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Kasaoka Islands Hopping

Slow, relaxing,

refreshing journey



•Kasaoka islands

Seven islands each with their own unique character floating on the Seto Inland Sea, in southwestern Okayama Prefecture

Kasaoka City, approx. 50km southwest of Okayama City is a port town facing the Seto Inland Sea.

Located offshore are the Kasaoka Islands.

Island travel visiting seven unique islands such as Manabe-shima Island also designated as a hometown village and Shiraishi-jima Island where a traditional bon dance is a significant intangible folklore cultural asset still passed down from generation to generation harbor the boom for Kasaoka sightseeing.





- You must make reservations in advance to be able to experience being a fisher-
- There are no facilities for eating or drinking but reservations can be made at certain stay accommodations.
- There are tours for the Azalea Festival in April.

Taka-shima Island





"The Island of Fishermen and Azaleas" Located 12 km offshore of Kasaoka Port in Kasaoka City, in the northernmost reach of the Kasaoka Islands, Taka-shima Island is said to have prospered since long ago as a strategic point in the sailing routes through the Seto Inland Sea. It is written in the "Records of "Ancient Matters of Japan (Kojiki)" that a temporary lodging (Taka-shima Angu) was built on the island to accommodate the Imperial visit of Emperor Jinmu was on an eastern expedition.





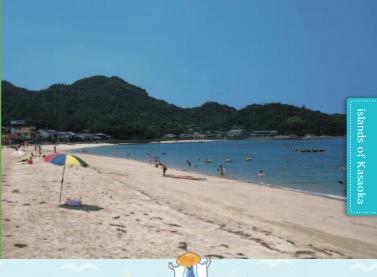






- There are hiking courses. You will want to wear clothing and shoes that are easy to walk in.
- Swimming and marine accommodation facilities that accept reservations for those who wish to experience marine sports.

to watch and take part in (Shiraishi Odori)in July.



Shiraishi-jima Island



"The Island of Prayers and Marine Sports"

Approximately 10 km in circumference and the second largest of the Kasaoka Islands, Shiraishi-jima Island has been famous for centuries for its picturesque scenery, and has even been designated by the government as a place of scenic beauty.

The Shiraishi Bon Dance performed during the Obon season (mid-August) has been officially designated as an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property. It is said to have started to mourn for the souls of those who died in the Genji-Heike Mizushima War (1183), and it is considered nationwide as an extremely rare form of Obon dancing. Many sightseers come to the island as part of a tour to observe and even participate in the Shiraishi Dance.



■ Accommodation

Amagi-so	☎0865-68-3027
Shiraishi Guesthouse	☎090-8086-8371
Sanchan Guesthouse	☎0865-68-3169
Otafuku Inn	☎0865-68-3501
Nakanishi-ya	☎0865-68-3553





- ●The docks for the ferries and the regular passenger vessels are separated, and there are no means of transportation between them. Be sure to board the vessel that docks at the destination you wish to go to.
- There are 2 places to stay and several establishments for eating and drinking. Some restaurants require reservations.

Kitagi-shima Island





"The Island of Stone and Floating Paper Dolls"

The island produces extremely high quality granite, known as "Kitagi Ishi (Kitagi Stone)." The stone is famous for being used as the stone walls for the Osaka Castle and Fukuyama Castle, as well as the stone for the Jingu Bashi stone bridge at the Meiji Shrine and in the "Torii Gate" at Yasukuni Shrine. Today, quarrying and fishing are the primary industries on the island.

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Shiraishi-jima Kitagi-shima Tost Office Kusunoki Port
Island Kanartiro Port Shop Mt. Tongiri
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Shimoura Roach Mt. Akiba
Shinoula Beach
(Camp Grounds)
500m

Postaurant	
Amanoya	☎0865-68-2019
Gourmet Kitagi-shima	☎0865-68-3239
Accommodation	

☎0865-62-2856

Shimoura beach	☎ 0865-68-2069	(NPO法人かさおか島づくり海社)

Restaurant		
Yokko-chan's Store	Set lunches, boxed meals cooked with ingredients from islands, etc.	☎ 090-4 <mark>6</mark> 54-2791
Minatoya	rice bowel with toppings, udon noodles, ramen, etc.	☎0865-68-2046
Gourmet Kitagi-shima	set lunches, course menus	☎0865-68-3239
Chinese Noodle Daifuku	ramen, udon noodles, curry rice, etc.	☎090-1684-6230
■Bicycle rental		

Beach

Setouchi-Cruising



- There are 2 places to stay and several establishments for eating and drinking. Be aware that some of the establishments for eating and drinking require reservations.
- To visit many of the main sightseeing spots, it is convenient to get off the boat at Manabe-shima Port (Honura Port). You can get around on foot.



Manabe-shima Island





"The Island of History and Movies" The island is situated roughly 31 km from the Kasaoka Port in Kasaoka City. The story goes that at the end of the Heian period, the powerful Fujiwara clan used the island as a base of operations for its navy, taking the name for the island from the Manabe clan. In their heyday, they governed all of the islands in the vicinity. There are historical ruins, such as the remains of the castle built by the Manabe family who took the side of the Taira family (Heike) during the battle of the Genji and Heike clans. There is also a stone pagoda built and it is said in memory of the dead. These are just some of the many records, ruins and events steeped in history that still exist on the island, giving Manabe-shima Island more historical prominence than any other in the Kasaoka Islands.



