



Sekishū-Washi (Japanese Paper)

By Public Transport

Shopping

According to the famous Man'yo poet Kakinomoto Hitomaro, the production of this Japanese paper began during the Nara Period (710 AD~ 794 AD). The paper was noted for its strength despite being lightweight and soft. As a result, Sekishu-washi Japanese paper became designated as a Traditional Craft by the Japanese Government. At first, the paper has a yellowish hue, but as time passes the paper starts to turn into a beautiful white color. "Sekishu-Banshi" is a type of "Sekishu-washi" Japanese paper that was designated as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Location/View	Sekishu Washi Center 589 Furuichiba Misumi Hamada Shimane ,699-3225
Access	Travel by tour:25 min. via car from berth (About 18km) Individual travel:10 min. walk from JR Sanin Honsen Line "Miho Misumi" Sta.
Season	Year-round
Related links	Sekishu Washi https://www.sekishu.jp/en/index.html

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Hamada Brand "Three Donchichi Fish"

By Foot

Shopping

"Donchichi" was once an expression used by children to describe the music of "kagura", but is now currently used to represent Iwami Kagura as a whole. Altogether "Donchichi horse mackerel", "Donchichi black-throat sea perch" and "Donchichi flatfish" are known as the "Three Donchichi Fish" that represent Hamada city in Shimane.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
Related links	

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Iwami Ware

By Public Transport

Shopping

Today it is designated as a Traditional Craft by the Japanese Government, but the story of Iwami ceramics began during the mid-18th century in the Iwami Region of Shimane. Iwami-ware is well known for its "hando" which are large water jugs that are over 1m in height. During the Edo Period (1603~1867), these water jugs were transported by "kitamae-bune" cargo ships that sailed along the Sea of Japan. While large pieces are still made today, recent day production has shifted to smaller everyday-use items such as rice bowls.

Location/View	I 405 Kakushi-cho Gotsu City,Shimane,695-0016 Gotsu City Local Industry Promotion Center		
Access	Travel by tour: About 40 min. via car from berth (28 km) Individual travel: About 7 min. via car from JR Sanin Honsen Line "Gotsu" Sta.		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	10(reservation required)
Related links			

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Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine is a currently non-active mine located in Oda city, Shimane. Admired as an example of coexistence with nature, it was designated as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. The area consists of the old silver mines, mining towns, the roads to and from the mines, the ports of distributions, and the port towns. The facilities, equipment, and defense structures, as well as the traditional townscape and surrounding natural environment are all well-preserved examples showing how conscious they were of the surrounding environment.

Location/View			
Access	Travel by tour:70 min. via car from berth (About 60 km) Individual travel: About 20 min. via car from JR Sanin Honsen Line "Odashi" Sta.(2 km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	8(reservation required)
Related links	Iwami Ginzan World Heritage Center https://ginzan.city.oda.lg.jp		



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Shimane Aquarium AQUAS

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

The Shimane Prefectural Aquarium "AQUAS" is the only one of its kind to successfully breed beluga whales in western Japan. The aquarium's beluga whales are a popular attraction with their ability to blow bubble rings underwater. At their "Shimane Sea and Sea of Japan" exhibition, visitors can learn about the marine life of the Sea of Japan and the rocky shoreline of Shimane. Another exhibition called "Sea of Legend" focuses on the sharks found within the "White Hare of Inaba" myth. The penguin enclosure is also a popular attraction.

Location/View	1117-2 Kushiro-cho Hamada City, Shimane ,697-0004		
Access	Travel by tour:30 min. via car from berth(18km) Individual travel:10 min. walk from JR SaninHonsen Line "Hashi" Sta.		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	52 buses
Related links	Shimane Prefectural Aquarium "AQUAS" homepage https://aquas.or.jp/		



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Tsuwano historical district

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Enjoy the atmosphere of the castle town Tsuwano while strolling through the townscape of continual white plaster walls and red roof tiled buildings, all surrounded by mountains. Along the main street, Tonomachi-dori, colorful koi carp of all sizes swim in the canals. You can also see the Japanese Irises in bloom during the beginning of summer, while in autumn, the rows of ginkgo trees turn bright yellow. The district from Tonomachi-dori to Honmachi-dori is designated as a [Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings] and is where many merchant houses, like sake breweries and gift shops, still operate out of their old buildings.

