



Tuna Fish

By Public Transport

Dining

Maguro tuna caught in the ocean off the southern part of the prefecture are still alive when the catch is brought to land. So they are extremely fresh and delicious. In particular, Katsuura Fishing Port is one of the very few places in the whole of Japan where live tuna can be brought on shore.

Visitors can eat this rare, delicious and fresh tuna at a few local restaurants and hotels.

Location/View	
Access	Travel by tour:20 min. via car from berth(10km) Individual travel:20 min. via car from port(10km)
Season	Year-round
Related links	Wakayama Tourism Federation Tuna/Longtooth Grouper http://www.wakayama-kanko.or.jp/world/english/things/shopping/list01/detail004.html



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Kumano Beef

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Dining

Kumanoushi, or cattle native to Kumano, is a breed of Japanese cattle that has been raised in the southern part of Wakayama Prefecture for a long time. With selective breeding and by paying attention to pedigree, the quality of the stock has increased to such a degree that the highest grade of Wakayama beef is now known nationwide as Kumano beef. With a fine grain, Kumano beef has a pleasant savory flavor and a superlative meaty texture. The beef also smells delicious when grilled.

Location/View	
Access	Travel by tour:15 min. via car from berth(7km) Individual travel:15 min. via car from port(7km)
Season	Year-round
Related links	



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Mehari-zushi

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Dining

In the Kumano region, the lunches prepared for people working in the mountains are large sushi as big as a child's head, and locally known as "mehari-zushi." The expression "mehari kuchihari" refers to the way you must open your eyes and mouth wide to eat these large sushi.

This is a simple dish consisting of a parcel of rice wrapped in "takana" mustard green leaf. In recent years, the rice parcel has also been stuffed with various savory edibles, thus adding some fun and flavor to this traditional lunchtime snack.

Location/View	
Access	Travel by tour:15 min. via car from berth(7km) Individual travel:15 min. via car from port(7km)
Season	Year-round
Related links	Wakayama Tourism Federation Mehari Zushi (sushi wrapped in pickled mustard leaves http://www.wakayama-kanko.or.jp/world/english/things/shopping/list01/detail005.html



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Nachiguro Suzuri (an inkstone)

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Shopping

Nachi-gurosuzuri, or the Nachi black inkstone, was something that pilgrims to Kumano, or the three sacred sites of Kumano, took home as proof of their visit. The natural state of the Nachi black inkstone symbolizes the solemn reverence for Buddhist Paradise, and is treasured for its unique qualities and hard composition.

Location/View			
Access	Travel by tour:30 min. via car from berth(15km) Individual travel:30 min. via car from port(15km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	23 buses
Related links			



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Yatagarasu

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Shopping

The "yata-garasu" is a three-legged raven that appears in some of the oldest Japanese myths. "Yata" means large or broad. This raven is an embodiment of the sun and has three legs. Each leg is said to represent heaven, earth and humanity. The image of the yata-garasu is represented on a variety of goods, such as omamori charms and fans, etc., which bestow protection and/or blessings on their owners.

Location/View			
Access	Travel by tour:30 min. via car from berth(15km) Individual travel:30 min. via car from port(15km)		
Season	Year-round		
Related links	Kumano Sanzan Association http://www.kumano-sanzan.jp/		



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Kumano Sanzan (Kumano Three Grand shrines)

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Main Attractions

The southern part of the Kii Peninsula, known since ancient times as Kumano, was famous as a hiding place for gods and spirits of the departed. Since then, people have come to worship at the Three Grand Shrines of Kumano, namely Hongu, Shingu and Nachi. The Three Grand Shrines of Kumano became famous after it had reached a 100 visitations from various emperors. Commoners have been permitted to worship at Kumano since the Kamakura Period, when it became known as "Ari-no-Kumanomode" (Ants' Pilgrimage to Kumano) due to the large amount of pilgrims.

Location/View			
Access	Travel by tour:30 min. via car from berth(15km) Individual travel:30 min. via car from port(15km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	23 buses
Related links	Kumano Sanzan Association http://www.kumano-sanzan.jp/		



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Fish Market

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Main Attractions

The Katsuura Fishing Port is one of the few ports in the country where maguro tuna caught on the ocean are brought onshore still alive. Visitors can be guided by a member of the local fishing cooperative and witness first hand an early morning auction for the fish. Hearing all about the different types of maguro tuna as well as seeing how large these fish are is quite an experience.

