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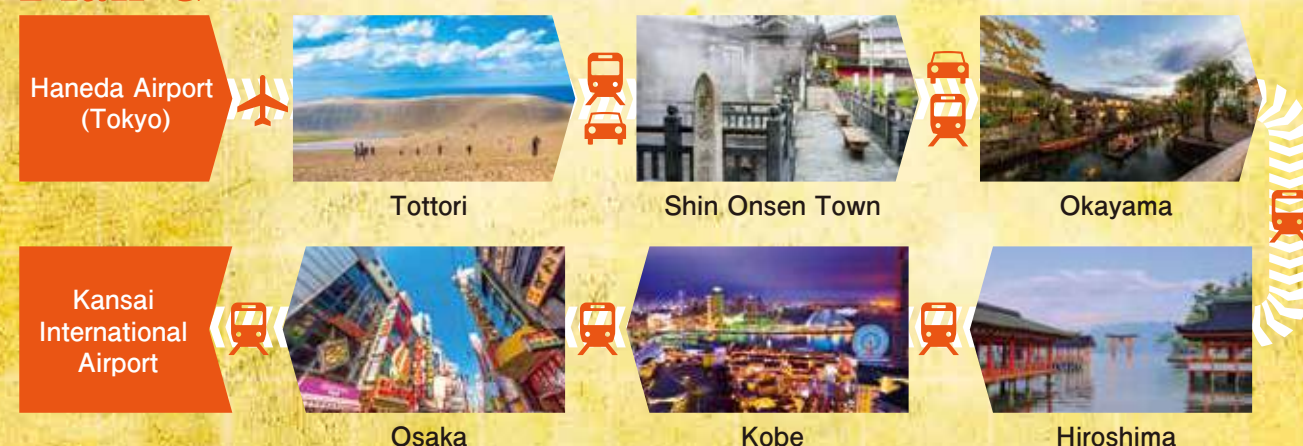


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A tranquil hot springs town,
surrounded by mountains and sea

SHIN ONSEN TOWN

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A premier tourist destination in the San'in region, Shin Onsen Town has a dual personality. It is a hot springs town, well-known since Heian times. It is also a vibrant fishing port with an abundant catch of many different seafoods.

A romantically retro hot springs town, surrounded by beautiful ocean and rich, green mountains.

We invite you to venture just a little further afield from Japan's ancient capital, Kyoto, and other destinations such as Kinokuniya, and experience one of the best hot springs areas in the Kinki region.

KIRIN JISHI

The *shishi-mai* lion dance is a traditional festival rite that is performed to ward off and exorcize evil and disease.

In Shin Onsen Town, a *shishi-mai* dance based on the legendary Chinese sacred beast, the qilin (known in Japan as *kirin*), called the *kirin jishi* has been passed down through the ages.

温泉 ONSEN

The steam dancing above the water,
the many benefits of the springs



As one would expect of a town that bears the word *onsen* (hot spring) in its name, you are sure to enjoy to the full the many benefits of the hot springs. We have three hot springs areas in the town – Hamasaka Onsen, Yumura Onsen and Shichikama Onsen.

ARAYU

Yumura Onsen is an ancient hot spring with a history dating back more than 1,000 years. Local legend states that it was discovered in the year 848 by the Buddhist priest, Jikaku Daishi (also known as Ennin), the third abbot of the Tendai sect. Arayu is the wellspring of Yumura Onsen. 470 litres of almost boiling water (at 98°C, Arayu is the hottest of all of Japan's hot springs) gushes forth from Arayu every minute. When the more than 60 other wellsprings in the vicinity are included, 2,300 litres a minute of hot spring water are supplied to the area. Not only is the water pumped to inns in the area, it is also distributed to private homes and has long been used by local residents in their daily lives. Tourists can also experience this culture of daily life by boiling eggs in the Arayu hot spring and soaking their feet in the *ashiyu* hot spring footbath along the Haruki River.



