

## **Fukutsu Beaches**

Fukutsu is located on a gently curving bay that faces the Genkai Sea, protected by headlands at each end. This stretch of coast is divided into several sheltered beaches, suitable for swimming and watersports. The main beaches are Fukuma, Miyajihama, and Tsuyazaki. These west-facing beaches have sunset views. In August, fireworks launched from floating platforms in the water light up the sky, and visitors can watch from the beachfronts.

### *Fukuma Beach*

Fukuma is the liveliest of Fukutsu's beaches, with cafes, restaurants, and surf shops open all year along the beachfront. Fukuma Beach has a variety of accommodations, including simple family-run inns (*minshuku*), boutique hotels, and a glamping area. At the south end of the beach is a tourist information center, called "Beach House," with maps and pamphlets about local activities like windsurfing and stand-up paddleboarding (SUP).

### *Miyajihama Beach*

Miyajihama is a quiet beach between Fukuma and Tsuyazaki Beaches. There is a parking area and toilets. A stone torii gate marks the road leading from the beach to Miyajidake Shrine.

### *Tsuyazaki Beach*

To the north of Miyajihama, Tsuyazaki Beach is quieter than Fukuma Beach, with fewer shops. The beach is wide, and the water is shallow, making it suitable for children. Many of the beach houses were built in the Showa era (1926–1989), and the area has a laid-back, retro atmosphere. Some of the beach houses have been converted into inns and restaurants. There is a public bath facility next to the beach called "Shioyu no Sato Yuhikan," which features heated seawater.