

Kaka and Nearby Coastal Areas

Overview

Located on the eastern side of Shimane Peninsula, Kaka and the surrounding coastal areas feature stunning landscapes that were shaped by long cycles of underwater volcanic activity and coastal erosion. The area boasts a deep connection to the ancient myths and history of Japan. The Kaka no Kukedo sea caves, for example, were believed to have been crafted by the gods. Also nearby are the mystical Seven Caves of Tako (Tako no Nanatsuana). Visitors can spend time in the town of Kaka and on Katsurashima Island, areas with a long history as trading ports harboring large wooden trading ships, known as *kitamaebune*, which sailed up and down the coast of the Sea of Japan during the Edo period (1603–1867).