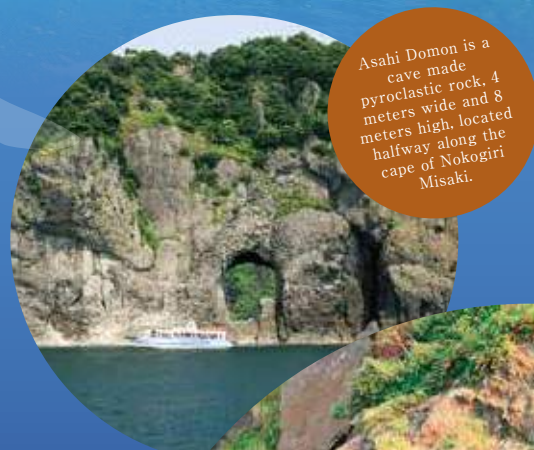
The Blue Cave
(Shitaara Domon Rock Cave)

San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark



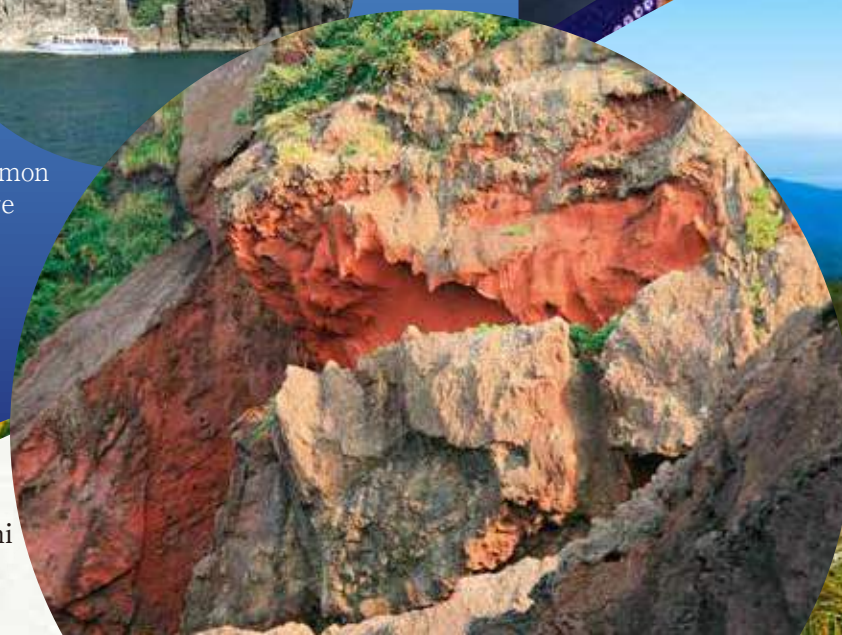
A Geopark is a Nature Park that has multiple scientifically important or beautiful geological assets. Geoparks are intended to revitalize local areas through geotourism, using the conservation of those geological assets and earth sciences education to promote tourism of the geosites in the parks.

San'in Kaigan Geopark is a Global Geopark.



Asahi Domon is a cave made of pyroclastic rock, 4 meters wide and 8 meters high, located halfway along the cape of Nokogiri Misaki.

Asahi Domon
Rock Cave



Shishi-no-Kuchi
(Lion's Mouth)



