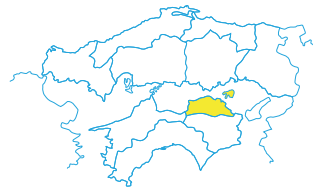


KAGAWA



Ritsurin Garden (Special Scenic Spot)



Stretching out over a vast area, Ritsurin Garden features six garden ponds and 13 miniature hills for beautiful scenery that interweaves the natural aspects of the four seasons. The garden is open from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm with slight variation depending on the season.

■ Admission: Adults 410 yen, Children 170 yen ■ Access: 3 minutes on foot from JR Ritsurinkoen-Kitaguchi Sta. ■ Location: 1-20-16 Ritsurin-cho, Takamatsu, Kagawa
 ■ Contact: +81-87-833-7411 Website: <http://ritsuringarden.jp/en.Top/en.top.html>



Shodo Island



Olive Park



This interactive park introduces visitors to olives, including their history and culinary uses. Shodo Island's olive oil (seasonal) and olive cosmetics are popular souvenirs.

■ Access: 30 minutes by bus from Tonosho Port to "Olive Koen-guchi" bus stop, and then 5 minutes on foot ■ Location: 1941-1 Nishimura, Shodoshima-cho, Shozu, Kagawa
 ■ Contact: Roadside Station. Shodoshima Olive Park, +81-879-82-2200
 Website: <http://www.olive-pk.jp/>

Angel Road



This sand pathway emerges from the midst of the sea only at low tide. Walking along the Angel Road hand-in-hand with someone important is said to make wishes come true.

■ Access: 10 minutes by bus from Tonosho Port to "Kokusai Hotel" bus stop
 ■ Location: Ginpaura, Tonosho-cho, Shozu, Kagawa
 ■ Contact: Shodoshima Tourism Association, +81-879-82-1775
 Website: <http://shodoshima.or.jp/ml/>

Cycling



The trip around Shodo Island covers about 100 km. Cyclists will enjoy crossing the world's narrowest strait, certified in the Guinness Book of World Records, and side trips to such fun attractions as the Soy Sauce Historical Museum and Eigamura (Movie Studio).

■ Access: Accessible by bike from Tonosho Port ■ Contact: Shodoshima Tourism Association, +81-879-82-1775 Website: <http://shodoshima.or.jp/ml/>

Kotohira-gu Shrine



Popular for its dedication to a seafaring god, Kotohira-gu Shrine is famous for its stone approach featuring 785 steps. To the left and right of the approach, visitors will find numerous souvenir shops and noodle stands. *Opening hours vary according to season.
 ■ Access: 20 minutes on foot from JR Kotohira Sta. (to stone entrance steps)
 ■ Location: 892-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado, Kagawa ■ Contact: Kotohira-gu Office, +81-877-75-2121 Website: <http://www.konpira.or.jp>

Omote-Shoin, Kotohira-gu Shrine



Omote-Shoin, formerly a reception room, houses five wall paintings by the master painter Oukyo Maruyama. The impressive "Tigers" is a must-see painting.
 ■ Admission: General 800 yen, Students 400 yen (senior high and university)
 ■ Access: 20 minutes on foot from JR Kotohira Sta. (to stone entrance steps)
 ■ Location: 892-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado, Kagawa ■ Contact: Kotohira-gu Office, +81-877-75-2121 Website: <http://www.konpira.or.jp>

Konpira Onsen



After a day of heading up and down the stone steps to worship at Kotohira-gu Shrine, visitors are welcome to heal their tired bodies at this superb spa. With several venerable hot spring inns nearby, Konpira Onsen offers several elaborate baths for visitors to enjoy, including a rotenburo (outdoor bath) and a bath with rose petals floating in the water. *Day spas available from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (opening dates, hours, and admission fees vary by facility).
 ■ Access: Accessible on foot from JR Kotohira Sta.
 ■ Location: Kotohira-cho, Nakatado, Kagawa ■ Contact: Kotohira Tourism Association Website: <http://www.kotohirakankou.jp>

Noodle-Making at Nakano Udon School



Each noodle-making session lasts between 50 and 80 minutes, from kneading with a rolling pin to boiling and eating. Nothing beats the authentic taste of homemade Sanuki-style udon noodles made with your own hands! Reservation required.
 ■ Admission: 1,500 yen per person for groups of 2 to 14; 1,300 yen per person for groups of 15 or more ■ Access: 20 minutes on foot from Kotoden Enza Sta. (to Takamatsu-ko office), 10 minutes on foot from JR Kotohira Sta. (to Kotohira-ko office)
 ■ Location: 8 Nariai-cho, Takamatsu, Kagawa (Takamatsu-ko office) / 796 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado, Kagawa (Kotohira-ko office) ■ Contact: +81-87-885-3200 (Takamatsu-ko office) / +81-877-75-0001 (Kotohira-ko office) Website: <http://www.nakanoya.net>

Setouchi Sunset Cruise



This yacht cruise is an ideal way for sightseers to enjoy the sea's evening calm. Passengers will enjoy the beautiful silhouette of islands emerging from the sea with an orange-sky backdrop.
 ■ Fare: 4,000 yen per person (excl. tax) + 680 yen insurance fee ■ Access: 5 minutes on foot from JR Takamatsu Sta. (Takamatsu Marina) ■ Location: 68-17 Hamano-cho, Takamatsu, Kagawa ■ Contact: Foucault Co., Ltd., +81-87-802-2284 Website: <http://www.foucault.co.jp/en/>

Yashima Island



From the scenic spot at Yashima's summit, visitors can look out over Takamatsu City and the numerous beautiful islands dotting the Seto Inland Sea. Yashima is home to Yashimaji Temple, No. 84 on the Shikoku 88 temple pilgrimage, as well as one of the world's only mountaintop aquariums.
 ■ Access: 20 minutes by shuttle bus from JR Yashima Sta. to "Yashima Sanjo" bus stop ■ Location: Yashima Higashi-machi, Takamatsu, Kagawa
 ■ Contact: Yashima Sanjo Tourism Association, +81-87-841-9443 Website: <http://www.yashima-navi.jp>

Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum Japan



Originally a studio belonging to the artist Isamu Noguchi, The Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum Japan later became an extension of the Noguchi Museum of Art. Visitors to the Garden Museum will find some 150 artworks, including unfinished works, as well as the artist's residence and an exhibition storehouse. The museum is open only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Reservation required.
 ■ Admission: General/University students 2,160 yen, High school students 1,080 yen ■ Access: 30 minutes by bus from JR Takamatsu Sta. to "Inoriwa Yoichi Koen-mae" bus stop, and then 7 minutes on foot ■ Location: 3519 Mure-cho Mure, Takamatsu, Kagawa
 ■ Contact: +81-87-870-1500 Website: <http://www.isamunoguchi.or.jp>

Benesse House Museum



Featuring an integrated art museum and hotel, the Benesse House Museum was designed to fuse together nature, art, and architecture. Artwork can be found not only in the hotel but also along the coastline and in the island's forest.
 ■ Admission: 1,030 yen *Free admission for children of 15 and under and overnight guests at Benesse House. ■ Access: 15 minutes by bus from Miyanoura Port to "Tsutsuji-so" bus stop, then 5 minutes by free shuttle bus
 ■ Location: Gotanji, Naoshima-cho, Kagawa
 ■ Contact: +81-87-892-3223 Website: <http://benesse-artsite.jp/en/art/benessehouse-museum.html>

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