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Guide Map for Route Romantique San'in

山陰 San'in

The San'in region, consisting of the Shimane and Tottori prefectures, is located about 600km west of Tokyo, Japan and nestled between the natural grandeur of the Chugoku Mountain range and the beautiful Sea of Japan.

島根県と鳥取県からなる山陰は日本の東部から西に約600km、自然豊かや山国山並に美しい日本海に囲まれています。古代より農業や商業が盛んで、紙漉き、木工、陶芸などの工芸、酒造などの文化、神楽と呼ばれる伝統的な舞などが受け継がれています。約1300年前から山陰地方に伝わる神話には、日本の国づくりが物語から始まったとする起源が書かれています。この地域には古くから、多くの観光客が山陰の文化、神話の歴史を堪能し、山陰を、まさしく日本の心とされています。



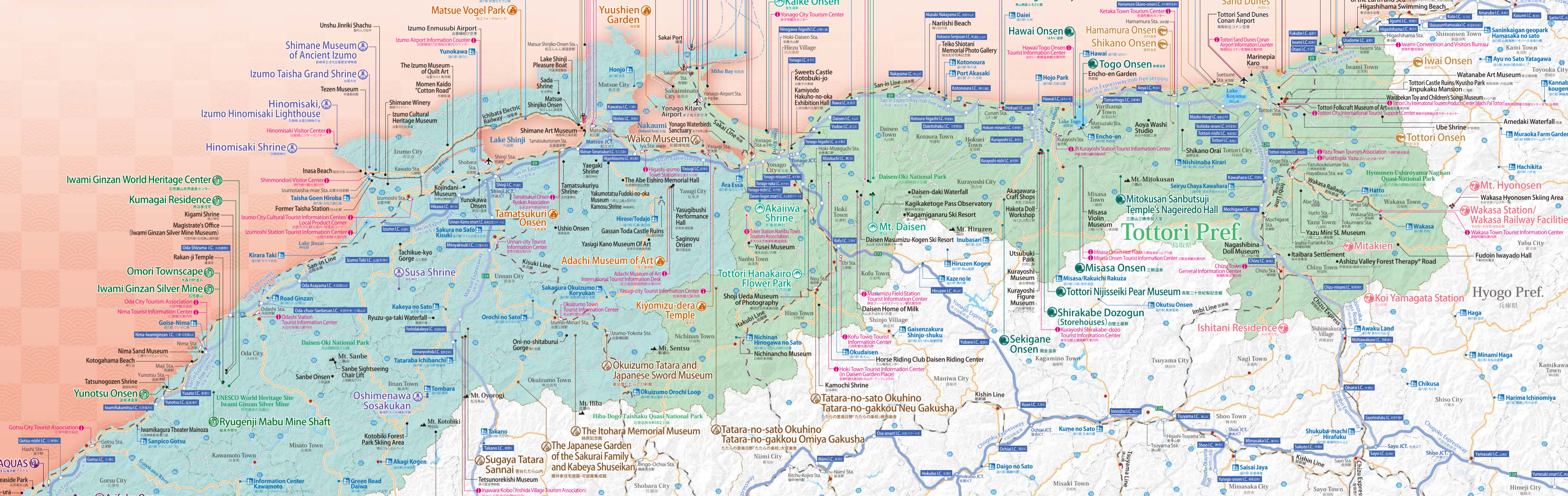
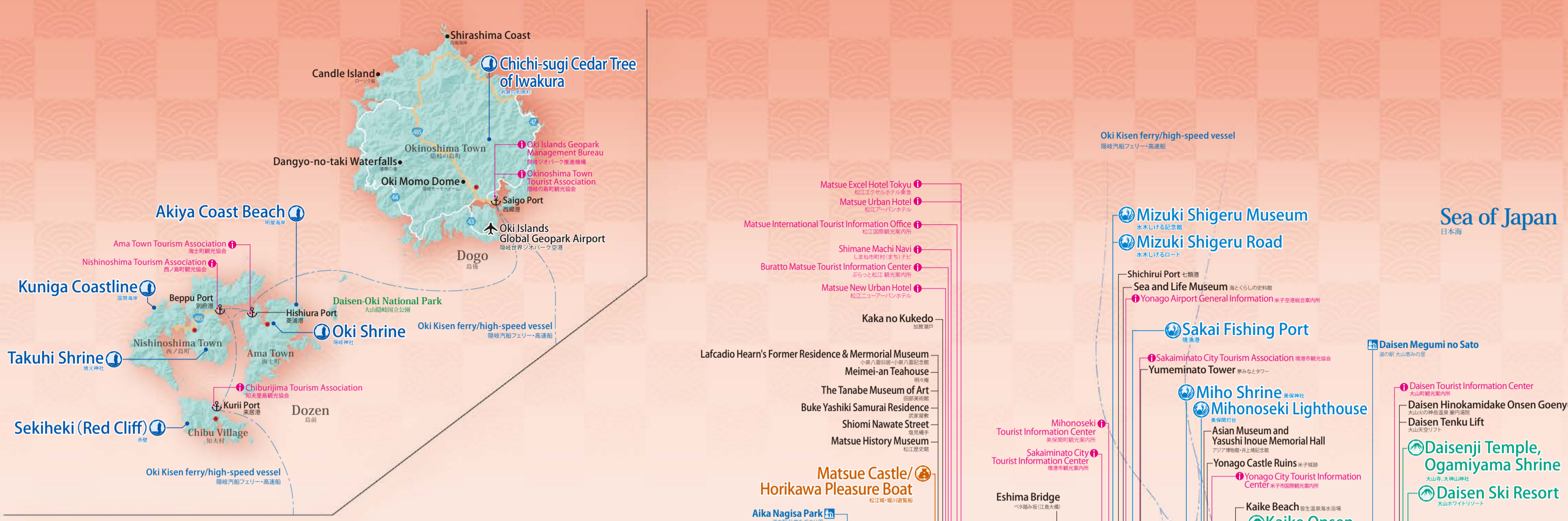
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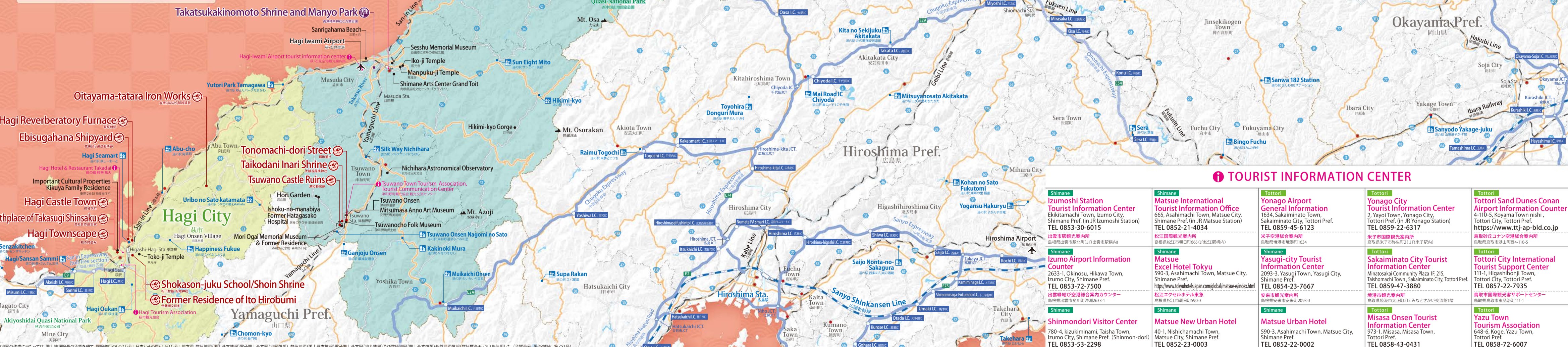
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TOURIST INFORMATION WEBSITE