Sarubonotaki
Waterfall

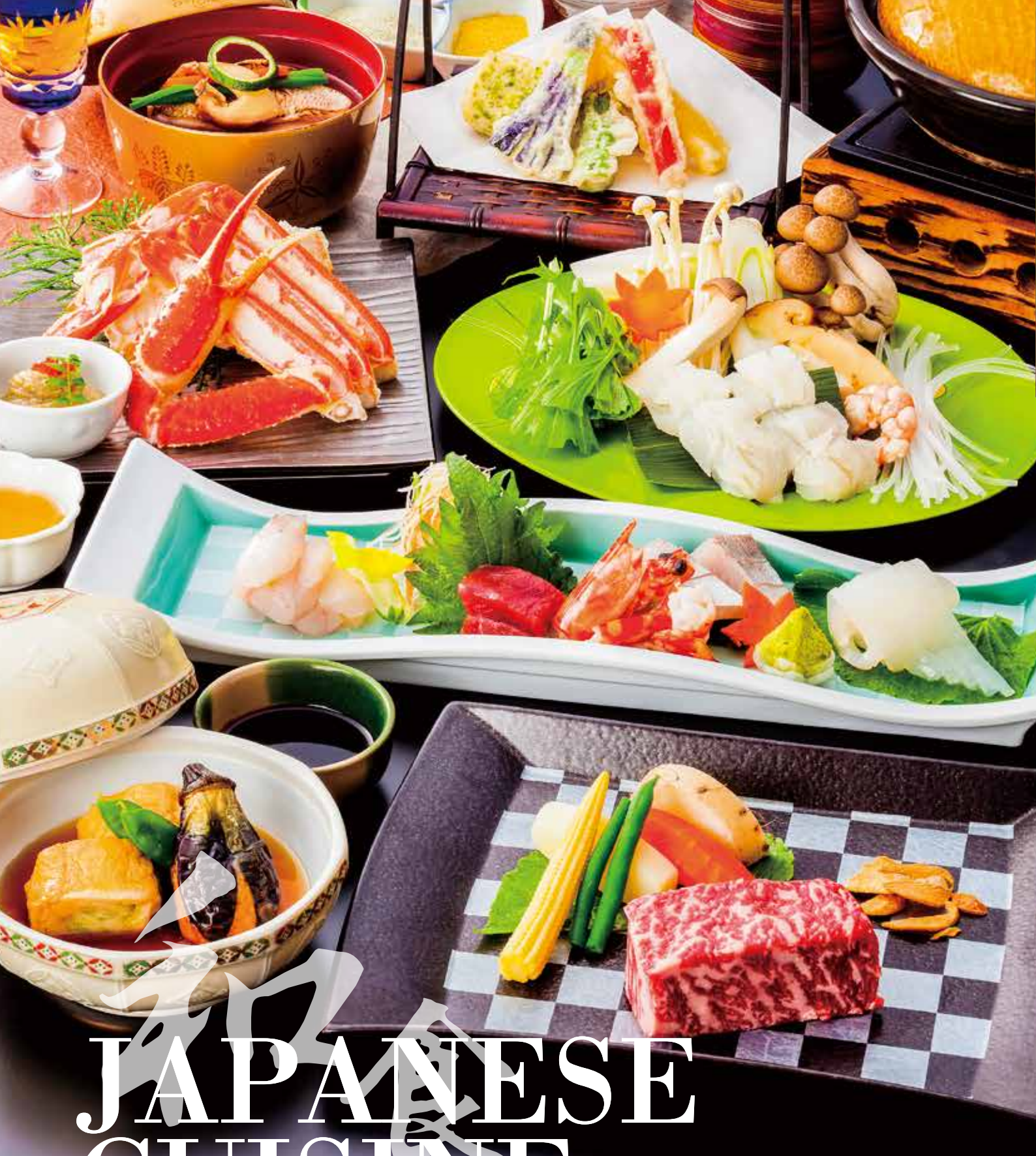


Beech forest of
Mt. Ouginosen

Ueyama Kogen Highland

Mt. Ouginosen (elevation: 1,310 m) is one of Japan's 300 most famous mountains. At the foot of this mountain lies Ueyama Highland. Go trekking on the highland and enjoy its Japanese silver grass prairies and beech forests.





JAPANESE CUISINE



Japanese cuisine, or *washoku*, has been added to UNESCO's list of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Shin Onsen Town is a cornucopia of food ingredients used in *washoku*, and visitors to the area can enjoy delicious dishes bursting with those ingredients at the town's inns, hotels and restaurants.



Tajima Beef

All of the world-famous Kobe Beef comes from purebred Tajima cattle, a breed that actually originated in this part of Hyogo Prefecture. The remarkable nature of this superior breed has been known for centuries, with their superlative qualities recorded in calligraphy scrolls from more than 700 years ago. The flavor of the meat blends perfectly with the fat in the marbling (*shimofuri*) to produce Tajima beef's famously exquisite taste.

