

Foods



Ika-Yaki (Grilled Squid)

Ika-yaki is the fast food of Katsurahama. Eating it in the sea breeze makes it taste so special!



Aisukurin

Aisukurin is the specialty of Tosa. It is the airy, frosty and light Tosa gelato.



Katsuo-no-Tataki (Seared Bonito)

Katsuo-no-Tataki cannot be missed when you come to Kochi. You can enjoy it in cafeterias in the souvenir shops or the restaurant of Public Hostel Katsurahama-so, or the neighboring guest houses and Japanese style cuisine inns. Frozen tataki is also available as a souvenir. You can bring the authentic taste back home.

Souvenirs

Carved wooden figure of a Tosa fighting dog

A carved Tosa fighting dog has the good scent of camphor tree. There used to be a custom of giving it to children on the occasion of the seasonal festival, praying for the children's health.



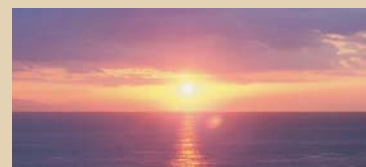
Experience Katsurahama with your eyes and body, and bring pleasant memories back home. Walk around to look for various rustic objects and folk crafts. [map C-2]



Follow the suggested route plan with the map in one hand.

More in Katsurahama

There are so many more! A bit of this and that in Katsurahama



The new year's first sunrise

Katsurahama is the best location to pray for your new year. Katsurahama is also the famous place for sunrise and was selected as one of the 100 best spots for sunrise.



Ryoma Matsuri/Ryoma-ni-Daisekkin

"Ryoma Matsuri (Festival)" is held on the Sunday closest to November 15th, the day of his birth and the anniversary of his death, with various fun events including the special features related to Ryoma. In "Ryoma-ni-Daisekkin (Getting close to Ryoma)", the observation deck is set up right next to the Statue of Ryoma and you can enjoy a splendid view of the Pacific Ocean through the same eyes as Ryoma. (The observation deck is installed for about two months)[map C-2]

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Katsurahama Kangetsu-kai (Moon Viewing Party)

Katsurahama is a beautiful beach which also appeared in Yosakoi-bushi to be the famous spot for viewing the moon, and its beauty is also illustrated in poems of Omachi Keigetsu. Around the time of harvest moon, ornaments such as hanging lanterns create special atmosphere.

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Going Around Katsurahama

Let's enjoy Katsurahama!

Enjoy Katsurahama fully in a short trip or the whole day by looking at the course guides!

Suggested Itineraries in Katsurahama

Fully enjoy Katsurahama

Complete Katsurahama Course

Recommended for those who are pressed for time

Quick Katsurahama Course

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※For detailed information on the timetable and the courses, contact each information desk.

●Fixed Route Bus [Tosaden Kotsu Bus 0570-088-103]

Approx. 35 minutes from JR Kochi Station / Minami Harimayabashi [For Katsurahama]

●My Yu Bus [Kochi Visitors & Convention Association 088-823-1434]

Fare: Adults / 1,000,
Children (elementary students) / 500 for one-day ticket to Katsurahama (Two-day ticket to Katsurahama and one-day ticket to Mt. Godai are also available)
※The bus tickets can be purchased in JR Kochi Station Bus Terminal or Harimayabashi Dentetsu Terminal Building 1F, or on the buses.

Sightseeing guide service in Katsurahama

Need a tourist guide? A member of Kochi SGG (Systematized Goodwill Guide) Club, a volunteer guide group, can take you around. (Reservation required at least two weeks in advance)

For details, visit our web site at:

<http://kochisgg-english.mystrikingly.com>

To request for an English-speaking tourist guide, contact us by E-mail at: kochisgg@hotmail.co.jp



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Recommended Guide for Katsurahama

The area surrounding Katsurahama is organized as Katsurahama Park. There are so many must-see sights that you can see on foot!

Besides the statue of me, there are many other nice places in Katsurahama. Take your time to walk around the area.