Three QR code boxes for Shimane, San'in, and Tottori tourism information websites.



Legend and compass rose section with symbols for roads, railways, and other landmarks.



Onsen - Hot Springs - 温泉 section featuring photos and descriptions of various hot springs like Tottori Onsen, Iwai Onsen, etc.

Recommended Dishes in San'in section featuring photos of local food like Izumo Soba, Matcha tea, Wagyu Beef, etc.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER section listing contact information for various tourist centers across the region.

6 Matsue Castle and Adachi Museum of Art Area

松江城・足立美術館地区
[Matsue City, Yasugi City, Shimane Prefecture]

From one of the most admired beautiful evening views from Lake Shinji, to the National Treasure Matsue Castle, and the nearby Buke Yashiki (former samurai residence) there are many tourist spots to learn about the culture and history of Japan. At the internationally well-known Adachi Museum of Arts and it famous gardens, you can appreciate the works of iconic Japanese painters and artists, modern and contemporary.

美しい夕景が有名で、湖上舟遊が楽しめる松江城。また、足立美術館には、日本を代表する絵画のコレクションが数多く展示されています。また、足立美術館の庭園は、四季を通じて美しい景観を演出しています。また、足立美術館の庭園には、日本を代表する絵画のコレクションが数多く展示されています。

1-5 Tomomachi Town, Matsue City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0852-21-4930 (Matsue Tourism Koryukai)

320 Furukawa Town, Yasugi City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0854-28-7111

Matsue Vogel Park

鳥見公園
53 Otsuki Town, Matsue City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0852-88-9800

Adachi Museum of Art

足立美術館
320 Furukawa Town, Yasugi City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0854-28-7111

Tamatsukuri Onsen

玉湯温泉
Tamatsukuri Tamayagi Town, Matsue City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0852-62-3300

Yuushien Garden

遊休園
1260-2 Hanryu, Yotsuka Town, Matsue City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0852-76-2255

7 Ancient Izumo and Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine, The Place Where the Gods Gather

神々が集う古代聖地・出雲大社地区
[Izumo City, Shimane Prefecture]

In Izumo, during the October in the lunar calendar (differs depending on year, but usually from late October to early December) is called "kamiari-zuki" (the month of gods). Which is when the myriad of gods throughout Japan are said to gather at Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine from all over Japan to meet about "en-nusubi". In this area, you can experience the world of Japanese myths through shrines, temples and a number of excavated ancient artifacts, which are the roots to the Japanese spirit.

1095 Kizukihigashi, Taisha Town, Izumo City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0853-53-3100

455 Hinomisaki, Taisha Town, Izumo City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0853-54-5400 (Hinomisaki Visitor Center)

99-4 Kizukihigashi, Taisha Town, Izumo City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0853-53-8600

9 Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine (UNESCO World Heritage Site) Area

世界遺産石見银山地区
[Oda City, Iinan Town, Misato Town, Shimane Prefecture]

About 500 years ago, one-third of the world's silver supply was produced in Japan and a majority of that was mined from Iwami Ginzan. It was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site as the first industrial ruins in Asia and was highly praised for its environmental friendliness and harmony with nature. The 1300-year-old Yunotsu Onsen and places alike from flourishing times even now remain in the townscape.

1597-3 Omori Town I. Oda City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0854-89-0183

63 Omori Town Ito, Oda City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0854-88-9950

54-2 Nanagan, Iinan Town, Shimane Pref. TEL 0854-72-1017

11 The Streets of "Little Kyoto" Tsuwano (Japan Heritage Site) and Hagi (World Heritage Site)

日本遺産小京都津和野と世界遺産萩の町見
[Tsuwano Town, Shimane Prefecture; Hagi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture]

In Tsuwano, using the 100 Landscapes of Tsuwano drawings of the scenery and features from the mid-19th century, you can have fun strolling around town comparing the cultural assets that remain today to the scenery of when it was town that flourished around Tsuwano Castle. Hagi City is known for turning out many great men like Ito Hirobumi who was the first Prime Minister of Japan, and Yoshida Shin who was his teacher, while also being known for the Hagi Reverberatory Furnace and other sites that are registered as World Heritage Sites from Japan's Meiji Restoration.

Hagi Townscape
Hagi City, Yamaguchi Pref. TEL 0858-25-1750

Tsuwano Castle Ruins
477-20, Ushiroda, Tsuwano Town, Shimane Pref. TEL 0856-72-1771

Hagi Reverberatory Furnace
482-3 Chenta, Hagi City, Yamaguchi Pref. TEL 0838-25-1750

Tonomachi-dori Street
Ushiroda, Tsuwano Town, Shimane Pref. TEL 0856-72-1771

Kuniga Coastline

国賀海岸
Uraga, Nishinoshima Town, Shimane Pref. TEL 08514-7-8888

Mizuki Shigeru Road

水月重徳ロード
Sakaminato City, Tottori Prefecture
TEL 0859-47-0121

12 Oki Islands UNESCO Global Geopark Area

隠岐ユネスコ世界ジオパーク地区
[Ama Town, Nishinoshima Town, Chibu Village, Okinoshima Town, Shimane Prefecture]

The Oki Islands were certified as the sixth Global Geopark in Japan in 2015 (first in September 2013 and then in 2015 in accordance with the system transfer to UNESCO) for its magnificent natural scenery, precious plants, and traditional culture, all of which are preserved today by the local communities. This archipelago consists of four inhabited islands in the Sea of Japan to the north of the Shimane peninsula, as well as more than 180 uninhabited islands. Here, you can enjoy the magnificent island scenery with an ecosystem unique to isolated islands, traditional arts handed down through generations on the islands, and fresh abundant seafood such as oysters and fish.

