



Kotohira-cho Sightseeing Association

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<http://www.kotohirakankou.jp>



Shikoku Kagawa Kotohira area book

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Konpira walk

Old town with the taste of an old shrine

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Udon Prefecture Kotohira

 Konpira Hot Spring Area
こんぴら温泉郷

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Let's walk! Konpira

Kotohira-gu Shrine popularly known as "Konpira-san in Sanuki."

Local souvenir shops and eating places with a taste of the shrine line the approach to the shrine that is always bustling with worshippers and visitors.

There remain many historic sites and cultural properties around the shrine, so you can fully enjoy historical walks.

Why not enjoy a relaxing "Konpira walk"?

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SO many hot springs for feeling relaxed and beautiful!

Pilgrimage to Konpira starts from here



If you climb all of these steps,



you will find something different...



O-mon Gate

Entrance to the grounds of Kotohira-gu Shrine.

"Koro" and "Kiyozuka" in front of the gate are also visit spots.

Exciting Konpira pilgrimage with 1368 stone steps on approach

1368 steps to Izutama Shrine. Countless hopes of many are marked here.



Egao Genki-kun red seal book
With character of Kotohira-gu



Ema-do Gallery
Ema (votive picture tablets) on which a sailor's ship is drawn, and a floating barrel that picks up sailors lost at sea and safely returns them home are placed at the shrine by local folk to ensure safe passage and return.



Egao Genki-kun Talisman

Talisman of Konpira-san
This talisman and mini Konpira dog set is popular.



Happy yellow talisman is very popular.

Gohongu (main shrine)

The original shrine was established in the year 646. The shrine building was reconstructed in 1878. Omono-nushi no kami and Emperor Sutoku who are the deity and protector of ships and the safe passage of sailors on the sea, agriculture, industry and medicine are enshrined here.



Walking Stick

It can be borrowed from hotels and local souvenir shops.



Palanquin

Ride a palanquin as seen in historical dramas on long stone steps to the 365th step where O-mon Gate stands.



Gonin Byakusho

Large umbrellas are their landmarks. Five historical and well-known stands sell assorted candy within the grounds of the shrine. These are the only stands permitted to sell goods within the grounds.

Gonin Byakusho

O-mon Gate 365 steps

Omotesando (front approach)



View from the main shrine

On clear days, enjoy an excellent view of the Seto Ohashi Bridge and Sanuki Fuji on the observation deck on the northeast side of the main shrine on fine days.



Mihotsuhime-sha Shrine

Empress of Omono-nushi no kami who is the principle deity of Kotohira-gu Shrine is enshrined here.

Approx. 1,368 steps

923 steps

Shiromine Shrine

Mihotsuhime-sha Shrine

Ema-do Gallery

785 steps

Gohongu (main shrine)

628 steps

Asahi-sha Shrine

Shiseido parlor café & restaurant "Kamitsubaki"

500 steps

Shoin (study)

Konpira dog



Homotsu-kan (treasure hall)

Konpira Dog

Legend has it that some dogs made the pilgrimage to Kotohira Daigongen in place of their owners in the Edo period. Tradition says that the owners hung a small pouch on their dogs that included a wooden tag, shrine offerings and eating expenses while making their journey being cared for by people who met them on their way.



Izutama Shrine

Izutama Shrine

The founder of the Konpira religious sect is enshrined here. Take in the birds-eye view of Kotohira town from the high ground. The tengu face on a rock is something you won't want to miss.



Shiromine Shrine

Emperor Sutoku and Taikenmonin are enshrined here. The surrounding foliage in the autumn is a well-known attraction called Momijidani or autumn leaves valley.



Asahi-sha Shrine Art in the Edo period such as an attic of cirrus clouds, sculptures of people, birds, animals and flowers engraved between columns and on the doors await your discovery.

You will encounter interesting objects on your way up to the shrine.



Votive Propeller

This is a propeller for a ship which was offered by a shipbuilding company.



Copper Horse

This is said to have been made from a collection of old coins of Japan called Ichimon-sen.



African Elephant

Votive object. This is located near the stable for Shinme the sacred horse.



Shiseido parlor café & restaurant "Kamitsubaki"

Stylish café & restaurant surrounded by greenery. Stop for a break at this parlor on the way up to the shrine.



☎0877-73-0202
892-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
Café on the first floor 9:00 to 17:00 (Open all year round)
Restaurant on first basement floor (Day) 11:30 to 14:30 (Open all year round) (Night) 17:00 to 21:00 (Closed on Mondays, reservation only)

Egao Mirai Bridge

Cross over a valley as if floating above a forest ceiling.



