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Paraiso Kamiamakusa

Located in southwest Kumamoto prefecture, Kamiamakusa city is the gateway to the Amakusa archipelago. Surrounded by magnificent mountains and a beautiful sea, the city of Kamiamakusa is nestled within the Unzen-Amakusa National Park in an earthly paradise "Paraiso" where superb views of islands spotting the shimmering sea can be seen from the Kankai Alps. Every season brings overwhelming beauty. Nature's bounty from the calm inland sea and fertile lands provide the foundation for delectable cuisine. Historic natural hot springs heal your body and soul. Enjoy almost every mountain and sea experience imaginable. You will be embraced in a paradise full of surprise and pleasure. Begin your journey to Kamiamakusa!



Views of Amakusa Gokyo, five famous bridges connecting the islands of Amakusa, await you.

Kamiamakusa is synonymous with Amakusa Gokyo and Matsushima,
the five bridges that connect the palm tree islands.
The first bridge marks the entrance to a 30 minute scenic drive over all five famous bridges.
The contrast between the beautiful sea and the islands extends out as far as the eye can see.

Fourth bridge (Maejimabashi)

The longest bridge of the five bridges (Amakusa Gokyo).
It is a low bridge that sits just above the sea, so you can
soak up the scenery from a different perspective.
* Design: Precast Concrete Frame / Length: 510m
* Longest span: 146m / Completed: 1966

Magnificent views, Amakusa Matsushima
First of all, be fully satisfied by
the panoramic view of one of
the top 3 Matsushima (Palm tree islands) views
in all of Japan.

Amakusa Pearl Line and Amakusa Gokyo were both selected as one of the best one hundred roads in Japan.

What is Amakusa Gokyo? It is the name for the five bridges of national road Route 266 that connect the scattered islands of Amakusa.
Jishu Mori of Kamiamakusa city completed the bridges in 1966, they form the main artery of Kamiamakusa.
The road is named the Amakusa Pearl line because the area is famous for cultivating pearls,
and it was selected as one of the one hundred best roads in Japan.



First Bridge (Tenmonbashi)

This bridge straddles the "Misumi no seto" strait at the entrance to Kamiamakusa and boasts a span of 300 meters, the longest of the five bridges of Amakusa Gokyo.
* Design: Continuous Truss / Length: 502m
* Longest span: 300m / Completed: 1966



Second Bridge (Ohyanobashi)

This bridge starts at the end of Ohyano island, and is a Langer Truss bridge with a beautiful yellow arch.
* Design: Langer Truss / Length: 249.1m
* Longest span: 156m / Completed: 1966



Third Bridge (Nakanohashi)

This bridge lies between Nagaurajima and Ooikejima, and is a world top class concrete bridge with a span of 160 meters.
* Design: Precast Concrete Frame / Length: 361m
* Longest span: 160m / Completed: 1966



Fifth Bridge (Matsushimabashi)

This bridge is the only pipe arch bridge in Japan, and it features a symmetric form and red color.
* Design: Pipe Arch / Length: 177.7m
* Longest span: 126m / Completed: 1966

Sea Bathing

Be embraced by a calm and relaxing beach vacation.

A clear blue sky spotted with soft white clouds stretches out above the beautiful sea. This seaside resort features shallow water beaches with gentle waves that are a favorite of people looking for a relaxing vacation.



Marine



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Marine Sports

Kamiimakusa is a mecca for marine sports including banana boating, jet skiing, wakeboarding, etc.

1 1 |
Bottlenose Dolphin Watching

You can meet the bottlenose dolphin anytime of the year, and seeing such a curious and cute animal will refresh your spirit.
* Sea Cruise / Tel: 0969-56-2458
* Pearl Line Tourism / Tel: 0969-56-0678

Unlimited marine entertainment.

Kamiimakusa is surrounded by a calm inland sea, so it is a fantastic place to enjoy a variety of marine entertainment including fishing, cruising, dolphin watching, etc.

MAP P26C-2
Pearl Sun Beach (Hiiai Beach Resort) Shower Toilet Changing Room Parking Concession Stand



Many people come to this beach on the marine blue sea to swim, picnic and take a relaxing stroll down the beach. One look into the clear sea and you will see many fish swimming around you. At low tide you can walk to Takamoku Island, nicknamed Amakusa Fuji because it resembles Mt. Fuji, and explore the tidal pools. On a clear day, you can even see Nagasaki's Unzen Fugendake mountain.

MAP P26D-2
Calm Beach (Nishime Beach Resort) Shower Toilet Changing Room Parking Concession Stand



A beautiful, white sand beach where large and small islands dot the vast expanse of ocean. The calm and quiet atmosphere here gives it the feeling of a private beach. This beach has many amenities like showers and a concession stand for a convenient beach experience.

MAP P26G-2
Suwa Beach Resort Shower Toilet Changing Room Parking



This man made, white sand beach in Suwa Park sits at the entrance to a calm harbor. The beach backs up to a forest of green trees that provide shade from the summer sun. Many families and couples stay at the nearby campground as well.

MAP P26G-2
Takado Beach Resort Shower Toilet Changing Room Parking



The Takado Beach Resort is located on the Shiranui Kai inland sea, and is a great place not only for swimming, but also for snorkeling, fishing, etc. With restaurants nearby, it is a convenient place to spend a relaxing day.



1 8 |
Aquarium in the Sea, Sea Donut MAP P26C-2

A huge donut shaped aquarium floats in the sea in Matsushima. The aquarium has 7 zones to represent the 7 continents of the world where a wide variety of fish can be observed.
*Address / 6225-7 Matsushimaaizu, Kamiimakusa-shi
*Information / Tel: 0969-56-2570
*Business hours / 9am - 5pm

* Open everyday
* Tickets / Adult 1,300yen, Middle and High school students 800yen, Elementary school students 500yen, Young children 400yen
* Call for information on night tours, sea fire-fly tours, etc.

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Fishing and Cruise

There are many adult oriented marine sports as well, such as cruising and fishing. Fishing can be enjoyed year round because Kamiimakusa is surrounded by the sea.

1 5 |
Pearl Line Tour

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the Pearl Line from below that will take you between the islands for a completely different experience from the bridge tour.
* Sea Cruise / Tel: 0969-56-2458
* Pearl Line Tourism / Tel: 0969-56-0678
* Dai 2 Himemaru / Tel: 0964-57-0415
* Reishumaru / Tel: 0964-58-0036

Other Beach Resorts

Information for all beach resorts.
Tel: 0964-56-1111
(Amakusa City Tourism Association)

Tousengahama Beach Resort MAP P26B-2
Shower Toilet Changing Room Parking Concession Stand

Shirato Beach Resort MAP P26A-2
Shower Parking *Places to stay are available.

Yumigahama Beach Resort MAP P26A-2
Parking *Places to stay are available.

Yushima Beach Resort MAP P26A-1
*Places to stay are available.

Matsushima Beach Resort MAP P26D-2
Parking *Many places to stay with hot springs.

Kojima Beach Resort MAP P26F-2
Shower Toilet Changing Room Parking

Camping & Barbeque

Enjoy a variety of outdoor leisure in Kamiyamakusa.

People from all over the country gather here to enjoy the outdoors and all that the sea and mountains have to offer.

MAP P26E-2

Shiratake Forest Park Campground

Address / 5395-2 Himeura, Himeido-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
Tel: 0964-56-1111 (Kamiyamakusa City Tourism Association)

Bungalow Tent Shower Kitchenware

Shiratake Campground has two key beliefs 'be one with nature' and 'explore nature'. The log cabins, cottages and tents will feel like your own private vacation house.



A nearby marsh with walking trails is teeming with wildlife during the spring and summer.



MAP P26F-2

Kojima Park Campground

Address / 5395-2 Himeura, Himeido-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
Tel: 0964-56-1111 (Kamiyamakusa City Tourism Association)

Bungalow Tent Shower Kitchenware

There are bungalows, showers, tents and barbeque equipment for rent at the campground. Nearby activities include fishing, snorkeling, swimming, etc. Fantastic sunrises can be viewed from the island.



This location is safe to bring children because the tents and bungalows are private. The rocky beach is a great place for snorkeling and fishing. There is also a shopping street conveniently located nearby.



MAP P26G-1

Ryugatake Mountaintop Campground

Address / 3360-9 Oodou, Ryugatake-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
Tel: 0964-56-1111 (Kamiyamakusa City Tourism Association)

Bungalow Tent Shower Kitchenware

The camp is in the Ryugatake Mountaintop Park, 470 meters above sea level. Scenic vistas of the Shiranui Kai inland sea await you from this mountaintop camp. You can also view the starry sky from the Myuu Observatory.



Of course, there is camping equipment available, as well as athletic equipment, tennis courts, a lodge, bungalows and tent site.



Other Campgrounds

Suwa Park MAP P26G-2

Campground - Chinai Futamado, Himeido-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi / Tel: 0964-56-1111 (Kamiyamakusa City Tourism Association)

Campground Treasure MAP P26D-2

6176-2 Aizu, Matsushima-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi / Tel: 0969-56-2202

Nogamajima Hachifuku Campground MAP P26B-2

Uenogama, Ohyano-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi / Tel: 0967-56-0182

Nogamajima Beach House MAP P26B-2

Uenogama, Ohyano-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi / Tel: 0964-56-1969

Amakusa Prefectural Youth Hostel, Sengen Forest Campground MAP P26D-2

5500 Aizu, Matsushima-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi / Tel: 0969-56-1650

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Let's enjoy Kankai Alps Hiking Course.

Many people who love hiking on mountains visit the Kyushu nature trail 'Alps Course' that connects Takabutoyama mountain and Ryugatake mountain to take in the magnificent views of Shiranui Kai inland sea. There are many fantastic views from mountains such as Shiratake mountain and Nenjudake mountain. The view of the tracks from ships crossing the blue sea to different green islands is like an art in motion.