Oki Shrine
Nakazato, Ama Town, Shimane Pref. TEL 0851-4-2-0101

Chichi-sugi Cedar Tree of iwakura
Fuse, Okinoshima Town, Shimane Pref. TEL 08512-0-0787

Sekiheki (Red Cliff)
Chibu Village, Shimane Pref. TEL 08514-8-2272

縁の道山陰 Route Romantique San'in

Map showing the Route Romantique San'in connecting various prefectures and cities in the region, including Tottori, Shimane, and Hiroshima.

10 Area to Experience the Preserved Ancient Japanese Culture and Iwami Kagura

石見神楽と悠久の舞の日本文化を体験できる地区
[Gotsu City, Hamada City, Masuda City, Kawamoto Town, Onan Town, Yoshika Town, Shimane Prefecture]

From the beautiful coastline of the Sea of Japan to the nature-rich mountains, Iwami Kagura has been popularly performed. Although it was originally a religious performance used to entertain the Japanese deities, the dance is popular in the Iwami region as a theatrical performance to entertain everyone from children to the elderly. In relation to an 8th century poet called Kakimoto-no Hitomaro, even now, you can experience the ancient culture that still lives on.

Shimane Aquarium AQUAS
1117-2, Kushiro Town, Hamada City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0855-28-3900

Takatsukakinomoto Shrine and Manyo Park
2617-1, Takatsu Town I, Masuda City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0856-22-0756

Sekishu Washi Kaikan
589 Furuchiba, Misumi Town, Hamada City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0855-32-4170

Iwami Kagura

石見神楽
TEL 0855-29-5041

Sugaya Tataru Sannai
420-1, Yoshida, Yoshida Town, Unnan City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0854-74-0350

5 Sakaminato and Mihonoseki Area, with Yokai and seafood

妖怪と魚の町〜境港・美保地区〜
[Sakaminato City, Tottori Prefecture; Matsue City Mihonoseki Town, Shimane Prefecture]

The area has one of the most largest fishing ports in Japan, which means there are many restaurants and a market serving seafood from the Sea of Japan, such as crabs and tuna. Sakaminato City is the birthplace of Shigeru Mizuki, the author who drew GeGeGe no Kitaro, the comic series on yokai (Japanese traditional specters). Mizuki Shigeru Road is a popular tourist spot with bronze statues of yokai characters.

Miho Shrine
608, Mihonoseki, Mihonoseki Town, Matsue City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0852-73-0506

Sakai Fishing Port
9 Showamachi Town, Sakaminato City, Tottori Pref. TEL 0859-47-0121

Mihonoseki Lighthouse
Mihonoseki, Mihonoseki Town, Matsue City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0852-73-0506

1 Local Railway and Green Tourism

ローカル鉄道とグリーンツーリズム
[Tottori City, Yazu Town, Chizu Town, Wakasa Town, Tottori Prefecture]

This area consists of countryside scenery, fields and mountains, as well as remains of old buildings and signposts from lodges and restaurants that stood in a row for travellers heading to Kyoto or Edo (currently Tokyo). The railway facilities of the Wakasa Railway Line, with its nostalgic atmosphere, have been designated a National Tangible Cultural Property. Vacation rentals are also available, so you can experience the rural lifestyle of Japan.

Wakasa Station/Wakasa Railway Facilities
396, Chizu Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0858-75-3500

Ishitani Residence
396, Chizu Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0858-75-3500

Mitakien
277 Ashizu, Chizu Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0858-75-3665

3 Mt.Mitokusan and Misasa Onsen, Japan Heritage sites, and Nashi-no Hana Onsen Village Area

「日本遺産」三神山・三朝温泉と新花温泉地区
[Kurayoshi City, Misasa Town, Hokuei Town, Yurihama Town, Kotoura Town, Tottori Prefecture]

Mt. Mitoku, a Japan Heritage site, is a holy place for the practitioners of Shugendō religion unique to Japan centered on ascetic, mountain-dwelling practices. By entering Sanbutsuji Temple's Nagaredo Hall, which is situated on a steep mountain surface, your eyes, ears, nose, tongue, body, and consciousness will be purified. At the Misasa Onsen hot springs, your six senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch, and emotion will be soothed. Hokuei Town is the hometown of Goshō Aoyama, the author of the world famous series Detective Conan. You can see bronze statues and other monuments of the characters there.