Touching artwork and cultural properties in Kotohira



Takahashi Yuichi Museum

27 oil paintings by Yuichi Takahashi, the founder of modern oil painting in Japan, are exhibited here. An "Image of Hirotsune Kotooka" as a model of the chief priest of Kotohira-gu Shrine during the middle of Meiji period is also exhibited as one of the preserved pieces of this collection of artwork.



☎0877-75-2121
Open / 8:30 to 17:00
Close / Open all year round
Admission fee / Adults 800 yen
High school and university students 400 yen
Junior high school students or younger Free



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Nationally-designated important cultural property Omote-shoin

This was built around 1658 to 1660, and was originally used for ceremonies or as a guest hall to welcome shrine visitors. The building itself, and screen painting and sliding screen landscape painting by Okyo Maruyama are designated as important cultural properties. Among them, "Muzunomi no tora (water drinking tigers)" of "Yukozu (painting of playing tigers)" in the Tiger room is a representative work of Okyo.



Kotohira-cho mascot character "Konpi-kun"

Small god of fortune born in Former Konpira Oshibai. He actively promotes Konpira Kabuki!

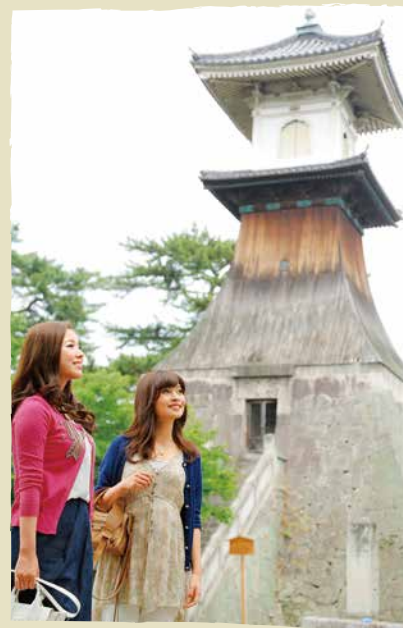


Nationally-designated important cultural property

Former Konpira Oshibai [Kanamaruza Theater]

The oldest playhouse in Japan. The former appearance has been revived through relocation, restoration and major renovation work. The Kabuki performances held each spring are popular.

1241 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001
☎0877-73-3846
Open / 9:00 to 17:00
Close / Open all year round
Admission fee / Adult 500 yen
Junior high and high school students 300 yen
Children 200 yen



Takadoro

Built over a period of about six years, this light tower was used as a guiding light for ships sailing in the Seto Inland Sea in the Edo period. This is the highest wooden lantern in Japan at about 27m.



Saya-bashi Bridge

This is named after a sword scabbard shape. It is a roofed floating bridge without a bridge pier, and now only used during festival ceremonies.



Konpira ship sailing serenely with the wind...

Find your favorite souvenirs and places!

Selecting souvenirs is fun



This is also described on page 14 of Kotohira MAP.



Soft ice cream vs ice cream

When walking on the approach to the shrine, you'll find delicious and unique tastes everywhere! Why not try for them while walking?

Yomeiri Oiri Soft Ice Cream

Topped with traditional Oiri snack of Kagawa



Kamatama Soft Ice Cream

Ginger flavor soft ice cream topped with scallions and soy sauce



Rare sugar Soft Ice Cream

This rare sugar soft ice cream has gained a following for its health benefits



Honey Soft Ice Cream

Rich honey flavor



Tofu Ice Cream

Moderately sweet and healthy



Wasanbon (refined sugar made from sugarcane in Japan) Soft Ice Cream

Soft ice cream of Wasanbon made by traditional method



map E3 Nakano Udon School ①

Experience class where you can make Sanuki udon by yourself and then enjoy eating it.

☎0877-75-0001
796 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
9:00 to 15:00
Open all year round.
* Reservations required.



map E3 Kyuman Honpo Ishidanya ③

You can taste sweets such as Kyuman, a Konpira specialty and tea.

☎0877-75-3220
798 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
7:15 to 18:00
Open all year round.



map D3 Kinryo-no-sato ⑤

Sake museum where sake brewer disclosed a brewery at the time of foundation

☎0877-73-4133
623 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
Weekday / 9:00 to 16:00
Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays / 9:00 to 18:00



map D5 Sushi-Ichi ⑦

Sushi bar serving Spanish mackerel mullet roe and live horse mackerel bar sushi, Japanese set meals are popular.

☎0877-75-2501
655-3 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
10:30 to 23:30
Second and fourth Thursdays closed



map E3 Shoyumame Honpo (Beans Factory) ②

Famous shoyu bean shop. Eat and buy shoyu beans as a meal or as a souvenir.