Hot Spring & Spa



Amazing healing for your body and soul.

Kamiyamakusa City is also famous for its many natural hot springs. Enjoy the healing properties of the hot springs while soaking in the breathtaking views of the sea.



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Spa Thalasso Amakusa

Spa Thalasso Amakusa is one of the very few Thalasso Therapy facilities in Japan, and is blessed to use seaweed from the beautiful sea surrounding Kamiyamakusa. The combination of the warm sea water activities, treatment and personal care, and the outdoor hot springs with fantastic sunsets will completely relax your body and soul.

Spa Thalasso Amakusa

*Address / 732-14 Kami Ohyano-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
Hot Spring *Tickets / Adult - 500yen, 4 years old to elementary students - 300yen, 3 years old and younger - free (must be accompanied by an adult)
*Business hours / 10am to 10pm, no entry after 9:30pm
Pool *Tickets / Adult - 1,000yen, 4 years old to elementary students - 500yen * Business hours / 10am to 10pm, no entry after 9pm * Private family baths available at an additional 1,000yen per hour * Closed every second and fourth Tuesday of every month. If the second or fourth Tuesday of every month is a National Holiday, the pool will be open that day and will close the following day. * Information / Tel: 0964-56-1126



Matsushima Hot Spring

The Amakusa Matsushima natural hot spring is nicknamed 'Beautiful Women's Hot Spring'. This hot spring is said to be effective against Neuralgia, chronic digestive problems, fatigue, and gynecological disorders. Enjoy the effects of the refreshing sea breeze while soaking in the healing hot spring.



Ohyano Hot Springs

'Ohyano Hot Springs' is the name for the 5 hot springs in the Ohyano area. These springs are popular among children and adults alike.

Farm & Livestock Products



Rich flavors are born from these fertile lands.

Kamiamakusa's warm climate provides the best environment for farming and raising livestock. Moist and sweet citrus and root vegetables, famously delicious poultry ('Amakusa Daiou')...Enjoy the bounty of this fertile land.

Dekopon Orange

Dekopon oranges are a registered trademark of the Kumamoto-ken Citrus Association, because only oranges of the highest quality can use the name Dekopon. Dekopon oranges are high in fiber and have a high sugar content.

Seafood



This tranquil sea holds a variety of delicious seafood.

The slow ocean currents supply a treasure trove of seafood to this region. This region yields more prawns than anywhere else in Japan and Nmakatai (red sea bream) that is renowned for being firm and delicious. You can enjoy a variety of seafood in every season, so please experience all of the delicious seafood Kamiamakusa has to offer.



Yushima Daikon Radish

Daikon grown in Yushima are twice as big as regular daikon, and hold their shape when boiled.



Field Vegetables

Delicious and crisp vegetables grown with pride in the warm weather.



Unshu Mandarin

Enjoy these very sweet oranges grown in strong sunlight and the sea breeze.



Pearl Kan (Citrus)

Pearl Kan has a refreshing and sour taste like grapefruit. It was named after the Pearl Line near where it grows.



Togarashi

Togarashi is red pepper that is sun dried and handmade by locals. Red pepper from Matsushima is named 'Maittaka Akajiro' and is a local specialty.



Prawns

In Kamiamakusa, wild prawns are caught between June and August and farmed prawns are harvested between October and February. Prawns from Kamiamakusa are distributed throughout Japan and are considered top class prawns due to their firmness and flavor.



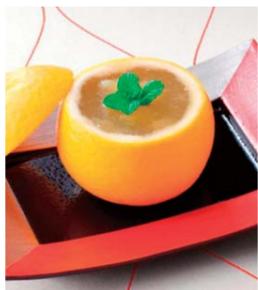
Swimming Crab

This is a wild crab that is best enjoyed from Summer through Fall. The crabs caught in Himedono-machi are named 'Himegazami' crabs and are distributed throughout Japan.



Tiger puffer

Known as 'Bukkin', Kamiamakusa is famous for farming this fish. Winter is the best season for eating this fish. Gourmants in Japan rave about the high quality of the blowfish in Kamiamakusa.



Amakusa Ban Kan (Citrus)

Very fresh and juicy citrus that is in season from Spring to Summer and is even more delicious when served cold.



Pon Kan Mandarin

When these mandarin oranges turn bright orange in color, they have a sweet aroma. Almost all Pon Kan mandarin oranges in Japan are grown in Amakusa.

Why are Bainiku Pork and Amakusa Daiou currently hot topics?



Bainiku Pork

An original technique for raising pigs that involves feeding them plum extract. The meat of pigs raised in this way is popular for being healthy, tender and extremely soft, so soft that it can be cut with chop sticks.



Amakusa Daiou

Leading edge technology has allowed us to restore a near-extinct type of chicken that is the largest chicken in Japan. Amakusa Daiou currently has the attention of all of Japan for its sweet oil and firm meat.



Shima Mackerel

This fish is farmed in Kamiamakusa, but is known for having the same delicious flavor as wild Shima Mackerel.



Gizzard Shad

Gizzard Shad can be caught and consumed year round, but they are richest in flavor from November through January. Of course, this fish is delicious as sashimi, but it is also delicious dried or pickled with vinegar.



Dried Baby Sardines

In season from the end of April to the beginning of June and from October to the end of November, these baby sardines are caught in the Yatsushiro Kai inland sea. Rich in calcium and flavor, these are considered a local specialty.



Golden Sea Eel

Golden Sea Eel is the most popular type of sea eel in Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market. The meat of this eel is light in color, but rich in flavor. Golden Sea Eel is the richest in flavor from July through September.



Nmakatai - Red Sea Bream

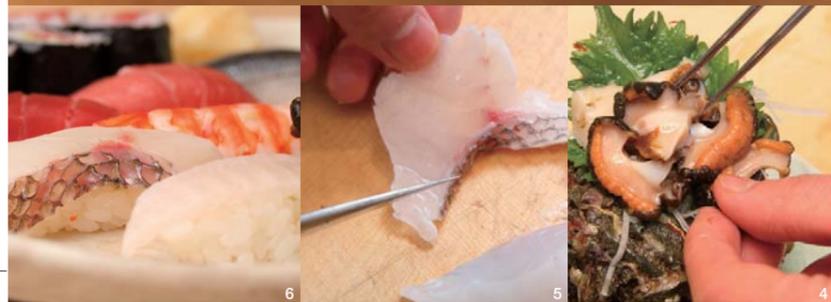
Nmakatai is the name for one of the most delicious types of wild sea bream in Kamiamakusa that is a high quality brand distributed throughout Japan. The seasons for Nmakatai are February through April, and October and November. Many people in Japan consider Nmakatai to be a firm and very delicious fish.



Supremely Delicious

Even the most distinguished gourmards in the famous Ginza district of Tokyo, love Nmakatai (red sea bream) from Kamiamakusa.

The chef at the famous Sakai sushi restaurant in Ginza, Tokyo is very knowledgeable on fish from all over Japan, and Nmakatai sea bream from Kamiamakusa is the one fish he knows will always be delicious. The firm meat, smooth texture and high quality of Nmakatai sea bream satisfies even the most refined palate. Kamiamakusa's food is the answer for high end restaurants looking for the best ingredients.



1. Partake in the artistic combination of top chefs and top ingredients. 2. Cuisine from Kamiamakusa is the star in this restaurant that serves the best food from all over Japan. 3. The smiling chef from the famous Sakai sushi restaurant in Ginza, Tokyo. 4. Flounder and Horned Turban Shell are delicious as well. 5. The chef's recommendation, very rich Nmakatai sea bream. 6. Kamiamakusa has delicious seafood in every season.



Chrysanthemum

The warm weather and porous soil in Kamiamakusa is famous for producing beautiful flowers, especially, Chrysanthemums renowned for their vivid color.



Yoyogama

These porcelain products are made to be used every day, and are popular for their stylish and warm design and round shape. *Address / 4058 Noboritate, Ohyano-machi, Kamiamakusa-shi *Information / Tel: 0964-56-4601



Zozogama

Amakusa clay is the raw material used for creating a number of unique porcelain products that convey warmth. The natural materials inspire rich expression in these porcelain products. *Address / 1005 Iwa, Ohyano-machi, Kamiamakusa-shi *Information / Tel: 0964-58-0975

Kamiamakusa's specialty is born from blending history and nature.

Clay is used to make porcelain, high-end pearls are cultivated, and during the Edo period Shiro Amakusa created unique stones to use as money for war... These are just a few of the many specialties of Kamiamakusa.

Specialty



Baby's Breath Flowers (Dyed Baby's Breath)

Kumamoto-ken is the leading supplier of Baby's Breath flowers in Japan, and Kamiamakusa is renowned for supplying beautifully dyed Baby's Breath. The picture above is of Baby's Breath dyed in many vivid colors.



Pearl

Brilliant, high quality pearls from Kamiamakusa. The calm inland sea around Kamiamakusa is the preminent location for producing pearls.



Amakusa Sharpening Stones

Beautiful stones that appear to have grains like a piece of wood. They are top class sharpening stones that are used all over Japan.

Abundant flavors to support a chef's obsession.

Takumi restaurant in the Akabane district of Tokyo is famous among Japanese cuisine aficionados. The chef at Takumi is very particular about having the freshest ingredients, and his first choice for prawns is Kamiamakusa prawns. All the seafood from Kamiamakusa is delicious both raw and cooked, so many chefs rely on Kamiamakusa seafood to create the most mouth watering dishes.



