

Hinomisaki

Overview

Cape Hinomisaki is at the western tip of the Shimane Peninsula. The area is home to numerous natural and historical attractions, including sacred islands, Japan's tallest stone lighthouse, and a vividly painted shrine. Revered since ancient times, Hinomisaki's islands are the site of an annual sunset ritual. The sacred islands are off-limits to the public, but visitors still flock to the Hinomisaki shoreline to enjoy the unique view of the sunset illuminating the columnar jointing rock formations. The brilliant vermillion Hinomisaki Shrine is believed to protect Japan at night, while Ise Jingu, the most important shrine in Japan, acts as the country's guardian during the day. In addition to strolling through the many important religious and historical sites, visitors to the coastal area around Cape Hinomisaki can choose from a diverse menu of popular marine sports that includes kayaking, snorkeling, and scuba diving.