☎0877-75-3788
811 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
10:00 to 17:00
Open all year round.



map D3 Udon Dojo ④

20 minute Udon making experience. Bring udon back home with you.

☎0877-75-2657
725 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
9:00 to 17:00
(Udon experience: 10:30 to 15:30 (last))
Closed on Wednesdays
* Reservations required.



map D5 Wasanbon School (Traditional Candy Shop) ⑥

Let's try making beautiful Wasanbon. Bring home finished dried sweets as souvenirs.

☎0877-75-3264
696 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
9:00 to 17:00
Irregular holidays
* Reservations required.



map D6 Koubaitei Kappo Dining Maruchu Lunch Buffet ⑧

About 60 types of Japanese and Western dishes are served. A monthly change fair is also held.

☎0877-75-1111
977-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
11:30 to 14:00
Open all year round.
* May not be available due to reserved guests.

Udon



Meat Bukkake Udon

Sweet and salty meat goes well with soy-sauce based soup.



Udon in Broth

Local standard udon in small sardine flavored soup



UDON



Recommended Udon
Tempura Udon

map E3
Toraya
☎0877-75-3131
814 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
9:00 to 17:00 Open all year round.



Recommended Udon
Kamatama Udon

map F3
Tsurudaya
☎0877-73-3848
951 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
8:00 to 17:00 Open all year round.



Recommended Udon
Shoyu Chicken Tempura Udon

map E3
Konpira Udon
☎0877-73-5785
810-3 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
8:00 to 17:00 Open all year round.



Recommended Udon
Thinly Sliced Udon

map B3
Ogawa Udon
☎0877-75-1660
154 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
9:00 to 17:00 Closed on Wednesdays



Recommended Udon
Udon in Broth

map C3
Udonya Inoue
☎0877-75-3907
177-2 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
10:00 to 14:00
Closed on Mondays



Recommended Udon
Onsen Egg Bukkake Udon

map D3
Tentekomai
☎0877-75-0001
717 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
9:30 to 17:00
Open all year round.



Recommended Udon
Konpira Udon

map D4
Tanukiya
☎0877-73-2409
700-8 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
9:00 to 17:00 Irregular holidays



Recommended Udon
Meat Udon

map A3
Kyuman Udon
☎0877-73-3751
388 Osa-cho, Zentsuji City, Kagawa
9:30 to 19:00
Open all year round.



Kamatama Udon

Plain hot udon mixed with a raw egg and shoyu.

Kotohira souvenir



Funefune Senbei

Sail-shaped senbei (rice cracker). Lyrics are marked.



Kinokuniya Main Store

☎0877-75-2474
983 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa



Tomoeda Shop

☎0877-75-2530
940-2 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa



Honke Funefunedo

☎0877-73-2020
952 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa



Konpira Manju

Baked manju filled with Naru-tokitoki sweet potato paste.

Mameya Omotesando-guchi Shop
☎0877-73-5566
722-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
10:00 to 16:00
Open on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays
Special opening during New Year, Konpira Kabuki, Bon (summer holidays)



Garlic samurai, garlic musume

Series using garlic grown in Kotohira



Sanuki Udon Yugen

Ultimate udon sold in hotels in Kotohira

Udon Dojo
☎0877-75-2657
725 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
9:00 to 17:00
Closed on Wednesdays



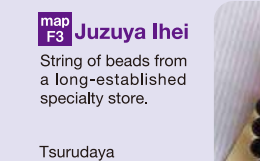
Dried Sanuki Udon

Sanuki Udon is made as simple dried noodles.



Oiri

Auspicious rice cake sweets also used as a marriage package



Juzuya Ihei

String of beads from a long-established specialty store.

Tsurudaya
☎0877-73-3848
951 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa



Kinryo-no-sake

Famous brand sake "Konpira sake in Sanuki"
Kinryo-no-sato
☎0877-73-4133
623 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa



Shoyu-mame

Roasted broad beans dipped with a shoyu flavored sweet and salty sauce



Marugame Uchiwa (round fan)

Uchiwa with special marukin-jirushi (marukin-jirushi) is a well-known souvenir when visiting Kotohira-gu Shrine.

Listed articles can be purchased in each shop, or hotels/inns and souvenir shops in Kotohira.

Konpira feeling floating in a hot spring inn that flourished in front of the shrine



Kotohira Onsen Kotosankaku
 Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-1000
 685-11 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001
<http://www.kotosankaku.jp>



Open bath with superb view at this inn that has enjoyed continuous service since 1725



Konpira Hot Spring source Yachiyo
 Konpira Hot Spring source ☎0877-75-3261
 611 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001
<http://www.yachiyo.cc/>

An inn founded 400 years ago offers fragrant gardens of four seasons loved by writers and artists.