1. Prawns and bamboo shoot make a perfect combination. 2. Tempura made with Kamiamakusa seafood is even more delicious. 3. Lightly boiled seasonal vegetables create a tasty and elegant dish. 4. Raw seafood is sweet and delicious. 5. A hidden gem of a restaurant with a relaxing atmosphere and mouth watering seasonal cuisine. 6. The chef of Takumi says "All ingredients from Kamiamakusa are fantastic!"

Matsushima area

A place famous for its captivating beauty.

The Matsushima area is one of Japan's top three most beautiful palm tree islands. Matsushima has a number of activities to enjoy including a yacht harbor, dolphin watching, hot springs, camping, and more.



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Yacht harbor
Fisherina Amakusa
MAP P26C-2

This yacht and cruiser mooring with a clubhouse has the atmosphere of a Mediterranean resort. You can go wherever you want in the marina for free.
* Address / 7500 Aizu, Matsushima-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
* Information / Tel: 0969-56-3043

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Natural waterfall
Iwaiguchi Kannon Waterfall
MAP P26F-1

There is a dam below the waterfall that forms a pond named Kannon Pond. The waterfall is nicknamed Todoroki no Kannon Waterfall for the roaring (Todoroki) sound the water makes as it flows over the falls. Halfway down the waterfall is a Buddhist statue that is the guardian of the falls.
* Address / Kyouragi, Matsushima-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
* Information / Tel: 0964-56-1111 (Kamiyamakusa City Tourism Association)

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Priest with a guitar.
Kouyou Temple
MAP P26D-2

This temple is the twenty first of thirty three manifestations of the Buddhist Kannon in Kyushu. Praying to the Kannon of Matsushima at this temple is said to help prevent Alzheimer's. Tens of thousands of people visit this temple every year.
* Address / 2856 Aizu, Matsushima-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
* Information / Tel: 0969-56-0200

13 |
One of the most beautiful sunsets in Japan.
Takabutoyama Mountain
MAP P26D-2

Takabutoyama Mountain is ranked for having one of the 100 most beautiful sunsets in Japan. The contrast between the sunset and Amakusa Matsushima Unzen National Park makes this one of the most captivating places. The 117 meter high mountain has been designated as one of the most beautiful places in Japan. This scenic vista is easy to get to by car.

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Amakusa's temple is one of the 88 Buddhist temples of Shikoku.
Kinshoji
MAP P26E-1

Built by Shigenari Suzuki in 1624 under the orders of a Shogun general, the Kinshoji temple belongs to the Soto-shu Buddhist sect. In 1858, the Kinshoji temple was accepted as one of the 88 Buddhist temples of Shikoku and 88 statues of Buddha were enshrined within it.
* Address / 2365 Kyouragi, Matsushima-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
* Information / Tel: 0969-57-0024

11 |
Beautiful spring cherry blossoms.
Senganzan Mountain
MAP P26D-2

Planted and wild cherry blossom trees come alive with beauty in the spring. In 1637, before the beginning of the Amakusa war, Shiro Amakusa held a toast for his army at the 162 meter high peak of Senganzan mountain.

Amakusa Visitor Center

MAP P26C-2

The Amakusa Visitor Center has information on all of the different natural and historical wonders in Amakusa. The visitor center also holds fiddler crab and sea firefly watching events. The visitor center is located on Nagaurajima Island, which is famous for having large colonies of fiddler crabs.

* Address / 6311-1 Aizu, Matsushima-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
* Information / Tel: 0969-56-3665
* Closed every Tuesday.
* Tickets / Free



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Take in a dynamic view.

Kamiyamakusa Country Park Hanamizuki Observation Deck

MAP P26B-2

This observation deck was modeled after a ship's deck and has 360 degree views. Sunsets are especially beautiful here.

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A historic place.

Yushima

MAP P26A-1

An island in the Ariake Kai inland sea where government officials negotiated peace during the Amakusa-Shimabara war. The island is nicknamed "Dangojima" which means "collusion island".

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Magnificent sea views.

Cherry Golf Amakusa Course

MAP P26C-2

Play an exciting round of golf with the beautiful backdrop of islands sitting in the Ariake Kai and Shiranui Kai inland seas.

* Address / 11356 Naka, Ohyano-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
* Information / Tel: 0964-56-5311
* Business hours / 9am-5pm * Closed from 12/29 to 1/1, the second Wednesday of January, and the second Wednesday of June. * Tickets / Adult - 600yen, Middle school students and younger 300yen (Free for babies)

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A guardian of history.

Shiro Amakusa Memorial Hall

MAP P26B-2

An exhibit of the history of Shiro Amakusa and Kamiyamakusa City, this memorial hall exhibits the romantic history of the fight for freedom and peace. Even people who are not fans of history should visit the Shiro Amakusa Memorial Hall.

* Address / 977-1 Naka, Ohyano-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
* Information / Tel: 0964-56-5311
* Business hours / 9am-5pm * Closed from 12/29 to 1/1, the second Wednesday of January, and the second Wednesday of June. * Tickets / Adult - 600yen, Middle school students and younger 300yen (Free for babies)

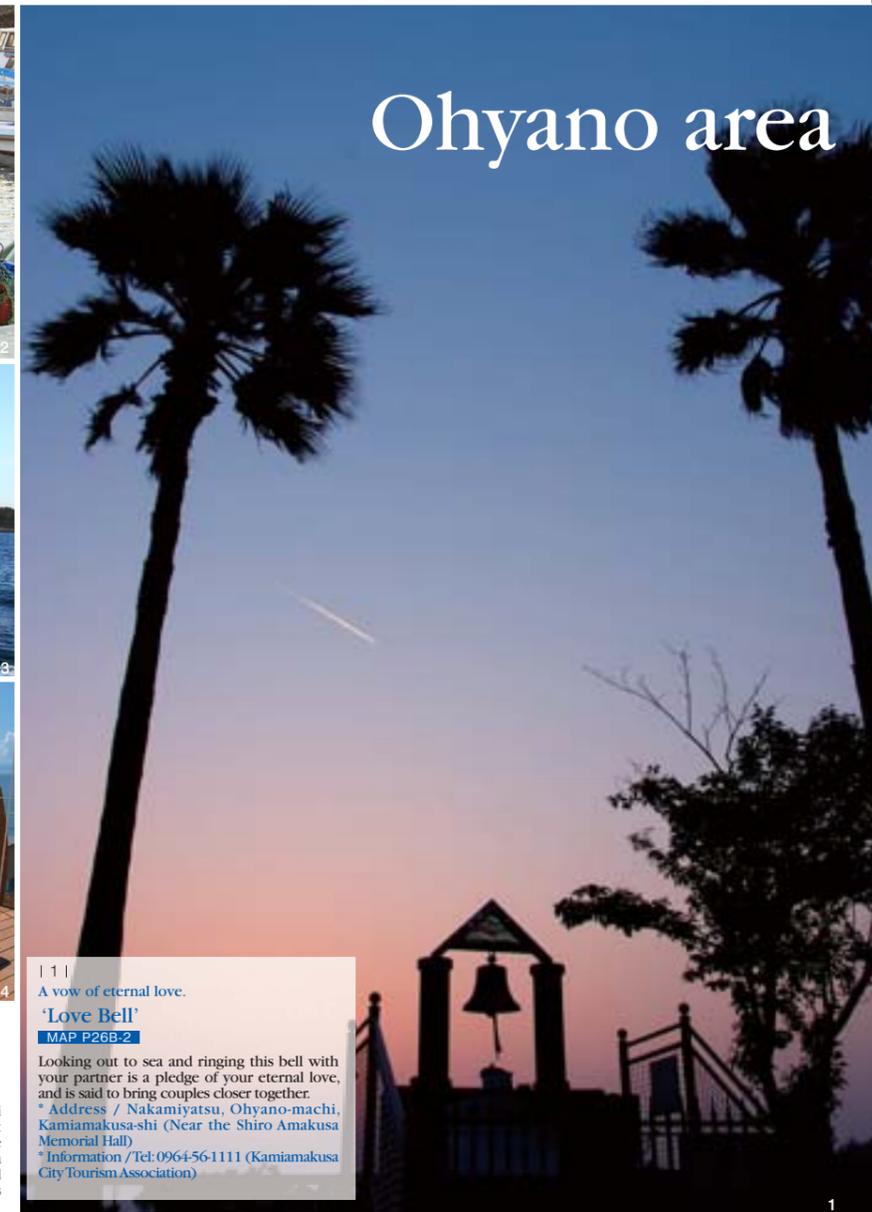
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Exhibition of Kamiyamakusa products.

San Pearl

MAP P26B-2

A variety of products from all over the area, including fruits, vegetables, seafood, etc., can be found at San Pearl. You can obtain a variety of products from other provinces here as well. There is also a restaurant at San Pearl where you can enjoy delicious dishes made with local products.
* Address / 11582-24 Naka, Ohyano-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi
* Information / Tel: 0964-58-5600 * Business hours / 7am-6pm * Closed on January 1st, and for one day twice a year for maintenance.