■Accommodation

Fisherman's House **20865-68-3519 ☎**0865-68-3515 Shimayado-Santora



Ryoka	Fishermen's Food (reservations required)	☎0865-68-3519
Funade	udon noodles, ramen, set meals	☎0865-68-3900
Nagisa	"Okonomiyaki" savory pancake, coffee, and tea.	☎0865-68-3771
Shiomach	i Teahouse Gori-gori beverages, specialty products	☎0865-68-3093

Obi-shima Island Kobi-shima Island



- The camellias, sightseeing spots, facilities, etc. are on the side facing Obi-shima Island.
- Around the time the camellias are ready for viewing in March, the Camellia Festival is held.



Accommodation Ile d'or

2090-4659-8444

These are islands approximately 30 km from Kasaoka Port in Kasaoka City and are named Hi-shima Islands in conjunction with Obi-shima and Kobi-shima Island

Since long ago, the Kasaoka Islands have held a strategic importance in traveling around the Seto Inland Sea. As part of this, the area around Obi-shima Island is considered the location where the east-west tides on the Seto Inland Sea converge and separate. It is believed that ships plying the waters waited in the area for a favorable turn in the tide.



Mu-shima Island



Highlight

There are daffodils near the lighthouse in Jan. and Feb.



Accommodation

Shima-Koya Guest House **2**090-8377-2897

■Café

Shima-Koya (Coffee, Tea, Beer, and light meals available) 2090-8377-2897

Located approximately 40 km from Kasaoka Port in Kasaoka City, the island is the southernmost island of the Kasaoka Islands, as well as that of Okayama Prefecture.

Between it and the Shonai Peninsula Misaki in Kagawa Prefecture about 4.5 km away to the south, there is channel with fast currents, which is a strategically important sea lane for large passenger ships and other vessels crossing the Seto Inland Sea. The first lighthouse in Okayama Prefecture was built on Mu-shima Island to protect ships traveling along the sea lane.



Traditional events



Hashiri Mikoshi (running with a portable shrine) on Manabe-shima Island

March 3 of the old calendar

 Nagashi Bina ritual in Kitagi-shima Island

May

 Hashiri Mikoshi (running with a portable shrine) on Manabe-shima Island

May 5 of the old calendar

- Hittaka
- Oshigurango

Early in July

Shiraishi Bon Dance

August 13 to 16

Shiraishi Bon Dance

August 14

Oshima Kasa Dance

September

- Konoshima Tenjin festival
- Yakko procession at Konoshima Shrine



Konoshima Teniin Festival



Other events

January

 Spring Daffodil Festival tour on Mu-shima Island

January 24 of the old calendar

Spring Festival at Daisen-in Temple

March (Spring Equinox Day)

Canola Flower Festival

Cherry-blossom Festival

Third Sunday in May Poppy Festival



Late July

 Kasaoka Port Festival **Fireworks**

First Sunday in August

Sunflower Festival



Sunflower Festival

Second Sunday in October Cosmos Festival

November

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Ginkgo Festival

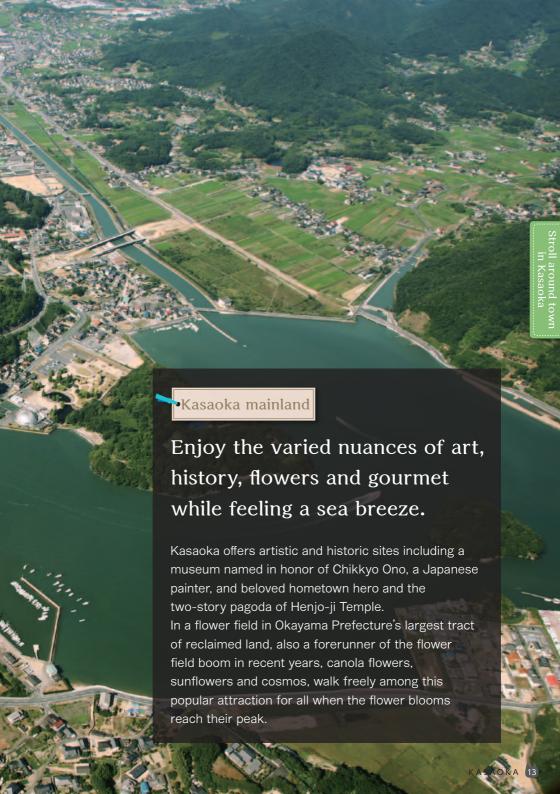




Ginkgo Festival







Recommended spot

Kasaoka Bay Farm & Flower Field

The sweeping flower field is magnificent. Enjoy the seasonal scenery.

In August 2011. The Kasaoka Bay Farm Roadside Station has opened with delicacies from Kasaoka's mountains and sea, located on reclaimed land in Kasaoka Bay, so expansive it's easy to get lost in. In spring there are canola blossoms, in summer 1 million sunflowers, and cosmoses swaying in the wind in autumn. Whatever the season, the venue welcomes you cheerfully.



Address/ (Kasaoka Bay Farm Roadside Station) 245-5 Kabuto Minami-machi, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0046,Japan TEL/0865-67-6755 FAX/0865-67-6711 Website/http://www.k-bav.ip/ [MAP] 29E-3



Flower calendar





Peak time Middle of March to Early April



Peak time Early August





Relax at a café and restaurant

Roadside Station

Kasaoka Bay Farm

Marche sells locally harvested fresh agricultural foods and processed products. A restaurant and café using local ingredients attract locals and visitors every day. The specialized staff including the former chef of a station master and a vegetable sommelier look forward to welcoming you.



