area that received recognition in 1996 as one of "Japan's Top 100 Beaches." The natural white sand (rare on Tsushima) and the emerald green sea of the shallow beach are reminiscent of southern tropical lands. A camping facility is also available.
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② Kamiagata
Bird Watching Park
A resting place for the White-necked Crane to heal from the fatigue of its long journey, in this area they swoop down to peck at feed. Also, of the 544 varieties of migratory birds that come to Japan, many of the 355 varieties that cross over Tsushima can be seen here.

③ Izuhara
Personal Experience School: "Takumi"



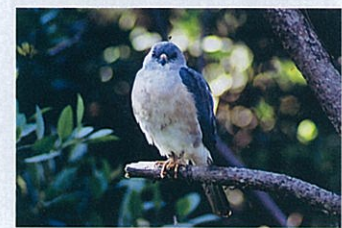
Enjoy such things as a personal Tsushima "Taishu Soba" noodle-making experience, and practice making Wakata Ink Stones noted for the quality of their raw ore.
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④ Izuhara
Aoshi Village・Oura Sea Swimming Area



In Aoshi Village, there are rental bungalows, tents, and a training facility. In summer, many swimmers descend on the beach, and the area bustles.
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⑤ Izuhara
Chinese Goshawk Viewpoint



At the summit of Uchiyama in September 1997 a total of 107,127 migratory Chinese Goshawks were observed, becoming Japan's number one soaring location.

⑥ Izuhara
Ayumodoshi Nature Park



Situated almost in the center of Izuhara Town, Ayumodoshi Nature Park contains the Tatera Mountain Park Center, a river park, a connected plaza, and more. It's a spot to feel refreshed and enjoy recreation with the whole family.
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⑦ Mitsushima
Mitsushima Town Sea Swimming Area (Ota・Katsumi)



One of the leading sandy beaches in Tsushima and a twin beach swimming area that is rare in Nagasaki Prefecture, the water quality here is superior. Because of its proximity to Tsushima Airport, there are many off-island visitors; each year 10,000 people flock to it. A beach volleyball tournament and other events are held here.
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⑧ Mitsushima
Aso Bay Park

Aso Bay Park is a nature park with 56.1 ha of land filled with the blessings of nature from season to season. In spring, the Genkai Azalea, cherry trees, and more bloom in full. In summer, the surface of the water in the lotus garden is full of lotus flowers. In autumn, bluebeard, cosmos, and more will calm your heart.

At this leisure venue, a vehicle camping area (year-round), canoeing service (July, August), mini golf area, multi-purpose plaza, walking path, garden viewing area, grass slide, and promenade are maintained and populated by many visitors.

With the dazzling sun, nature, and the beautiful sea, have fun for a whole day!

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⑨ Toyotama
Shinwa Village Nature Park

Coupled with the gentle-wave Aso Bay, the Shinwa Village Nature Park, represents the atmosphere of ancient times and provides a building for communication through cultural exchange, vehicle camping area, a plaza and lawn with a playground intended for small children, and more. The building for "communica-

⑩ Mine
Kisaka Seashore Park



In this area, there is a campground, wild bird forest, viewing platform, and Omi Village (see page 7). It's popular for bird watching in winter, and camping during summer.

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tion through cultural exchange" surrounds a hearth with the appearance of old times and is used as a resting place and training institute. Experience the calm atmosphere of a Japanese garden and the abundant nature.

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⑫ Kamiagata
Ikuchi Beach Sea Swimming Area

A beautiful, shallow, and sandy beach located at the foot of Mt. Senbyomaki and reviewed as a first-class waterfront. The swimming area is easy for children to play and others to enjoy themselves.

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⑬ Kamiagata
Saozaki Park

The park is located 49.5 km away from the city of Busan, Korea. Depending on weather conditions, the mountains and night view of Busan are visible across the sea. The park is 72 ha in size and contains remains of gun batteries and the Tsushima Wildlife Conservation Center. It also includes a peace plaza, small stream garden area, natural camellia garden, and stone monument that shows the location is the north-westernmost point in Japan.

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⑪ Mine
Tsushima Family Park

Located in the middle of Tsushima, the park is a leisure venue with go-karts, a large slide, a multi-purpose lawn plaza, and outside sports field with an attached roof as well as the nearby seashore.

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⑭ Kamiagata
Nita Golf Course

Tsushima's only golf course, with the beauty of cherry blossoms and azaleas during spring and the colorful maple leaves during fall.

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