

Eat like a local!

Anmochi zoni

Anmochi zoni is a Kagawa specialty. *Zoni* is a soup containing sticky rice cake (*mochi*) that is traditionally eaten at New Year's. Kagawa puts a twist on its shiro-miso *zoni* by using rice cake filled with sweet bean paste (*an*). The saltiness of the miso and the sweetness of the bean paste go surprisingly well together!



Iidako oden

Oden is a winter dish made by simmering various ingredients in a light soy-flavored broth. Kagawa's specialty is oden made with a small species of octopus called *iidako*. Caught in the Seto Inland Sea and measuring 5 to 20 centimeters, the little octopus are as adorable as they are delicious.



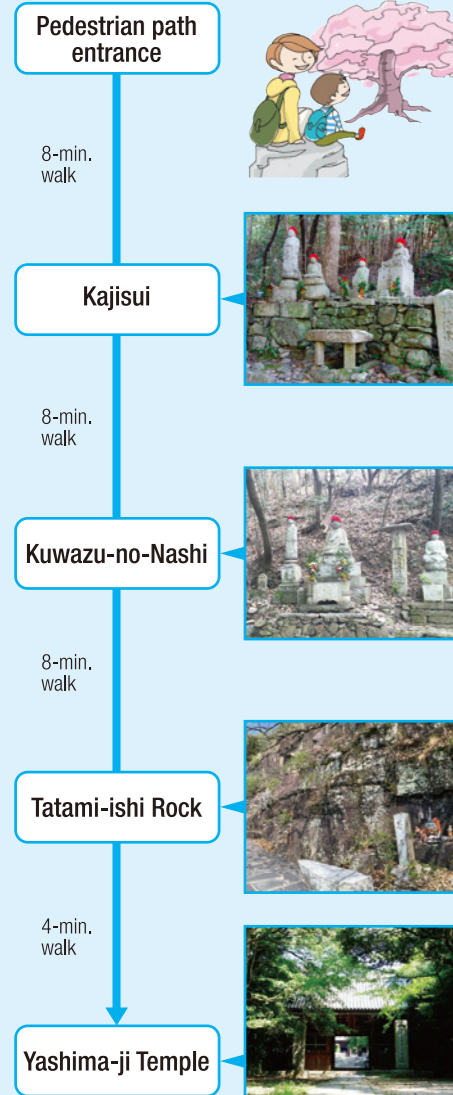
Sanuki Udon Noodles

Sanuki Udon Noodles is the name of the udon noodles made in Kagawa, which was formerly called Sanuki. Sanuki Udon Noodles is popular for the distinctively firm and chewy texture of the noodles. No trip to Yashima would be complete without having a hot or cold bowl of Sanuki Udon Noodles!



Yashima trip planning made easy!

Walking the pilgrimage route



Hiking course around Yashima



Going to Yashima

From JR Takamatsu Station

- JR Takamatsu Sta. (16 min. by JR)
- JR Yashima Sta. (18 min. by shuttle bus)
- Top of Mt. Yashima

From Takamatsu Airport

- Takamatsu Airport (30 min. by airport bus)
- Kawaramachi (15 min. by Kotoden Shido Line)
- Kotoden Yashima Sta. (10 min. by shuttle bus)
- Top of Mt. Yashima



Shuttle bus information
<http://www.kotoden.co.jp/publichtm/bus/rosen/yashima/image/pdf/timetable.pdf>



Legends surrounding Kukai's visit to Yashima some 1,200 years ago

Kajisui can be translated as "sacred spring water." Legend has it that Kukai (Kobo Daishi), the priest who brought Mikkyo (Esoteric Buddhism) to Japan, prayed at this spot for water when he was thirsty. Water then sprang up from the ground and has never stopped flowing, even when other ponds and wells dried up.

Kuwazu-no-Nashi can be translated as "inedible pear." Legend has it that Kukai (Kobo Daishi) came across a tree with ripe pears on this spot and asked to have one, but the tree's owner lied and said the pears were inedible. Thereafter, the pears turned as hard as stone and actually became inedible.

The four seasons on Yashima

Yashima offers beautiful views in every season. Here are just a few examples.

Spring
Cherry blossoms and the Seto Inland Sea from Shishi-no-Reigan Observatory



Summer
The panoramic view atop Mt. Yashima of blue sky and the shining Seto Inland Sea dotted with islands



Autumn
Yashima painted in fall colors and carpeted with fallen leaves

Winter
The pilgrimage route (*henro-michi*) blanketed in snow

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Setonaikai National Park, Historic Site, and Natural Monument YASHIMA



Walk around and have fun in Yashima!