Restaurant "Shikisai



Check the website for the latest information (Japanese only)







Kasaoka Municipal Horseshoe Crab Museum

The Only One in the World!

A museum with horseshoe crabs as its theme.

This is the only facility in the world with the horseshoe crab as its theme. It is involved in protecting the "Horseshoe Crab Breeding Grounds," a Nationally-Designated Natural Monument, and researching the crab as a species. From "larvae" (baby crabs) to adult crabs, the museum affords visitors a rare opportunity to observe horseshoe crabs up close.

Horseshoe Crab

Horseshoe crabs have survived and remain virtually as they were 200 million years ago, and are known as "living fossils."

Although the name includes "crab," some believe that it is closest to the spider species.

Address/1946-2 Yoko-shima, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0043,Japan TEL/0865-67-2477 FAX/0865-67-2424

Hours/9:00 - 17:00 (last admittance until 16:30)

Holidays/Mondays, following day after a public holiday, New Year's Holiday

Entrance fee/Adults ¥520; High school students ¥310; ¥210 Elementary, Junior high school students Parking/100 vehicles [MAP]29E-3





Recommended spot

Chikkyo Art Museum
The museum opens up the world of Ono Chikkyo, a famous nihonga

(lapanese style paintings) closely connected with Kasaoka.



A painter of nihonga (Japanese style paintings), Ono Chikkyo (1889 - 1979) was born in Kasaoka City and was a recipient of the Order of Culture. The museum was opened with the purpose of conveying to the world his great accomplishments based on the many works he left behind donated by his family. A pamphlet published by the Chikkyo Art Museum invites you to experience "The clarity, gentleness, warmth that his art has to offer.



Address/1-17 Rokuban-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0087, Japan TEL/0865-63-3967 FAX/0865-63-4496 Hours/9:30 - 17:00 (last admittance until 16:30) Holidays/Mondays, following day after a public holiday, New Year's Holiday Parking/100 vehicles

Entrance fee/Adults ¥500; High school students ¥300; ¥150 Elementary, Junior high school students

Website/http://www.city.kasaoka.okayama.jp/ site/museum/ [MAP] 29D-3

Kasaoka mainland sightseeing spots

Kasaoka Church of the United Church of Christ in Japan



Completed in 1893, this church is highly regarded as a fine example of western style architecture of the Meiji Period in Kasaoka. A twostory wooden structure, the pantile roofing and exterior which has an anticorrosive whitewash finish combine to give the church a beautiful and warm appearance.

Address/23-9 Chuo-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0088, Japan TEL/0865-62-4001

Access/3-minute walk from JR Kasaoka Station. 15 minutes from Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway [MAP] 29D-3

Remains of Oda Prefectural Office



In the early days of the Meiji Period, the office for Oda Prefecture was located here. Its remains are now part of the grounds of the present day Kasaoka Elementary School. The Oda Prefectural Office was abolished after only 3 years. During that time, Bokudo Inukai who was to become Prime Minister served here. Today the gate of the old prefectural office still stands as the gate for the elementary school and it has retained its original appearance.

Address/(Kasaoka Elementary School) 1870 Kasaoka, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0081, Ja-

Transportation/3-minute walk from JR Kasaoka Sta-

15 minutes from Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway [MAP] 29D-3

Daisenin Temple

With its impressionable red belfry gate, Daisenin Temple is for the Shingon esoteric Buddhism sect and since long ago has been affectionately referred



to as "Daisen-san." A Seihan holy priest went to worship at Mt. Hoki-Daisen, a holy mountain, he brought back with him a part of the main deity enshrined there so it could be shared with another temple and worshipped. That is the origin of the Daisenin Temple.

On the 24th of every month by the old calendar, a temple festival is held and a large number of people from the city and neighboring areas come to attend memorial services for their ancestors.

Address/5240 Kasaoka, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0081,Japan

TEL/0865-62-3200

Access/8-minute walk north from JR Kasaoka Sta-

15 minutes from Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway [MAP] 29D-3

Pilgrimage to 88 Temples of Konoshima

Total Distance: 29km In 1744, Kasaoka merchant Imada Keigen spent 5 years establishing a pilgrimage route



which was modeled on the one in Shikoku. It is filled with widely changing scenery. Today a large number of pilgrims go on the pilgrimage and it is well suited for a walking course.

The standard way of walking the route is to take two days and one night.

Address/(Konoshima Henro Kaikan) 3986-7 Konoshima, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0044, Japan

TEL/0865-67-3123 (Konoshima Henro Kaikan) Related Events/Yakuyoke Daishi Matsuri (Daishi Festival for Warding Off Evil) (November 3)

Access/Ikasa Bus Corporation, Kasaoka - Shimin Kaikan (Civic Center Hall) - Sotoura - Terama - Kasaoka Line or Uchiuramisaki-bound. Get off at "Nakamura-guchi" Stop (until "Konoshima Henro Kaikan"). 25 minutes from Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway (until "Konoshima Henro Kaikan")

Note/If you plan to visit using your own car, parking is possible near where amulets are issued, although there some exceptions.

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Ikasa Railroad Museum

This is a memorial hall for the Ikasa Railroad which opened in 1913 and closed in 1971. The Niiyama Station building



is in much the condition as when it was built in 1913. Inside are fixtures used on the locomotive, photos, and other exhibits, conveying the history of the Ikasa Railroad to today.