Ohyano area



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A vow of eternal love.
'Love Bell'

MAP P26B-2

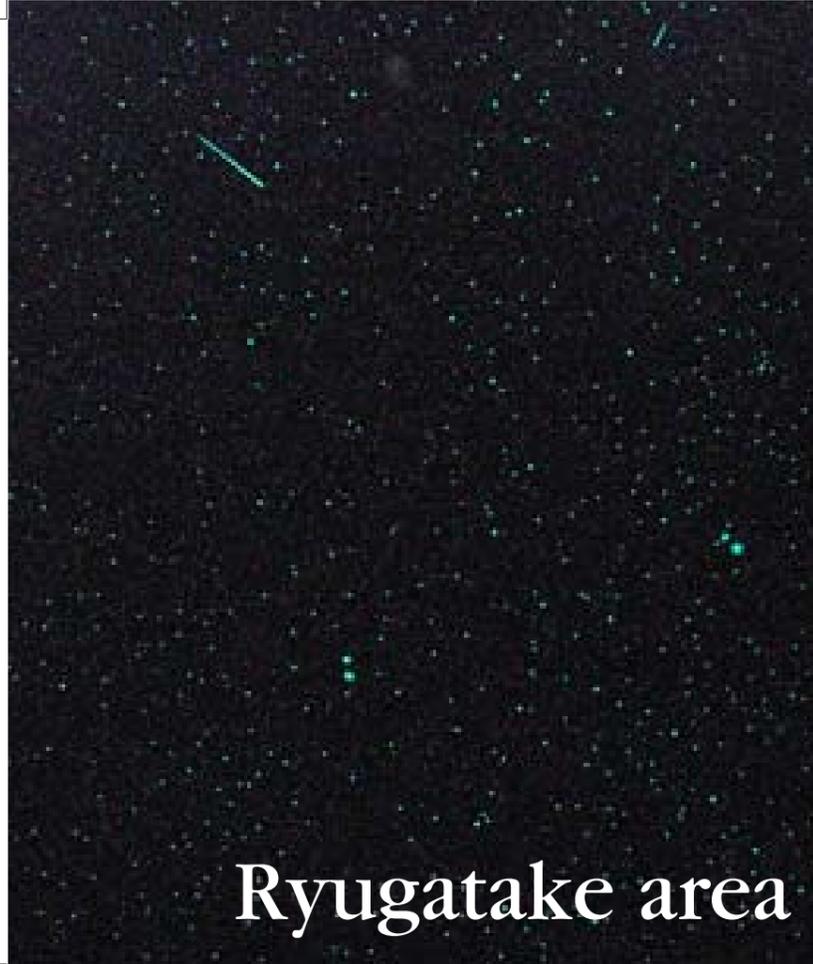
Looking out to sea and ringing this bell with your partner is a pledge of your eternal love, and is said to bring couples closer together.
* Address / Nakamiyatsu, Ohyano-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi (Near the Shiro Amakusa Memorial Hall)
* Information / Tel: 0964-56-1111 (Kamiyamakusa City Tourism Association)

Downtown Kamiyamakusa has many tourist facilities and local products.

The Ohyano area is the gateway to Kamiyamakusa, as such many tourists facilities and local products are gathered here. This is the first place that everyone wants to visit in the city to see Kamiyamakusa's grand history exhibited at Shiro Amakusa Memorial Hall, a variety of products from Ohyano city gathered at the San Pearl museum, and many other attractions.



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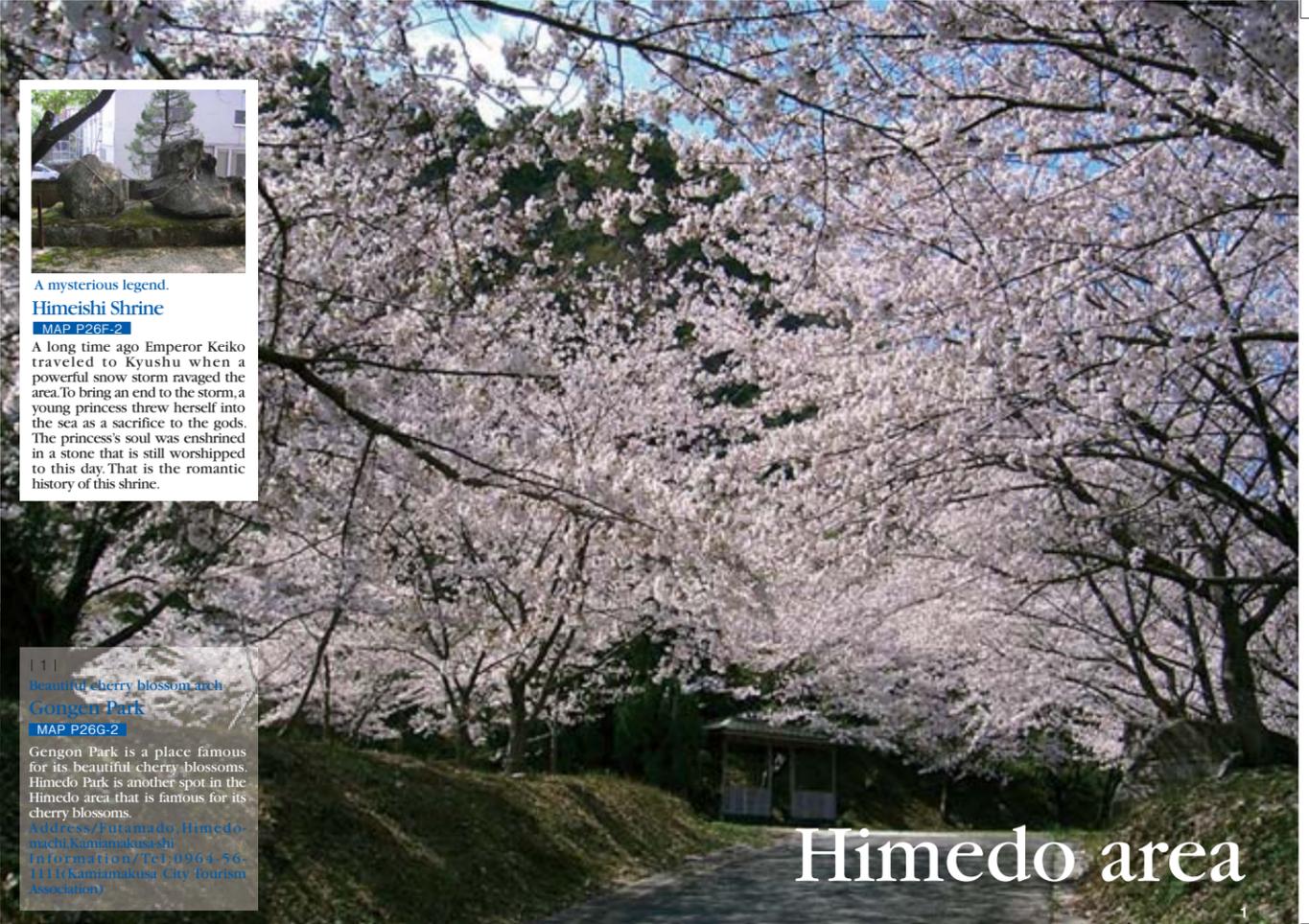
Ryugatake area

Known as the best stargazing spot in Japan.

Japan's Ministry of the Environment recognized the Ryugatake as the most beautiful night sky in all of Japan. Viewing the night sky from the Myuui Observatory at the top of Ryugatake Mountain is like viewing nature's masterpiece. One could spend an eternity enjoying the beauty of nature and the beauty of the starry sky in Ryugatake.

1 | Japan's best starry sky.
Myuui Observatory

MAP P26G-1
You can observe planets and even nebulas through the 50 centimeter Cassegrain telescope.
* Address / 3360-47 Oodou, Ryugatake-machi, Kamiamakusa-shi * Information / Tel: 0969-63-0466 * Closed every Monday * Business hours / 1pm-9:30pm * Celestial observation time / 6pm-9:30pm * Tickets / Adult - 200yen, Elementary and middle school students - 100yen * Tickets for use of the main telescope / Adult - 200yen, Elementary and middle school students - 100yen * Planetarium tickets / Adult - 200yen, Elementary and middle school students - 100yen



Himedo area

A mysterious legend.
Himeishi Shrine
MAP P26F-2
A long time ago Emperor Keiko traveled to Kyushu when a powerful snow storm ravaged the area. To bring an end to the storm, a young princess threw herself into the sea as a sacrifice to the gods. The princess's soul was enshrined in a stone that is still worshipped to this day. That is the romantic history of this shrine.

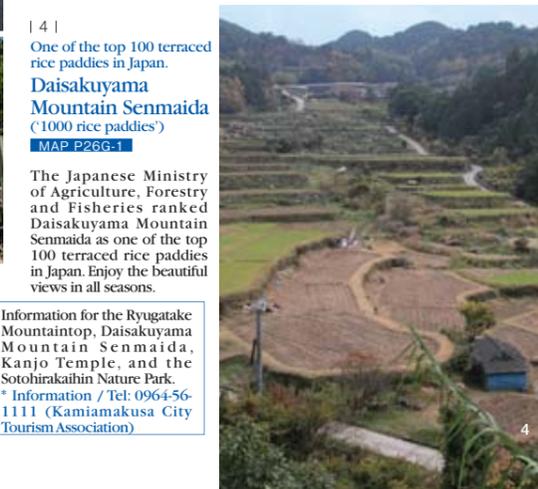
1 | **Beautiful cherry blossom arch**
Gongen Park
MAP P26G-2
Gongen Park is a place famous for its beautiful cherry blossoms. Himedo Park is another spot in the Himedo area that is famous for its cherry blossoms.
Address / Futamado, Himedo-machi, Kamiamakusa-shi
Information / Tel: 0964-56-1111 (Kamiamakusa City Tourism Association)



The fusion of nature and culture make this a place of powerful healing.

The Himedo area is a very spiritual place with mysterious legends and a unique megalith. The area also has many outdoor spots, including national parks and seaside resorts, and is famous for raising the rare Amakusa Daiou chicken.

3 | 1 | 2 | **Fantastic panoramic views**
Ryugatake Mountaintop **MAP P26G-2**
Ryugatake Mountaintop is 420 meters high and has been designated as a cultural treasure. The view of the starry night sky will satisfy your soul. The famous poet, Ujo Noguchi, visited Ryugatake Mountaintop and wrote of the beautiful view of the entire Aso area, Unzen Mountain and Kirishima Island in his poems.



6 | **Untouched natural beach**
Sotohirakaihin Nature Park
MAP P26G-2

Endangered species still roam this protected natural beach. At low tide, the nearby island is accessible by land.