Kotohira Kadan
 Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-3232
 1241-5 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001
<http://www.kotohira-kadan.jp/>

Inn with beautiful view nearest from Kanamaruza Theater on the 22nd step of the approach



Sakuranoshou Kotohira Grand Hotel
 Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-3218
 977-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001
<http://www.sakuranoshou.jp/>

Relaxing inn entertaining with heartwarming service and delicious food.



Tsuruya Ryokan
 Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-3154
 620 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001
<http://www2.ocn.ne.jp/~turuya-r>

Inn nearest from Konpira-san convenient for visiting the shrine



Toramaru Ryokan
 Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-2161
 1017 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001

Heartfelt hotel that has been in service since the Meiji period below stone steps on Omotesando.



Hotel New Wataya
 Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-4111
 796 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001
<http://www.new-wataya.co.jp>

High quality inn to enjoy 2 types of hot spring qualities and 15 types of baths



Yumoto Konpira Onsen Hananoyu Koubaitei
 Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu Yumoto Konpira Onsen Hananoyu
 ☎0877-75-1111
 556-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001
<http://www.koubaitei.jp/>



Kotohira River Side Hotel
 Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-1880
 246-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0002
<http://www.hananoyu.co.jp/river/>

Takaraya
 Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-5195
 555 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001
<http://www.takaraya.burari.biz>

Fuji Ryokan
 Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-2245
 613 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001

Hotel Kotone
 Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-6633
 685-21 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0002
<http://www.yachiyo.cc/kotone>

Kotobuki Ryokan
 ☎0877-73-3872
 245-5 Shinmachi Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0002

Hashimotoya Ryokan
 ☎0877-75-2031
 618 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001

Isshinkan
 ☎0877-75-2526
 291 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0002

Three hot spring sources in the Konpira hot spring area

Yumoto Konpira Onsen Hananoyu
 ■ Hot spring quality / Sodium, calcium, chloride spring
 ■ Efficacy / Neuralgic pains, muscle pains, joint pains, stiff shoulders, sports paralysis, stiff joints, and more.

Konpira Hot Spring source
 ■ Hot spring quality / Salty bicarbonate-earth spring
 ■ Efficacy / Rheumatic diseases, gout, chronic digestive system diseases, allergic diseases, and more.

Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu
 ■ Hot spring quality / Simple radioactive cold mineral spring
 ■ Efficacy / Neuralgic pains, muscle pains, joint pains, sports paralysis, and more.



I love hot springs



Going a little further

1 Sohonzan Zentsuji Temple



Birthplace of Kobodaishi. One of eighty-eight pilgrimage sites on the island of Shikoku

2 Sanuki Mannou National Park



Various experiences, sports and camping for your enjoyment can be enjoyed.

3 Nakazu Banshoen



Japanese garden. Combination picture gallery and pottery work museum.

4 Marugame Castle



This castle showcases the most impressive stonewall fortification in Japan built some 400 years ago.

5 Marugame Genichiro-Inokuma Museum of Contemporary Art



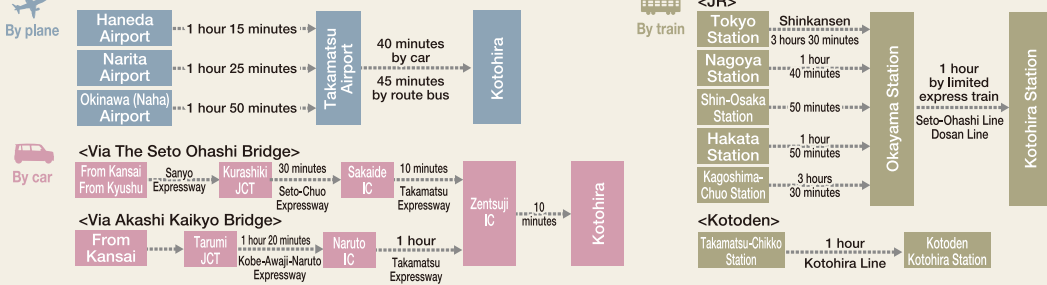
Inokuma was born in Marugame. A children's molding class is available.

6 Kotohiki Park



This park is famous for its giant old Japanese coin shaped sand picture.

Access



Kotohira MAP



map E3 Maritime Museum

Edo period dock has been recreated and real size Konpira ship exhibited.

☎0877-73-3748

953 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa
Admission fee / Adults 800 yen

Junior high and high school students 350 yen,
Five years or older and elementary school children 250 yen
Open / 9:00 to 17:00 Close / Open all year round

map E1 Prefectural Kotohira Park

Observation deck and walking trail that command a view of Kotohira-gu Shrine.



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