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**Hama-gochi**

"Eat local" and with great service are the mottos for the Hamada Dining and Hospitality Association "Hama-gochi". Made from the heart "Welcome to Hamada", all member restaurants offer dishes with carefully selected seasonal ingredients for under 3,000 JPY. To learn more about the food and restaurants visit the link below.

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**Sekishū-Washi (Japanese Paper)**

According to the famous Man'yō poet Kakinomoto Hitomaro, the production of this Japanese paper began during the Nara Period. The paper was noted for its strength despite being lightweight and soft. And as a result, Sekishu-washi Japanese paper has been 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 to a beautiful white color. "Sekishu-Banshi" is a type of "Sekishu-washi" Japanese paper which has been designated as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Asset.

| Location/View | 589 FuruichibaMisumi Hamada Shimane ,699-3225 | MAP |
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| Access        | Travel by tour:40 min. via car from berth (About 18km) Individual travel:10 min. walk from JR Sanin Honsen Line "Miho Misumi" Sta. |
| Season        | Year-round |

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**Hamada Brand "Three Donchichi Fish"**

"Donchichi" was once an expression used by children to describe the music of "kagura", but now it is used to describe 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.

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Iwami Ware

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 their “hando” which are large water jugs that are over 1m in height. During the Edo Period, 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.

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IwamiGinzan Silver Mine

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.

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Tsuwano City and Steam Locomotive Yamaguchi

Designated as a Japanese Heritage Site, Tsuwano is a castle town where streets are lined with white earthen walls and houses are roofed with red tiles, keeping to its traditional atmosphere. “Tonomachi” the central part of town and the area along the Old San’in Road have been designated as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings. In addition, there are other places to visit in Tsuwano, such as beautiful vermilion torii gates the lead up to Taikodani-inari Shrine and the Mori Ogai Memorial Hall. The steam locomotive train “Yamaguchi” runs on the JR Yamaguchi Line that connects Tsuwano to Yamaguchi Prefecture.

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Shimane Aquarium AQUAS

The Shimane Prefectural Aquarium “AQUAS” is the only one of its kind to successfully breed white dolphins 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 of the “White Hare of Inaba” folklore. The penguin enclosure is also a popular attraction.

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Iwami Tatamigaura Seaside

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 giving it the nickname “nature made museum”. And it is a must visit during high tide because the area looks like the Uyuni Salt Flats.

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Onsen

The high levels of metasilicic acid in the waters of Mimata Onsen are effective in moisturizing and promoting healthy skin. The waters of Asahi Onsen are as gentle as lotion. Surrounded by nature, enjoy the open air bath at Kowa Onsen. The soft onsen water is the feature of Yuya Onsen. These four onsens of Hamada are sure to help your skin be as beautiful as it can be.

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Hamada Castle Ruins

In 1619, Furuta Shigeharu who was the lord of a castle in “Isenokuni Matsusaka” (modern day Mie Prefecture) was moved to Hamada and in the next year the castle was built. In 1866, during the “Bakcho Senso” (Bakufu-Choshu War) the castle was set ablaze by supporting forces during an attack by Choshu rebel forces. Currently, only the stone foundation remains and is a famous place for viewing cherry blossoms. At the foot of the hill to the castle is the Hamada Castle Museum where visitors can learn more about the history of the castle.

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 “Siroyamakouenmae” Sta.

Season: Year-round

Related links
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“Kitamaebune” Tonoura Stop

Tonoura, designated as a Japan Heritage, prospered during the Edo and Meiji Periods when it was a stop along the route for “kitamaebune” trading ships. Traces of that time can still be found within the townscape as it remains today as it was during the Edo period. Climb to the top of hill that Hamada Castle once sat on and get a spectacular view of Tonoura port.

Location/View: Tonoura-cho, Hamada City

Access
Travel by tour: About 10 min. via car from berth (4km)
Individual travel: 15 min. walk from Iwami kotsu “Shiyakushomae” Sta.

Season: Year-round

Related links
Kitamae-bune KITAMAE official website
https://en.kitamae-bune.com/
Hamada-shi tourist association portal site "hama navigator"
http://www.kankou-hamada.org.e.aew.hp.transer.com/

Kohin Railway Imafuku Line

The Shimane section of the Kohin Railway was supposed to connect Hiroshima to Hamada. The Imafuku Line was worked on before and after the war, but never finished. Today, the tunnels and pillars are remnants of unfinished construction, and used as a set in dramas and movies.

Location/View: Shimoko-cho ~ Asahi-cho, Hamada City

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Iwami Kagura

The local performing art of the Iwami region of western Shimane, it 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 a fire breathing serpent and the deity Susanoo.

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