Address/1457-8 Yamaguchi, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0007, Japan

TEL/0865-69-2155 (Lifelong Studies Section, Kasaoka City Board of Education)

Hours/9:00 - 17:00

Holidays/Mondays (or the following day if Monday is a public holiday), New Year's Holiday

Entrance fee/Free

Parking/5 vehicles

Access/Take the bus operated by the Ikasa Bus Corporation from Kasaoka to the Yakage Line "Niiyama Station" and walk about 4 minutes.

10 minutes from the Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway. [MAP] 28B-3

Kasaoka Municipal Kyodokan Museum

This is a facility established to present even the smallest of items to tickle the visitors intellectual curiosity, and includes important artifacts



from religious services unearthed from ruins at Hi-shima Islands.

On display are earthenware and currency dug up from ruins in the city. These include nationally recognized artifacts from the Oshima Tsukumokaizuka shell mounds of the Jomon Period, and southern ruins of Obi-shima sandbar which existed from the Nara to Heian Periods.

Address/5628-10 Kasaoka, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0081,Japan

TEL/0865-69-2155 (Lifelong Studies Section, Kasaoka City) Hours/9:00 - 17:00

Holidays/Mondays (or the following day if Monday is a public holiday),

Following day after a public holiday, New Year's Holiday (Dec. 28 to Jan. 4)

Entrance fee/General ¥50; Elementary and Junior high school students ¥20

Parking/5 vehicles

Access/Ikasa Bus Corporation, Kasaoka - Fukuyama Line. Get off at "Shimin Byoin (Hospital) Mae" Stop. Walk for about 2 minutes.

20 min. from the Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway

Website/https://www.city.kasaoka.okayama.jp/soshiki/28/ kyodokan.html [MAP]29D-3

Konoshima Navic Land



This is a combined outdoor facility facing the Seto Inland Sea, equipped with a day-camp site, landing bridge exclusively for fishing and ground golf course. The site includes an open grass area, flush toilets, showers and kitchen/ cooking areas. Families, groups and couples are welcome.

Address/532 Konoshima, Kasaoka City, Okayama 714-0044, Japan

Inquiries/TEL 0865-67-0163 Open/Saturdays, Sundays, National holidays Hours/8:00 to 17:00 Close/Weekdays * Open only on Saturdays, Sundays, National holidays

With Parking

Admission/Adult ¥800, Elementary school students, seniors (60 or older) ¥400

Access/by car 20 minutes from Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway [MAP] 29F-2

Sugawara Shrine's Two-Arched Bridge and Irises



It is said that the Sugawara Shrine was built on reclaimed land in the Yoshihama District during the Edo Period to worship the local Shinto god. Its precincts contain approximately 2,000 irises living en masse in the Mitarai pond. During May of every year, the bright bluish purple flowers are a pleasure on the eyes. The contrast between them and the two-arched stone bridge spanning the pond is exquisite.

Address/1661 Yoshihama, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0074, Japan

Access/Ikasa Bus Corporation, Kasaoka - Fukuyama Line. Get off at "Yoshihama" Stop. Walk for about 1

5.6 km from the Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway

Note/When the flowers are at their best time to enjoy, walking tours are conducted around the irises at Sugawara Shrine and other notable spots in the vicinity.

[MAP] 29D-2

Wild Cherry Trees in Konoshima Sotoura



The wild cherry trees on Konoshima bloom as if in a race to get to the top of the mountain. Looking at the trees makes you wonder just how many of them there are. Traveling along the road from the reclaimed land to Konoshima Sotoura gives you a feeling of happiness.

Best time to see: From early April

Address/Konoshima Sotoura, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0034, Japan

Access/Ikasa Bus Corporation, Kasaoka - Shimin Kaikan (Civic Center Hall) - Sotoura - Terama -Kasaoka Line or Uchiuramisaki-bound. Get off at "Nakamura-guchi" Stop.

20 minutes from Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway

Note/Around the time the wild cherries are ready for viewing in April, the Konoshima Sotoura Wild Cherry Festival is held. [MAP] 29F-3

Two-Story Pagoda at Henjo-ji Temple



Built in 1606, this is the oldest two-story pagoda in the prefecture. It is also older than any of the four-building pagodas in the prefecture as well. It has been officially designated as an Important Cultural Property. Henjo-ji Temple was moved due to the Land Readjustment Project that took place in front of the station to its current location of Nishi-no-Hama. The pagoda now stands quietly in the Ichyo Park in the center of Kasaoka. The leaves of the weeping willows tree beside it turn a splendid golden color as the autumn approaches, creating a unique sight along with the pagoda.

Address/16 Chuo-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0088, Japan

Access/2-minute walk from JR Kasaoka Station. 15 minutes from Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway [MAP] 29D-3

Kojozan Park

Mt. Kojozan is a tiny mountain on a small high hill (60.8 m) located in the center of the urban area of the city. The view from it is unrivalled.





places in the prefecture famous for its cherry blossoms. Every year in spring, people flock to the area view the cherry blossoms on approximately 400 trees. In addition, fireworks launched from the top can be viewed during the fireworks display in sum-

The park contains many stone monuments with literary inscriptions and stone monuments honoring famous historical figures. A short distance down from the park is the Kawayangi Park which has many stone slabs with haiku inscriptions.

Best time to see the cherries: Late March to mid-

Address/2369-1 Kasaoka, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0081,Japan

Parking/On the summit there is free parking for about 30 vehicles. (Large vehicles are not be able to travel up the slope.)