Misasa Onsen
Misasa Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0858-24-5024

Shirakabe Dozogun (Storehouses)
1414, Yurubuhku, Hokuei Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0858-37-5389

8 Area of Tataru Iron Making and the Remnants of Iron and Fire

たたら製鉄〜鉄と炭の遺構〜地区
[Unnan City, Okuzumoto Town, Yasugi City, Shimane Prefecture; Ninichuan Town, Hino Town, Tottori Prefecture]

From over 1,300 years ago, iron has been produced using high quality iron sand that has been burned for more than three days and three nights using charcoal made from the wood of the surrounding mountains. This method is called tataru iron making, which was designated a Japan Heritage in April 2016. In this area, people still make "tamagane" which is the material used to make Japanese swords. Many buildings and historic remains create an atmosphere reminiscent of ancient times.

The Japanese Garden of the Sakurai Family and Kabaya Shisenrai
1655, Kamii, Okuzumoto Town, Shimane Pref. TEL 0854-56-0800

The Itohara Memorial Museum
856-18, Otani, Okuzumoto Town, Shimane Pref. TEL 0854-52-0151

Tanabe Family Earthen storehouses
Yoshida, Yoshida Town, Unnan City, Shimane Pref. TEL 0854-42-9770

4 Sports resort: Mount Daisen and Kaike Area

スポーツリゾート大山・皆生地区
[Yonago City, Daisen Town, Hoki Town, Nanbu Town, Hieizu Village, Kofu Town, Tottori Prefecture]

Mount Daisen (1,709 meters high) is ranked among the top three in Japan's Beautiful Mountain Rankings, along with Mt. Fuji, and is a celestial mountain representative of western Japan. You can enjoy nature throughout the four seasons by climbing, touring by bicycle or skiing. Kaike Onsen, from where one can see Mt. Daisen, is the largest hot spring resort in the San'in region. From this place you can see Mt. Daisen through the region.

Keike Onsen
Kaikosen, Yonago City, Tottori Pref. TEL 0859-34-0816

Tottori Hanakairo Flower Park
110, Tsuruda, Nanbu Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0859-48-3030

Mt. Daisen
Daisen, Bishu Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0859-52-2902

1 Tottori Sand Dunes and the San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark Area

鳥取砂丘・山陰海岸ユネスコ世界ジオパーク地区
[Tottori City, Iwami Town, Tottori Prefecture]

On the Undome Coast are San'in Kaigan Geopark, which was certified in 2008 as a part of Global Geoparks Network, and Tottori Sand Dunes, which have rugged dunes with a height difference of more than 40 meters. The Geopark Area is also blessed by an abundance of seafood that includes Matsuba crabs, Swordtip Squid, and Iwagaki Oysters found at Ajiro Fishing Port and Tottori Port. The myth titled "The White Rabbit of Inaba" that is set in this area has been translated and published overseas.

Uradome Coastline
Uradome, Iwami Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0857-72-3481

The Sand Museum
2082-12, Yuyama, Fukube Town, Tottori City, Tottori Pref. TEL 0857-20-2231

Hakuto Shrine
Hakuto, Tottori City, Tottori Pref. TEL 0857-59-0047

2 Mt. Hyonosen

山陰山
Wakasa Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0858-62-2327

Wakasa Station/Wakasa Railway Facilities
Wakasa, Wakasa Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0858-62-0919

Mitokusan Sanbutsuji Temple's Nagaredo Hall

1070, Mitoku, Misasa Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0858-37-5389

Goshō Aoyama Manga Factory
1414, Yurubuhku, Hokuei Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0858-37-5389

3 Daisenji Temple, Ogamiyama Shrine

1, Daisen, Daisen Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0859-22-1158

4 Sports resort: Mount Daisen and Kaike Area

110, Tsuruda, Nanbu Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0859-48-3030

Mt. Daisen
Daisen, Bishu Town, Tottori Pref. TEL 0859-52-2902