Matsuba Crab

Matsuba crab, the male of the snow crab species, is a highly-prized gourmet food that has been given the accolade of "the king of the winter palate." Shin Onsen Town has one of the largest Matsuba crab catches in Japan. The female snow crab, known as *sekogani*, is smaller, but still packed with that delicious crab flavor.

SHRINES and TEMPLES



A visit to a shrine or temple is highly recommended to experience the history, culture and spirit of Japan. Shin Onsen Town is home to temples that enshrine precious Buddhist statues and a shrine where the *kirin jishi* lion dance is performed to the god of the shrine.

ANTAIJI Abbot Muhō Nölke

Antaiji is a monastery of the Soto school of Buddhism that was founded in Shin Onsen Town to carry out the teachings of Dogen Zenji. Japanese and foreign practitioners alike work hard at a self-sufficient existence, leading a life centered on *zazen* practice. Muhō Nölke is the ninth abbot of Antaiji. Born in Germany in 1968, he was introduced to *zazen* in his teens and dreamed of becoming a Zen monk. He studied philosophy and Japanese at university, and also spent time at a university in Japan. Besides Antaiji, he has trained at temples in Kyoto and Fukui. He left the temple at age 33 to open his own *zen dojo*, but six months later, he learned of the sudden death of his teacher and returned to Antaiji. He currently spends his time teaching zen practitioners, both local and from overseas, conducting speaking engagements and writing books.



Needles Past and Present

Production of wire and sewing needles has been flourishing in the coastal areas of Shin Onsen Town since the latter years of the Edo period. They were well-known under the brand Hamasaka Misuya Needles. Nippon Precision Jewel Industry Co., Ltd. (JICO) founded the industry with the establishment of a needle factory in 1873. The company's technologies were also used to manufacture steel needles for gramophones, and the business further moved into a variety of products such as jewel record styluses and diamond tools. JICO's technology for the uniform electrodeposition of diamond onto stainless steel shafts is top class in Japan. The factory still produces about 2,000 different types of record stylus. They are hand-finished by skilled technicians and exported to more than 100 countries. A JICO stylus is an essential item for record fans both in Japan and abroad.

