

allowing unique chances to encounter the magnificent scenery. resources. This guide map introduces a way to travel slowly through this hidden area, abundant rainfall, dense forests, bountiful aquifers, and industries based on these natural live in such a harsh place? There are many reasons why this place attracted settlers, including steep slopes of the high mountains which makes one wonder, why would people choose to River into the remote lya Valley area. The people within here established villages upon the The Iya Highway Trail follows the roads which lead from the port towns along the Yoshino

# Course.

Yado Iwato" hotel, which is today's goal.

Double Udatsu Townscap

Old Mt. Tsurugi Road Monume

[0.6km]

2 Urayama-do Temple

3 Hikichi-do Temple

4 Sadamitsu River

5 Sarukai Village Overloo

6 Narutaki Waterfall Viewpoin [0.6km]

7 Dogama Waterfall Site

Tsurugino Yado Iwato Hotel

JR Sadamitsu Station (START)

Sadamitsu Double Udatsu Townscape ∼ Old Mt. Tsurugi Road Course Approx.

Approx. 4 hours

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Staring from JR Sadamitsu Station, go through the "Double Udatsu Townscape" of traditional

architecture, and on the right is the entrance to the old road with the stone monument for "Old Mt

Tsurugi Road". After passing through the small villages with views of the Asan Mountains, take a

Also along here is the "Narutaki Waterfall" which has the longest drop in the prefecture, as well as

As you enter the "Ichiu" district, the valley becomes a narrow canyon, and in here is the waterfall site

known as "Dogama ("Clay Pot") due to the fantastic basin it forms. A bit further along is "Tsurugino

the Globally Important Agriculture Village of "Sarukai" which goes up the hillside.

Ichiu Giant Tree Course OB B From the start to the end today there are no vending machines or shops, so be prepared with what you need before setting out. In the beginning of the day you pass a closed school, which is one of the area's seven former elementary schools for the population which once exceeded 20,000 people. After encountering a variety of giant trees, you arrive at "Kuwadaira Village", where you are overwhelmed by the gigantic horse-chestnut and cedar trees. Further along the area becomes

Tsurugino Yado Iwato Hotel (START) (Side-Trips @"Japan's Largest Hackberry Tree" and "Akamatsu Village")

natural forest and at the top you reach the goal at "La Foret Tsurugisan" hotel.

[1.95km]

Course.2

8 Mibuchi

[3km]

Kawachi-do Temple (4km) Tsuzuro-do Temple

Giant Cedar & Horse Chestnut Trees

(1.5km) Kuwadaira Village



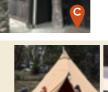
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Approx.

19 km

Approx.

5 hours

### Course.3 22 km Approx.

7 hours

### Mt. Tsurugi Hiking **Trail Course**

Approx. 6 km Approx. 4 hours

A short distance from "La Foret Tsurugisan" hotel you will enter the Miyoshi City area. The Mt. Tsurugi range will be in front of you with the hidden lya Valley region below. Proceed ahead to reach the trailhead to Mt. Tsurugi at "Minokoshi". There are some shops and parking areas here, and the first part of the climb can be made easier by taking the chairlift up to "Nishijima Station". From there several trails continue the rest of the way up to the summit, so you can choose you own route to the top! On the summit, the views of neighboring Mt. Jirogyu and the sunset are exceptional. Stay



overnight at the "Tsurugisan Chojo Hutte" mountain-top lodge.

Mt. Tsurugi Trailhead

Nishijima Station [2.3km]

15 Mt. Tsurugi Summit

Tsurugisan Chojo Hutte









Approx.

22 km

Approx.

5.5 hours

## Course.4

### Oku-Iya Double **Vine Bridges Course**

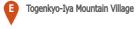
Climb back down Mt. Tsurugi to "Minokoshi" and follow the road down into the Iya Valley for about an hour to arrive at the "Oku-lya Double Vine Bridges". There is a campsite here along the clear "lya River" where you can take a break. Alternately, if you would like to traverse the mountains from Mt. Tsurugi instead, a hiking trail goes from Mt Tsurugi summit via Mt Jirogyu, and after passing the "Maruishi Hut" the trail goes down to the Vine Bridges. From the Vine Bridges, take the road which follows the "Iya River" where you will come upon the Nagoro "Scarecrow Village", which is full of hundreds of life-sized dolls acting like residents. Further down the road you reach today's goal at "Togenkyo-lya Mountain Village" in the village of Ochiai.



16 Mt. Tsurugi Trailhead [6.6km]



(10.5km)





## Course.5

Higashi-Iya Ochiai Village ∼ Iya-no-Kazurabashi Course

Across the valley you can reach the "Ochiai Village Viewpoint", where you can climb up to see the hillside expanse of this Nationally Important Preservation District of historic thatched roof homes. From the bottom of Ochiai Village to the top there is an elevation difference of 390 meters. Follow the main road further, passing through Higashi-lya's downtown section of "Kyojo", and then after a while reaching the famed "Iya-no-Kazurabashi" Vine Bridge. There are lots of hotels and guest houses in this "Oboke / Iya Onsenkyo" area, so finding a place to stay is no problem. You can also take a break at one of the several hot springs



[3.5km]

19 Ochiai Village Viewpoir

20 Kyojo

Iya-no-Kazurabash





## Course.6

### Nishi-Iya · Iyakei **Gorge Course**

From here the Iya Valley deepens and awesome views abound. Don't forget to be prepared for the day since there are few shops along here. Follow the old road into the lyakei Gorge to the Michelin-certified "Hi-no-Ji Bend" viewpoint and the daring "Peeing Boy Statue". Further along, pass through "Deai" village and if you have time, take a break here at "Haretoke Cafe" which is in an old school building. But if planning to take the train from JR lyaguchi Station, be sure to check the train schedules since there are only a few trains per day. From Deai, it is only a little more to go, and the valley will begin to widen upon finally reaching your goal at the point where the lya River joins the



Peeing Boy Statue [3km]

[2.5km]

24 Iyakei Viewpoint [5km] 25 Deai

(Side-Trip "Haretoke Cafe")

[5.5km]











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24 km

Approx.

5.5 hours