Access/10-minute walk from JR Kasaoka Station 15 minutes from the Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway. [MAP] 29D-3

Kasaoka Sun Plaza(Taiyo-no-Hiroba)

Walk about 3 km along the end embankment on the reclaimed land on Kasaoka Bay and you will come to a multi-purpose park. With its beds of flowers which



bloom throughout the year along the promenades and the rows of stone statues, it is the perfect place to go strolling or jogging. In addition, it has a place for roller skating and a BMX biking course, which everyone from children to adults can enjoy.

Address/13 Kabuto Higashi-machi, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0051, Japan

TEL/0865-66-2500

Hours/Usual hours * Toys and other items to use to play in the plaza are on loan 8:30 - 16:00.

Plaza Holidays/None

Entrance charge/Free

Parking/484 vehicles

Access/Ikasa Bus Corporation, Kasaoka - Shiromidai Danchi - Sogo Sports Koen - Kasaoka Line. Get off at "Kasaoka Sogo Sports Koen Mae" Stop. Walk for about 2 minutes.

5 km from the Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway

Website/http://www.city.kasaoka.okayama.jp/soshiki/19/koen9.html [MAP] 29D-3

Kodai-no-Oka Sports Park

Located in the northern part of Kasaoka City. The "Kodaino-Oka" in its name actually means "Ancient Hill." In addition to playing



grounds for soccer and Ground Golf, a baseball diamond, and other sports facilities, it also has a plaza for social exchange which has a fountain, a playground for children with lots of equipment, and camp grounds for 13 camping sites. All of this enables it to be used for both athletics and recreation. In addition, it is connected by a suspension bridge to a group of ancient burial mounds behind the nearby Chofuku Temple. Visitors enjoy strolling around the area with visions of stories of ancient people.

Address/3478-4 Hashiride, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0001, Japan

TEL/0865-65-2100 FAX/0865-65-2105

Parking/120 vehicles

Access/Ikasa Bus Corporation, Kasaoka to Yakage Line. Get off at "Morigaichi" Stop or "Yamaguchi" Stop. Walk for about 30 minutes.

20 min. from the Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway

Web site/http://www.city.kasaoka.okayama.jp/soshiki/19/koen11.html [MAP] 28A-3

Kasaoka City Fisheries Cooperative Morning Market



Morning market which Kasaoka City Fisheries Cooperative directly operates. Today's haul of fresh fish are sold.

Address 3230-8 Konoshima Sotoura, Kasaoka City, Okayama,714-0034,Japan

Inquiries TEL 0865-67-7321

Open Tuesdays (Close if Tuesday is a national holi-

day.) Hours 9:00 to 10:00 Bus Ikasa Bus Company/Kasaoka - Shimin-kaikan - Sotoura - Terama - Get off at Kasaoka Line "Konoshima Sotoura" and walk 1 minute.

Access by car 20 minutes from Kasaoka Interchange on Sanyo Expressway [MAP] 29F-3

Mt. Mitake



Mt. Mitake faces the Sea of Mizushima and has an elevation of 310 meters. From its foothills up to the summit, there are several locations of religious significance, including Ryuo Shrine, Ontaki Gongen, and Mt. Mitake 33 Kannon. The mountain has a strong religious following among its local residents who have an intimate attachment to it. The lookout just before the summit is called "Genkodai" and it presents a panorama of the many islands spread throughout the Seto Inland Sea, with the Kasaoka Islands in the center, In 1950, Mt. Mitake was designated a National Park because of its exquisite views.

Address/Nishi Oshima, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0032,Japan

Access/25 minutes from the Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway. [MAP] 29E-4

Kasaoka Aozora Market



Direct sales station operated by the local Japan Agricultural Cooperative. Just picked vegetables and fruits, flowers and processed products are sold. Kasaoka figs are popular and processed products such as dried figs and fig jellies are also popular!

Address 55-2 Heisei Town, Kasaoka City, Okayama 714-0054, Japan

Inquiries TEL 0865-66-1301 Hours: 9:00 to 16:00 Close End and start of year Parking 50 vehicles Bus Ikasa Bus Company/Kasaoka - Shiromidaidanchi - Sogo Sports Koen - Get off at Kasaoka Line "JA Eino Center

Access by car 15 minutes from Kasaoka Interchange on the Sanyo Expressway [MAP] 29D-2



There are over 30 shops serving ramen in Kasaoka.

Among them are ones that serve ramen with slices of boiled chicken floating on a soy sauce broth made from stock based on chicken bones. That's Kasaoka Ramen Noodles, and no place can make it like Kasaoka! The backdrop of Kasaoka becoming so recognized for its Kasaoka Ramen is a group of young people who loved their local ramen and embarked on a serious effort to prove it over a 10-year period.

Instead of pork slices of roasted chicken!

Light and trans.

Clear and delicious!

Soy sauce soup with a chicken bone

base!

They set about recreating the taste of Kasaoka Ramen Noodles. They also participated in events in various locations to promote the ramen through demonstration sales.

Their efforts bore fruit. In 2009, the "Nationwide Promotional Project for Kasaoka, The Ramen Town" was established, commonly referred to as the "Ramen Project."

Part of their activities includes holding annual events in the city in which all the ramen shops participate. In addition, the following year they created the "Kasaoka, The Ramen Town" guide map.

The reputation of Kasaoka as The Town for Ramen continues to spread.