CULTURE

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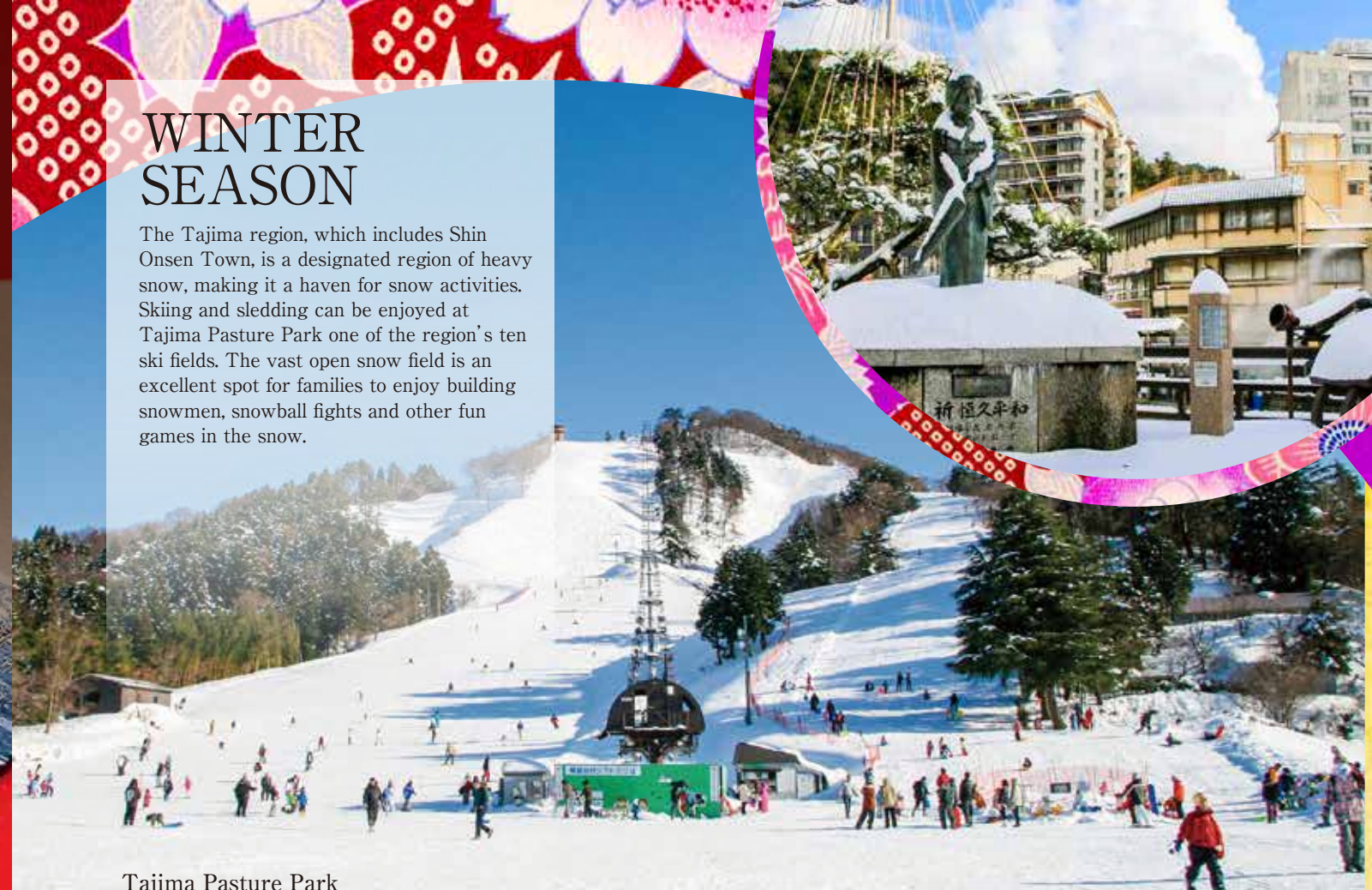
Climate and geographical features have a tremendous impact on the culture of a region. Learn about Shin Onsen Town's past and present culture through its work and play.

Manufacturing of record styluses. Every process, from manufacture to inspection of the final product, is performed by hand.



WINTER SEASON

The Tajima region, which includes Shin Onsen Town, is a designated region of heavy snow, making it a haven for snow activities. Skiing and sledding can be enjoyed at Tajima Pasture Park one of the region's ten ski fields. The vast open snow field is an excellent spot for families to enjoy building snowmen, snowball fights and other fun games in the snow.



Tajima Pasture Park

Seasonal Events

April	Hamasaka Port Firefly Squid Festival
May	Kirin Jishi Marathon
June	Yumura Onsen Festival (Shobu Giant Tug-of-War) All-Japan Hide-and-Seek Festival
July	Kawasuso Festival and Fireworks Tajima Cattle Thanksgiving Lantern Picture Scrolls
August	Yumura Fire Festival
September	Tajima "Cow Festival"
November	Hamasaka Port Crab Festival

FOLK ENTERTAINMENT

Many traditional performing arts have been passed down in the region from generation to generation, including the *Kirin Jishi* lion dance and the *Zanzaka Odori* dance.



Every year in June, the village of Yumura Onsen is host to the All-Japan Hide-and-Seek Festival. The event is a unique take on the traditional Japanese children's game of hide-and-seek. Participants dress up in costumes, similar to Halloween, and take part in a variety of fun games.

Japan's New Culture - Yurukyara Mascots

Shin Onsen Town's mascots are Yu-tan and Hama-chan. Designed to represent the local produce and special features of the area, such as Arayu's boiled eggs and hama-daikon white radish, they play a major role in building up excitement at various local events.



Hamasaka Area

Best time is
May - June

Takimi River
Baikamo Park

Sunset viewing spot

Shiroyama Park

Yajogahana Lighthouse

Fireworks Festival

A land of sea and hot springs, centering on the village of Hamasaka Onsen. Enhance the romance of your journey with the fruits of the ocean and the tide, such as Matsuba snow crab, grilled *chikuwa* and *wakame* seaweed. The area offers plenty to enjoy all year round. Explore its coast lines, swim at its beaches, soak in its hot springs.