5 | **Preaching from the pulpit**
Kanjo Temple **MAP P26G-2**

In 1604, the Fujita family constructed the Kanjo Temple for the Jodoshin Nishi Honganji Buddhist sect. Built 400 years ago, this temple was the first temple in Kyushu. There are many followers of Buddhism in Kamiamakusa. Sermons are rarely delivered from the pulpit (stage) at this temple.

Information for the Ryugatake Mountaintop, Daisakuyama Mountain Senmaida, Kanjo Temple, and the Sotohirakaihin Nature Park.
* Information / Tel: 0964-56-1111 (Kamiamakusa City Tourism Association)

6 | 5 | 4 | **Outdoor treasures**
Shiratake Forest Park **MAP P26E-2**
Many outdoor sports can be experienced at this magnificent nature park, including camping, hiking in the marsh, and mountain climbing. In April and May, the rhododendrons are in full bloom here, and views of the beautiful Yatsushiro Kai inland sea and Unzen Mountain can be seen from the observation point year round. Spring water flows through the marsh year round, and a variety of wildlife and flowering plants can be observed here in all four seasons. The smallest dragonfly (Nannophya pygmaea) in Japan lives in this marsh. There is also a beautiful waterfall that can be seen near the marsh.

3 | **Natural Monument**
Yadake Megalith **MAP P26E-2**
This 13 meter long, 6 meter wide and 2.5 meter thick megalith is supported by smaller ruins. If any cultural items are ever found buried under or around this megalith, it would be classified as the largest dolmen in the world. The megalith has a cup-shaped hole in it and many petro glyphs are carved into the stone. Ceremonies similar to those held in ancient Egypt are believed to have been held at the Yadake Megalith.

2 | **Natural Monument**
Akou Tree **MAP P26F-2**
The Akou tree is located on the grounds of the Eimoku Shrine, and is over 300 years old with a trunk that measures 15 meters around. It is the largest tree of its kind in Kumamoto-ken, and the third largest in all of Japan.

Himedo Area Information
* Information / Tel: 0964-56-1111 (Kamiamakusa City Tourism Association)

A point in history where people dreamed of freedom and peace.

In the Edo period, during the Hidetada Tokugawa Shogunate in the year 1614, Yukinaga Konishi, the Christian feudal lord of Amakusa was overthrown during the Battle of Sekigahara. After the Battle of Sekigahara split the country in two, Hirotaka Terasawa Daimyo became the feudal lord of Karatsu taking over the previously Christian lands. Under Hirotaka Terasawa's strict rule, the people were taxed to the extreme with very little food for themselves, and the easy life under Christian rule became just a fond memory. With Christianity prohibited by the Edo government, Father Mamakofu prophesized that in 25 years a 16 year old genius would bring Christianity back to Amakusa. Father Mamakofu was banished to Macau shortly thereafter.

In addition to the severe tax and the ban against Christianity, several extremely poor harvests made everyday life extremely difficult for the people of Amakusa. Then, in 1637, Father Mamakofu's prophecy came true when Shiro Amakusa appeared.

When a poor pregnant woman could not pay her taxes one winter in Kuchinotsu (Kuchinotsu-cho, Nagasaki), the shogunate decided to make an example out of her and threw her into a freezing river killing her.

The public was outraged and called for a war for independence. Shiro Amakusa led the people in a revolt against the shogunate, starting in Shimabara and fighting their way into Ohyano City. In the beginning, the uprising won the Ohshimago (Amakusa city) War and the Machiyamaguchigawa (Amakusa city) War. They hoisted the cross instead of a flag and dreamed of paradise, a free and peaceful country. With their momentum building, the uprising laid siege to Tomioka Castle (Reihoku-machi), but the castle proved impregnable and they gave up their attack. Three months later the uprising crossed the sea to lay siege to Hara Castle (Shimabara-city, Nagasaki), but by that time the shogunate's army had arrived and the uprising was overwhelmed by vastly superior numbers.

Shiro Amakusa Memorial Hall is a testament to that history and the dream of peace and freedom. The cause of the Amakusa/Shimabara war, southern barbarian culture, Shiro Amakusa's character, and other historic events are all exhibited in great detail in the Memorial Hall. You will feel like you are a part of history and Shiro Amakusa's dream as you experience all that the Memorial Hall has to offer.

Anecdote 1 Souiken Mori, Witch Doctor

He was one of Shiro Amakusa's staff during the uprising. Shousetsu Yui, a strategic analyst at the beginning of the Edo period, used Souiken Mori as his witch doctor. His use of magic was further described in Futaro Yamada's novel, "Makaitensho". Known by the locals (yanagi area in Ohyano-machi) a "Morisuke-san", a Shinto shrine was built in honor of Souiken Mori. Locals still pray to Souiken Mori to this day when they have a toothache, and many people claim to have had a miraculous recovery.

Anecdote 2 Shiro Amakusa is from Kamiamakusa City!

Though the story of Shiro Amakusa leading 37,000 people against the shogunate is thought to be a legend filled with mystery and romance, Shiro Amakusa was a real person. The son of Jinbei Masuda and Marta (baptized name), he was a Ronin for the house of Konishi. In a word, Kamiamakusa is the hometown of Shiro Amakusa, and his real name was Shirotokisada Masuda. The Memorial Hall clearly explains this story through sight and sound, and is a spot we highly recommend you to visit.

Shiro Amakusa



This flag is believed to have been used by Shiro Amakusa and the uprising during the Shimabara War, and has been designated important cultural property. (Amakusa Christian Kan)



This is a portrait of the 16 year old Shirotokisada Amakusa. It is said that he was very handsome in his time. (Shiro Amakusa Memorial Hall)

The Memorial Hall clearly explains the story of Shiro Amakusa through sight and sound, and is a spot we highly recommend you to visit.

* Address / 977-1 Naka, Ohyano-machi, Kamiamakusa-shi

* Information / Tel: 0964-56-5311

* For a detailed explanation, please refer to page 14.

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Connection between Kamiamakusa and Shiro Amakusa

Southern Barbarians Folding Screen / The image on this folding screen is of a trading port in Japan where the trade captain and all of his employees are rushing out to greet the missionaries. There are only a total of seventy folding screens in Japan that have vivid colors and beauty equal to this screen. This screen was painted by Naizen Kono and is the property of the Kobe Municipality. There is a replica of the Southern Barbarians folding screen in the Kamiamakusa Memorial Hall.

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The everyday charm of beautiful scenery.
 “The hard shell of city living melts away
 among the beautiful scenery.”

They fell in love with the people of Kamiyamakusa
 and decided to move here.
 “We made many wonderful friends here and are busy everyday having fun.”

Mr. and Mrs. Koda lived in an apartment in Saitama, just outside of Tokyo, before moving to Kamiyamakusa. Mr. Koda's hobby is fishing, and once he saw the magnificent sunset in Kamiyamakusa, he immediately thought “I want to live here” and discussed the idea with his wife. The next time both of the Koda's visited, Mrs. Koda immediately understood the charm of Kamiyamakusa and they decided to move here at once. At first, the rest of the family did not agree with the move, but they quickly changed their minds upon visiting Kamiyamakusa.

Their relatives felt not only the natural beauty, but also the relaxing daily life and comfortable living space. Their relatives now come to visit almost every year. “The large scale of nature in Kamiyamakusa melts away the hard shell of city living.” Mr. Koda enjoys, golfing, fishing and photography every day. Mrs. Koda enjoys going shopping with friends in Kamiyamakusa City and Kumamoto City. The Kodas delight in the active lifestyle they live every day.



The Kodas have lived here for 10 years. They can walk from their house to the shimmering sea in just 1 minute, and are surrounded by beautiful views every day.



The Kawamoto's garden is improving little by little, and their friends come by almost every day to help them and give them tips for improving it.

Mr. and Mrs. Kawamoto had lived in Tokyo before moving to Kamiyamakusa. Mrs. Kawamoto wanted to enjoy country living, so they decided to make the move. They searched a variety of places throughout Japan to settle down in, and after visiting many places they decided to move to Kamiyamakusa. They made their decision to settle down in Kamiyamakusa after meeting a high school student there who had a very pure heart. “The student kindly greeted us with an open heart when we met for the first time, and we thought to ourselves that there must be

many wonderful people where such a kind young person lives.” It has been 2 years since they moved to Kamiyamakusa. Unlike Tokyo, the shy, yet kind and friendly character of the people here creates an atmosphere that puts you at ease. The city sponsors various events, festivals, associations, etc. to enjoy that make living here and meeting people fun and easy. The Kawamotos have many wonderful friends here, and enjoy spending time with those friends and learning new cooking and gardening techniques from them.

■ Information about immigrating | Kamiyamakusa City Planning and Policy Division (Second Life Support Network)
 *Address / 1514 Kami, Ohyano-machi, Kamiyamakusa-shi, 869-3692
 *Tel: 0964-56-1111 / Fax: 0964-56-4972

There is a private support group that helps people who want to move to Kamiyamakusa.
 ■ Kamiyamakusa City Second Life Support Network

This group was founded by people who have immigrated to Kamiyamakusa and it's called “Outside Wind”. They research immigration promotion, help people with the immigration process, and help their fellow members. For more information, please contact the bureau listed on the left-hand page.

Guide



The 1 million rapeseed blossom field is in bloom from the end of December to the beginning of February (Matsushima-machi)

Event



Create emotional memories in Kamiamakusa.

There are a variety of events year round in Kamiamakusa. The events in this natural setting will move you in ways that cannot be experienced in urban cities.

History and culture guides are volunteer guides who love the local history.

Why don't you let the volunteer guides show you the culture and nature surrounding Kamiamakusa? Amakusa locals speak the local dialect and have had the local legends, history, and lifestyle and gastronomic culture handed down to them for generations. They will help you relax and enjoy this Christian island.

