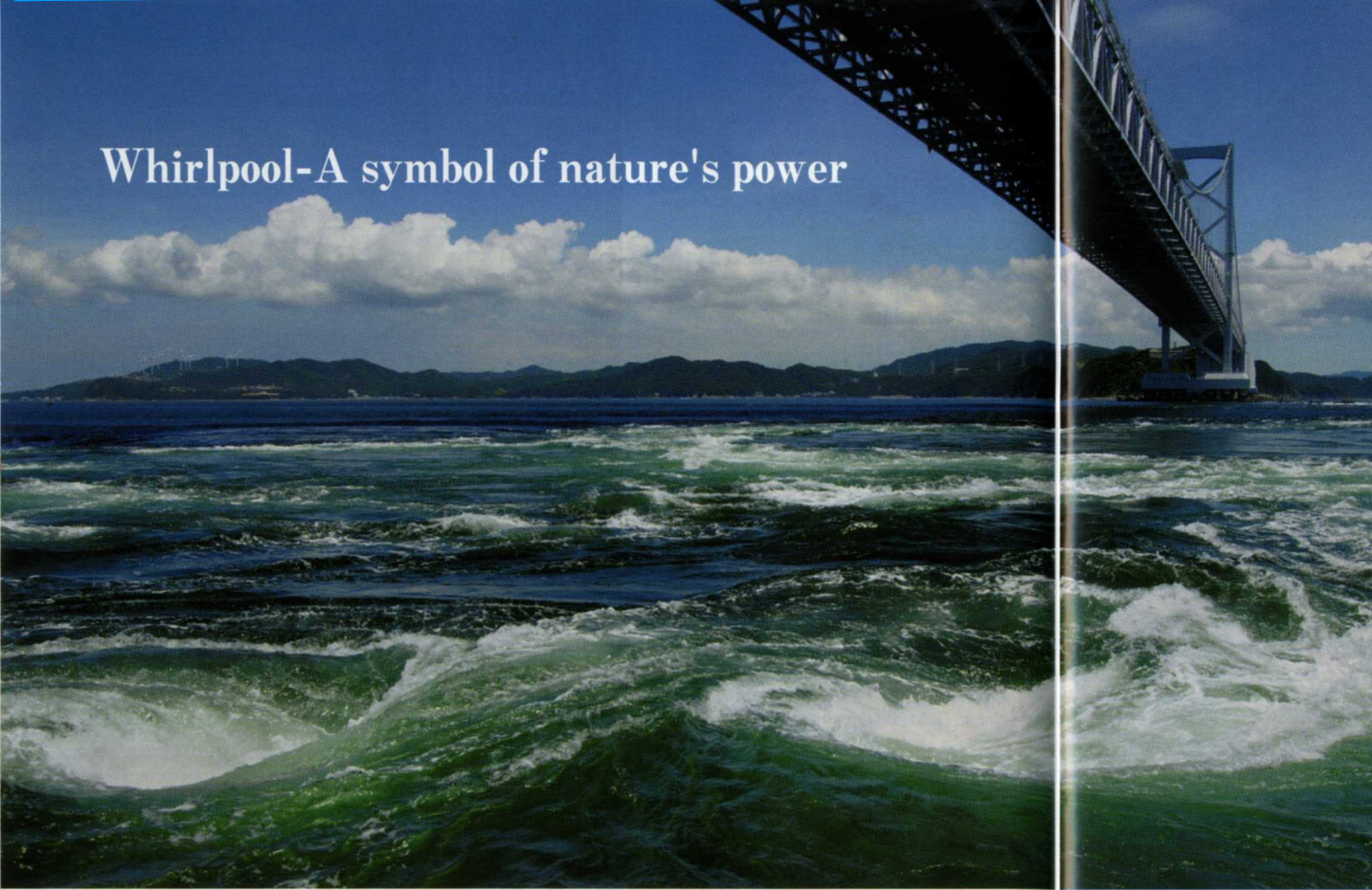


## Whirlpool-A symbol of nature's power



## The Naruto Whirlpool (Naruto no Uzu)

At the narrow Naruto Strait, large volumes of water move due to the difference in height of the water level between the Seto Inland Sea and Kii Channel at high and low tide. Combined with the rough underwater topography of the Naruto Strait, this water flow forms the whirlpools. According to the tidal change, almost every 6 hours the whirlpools are formed and about an hour before or after the tides is the best time to see them.

In Spring and Fall, if all the right factors come together, the difference in height of the water level between Seto Inland Sea and Kii Channel becomes up to 2 meters and whirlpools of up to 20 meters in diameter can be seen. It is a natural phenomenon and therefore checking the tide schedule is necessary.

There are several ways to see the Naruto Whirlpools. As the whirlpools are best viewed from a high vantage point, Whirlpools Road (Uzu-no-Michi), the promenade under the Onaruto Bridge is one option. The covered promenade is built under the Onaruto bridge 45 meters above the sea and has an observation room with glass panels in the floor to see the whirlpools. Another option is taking one of the sightseeing boats. Currently, two companies operate boats and the boats go right next to the whirlpools. Both boat tours last 20 to 30 minutes.



### Whirlpools Road (Uzu-no-Michi)

Address: Naruto-koen, Naruto-cho, Naruto-shi  
Hours: 9:00~18:00 (9:00~17:00 from Oct. to Feb.)  
Closed: 2nd Monday (Mar. Jun. Sep. Dec.)  
Telephone: 088-683-6262  
URL <http://www.uzunomichi.jp/>



### Sightseeing Boats

#### Naruto Kanko Kisen

Address: Kameura-kankoko, Naruto-koen, Naruto-shi  
Hours: 9:00~16:20  
Closed: open year round  
Telephone: 088-687-0101  
URL <http://www.uzusio.com>

#### Uzushio Kisen

Address: Kameura-gyoko, Naruto-koen, Naruto-shi  
Hours: 8:00~16:30  
Closed: open year round  
Telephone: 088-687-0613  
URL <http://www.uzushio-kisen.com>