Beach that appeared in Yosakoi-bushi

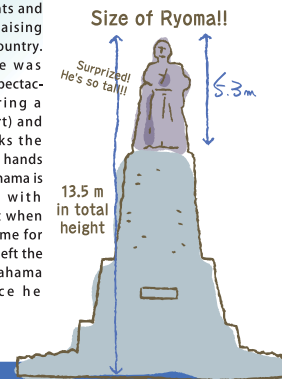
Katsurahama is a beautiful beach which also appeared in Yosakoi-bushi as the famous spot for viewing the moon. You can enjoy the beautifully harmonized view of pine groves, five-colored gravel, and the deep blue ocean. There is a monument in memory of Omachi Keigetsu inscribed with one of his poems about the moon up above the beach and the beauty of it. [map C-3]

Ryuo-Point washed by the Kuroshio Current with wild wave splashes

Ryugu, which is dedicated to the God of the Ocean Owatsumi-nokami, is located at the top of a huge rock and watches over the ships sailing off the coast. It is one of the representative scenes of Katsurahama. [map C-4]

A 13-meter-tall statue that overlooks the Pacific Ocean

Sakamoto Ryoma is a very popular historical hero from the later years (1853 - 1868) of the Edo period, and is always ranked high whenever a survey about the country's favorite historical figures is conducted. He was born in present-day Kami-machi, Kochi on November 15, 1835. He traveled around the country struggling to establish a new government to replace the Edo Shogunate, which had failed to resist the demands of western countries and was losing power. Through Ryoma's efforts, the Shogunate turned over its power to the Emperor. He was assassinated in Kyoto on the same as his birthday, November 15, 1867, one year before the establishment of the new government. The statue of Ryoma was established in 1928 through the efforts of youth in Kochi who stood up to hand down his achievements and took a lead in fund-raising activities across the country. The present statue was repaired in 1999. His spectacular figure is wearing a hakama (divided skirt) and boots, and overlooks the Pacific Ocean with his hands in his kimono. Katsurahama is deeply associated with Ryoma. It is said that when Ryoma came back home for the first time after he left the Tosa domain, Katsurahama was the first place he stepped.



Katsurahama Aquarium [map B-3]



Tel : 088-841-2437 Open : 9:00 - 17:00 Holidays : Open 365 days a year
Discount : Group rates offered for a group of 10 or more people

Interaction with marine life in Tosa Bay

Opened in 1931, this aquarium lies on the beach of Katsurahama, and allows visitors to get in touch with the marine life it houses. This is the only place where you can see a schooling of Akame (Japanese lanternfish) which are giant fish living in Tosa Bay, and participate in an event such as touching a clownfish. The aquarium's sea lion show as well as the feeding to sea turtles and penguins is very popular among visitors too.

Bath with ocean view in Public Hostel Katsurahama-so [map B-4]



Panoramic View of Pacific Ocean through a Scenic Window

The best location looking down on scenic Katsurahama. You can relax your body and mind, overlooking the Pacific Ocean from the ocean-viewing bath.

Tel : 088-841-2201
Open : 10:00 - 15:00 Everyday (one-day visit)
Holidays : Open 365 days a year except one day for temporary closing
Type of hot spring : Helston water (artificial hot spring)

The Sakamoto Ryoma Memorial Museum [map A-4]



Sakamoto Ryoma, the more you know him, the more you will like him.

Born in the domain of Tosa, Ryoma became a hero of the last days of the Edo Period. The new annex of Sakamoto Ryoma Memorial Museum opened on April 21, 2018 and it is a full-fledged museum wing that allows visitors to appreciate letters written by Ryoma and other valuable materials. The main building's interactive exhibits effectively introduce the life of Ryoma as well as significant events at the end of the Edo Period through images and sounds. This museum entertains not only admirers of Ryoma, but also a wide range of people from little children to serious history fans.

Tel : 088-841-0001
Open : 9:00 - 17:00 (must be entered by 16:30)
Holidays : Open 365 days a year
Discount : Group rates offered for a group of 20 or more people



Complete Katsurahama Course 4-hour course that you can fully enjoy Katsurahama with

START! Katsurahama Park Parking [map C-1] → Shopping (15 min.) [map C-2] → Sakamoto Ryoma Statue (10 min.) [map C-2] → Main beach (30 min.) [map C-3] → Katsurahama Aquarium (40 min.) [map B-3] → Ryuo Point (10 min.) [map C-4] → Utsugi-no-Komichi (10 min.) [map B-3] → Tsubaki-no-Komichi (10 min.) [map B-3] → Bath with ocean view in Public Hostel Katsurahama-so (45 min.) [map B-4] → Sakamoto Ryoma Memorial Museum (90 min.) [map A-4] → **GOAL!**

Quick Katsurahama Course A 1-hour course recommended for those who are pressed for time

START! Katsurahama Park Parking [map C-1] → Sakamoto Ryoma Statue (5 min.) [map C-2] → Main beach (30 min.) [map C-3] → Shopping (15 min.) [map C-2] → **GOAL!** Katsurahama Park Parking [map C-1]