Ajidokoro Eiseimaru

Address/1st Floor, Ohashi Building, 33-4 Chuo-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0088, Japan Business hours/17:30-22:00 (Last order: 21:30) Fixed holidays/Sundays, public holi-



Maruei Chinese Noodle

Address/387-5 Shinga, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0005, Ja-

Business hours/11:00-21:00 Fixed holidays/Tuesdays



Otatsu

Address/20-4 Chuo-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0088, Japan

Business hours/11:30-14:00; 17:30-

Fixed holidays/Wednesdays



Kitchen Mimi-Tei

Address/1st Floor, Kasaoka Seaside Mall Building, 2388 Kasaoka, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0081, Japan

Business hours/10:00-17:30 Fixed holidays/Same as the Sea-side Mall



Tonpei's Ramen & Gyoza

Address/2215-1 Obirai, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0012, Japan Business hours/11:00-21:00 (until 20:00 on Sundays and public holidays)

*Shop will close once ingrédients run

Fixed holidays/Thursdays (or the following day if Thursday is a holiday)



Chinese Noodle Miyama

Address/Konoshima Ohashi Nishizume, 3856-2 Konoshima, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0044, Japan

Business hours/11:00-14:30, 17:30-22:00

Fixed holidays/None



Sakamoto

Address/34-9 Chuo-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0088 Japan

Business hours/9:30 to around 14:30 Fixed holidays/Sundays, public holidavs

Ichijiku ("Fig" Horaishi)

"Horaishi" is a type of fig raised in the warm climate of the Seto Inland Sea. It is very sweet and ranks at the top class among figs. When Horaishi gets ripe, an opening in it separates. Dried the same way as persimmons, dried "Ichijiku" is a little-known specialty of Kasaoka and is used in a product of JA Kurashiki Kasaya known as "Oshigurango." Among other products it is used in are Matcha Green-Tea-Yokan (sweet bean jelly) and brandy cake, known for its high-quality sweetness, both made by the Fujiya Kashiho.

JA Kurashiki Kasaya Kasaoka Agriculture Center 55-2 Heisei-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0054,Japan TEL:0865-66-5010 FAX: 0865-66-2631 Website:http://www.ja-kurakasa.or.jp/specialty/fruit/ichijiku/



Seto-no-Hime

The restaurant features fresh meat from high-quality beef cattle raised for a minimum of 28 months on ranches on the reclaimed land around Kasaoka Bay.

Tanimoto Farm 11-81 Juichiban-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0098,Japan TEL/FAX: 0865-62-5556



The Horseshoe Crab Couple ("Manju")

These are two buns shaped like a male horseshoe crab (small) and a female one (large), each filled with sweet white bean paste or mashed sweet red bean paste. Since the horseshoe crab is said to mate for life, the buns shaped after them contain hopes for harmonious marital relations.

Fujiya Kashiho 475-28 Tomioka, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0092,Japan TEL/FAX: 0865-62-3833

Middle of the Seto Inland Sea Seaweed, a Kasaoka Specialty

Eatable seaweed has been produced in Kasaoka for about 40 years. Particular care is paid to cultivating and harvesting the seaweed. It is carefully selected for its rich color and pleasing smell. Their spores are mated and only the harvests taken early in the growing year are made into products. The resulting seaweed features a fine taste, dissolves easily in the mouth, and is very popular as a gift item.

The people who make and sell the seaweed do so with the desire for everyone to try seaweed produced in Kasaoka.

Senoo Suisan 32-31 Minohama, Kasaoka City, Oka<mark>yama Pref</mark>ecture,714-0042,Japan TEL/FAX: 0865-67-6733



Tamari Sweets

The castella (sponge cake) sweets are made from glutinous wheat grown on the reclaimed land around Kasaoka Bay and locally-produced eggs, baked using an unique method handed down through generations.

Tamariken 19-4 Chuo-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0088,Japan





Kitagi Stone

Kitagi Stone has been used in the construction of the "torii" gates at the Yasukuni Shrine, the head office of the Bank of Japan, and various other buildings and structures throughout Japan. The stone quarried at the TSURUTA STONE, established in 1892, is a type called "Nakame." It is mined at a depth of 70 m below sea level and is highly compressed and very durable. In addition to being used as construction material and in gravestones, it can also be custom made for products, such as umbrella stands.

TSURUTA STONE Co., Ltd.

8703 Kitagi-shima-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0301, Japan TEL: 0865-60-0307 FAX: 0865-60-0308 Website:http://kitagi.jp/

Parent & Child Horseshoe Crabs ("Manju")

Shaped like horseshoe crabs, these are "manju," steamed buns filled with bean paste. With their thick, rich appearance and color and luster, they bear a very close resemblance to the real horseshoe crabs. Inside is bean paste made from "matcha" green tea leaves, used because when the white blood of the horseshoe crab is exposed to air, it turns green.

Selling confectionary for over 50 years, Tamariken has been awarded honorary gold prizes at National Confectionary Tourism Exhibitions. The "Oyako Kabutogani (Parent & Child Horseshoe Crabs)" name is a registered trademark.

19-4 Chuo-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0088, Japan TEL/FAX: 0865-62-3584

Unememomiji Eggs

The Uneme Farm raises the chickens producing the eggs utilizing FFC Pairogen and is very particular about the type of chicken feed and water they use. And they are very proud of the thick, rich yolks of their eggs.



