

Kamishima Lighthouse

Overlooking a treacherous stretch of the Toba-Irigo waterway, this white-tiled lighthouse served as a waypoint for mariners navigating the powerful currents and hidden shoals. More than a thousand boats, from large tankers to fishing boats and pleasure craft, traverse these waters every day. Long known as a “lovers’ spot” among young locals, the lighthouse served as the setting for a key scene in the hit novel *The Sound of Waves* by Yukio Mishima (1925–1970). Those who visit will likely agree with Mishima that the expansive view is one of the island’s most beautiful.