Location/View	7-8-2, Tsukiji, Nachikatsuura-cho, Higashimuro-gun, Wakayama ,649-5392
Access	Travel by tour:20 min. via car from berth(9km) Individual travel:20 min. via car from port(9km)
Season	Year-round
Related links	Nachi Katsuura tourism organization https://www.nachikan.jp/tokusanhin/

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Hashigui-iwa Rock

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Main Attractions

The Hashigui Rocks ("bridge posts") are a collection of around 40 rocks of varying shapes and sizes, and they make for an interesting and beautiful sight especially when surrounded by seawater. Repeated tide surges and the erosion of seawater have left only the hardest parts of the rocks, and the rock formation stretches for 850m to create one of the most famous sights in the southern part of the prefecture.

Location/View	Kujinokawa, Kushimoto-cho, Higashimuro-gun, Wakayama ,649-3511		
Access	Travel by tour:60 min. via car from berth(35km) Individual travel:60 min. via car from port(35km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	6 buses
Related links	Kushimoto Town Tourism Association Hashi-Gui-Iwa http://www.kankou-kushimoto.jp		

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Dorokyo Gorge

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Main Attractions

Doro-haccho is the name given to a narrow river gorge on the Kitayama River that can be navigated by waterjet boat. The natural environment of the interior of Kumano is impressive when viewed from the water. There are also many interesting and striking rock formations to see.

Location/View	272, Hitari, Kumanogawa-cho, Shingu-shi, Wakayama ,647-1211		
Access	Travel by tour:50 min. via car from berth(25km) Individual travel:50 min. via car from port(25km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	10 buses
Related links	Tanabe City Kumano Tourism Bureau Dorokyo Gorge Jet Boat Tour http://www.kumano-travel.com/index/en/action_ContentDetail_Detail/id164		

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Kumano Pilgrimage Again

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Topics

A parade of 90 people in traditional costume re-enact the ancient pilgrims by walking on the pilgrimage routes to Kumano. The parade takes in some spectacularly beautiful scenery, such as the Daimon-zaka slope, the Omoete-sando main boulevard, the Kumano Nachi Grand Shrine, the Nachisan Seigantoji Temple and Nachi Falls, which is one of the tallest waterfalls in Japan.

Location/View	Nachisan, Nachikatsuura-cho, Higashimuro-gun, Wakayama ,649-5301		
Access	Travel by tour:30 min. via car from berth(15km) Individual travel:30 min. via car from port(15km)		
Season	Last Sunday in October	Parking for tour buses	23 buses
Related links	Events&Festivals Nachi-Katsuura Town Tourism Association http://www.nachikan.jp/en/eventsfestivals/		



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Kumano Oto festival

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Topics

The Kumano Oto Festival is held each year on February 6 at the Kumano Hayatama Grand Shrine and Kamikura Shrine. Around 2,000 men dressed in white clothing, with rough straw rope bound around their waists and midribs, carry flaming torches by hand and race up the stone steps from one shrine to the other. The men chant a famous tune called the Shingu-bushi, the words to which are: "The Oto Fire Festival is a men's festival, the mountain has turned into a fire waterfall; the dragon descends the mountain." The festival is famous in the area as a harbinger of springtime.

Location/View	1-13-8, Kamikura, Shingu-shi, Wakayama ,647-0044		
Access	Travel by tour:15 min. via car from berth(6km) Individual travel:15 min. via car from port(6km)		
Season	6th February		
Related links	Wakayama Tourism Federation Festivals & Events Oto Festival(Fire Festival) http://www.wakayama-kanko.or.jp/world/english/things/event/index.html Shingu City Tourist Association Attractions http://www.kumano-shingu.com/contents/attrac/		



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Nachi-no-Ogi matsuri (Nachi Fire festival)

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Topics

The Nachi Fire Festival is known as one of Japan's big three fire festivals. The flames are used to cleanse the spirits of the 12 deities that are enshrined in Kumano. The twelve deities are temporarily re-housed in 6m tall "mikoshi" portable shrines. Then they are transported from the main shrine buildings to the Nachi Falls. Each of the mikoshi proceeds on the path lit by huge flaming torches weighing between 50kg to 60kg.

Location/View	Nachisan, Nachikatsuura-cho, Higashimuro-gun, Wakayama ,649-5301		
Access	Travel by tour:30 min. via car from berth(15km) Individual travel:30 min. via car from port(15km)		
Season	14th July	Parking for tour buses	23 buses
Related links	Wakayama Tourism Federation Festivals & Events Nachi Fire Festival http://www.wakayama-kanko.or.jp/world/english/things/event/index.html		



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