



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. The Katsura fishing port is especially famous as it is the largest landing base for fresh tuna in Japan.

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

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| 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 | Tuna Experience (tuna auction) https://en.visitwakayama.jp/venues/venue_74/ |



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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.

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| 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 | Kumanogyu: Wakayama's Premium Wagyu Beef https://en.visitwakayama.jp/wonderfully-wakayama/kumanogyu-wakayamas-premium-wagyu-beef/ |



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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.

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| 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 | Mehari Zushi, Sanma Zushi & Kakinoha Zushi https://visitwakayama.jp/venues/venue_93/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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 famous as it is the largest landing base for fresh tuna in Japan. 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.

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| 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.

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| 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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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.

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| 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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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 midriffs, 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.

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| Location/View | 1-13-8, Kamikura, Shingu-shi, Wakayama ,647-0044 MAP |
| 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-no-Ogi matsuri (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.

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| Location/View | Nachisan, Nachikatuura-cho, Higashimuro-gun, Wakayama ,649-5301 MAP | | |
| 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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