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*Shodoshima Island Tour*



Going back to nature on Shodoshima

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*Ritsurin Garden & TAKUMIKUMO VILLAGE*



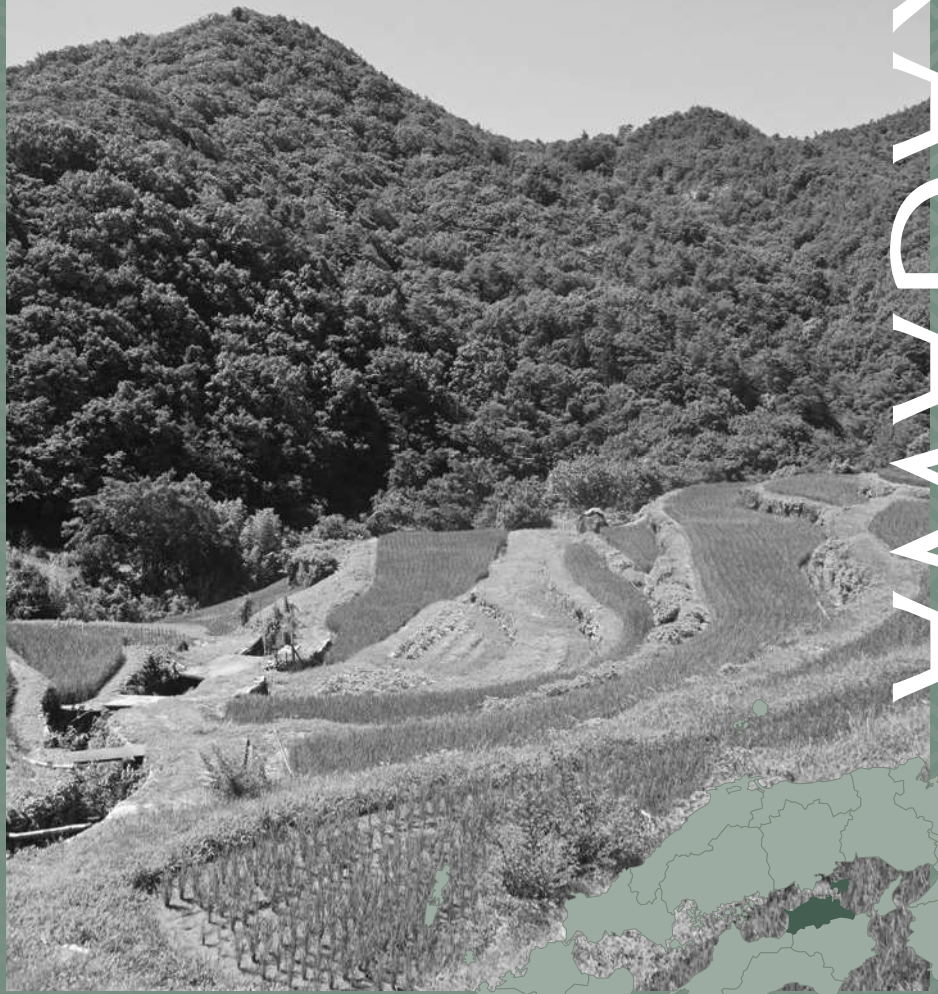
Ritsurin Garden, bonsai and the artisanal culture of Kagawa

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*Tokuto, Teshima Island*



Paradise restored : A window into an island community that fought the power and won



*Art, tradition, and revitalization: Kagawa's timeless cultural legacy*

Kagawa's artisanal culture, rooted in feudal times, thrives in Ritsurin Garden and Takamatsu's bonsai farms. A 1960s politician deepened the region's ties to contemporary art by inviting artists like Isamu Noguchi and George Nakashima. The Setouchi Art Triennale furthers rural revitalization, with locals and newcomers preserving the culture and natural beauty of Kagawa's scenic islands.



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## *Take tea in one of Japan's most impressive gardens and walk among the bonsai fields of Kagawa.*

Once a private retreat for feudal lords spanning 11 generations, Ritsurin Garden is one of the Setouchi region's hidden gems. Skilled gardeners meticulously shape hundreds of pine trees, while seasonal flowers create a year-round tapestry of color. From the tranquil lakeside teahouse, you can gaze upon landscapes framed like living paintings, just as the lords of old once did. Insights from a knowledgeable guide bring the garden's history and artistry to life, setting the stage for your journey to the bonsai fields of Kinashi.

Kinashi has long been a center of bonsai cultivation, where rows of miniature pine trees fill the fields. At TAKUMIKUMO, a 5th-generation bonsai farmer and his wife share how they care for these living artworks, and can arrange craft art workshops taught by experts.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Expert guiding of an expansive garden
- Macha tea experience in an unsurpassed location
- Gain insights into the meticulous care taken of Ritsurin Gardens pine trees
- Viewing the bonsai fields of Kinashi

### **LANGUAGES**

Ritsurin Garden: English, Japanese  
TAKUMIKUMO: Japanese, Basic English, AI Voice Translator

### **SURROUNDING AREA**

Takamatsu is one of the main transportation hubs from which to access many of the islands that are associated with the Setouchi Triennale Art Festival. Clients with a strong interest in art will also enjoy visits to the nearby Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum and George Nakashima Memorial Gallery.

### **TRANSPORT**

- » Ritsurin Garden is approx 10 minutes by car from Takamatsu Station
- » TAKUMIKUMO is approx 15 minutes by car from Ritsurin Garden