Location/View	Ro 64-6 Ushiroda, Tsuwano, Kanoashi, Shimane 699-5605 		
Access	By car: 70km (90 mins) By rail: Tsuwano stn on JR Yamaguchi line via Masuda		
Season	Year-round		
Related links	Tsuwano Tourism Association https://tsuwano-kanko.net/		



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Tsuwano castle ruins

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Tsuwano Castle is ranked as one of the 100 Best Castles in Japan. Construction on the castle started in 1295 by Yoshimi Yoriyuki, who came from Noto Province (Northern Ishikawa Prefecture), and was completed 30 years later by his son, Yorinao. It was very rare for castles to be used for long periods of time, and Tsuwano Castle which was covered in repairs made by the lords throughout the years was finally demolished in 1875. To get to the castle, you can take the 5-minute chair lift up the mountain, and then walk for about 15-20 minutes. At the ruins, you can see the stone walls up close and get a sense of their sheer size. The castle ruins are the only place where you can see the whole town of Tsuwano.

Location/View	Ushiroda, Tsuwano, Kanoashi, Shimane 699-5605
Access	90min (70kn) by car JR Tsuwano station by rail + 5 min by taxi
Season	Year-round
Related links	Tsuwano Tourism Association https://tsuwano-kanko.net/

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Taikodani Inari jinja shrine

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Taikodani Inari Shrine is one of the 5 great Inari Shrines of Japan and the only Inari Shrine to have its name written using different Japanese characters, to include meaning of "wishes coming true". The 263 steps and 1,000 torii gates leading up to the shrine are popular among Japanese and foreign tourists alike. Come to wish for success in business or school and your wishes might actually come true. The shrine also has a parking lot, so visiting by car is also possible.

Location/View	409 Ushiroda, Tsuwano, Kanoashi, Shimane 699-5605
Access	90min (70kn) by car JR Tsuwano station by rail + 5 min by taxi or 30 min walk
Season	Year-round
Related links	Tsuwano Tourism Association https://tsuwano-kanko.net/

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Hamada Castle Museum

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Main Attractions

This museum lies at the foot of Hamada Castle Ruins, and is free of charge. From Hamada Castle, which acted as the center of Hamada Domain for 250 years following its fortification in 1619, to the Japan Heritage-designated port which acted as a stop for Kitamae-bune cargo ships, and Tonoura, where the townscape remains the same from the Edo Period (1603~1867), Hamada Castle Museum features a variety of exhibitions in a historical building that once served as the emperor's temporary place of sojourn.

Location/View	Tonomachi, Hamada City
Access	Travel by tour: About 10 min. via car from berth (2.6km) Individual travel: 5 min. walk from Iwami kotsu "Shiroyamakouen-mae" Sta.
Season	Year-round
Related links	Hamada City Tourist Association portal site "hama navigator" https://www.kankou-hamada.org.e.aew.hp.transer.com/

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Iwami Tatamigaura Seaside

By Public Transport

Main Attractions

Designated a Natural Monument by the Japanese Government. The fissures that run vertically and horizontally in the terrain makes it look as if 1,000 tatami mats were laid out over the surface. Being a product of a seismic shift from 16 million years ago, you can find fossilized trees and shells scattered along the surface giving it the nickname "nature made museum". It is a must visit during high tide because the area looks like the Uyuni Salt Flats.

Location/View	Kokubu-cho, Hamada City
Access	Travel by tour: About 20 min. via car from berth (About 9km) Individual travel: 15min by bus Iwami kotu and get off at Senjyouennouchi bus stop.
Season	Year-round
Related links	Hamada City Tourist Association portal site "hama navigator" https://www.kankou-hamada.org.e.aew.hp.transer.com/

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Onsen

By Public Transport

Topics

The high levels of metasilicic acid found in the waters of Mimata Onsen are effective in moisturizing and promoting healthy, beautiful skin. The waters of Asahi Onsen are gentle, and lotion-like in texture. Surrounded by nature, enjoy the open air bath at Kowa Onsen. The soft onsen water is the feature of Yuya Onsen. These four onsens in Hamada will help enhance the natural beauty of your skin to its fullest potential.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
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Iwami Kagura

By Public Transport

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The local performing art of the Iwami region of western Shimane, Iwami Kagura was designated as a Japan Heritage in 2019. Hand-painted masks and magnificent costumes allure the audience as the performers dance to the high tempo music. A popular performance is "Orochi" which features a battle between fire breathing serpents and the deity Susanoo.

Location/View	
Access	
Season	Year-round
Related links	Iwami Kagura (Hamada City Tourist Association Homepage) http://iwamikagura.jp.e.aew.hp.transer.com/

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