Enjoy stunning views, historical sites and more on this former island

Yashima Walker

Beautiful views abound on Yashima

History comes alive in Yashima

Tourist attractions for all ages



City of Takamatsu

Beautiful views abound on Yashima

Yashima is situated in the Setonaikai National Park, one of the first national parks in Japan. It's a natural table-top mountain (mesa) that can be divided into two zones at its north and south ends, where ridges offer stunning views. Three observation decks located in the north, middle, and south of the mountain are ideal spots to take in the stunning scenery of the islands dotting the calm sea.



1 Yukakutei Observatory

Yukakutei Observatory is a viewing platform on the north end of Yashima. The area features a walking trail for an easy hike and views of the Great Seto Bridge rising up among the islands floating in the sea. The Great Seto Bridge is actually a series of bridges spanning 13 kilometers that connects Honshu and Shikoku.



2 Shishi-no-Reigan Observatory

On the south side of Yashima, Shishi-no-Reigan Observatory has an observation deck that gives you a bird's-eye view of the islands dotting the Seto Inland Sea. Shishi-no-Reigan Observatory offers spectacular views of the sunset—it's one of Japan's "top 100 sunset views"—and night views of Takamatsu City.



3 Dankorei Observatory

From a view point called Dankorei Observatory about in the middle of Yashima, you can see the area where the Taira and the Minamoto clans fought for control of the Imperial court, and therefore Japan, in the Genpei War in 1185 and the cove where the Taira hid their boats.



History comes alive in Yashima

Yashima has plenty of history and culture to offer amidst its stunning landscape. You can explore ancient castle ruins as well as temples and shrines, some built more than 1,000 years ago. Soak up the atmosphere as you imagine what it was like to be in the Battle of Yashima during the Genpei War, fought right here in 1185.



4 Historic Site of Yashima Castle



The ancient ruins of Yashima-no-Ki Castle (Yashima Castle) have been recently discovered and restored. Yashima Castle was a mountain fortress built by the Yamato clan in 667. Yashima Castle Comes Alive is an augmented reality (AR) smartphone app that lets you see the gate of Yashima Castle in its former glory.

6 Historic Site of Sengen-do Temple



The Sengen-do ruins are the origins of Yashima-ji Temple. This small temple was built in 754 by the Chinese priest Ganjin, who is famous for spreading Buddhism in Japan. The Japanese monk Kukai (Kobo Daishi) is said to have moved the temple to the present-day site of Yashima-ji Temple.

5 Yashima-ji Temple & Minoyama Daimyojin Shrine



Yashima-ji Temple is located at the south side of Yashima and is the 84th temple in the Shikoku pilgrimage of 88 temples. It is said to have been built in the 8th century. Next to the temple is Minoyama Daimyojin Shrine, whose patron deity is a tanuki (raccoon dog) god.

7 Yashima-jinja Shrine



Originally built in the 17th century, Yashima-jinja Shrine is located at the base of Yashima and an easy walk from Kotoden Yashima Station. The large shrine has a peaceful atmosphere and offers views of Takamatsu City spreading out below. The shrine is also a short distance from Shikoku-mura.

Tourist attractions for all ages

8 Shikoku-mura



Shikoku-mura (Shikoku Village) is an open-air museum where you can explore historical Japanese buildings from the Edo through the Taisho periods (1603–1926) that have been relocated here and restored. Discover what it felt like to live and work in a Japanese farmhouse or traditional workshop. Other notable structures include a vine bridge, lighthouse, and rural kabuki theater.

9 New Yashima Aquarium



Located on the top of Yashima near Yashima-ji Temple, New Yashima Aquarium boasts 130 kinds of fish as well as seal and dolphin shows. The aquarium is also home to manatee, otters, and penguins. The aquarium offers visitors the rare opportunity to enjoy watching sea life while taking in the panoramic views from a mountain top.

The Setouchi Triennale

The Setouchi Triennale is a contemporary art festival held every three years since 2010 on various islands in the Seto Inland Sea. The festival takes place over three seasons—spring, summer, and fall—with each season having its own theme. The festival features artworks by Japanese and international artists, many who use abandoned industrial structures or the local landscape as part of their art installations. The Setouchi Triennale art festival takes place out in nature on several different islands, allowing visitors the rare opportunity to enjoy world-class art amidst stunning scenery and natural serenity.



Be careful!

Yashima is home to wild boar, Japanese macaque, pit vipers, wasps and other dangerous animals. Keep a safe distance from wildlife while enjoying the nature on Yashima.