Volunteer Tour Guide

Kamiamakusa Tour Guide Club (Kamiamakusa Area)

Locals will guide you through the rich nature, history, and culture of Kamiamakusa City, Shiro Amakusa's hometown. There are a variety of tour courses, both by car and by foot, for all four of the old towns including the Shiro Amakusa course.

*Course / San Pearl -> 2nd bridge statue of Yasuhide Mori -> Fisheries Laboratory Center -> Memorial Hall, Shiro Park, Azumaya -> Henjojin Temple or Tenmangu Shrine -> San Pearl (3 hour tour length)

* Courses can be customized by request.



• Information / Fee
Kamiamakusa City Tour Guide Club
Address: 1514 Kami, Ohyano-machi, Kamiamakusa-shi
Tel: 0964-56-5602 (Shiro Amakusa Local Tourism and Products Association)
Fee / 1 hour 1,000yen (1 day max 5,000yen)
* Please make reservations at least 7 days in advance.

Kinsho Temple Volunteer Guide (Kyoragi Area)

Built by Shigenari Suzuki in 1624 under the orders of a Shogun general, the Kinshoji temple belongs to the Soto-shu Buddhist sect. In 1858, the Kinshoji temple was accepted as one of the 88 Buddhist temples of Shikoku and 88 statues of Buddha were enshrined within it. The Iwaiguchi Kanon waterfall is also nearby. Please enjoy walking in the woods and visiting the temple.

*Course / Kinshoji and the nearby Buddhist temples of Shikoku (1 hour tour length)



• Information / Fee
Kinsho Temple Volunteer Guide
Address: 2365 Kyoragi, Matsushima-machi, Kamiamakusa-shi
Tel: 0969-57-0024
Fee / Free (5 people or more)
* Please make reservations at least 7 days in advance.

NPO Corporation Amakusa Genki Studio (Hinoshima Area)

Kamiamakusa City's Hinoshima area has been an active shipping port for a long time. It seems like a small fishing village, but the guides will show you the large Joudoshin Buddhist sect temple (Kanjo Temple), the location where the village headmans house (House of Fujita) once stood, and the small alleys that crisscross the village. Local guides will give you a tour of the past and present of this "Buddhist Island".

*Course / Hinoshima Port -> Konpirasama (the Japanese Neptune) -> Ammonite fossil -> Water well -> theater grounds -> Kanjo Temple -> House of Fujita hexagonal stone wall -> Hinoshima Port (2 hour tour length)

*The Daisakuyama Mountain terraced rice paddy course is also available.



• Information / Fee
NPO Corporation Amakusa Genki Studio
Address: 4423 Oodou, Ryugatake-machi, Kamiamakusa-shi
Tel: 0969-63-0477
Fee / 1 hour 1,000yen (10 person maximum)
* Please make reservations at least 2 days in advance.

Amakusa Pearl Line Marathon



The catchphrase for this marathon is "The slow person is the star." This healthy marathon happens every spring. Runners from all over Japan join the locals for this race. The cool sea breezes and beautiful scenery in Kamiamakusa make this a refreshing marathon. Kamiamakusa is the birthplace of the healthy marathon.



Amakusa Gokyo Festival



This festival is held every September to commemorate the opening of the Amakusa Gokyo (five bridges). The people of Kamiamakusa celebrate for 2 days with the Dochu dance, Hakuryusen boat race, and the Taiyo fireworks. We especially recommend watching the Hakuryusen Chinese canoe race on the marine blue sea.



Shimookogawa Fudo Shrine Festival

The Fudo Shrine Festival is a traditional event dedicated to Sumo from adults to children, and there are even "baby Sumo". Babies are dressed in Fundoshi (a Sumo ceremonial belt) and placed in a Sumo ring, and everyone prays for them to grow up healthy. This festival happens every October.



Rapeseed Blossom Walk

Rapeseed blossoms are best viewed in February, and there is a 5km walking event from the "1 million rapeseed blossom fields" to Takabutayama Mountain. After your walk, enjoy some local food and participate in a raffle.



Kirara Festival (Sunrise Walk)

This is an annual walking event that starts at Oodou Harbor Ferry Wharf in the Ryugatake area. Enjoy the "7km one-way course through the woods that has fruit and tea stands along the way."

Kamiamakusa Event Calendar

January	February	March	April	July
* The first of the month - Tsuwadake Stick Dance (Himedomachi), Muta area traditional stick dance	* The beginning of the February - Rapeseed Blossom Walking (Matsushima-machi), there is a raffle for Kuruma Ebi prawns and a mochi throwing battle. * The middle of February - Daisakuyama Mountain Buddhist Kannon Festival (Ryugatake-machi), celebrating the god of smooth child birth, and Daisakuyama Mountain stick dance.	* The second Sunday of March - Amakusa Pearl Line Marathon (Ohyano-machi), the largest healthy marathon in the city.	* April 29th (Showa Day) - Kirara Festival Amakusa Sunrise Walk (Ryugatake-machi), leisure walk to the top of Ryugatake Mountain. * Old calendar March 21st - Kinsho Temple Saint Festival (Matsushima-machi), many visitors go to the temple to pray	* July to August - Sea fire fly and Tidal Wetlands observation (Matsushima-machi), enjoy the view of Amakusa. * The end of the July - Usokae (Ohyano-machi), the changing of the wood bullfinch statue at the Naboritate Shrine
August	September	October	November	
* August 14th - Ryugatake Summer Festival (Ryugatake-machi), Fireworks, etc. * August 15th - Kamuon HIMEDO Summer Festival (Himedomachi), Fireworks, etc. * Old calendar June 28th - Shimookogawa Fudo Shrine Festival (Ryugatake-machi), Baby's ceremonial parade around the Sumo ring. * August 29th - Amursumiyoshi Shrine Festival (Matsushima-machi), Night festival with food stands, followed by a performing arts festival on the following day.	* The end of September - Amakusa Gokyo Festival (Matsushima-machi), Dochu dance, Hakuryusen boat race, Kaiyo fireworks	* The middle of October - Himedo-machi Festival (Himedomachi), Autumn Festival where a portable shrine is paraded around town. * The middle of October - Takado Shrine Festival (Ryugatake-machi), Koyakawauchi Shishimai (Dance of the lion) and Shinko parade. * The second weekend of October - Kami Hachiman Shrine Festival (Ohyano-machi), Footman dance, Shishimai (Dance of the lion), abundant harvest dance, and a portable shrine paraded around town.	* First Sunday of November - Shiro Amakusa's Hometown Sea Breeze Walking Rally (Ohyano-machi), health walking, free market, game, etc.	

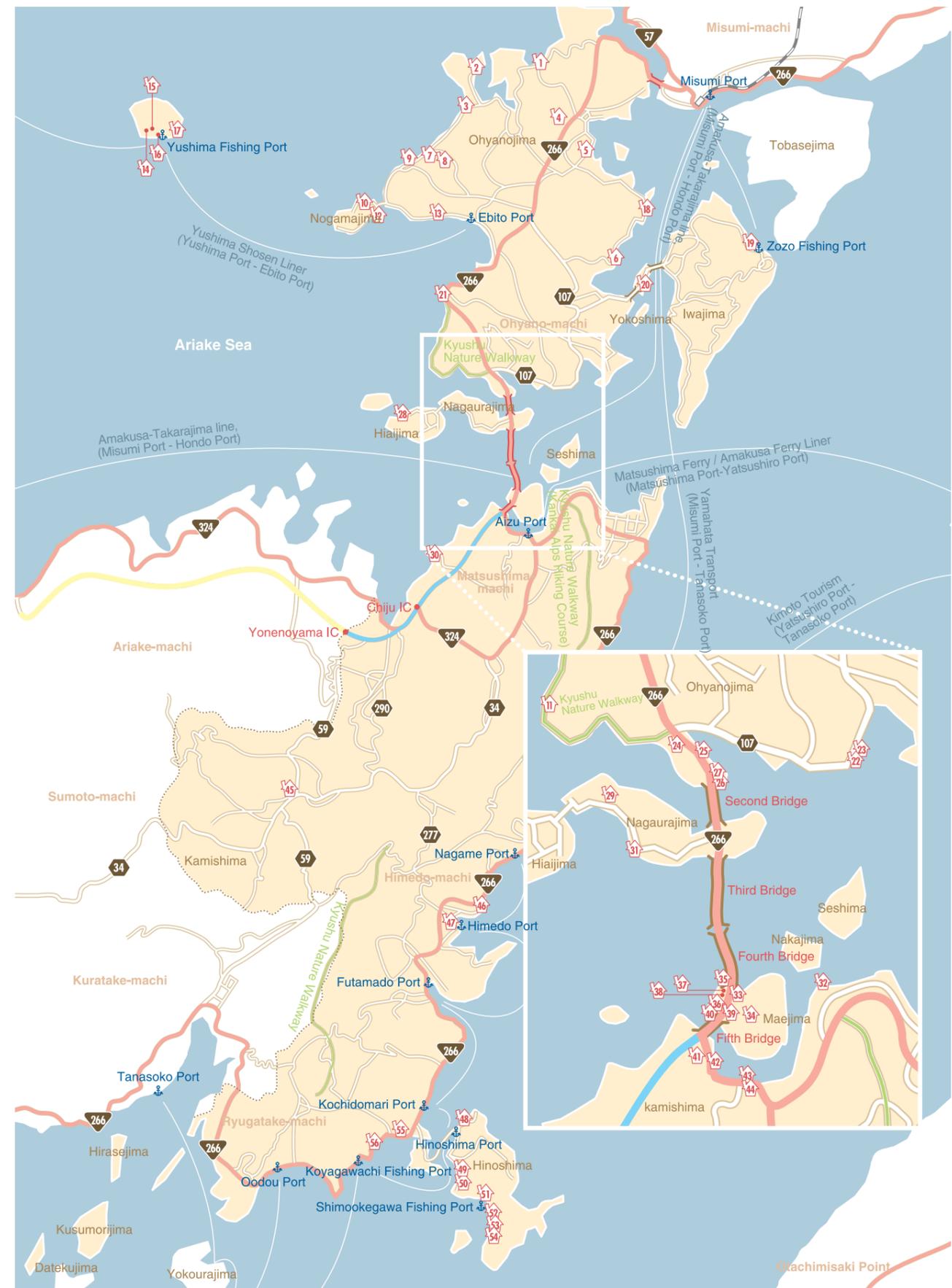
For more information on May, June and December event details please contact: * Information / Tel: 0964-56-1111 (Kamiamakusa City Tourism Association)