Uneme Farm 5409-1 Higashi Ohdo, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture,714-0071,Japan TEL: 0865-62-3962 FAX: 0865-62-4520 Website:http://www.unemefarm.com/

The Ginkgo Tree, Symbol of Kasaoka (Baked Sweets)

The cookies were developed to spread the word that the ginkgo tree is designated as the symbol of Kasaoka. They are made with strawberry placed inside dough shaped to resemble a gingko tree.

Fujiya Kashiho 475-28 Tomioka, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0092, Japan

TEL/FAX: 0865-62-3833



Setouchi-no-Haiboshi

Cured dried seafood made using an ash-drying method where fresh fish caught in the Seto Inland Sea are dried with ash prepared from lapilli from Miyake-jima Island using stone material techniques developed on Kitagi-shima Island.

Kasaoka Shimazukuri Kaisha NPO 9768-1 Kitagi-shima-cho, Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, 714-0301.Japan

TEL: 0865-68-3741 FAX: 0865-68-3150 Website:http://www.shimazukuri.org/





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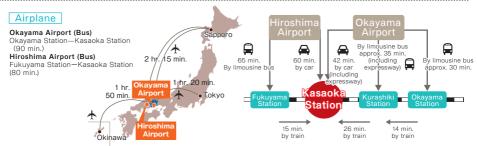
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Access to Kasaoka





shinkansen

JR Tokyo sta. —JR Okayama sta. (210 min.) JR Shin Osaka sta. —JR Okayama sta. (50 min.)

JR Tokyo sta. —JR Fukuyama sta. (230 min.)

JR Shin Osaka sta. -JR Fukuyama sta. (70 min.)

JR Hakata sta. -JR Fukuyama sta. (90 min.)

Local Line

JR Okayama sta. —JR Kasaoka sta. (40 min.)

JR Fukuyama sta. —JR Kasaoka sta. (15 min.)
JR Kurashiki sta. —JR Kasaoka sta. (26 min.)

Hiroshima Station

Station

Fukuyama Station

Station

Fukuyama Station

Car

■ Sanyo Expressway From Osaka: 3 hr., From Hiroshima: 1 hr. 10 min. Hayashima IC - Kasaoka IC (20 min.) Fukuyama-Nishi IC - Kasaoka IC (20 min.)

Chugoku Expressway From Hokubo IC: 90 min.

■ National Route 2 From Okayama: 80 min.; From Fukuyama: 30 min.



O Boarding Docks in Vicinity of Kasaoka Port



* During the summer vacation, the parking lot will be charged.

Bus station

Route buses from JR Kasaoka Ekimae to Kasaoka City. Check the website for the timetable of each route.



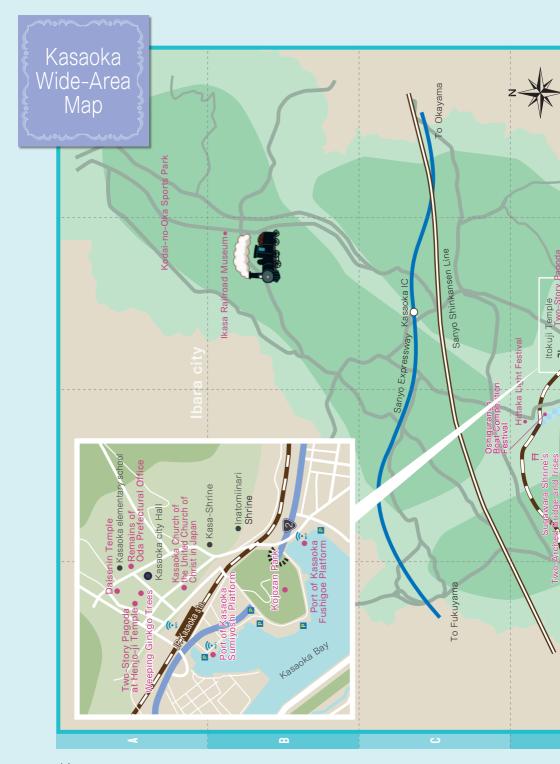
Access to Various Islands

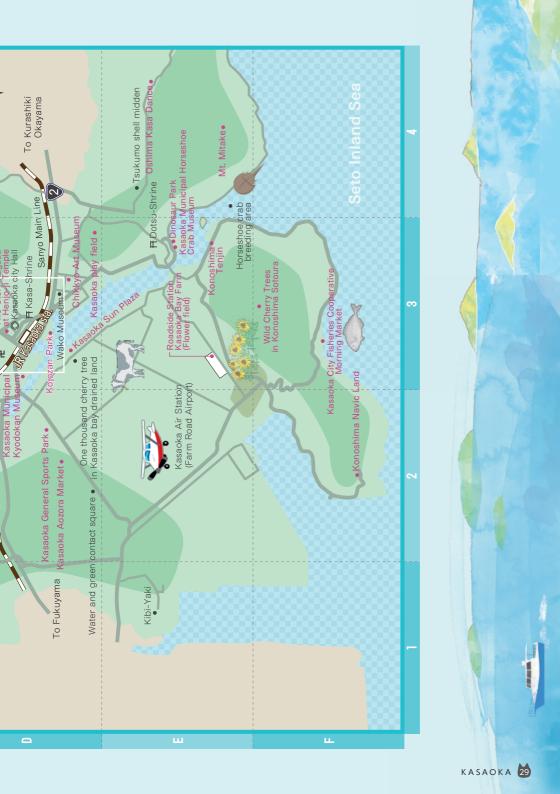
** The above table displays means of access to the main ports. For details on other ports the ships go by way of, check the schedule of those ports. ** Inquire with the various water taxi companies about chartering a boat.