Kamiamakusa City Acomodations List

Ohayo Area (Area code 0964)	
1	Kifukuya Tel: 56-0728, 5,000yen~, 20 person max
2	Taikoubo Tel: 56-1496, 8,000yen~, 45 person max
3	New Hamaiso Tel: 56-1882, 8,000yen~, 70 person max
4	Minshuku Sansui Tel: 56-3100, 6,000yen~, 12 person max
5	Wakamatsuya Tel: 56-0022, 8,000yen~, 40 person max
6	Rich Marine Ichibankan Tel: 59-2515, 2,500 (No dinner & breakfast)~, 2,500yen, 20 person max
7	Hamayu Tel: 56-1047, 6,000yen~, 30 person max
8	Yurakutei ☎ Tel: 56-0536, 12,000yen~, 90 person max
9	Seiryusou Tel: 56-1004, 6,000yen~, 40 person max
10	Hamanoya Tel: 56-1969, 6,000yen~, 25 person max
11	Hotel Kujiratei Tel: 56-0926, 8,000yen~, 30 person max
12	Ryokan Setohei Tel: 56-5616, 10,000yen~, 70 person max
13	Hotel Shoryuenkaisei ☎ Tel: 56-0348, 12,000yen~, 160 person max
14	Hinodeso Tel: 56-4075, 8,000yen~, 80 person max
15	Ariakeso Tel: 56-4101, 8,000yen~, 30 person max
16	Tsukimiso Tel: 56-4001, 8,000yen~, 20 person max
17	Kiku Tel: 56-4375, 8,000yen~, 35 person max
18	Pension Ohayo Tel: 56-4620, 9,000yen~, 8 person max
19	Toraya Tel: 58-0030, 7,000yen~, 25 person max
20	Hotel Ainomisaki Tel: 59-0010, 11,000yen~, 65 person max
21	Amakusa Pension Tel: 56-1430, 6,000yen~, 29 person max
22	Yoshimi Ryokan Tel: 57-0631, 8,000yen~, 17 person max
23	Komatsuya Nagisakan ☎ Tel: 59-0111, 10,000yen~, 230 person max
24	Business Hotel Miyagawa Tel: 59-0670, 6,500yen~, 70 person max
25	Minshuku Kikuharu Tel: 59-0075, 8,000yen~, 23 person max
26	Kameya Hotel Hanatsubaki ☎ Tel: 59-0211, 10,000yen~, 320 person max
27	Minshuku Hamasakisengyo Hamankura Tel: 59-0777, 8,000yen~, 25 person max

*The fee listed is the minimum fee for one person for a one night stay with 2 meals. The price can change depending on day, season and plan, so please call each accommodation for the applicable rates for your stay.

Matsushima Area (Area code 0969)	
28	Minshuku Senboso Tel: 56-2402, 6,825yen~, 17 person max
29	Kisetsu minshuku Seikaiso (May - October) Tel: 56-0622, 6,825yen~, 12 person max
30	Minshuku Hikari Island Tel: 0964-56-5266, 8,000yen~, 24 person max
31	Ryokan Nakashimaso ☎ Tel: 56-0542, 9,500yen~, 80 person max
32	Amakusa Nagisatei ☎ Tel: 56-3388, 10,500~, 60 person max
33	Hotel Shosenkaku Romankan ☎ Tel: 56-3000, 10,650yen~, 80 person max
34	Marine Hills Uminooka ☎ Tel: 52-8720, 8,550yen~, 30 person max
35	Hotel Ryugu ☎ Tel: 56-3333, 12,750yen~, 200 person max
36	Uminomiyako ☎ Tel: 56-2273, 6,500yen~, 40 person max
37	Ryokan Amakusa Megumiso ☎ Tel: 28-3355, 6,000yen~, 40 person max
38	Yutakaso ☎ Tel: 56-0397, 6,500~, 15 person max
39	Fashion Hotel Pearl White ☎ Tel: 28-3338, 5,800yen (No dinner & Breakfast) ~
40	Ranputei ☎ Tel: 56-2923, 11,800yen~, 50 person max
41	Matsushima Kanko Hotel Misakitei ☎ Tel: 56-1188, 12,750yen~, 290 person max
42	Gokyoen ☎ Tel: 56-1417, 10,650yen~, 60 person max
43	Ryokan Tenmatsu ☎ Tel: 56-0119, 8,000yen~, 55 person max
44	Ryokan Suzuya Tel: 56-0107, 5,000yen~, 15 person max
45	Asahiya Ryokan Tel: 57-0007, 6,500yen~, 20 person max
Himedo Area (Area code 0969)	
46	Shio no kaoru yado Kouraya Tel: 58-3111, 7,000yen~, 40 person max
47	Tokiwaya Ryokan Tel: 58-2501, 8,000yen~, 25 perso max
Ryugatake Area (Area code 0969)	
48	Ikesu Ryokan Kotobuki Tel: 62-1105, 10,000yen~, 50 person max
49	Yoshiya Hotel Kiraratei Tel: 62-1108, 10,000yen~, 70 person max
50	Hinoshimaso Tel: 62-0568, 10,000yen~, 70 person max
51	Katsushio Ryokan Tel: 62-1258, 9,000yen~, 30 person max
52	Minshuku Shimasaki tel: 62-0114, 6,500yen~, 20person max
53	Minshuku Nakagawa Tel: 62-1212, 6,000yen~, 20 person max
54	Ryoushi no sato Tel: 62-1175, 10,000yen~, 46 person max
55	Minshuku Aoi Tel: 62-0180, 6,000yen~, 15 person max
56	Yoshidaya Tel: 62-0202, 6,000yen~, 20 person max



Main Transportation Information List

Regular Liner / Ferry / Timetable

4 Hondo Port - Tanasoko Port Liner

Information Tel: 0969-58-2021 (Amakusa tourism ocean liner)

Timetable								
No.1	Yoichigaura	Koyagawachi	Ikeura	Tanasoko	Yokoura	Arakuchi	Goshoura	Hondo
	07:00	→	07:05	07:15	→	→	07:30	08:15
No.2	Hondo	Goshoura	Arakuchi	Yokoura	Yoichigaura	Koyagawachi		
	08:30	09:10	09:25	→	09:35	09:45		
No.3	Koyagawachi	Yoichigaura	Yokoura	Arakuchi	Goshoura	Tanasoko	Ikerura	Hondo
	09:45	09:55	→	10:05	10:15	10:30	→	11:15
No.4	Hondo	Goshoura	Arakuchi	Yokoura	Yoichigaura	Koyagawachi	Ikerura	Tanasoko
	13:20	14:05	14:15	→	14:25	→	14:30	14:45
No.5	Tanasoko	Ikerura	Koyagawachi	Yoichigaura	Yokoura	Arakuchi	Goshoura	Hondo
	14:45	→	→	→	14:55	15:10	15:30	16:15
No.6	Hondo	Goshoura	Arakuchi	Yokoura	Tanasoko	Ikerura	Koyagawachi	Yoichigaura
	16:50	17:25	→	→	17:50	18:00	→	18:05

1 Yushima Port - Nishiarie Port Duration : 30min

Information Tel: 0964-56-4060 (Yushima Shosen Showa-maru)
Tel: 0964-56-4063 (Kikusei-maru) Only on Wednesday

No.1	Yushima Departure	Nishiarie Departure
	10:30	11:00

2 Oodou Port - Goshoura Port - Hondo Port Regular Liner

Information Tel: 0969-58-2019 (kimoto Tourism)

Bound for Hondo Port			Bound for Oodou Port		
Port of call	Arrival	Departure	Port of call	Arrival	Departure
Oodou		07:40	Hondo		14:00
Arakuchi	07:56	08:00	Nagaura	14:30	14:33
Makishima	08:07	08:11	Hongo	14:44	14:47
Hongo	08:16	08:20	Makishima	14:52	14:55
Nagaura	08:31	08:35	Arakuchi	15:02	15:05
Hondo	09:05		Oodou	15:15	

3 Misumi Port - Tanasoko Port Regular Liner

Information Tel: 0969-64-3306 (Yamahata Transport)
Tel: 090-3072-3562 (Super Eagle)

Bound for Misumi			Bound for Tanasoko		
No.1	No.2	Ferry No. Port of call	No.1	No.2	Ferry No. Port of call
Tanasoko	06:40	13:30	Misumi	10:05	16:05
Akasaki	↓	↓	Takado	11:02	17:02
Ikeura	↓	13:40	Hinoshima	11:07	17:07
Yoichigaura	06:53	13:45	Koyagawachi	11:15	17:15
Yokoura	07:00	13:50	Arakuchi	11:30	17:30
Goshoura	07:10	14:00	Goshoura	11:40	17:40
Arakuchi	07:20	14:10	Yokoura	11:50	17:50
Koyagawachi	↓	14:25	Yoichigaura	11:55	17:55
Hinoshima	07:40	14:35	Ikeura	12:00	↓
Takado	07:45	14:40	Akasaki	12:05	18:00
Misumi	08:45	15:40	Tanasoko	12:10	18:12

5 Yatsushiro - Tanasoko Regular Liner

Information Tel: 0969-58-2019 (Kimoto Tourism)

Bound for Yatsushiro			Bound for Tanasoko		
Ferry No. Port of call	No.1	No.2	Ferry No. Port of call	No.1	No.2
Tanasoko	06:52		Yatsushiro		14:20
Akasaki	06:58		Himedo		15:00
Yoichigaura	07:04	08:02	Takado		15:15
Yokoura	07:11	08:09	Hinoshima		15:20
Goshoura	07:22	08:18	Koyagawachi	07:45	15:30
Arakuchi	07:31	08:30	Arakuchi		15:45
Koyagawachi	07:45	08:45	Goshoura		15:54
Hinoshima		08:55	Yokoura		16:05
Takado		09:00	Yoichigaura	08:02	16:14
Himedo		09:15	Akasaki		16:20
Yatsushiro		09:58	Tanasoko		16:26

6 Oodou Port - Hongo Port Regular Liner Duration : 45min

Information Tel: 0969-67-3305 (Kyodo New Ferry Goshoura)

No.1	Oodou Departure	Goshoura Arrival
	13:05	12:00

7 Matsushima Port - Yatsushiro Port Duration : 50min

Information Tel: 0969-56-1700 (Amakusa Ferry Liner)
Tel: 0969-56-2478 (Matsushima Ferry)

No.1	Matsushima Departure	Yatsushiro Departure
	06:30	07:30
No.2	07:00	08:30
No.3	08:30	10:00
No.4	10:10	11:40
No.5	11:50	13:20
No.6	13:20	14:40
No.7	15:20	16:40
No.8	16:40	17:45
No.9	17:40	18:40

8 Yushima Port - Ebitou Port Regular Liner Duration : 30min

Information Tel: 0964-56-4060 (Yushima Shosen Showa-maru)
Tel: 0964-56-4063 (Kikusei-maru)

No.1	Yushima Departure	Ebitou Departure
	07:30	08:15
No.2	09:00	10:00
No.3	12:00	13:15
No.4	14:00	15:00
No.5	16:00	17:30

9 Hondo Port - Matsushima Port (Maejima) - Misumi Duration : 57min

Information Tel: 0969-56-2458 (Sea Cruise)

Bound for Misumi Port	Hondo Port Departure	Matsushima Departure	Misumi port Arrival
No.101	08:50	09:30	09:47
No.102	12:35	13:15	13:32
No.103	14:45	15:25	15:42
Bound for Hondo Port	Misui Port Departure	Matsushima Departure	Hondo Port Arrival
No.201	11:10	11:32	12:07
No.202	13:40	14:02	14:37
No.203	16:00	16:22	16:57

10 Zozo Port - Misumi Irregular Route

Information Tel: 0964-58-0036 (Reishu-maru)

Hondo Bus Terminal

- Information Tel: 0969-22-5234
- Sanko Bus Co., Ltd, Misumi Branch Office
Information Tel: 0964-52-3135
- JR Misumi Station Information Center
Information Tel: 0964-52-2711
- Amakusa Airline
Information Tel: 0969-34-1515

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- Ohyano Area**
Fujikawa Taxi Tel: 0964-56-0107
Kyowa Taxi Tel: 0964-56-0204
Yanagi Taxi Tel: 0964-57-0007

Matsushima Area

- Matsushima Taxi Tel: 0969-56-1160
- Amura Taxi Tel: 0969-56-0252

Himedo Area

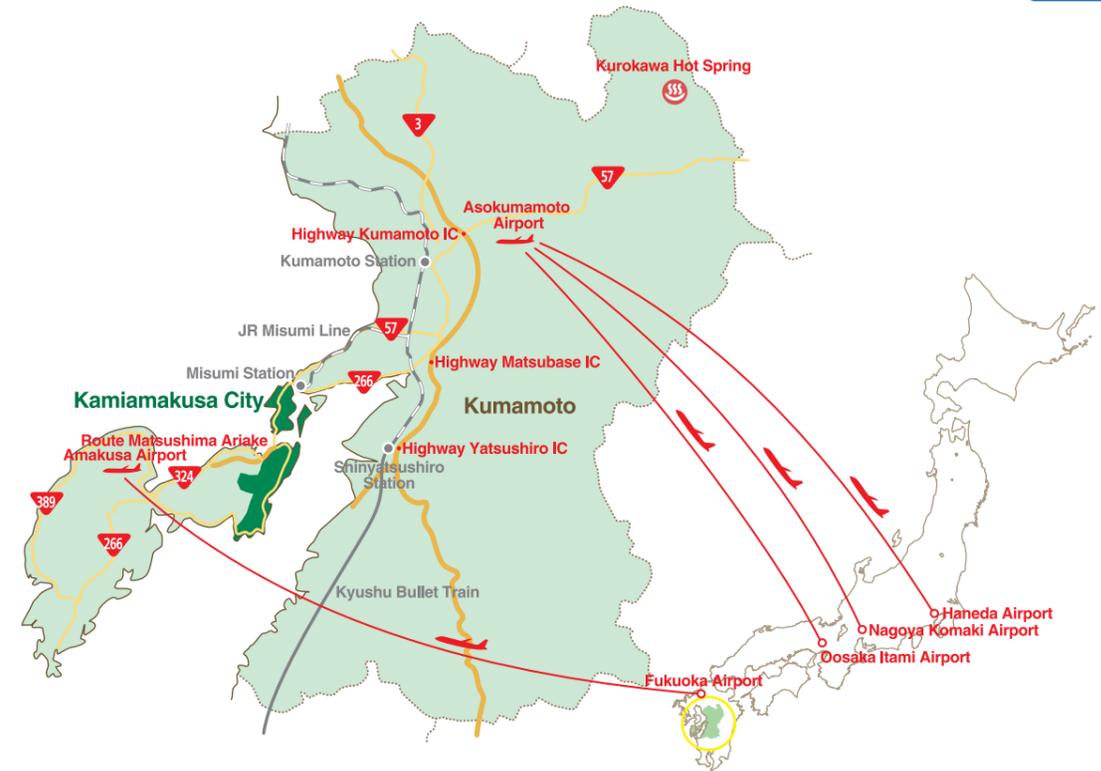
- Himedo Taxi Tel: 0969-58-3456

Ryugatake Area

- Ryugatake Taxi Tel: 0969-62-1100

Rental Car Information Pearl Rental Car Tel: 0964-56-2888





From the middle of Kumamoto City

- Car / Kumamoto City - Route 3 - Uto City - Route 57 - Kamiyamakusa City (Duration :About 1 hour)
- Bus / Kumamoto Transportation Center (Amakusa Rapid) - Kamiyamakusa City (Duration :About 1 hour 10 min)
- JR, Bus / Kumamoto Station - Misumi Station (Bus) - Kamiyamakusa City (Duration :About 1 hour 5 min)
- JR, Ferry / Kumamoto Station - Misumi Station, Misumi Port (Regular Liner) - Kamiyamakusa City (Maejima, Matsushima-machi) (Duration :About 1 hour 10 min)

From Aso (Kurokawa Hot Spring)

- Car / Kurokawa Hot Spring - Yamanami Highway - Route 57 - The middle of Kumamoto City (Duration : 1 hour 30 min)
- Bus / Kurokawa Hot Spring Bus Stop (Kuju, Aso) - The middle of Kumamoto City (Kumamoto Transportation Center) (Duration :About 2 hours 25 min)

*For more information for travelling from the middle of Kumamoto, please refer to the "From the Middle of Kumamoto" section above.

From the middle of Kagoshima

- Car / Kagoshima IC (Kyushu highway) - Matsubase IC - Route 266 or Route 57 - Kamiyamakusa City (Duration :About 2 hours 15 min)
- JR, Bus / Kagoshima Central Station (Bullet train) - Shinyatsushiro Station - Yatsushiro Station (Bus) - Yatsushiro Port (Ferry) - Kamiyamakusa City (Matsushima Port) (Duration :About 2 hours)

From the middle of Fukuoka

- Car / Fukuoka IC (Kyushu Highway) - Matsubase IC - Route 266 or Route 57 - Kamiyamakusa City (Duration :About 2 hours 30 min)
- Bus / Hakata Station Transportation Center (Hinokuni Rapid) - Kumamoto Transportation Center (Amakusa Rapid) - Kamiyamakusa City (Duration :About 3 hours 10 min)
- JR, Bus / Hakata Station (Express) - Kumamoto Station - Misumi Station (Bus) - Kamiyamakusa City (Duration :About 2 hours 30 min)
- JR, Ferry / Hakata Station (Express) - Kumamoto Station - Misumi Station, Misumi Port (Regular Liner) - Kamiyamakusa City (Maejima, Matsushima-machi) (Duration :About 2 hours 35 min)
- Airplane / Fukuoka Airport - Amakusa Airport (Car) - Route 324 - Kamiyamakusa City (Duration :About 1 hour 35 min)

Airplane Access

- Aso Kumamoto Airport (Bus / Amakusa Rapid) - Kamiyamakusa City (Duration : About 2 hours)
- Haneda Airport - Aso Kumamoto Airport (Duration :About 1 hour 40 min)
- Central Japan International Airport - Aso Kumamoto Airport (Duration :About 1 hour 25 min)
- Komaki Airport - Aso Kumamoto Airport (Duration :About 1 hour 25 min)
- Itami Airport - Aso Kumamoto Airport (Duration :About 1 hour 5 min)
- Aso Kumamoto Airport - Amakusa Airport (Duration :About 35 min)

*Wait time and transfer time is not included in the travel times indicated above.

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