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Destination	Destination Port	Boarding Dock	Operating Company	Type of Ship		
Taka-shima Island	Taka-shima Port	Kasaoka Port- Sumiyoshi Boarding Dock	Sanyo Kisen	Regular Passenger Vessels	25 min. by Regular Route (4 sailings/day)	
ISIATIO		Konoshima Sotoura Port		Charter	10 min.	
Shiraishi-jima	Shiraishi-jima	Kasaoka Port- Sumiyoshi Boarding Dock	Sanyo Kisen	Regular Passenger Vessels	22 min. by high-speed ship (4sailings/day) 35 min. by ordinary ship (4sailings/day)	
Island	Island Port	Fushigoe Port	Sanyo Kisen Ferry	Ferry	45 min. (6 sailings/day)	
Kitagi-shima	Kitagi-shima Port (Oura Port)	Kasaoka Port- Sumiyoshi Boarding Dock	Sanyo Kisen	Regular Passenger Vessels	36 min. by high-speed ship (4 sailings/day) 55 min. by ordinary ship (4 sailings/day)	
Island	Toyoura Port/ Kanafuro Port	Fushigoe Port	Daifuku Ferry Kanafuro Ferry	Ferry	50 min. (approx. 1 sailing/hr)	
Manabe- shima Island	Manabe-shima Port (Honura Port)	Kasaoka Port- Sumiyoshi Boarding Dock	Sanyo Kisen	Regular Passenger Vessels	44 min. by high-speed ship (4 sailings/day) 70 min., by ordinary ship (4 sailings/day)	
Hi-shima Islands	Su Port	Kasaoka Port- Sumiyoshi Boarding Dock	Sanyo Kisen	Regular Passenger Vessels	40 min. by ordinary ship (4 sailings/day)	
Mu-shima Island	Tatae Port	Kasaoka Port- Sumiyoshi Boarding Dock	Sanyo Kisen	Regular Passenger Vessels	1 hr. 10 min. by ordinary ship (4 sailings/day)	

Inquiries for Ferries and Water Taxis

Type of Ship	e of Ship Operating Company		Note	
Regular Passenger Vessels	Sanyo Kisen	0865-63-3131		
	Sanyo Kisen (Shiraishi Ferry)	090-2809-8801	To Shiraishi-jima Island	
Ferry	Kasaoka Ferry Daifuku Maru Daifuku Ferry	Tu 0865 - 63 - 0216 To Kitagi-shima Islan		
	Setouchi-Cruising Kanafuro Ferry	0865-62-2856	To Shiraishi-jima Island, Kitagi-shima Island	
	Kasaoka Tosen	0865-63-6224	Location: Kasaoka City Mainland	
	Yabuta Tosen	0865 - 67 - 4777	Location: Taka-shima Island	
Water Taxi	Sakae Maru	0865 - 67 - 2051	Location: Taka-shima Island	
	Koshin Maru	0865 - 68 - 4345	Location: Manabe-shima Island	
	Hakuto Tosen	090-8065-8001	Location: Kasaoka City Mainland	







Accommodations list

Area code (0865)

Area	Name	Address *1	Capacity	TEL
	Kasaoka Grand Hotel	6-20 Goban-cho	130	63-0333
Central	Sanyo Inn	20-4 Chuo-cho	25	62-3101
Kasaoka City	Tsujiyo Inn	20-5 Chuo-cho	20	63-2133
	Takamatsuya Inn	24-17 Chuo-cho	22	62-2411
Suburb of Kasaoka City	Shoya yashiki Tokura	1805 Yamaguchi	6	75-0242
Taka-shima	Pension Shoei	5177-3 Taka-shima	22	67-2291
Island	Casa Takeda	5208 Taka-shima	50	67-6188
	Otafuku Inn	357 Shiraishi-jima	60	68-3501
	Nakanishi-ya Inn	260 Shiraishi-jima	40	68-3553
Shiraishi-jima	Amagi-so	75-1 Shiraishi-jima	40	68-3027
Island	Shiraishi Guesthouse	457-2 Shiraishi-jima	26	090-8086-8371
	Sanchan Guesthouse	457-1 Shiraishi-jima	15	68-3169
Kitagi-shima	Amanoya Inn	3944 Kitagi-shima-cho	30	68-2019
Island	Gourmet Kitagi-shima	10407-16 Kitagi-shima-cho	15	68-3239
Obi-shima Islands	lle d'or	6050-1 Hishima	10	090-4659-8444
Manabe-shima	Shimayado-Santora	2224 Manabe-shima	60	68-3515
Island	Fisherman's House	4236-1 Manabe-shima	10	68-3519
Mu-shima Island	Shima-Koya Guest House	7572 Mu-shima	6	090-8377-2897

^{*1} All addresses to be followed by Kasaoka City, Okayama Prefecture, Japan

%For reservations, contact the facility directly.



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Free Wi-Fi Spots in Kasaoka

Network ID(SSID): Kasaoka Free Wi-Fi

- - Kasaoka Port Sumiyoshi Platform
 - Kasaoka Port Fushigoe Platform
 - Road Side Station Kasaoka Bay Farm

 - Takashima Port
 - Shiraishijima Port
 - Shiraishijima Beach

- Kitagishima Toyoura Port
- Kitagishima Kanafuro Port
- ♦ Kitagishima Oura Port
- Manabeshima Honura Port
- Obishima Su Port
- Mushima Maeura Port

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