Sights
around
Hamasaka
Station



Hamasaka Ancestry
Memorial Hall
"Imeitei"

Imeitei, a museum dedicated to the region's forefathers, is housed in Shichikamaya, the restored residence of the Mori family, an old merchant family of the area. A *noren* curtain bearing the Shichikamaya crest hangs in the front entrance doorway. Passing under that curtain will be like traveling back in time to days of old.



Kato Buntaro
Memorial Library

A library built to honor Japan's pioneering mountain climber, Buntaro Kato, who was born and raised in Hamasaka. The second floor features exhibits of Kato's personal belongings and documents, and a collection of books about mountains.



Information center
"Shoraian"

Inside the building is an exhibit that introduces Hamasaka's famous sewing needles, which gained nationwide renown under the name "Hon-Misuya," and the gramophone needles that were developed by applying the same manufacturing techniques.



Listen to the
nostalgic sounds
of days gone by
on a gramophone
equipped with a
Hamasaka-made
needle.

Wi-Fi
ZONE



Guest
House

Wi-Fi
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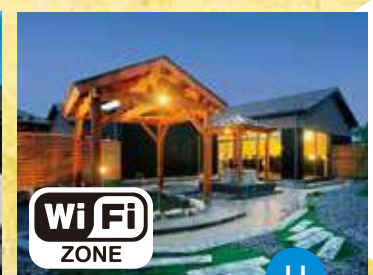
Matsunoyu Hamasaka Kaigan Recreation Center

A hot spring facility located near the seashore. Stay in the simple, town-run guest house for a reasonable fee.



Utopia Hamasaka

Refresh your body to the very core at this hot spring bathing center. Besides the large public bath, enjoy a variety of baths, such as the vibrabath and jet-bath, which have excellent health and beauty benefits.



Shichikama Onsen
Yuraku-Kan

Public baths supplied entirely by a continuous flow from the wellspring. As the name suggests, they include an outdoor bath made with a giant *kama* pot.

Hot
Springs
in the Area





Log House Canada

An authentic log-house accommodation facility built with logs imported directly from Canada. Open all year round, it offers a full kitchen for guests to prepare their own meals, and the bath is supplied by a natural hot spring.



Statue of Yumechiyo



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Ashiyu Hot Spring Footbath

Close to Arayu, this delightful open-air footbath has been built along the Haruki River. [open all year]



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Refresh Park Yumura

A hot springs facility that you can enjoy in your swimming costume.



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Refresh Park Yumura

A hot spring park in natural surroundings, using hot spring water straight from the Yumura Onsen wellspring. There are eight fun and interesting indoor baths, as well as several beautiful outdoor hot springs. It also features a heated pool where you can swim all year round.



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Yakushiyu

Yakushiyu Baths, located close to the clear, colorless wellspring "Arayu," is known particularly for the excellent lathering qualities and gentleness of the water. Your skin will feel soft and smooth after bathing.



Illusion of Light

At night, the streets are bathed in colorful lights, creating an atmosphere that is quite different from the daytime. Create romantic memories as you stroll through the beautifully illuminated streets.



D

"Kaede" Tajima Beef Restaurant

Experience the taste of Tajima beef at Kaede. Enjoy the lively knife skills of the chefs, equal to any samurai, at this teppanyaki-style restaurant. Located right next door to Refresh Park Yumura.



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Arayu

There is a special area at Arayu where you can boil your own vegetables in the hot spring water.

Arayu Area Sights



Onsen Area



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Hyogo Prefecture Tajima Pasture Park

A recreational facility where you can encounter nature and animals. The park includes the Tajima Cattle Museum and a Small Animals House. It also has dining and accommodation facilities, and even a ski field in winter.



Play with the small animals, including wallabies.

LOCATION



Ideas for a new sightseeing route in Japan, just three and a half hours from the Kansai area's major tourist destinations. Come and experience the charms of country Japan.

Travel Times



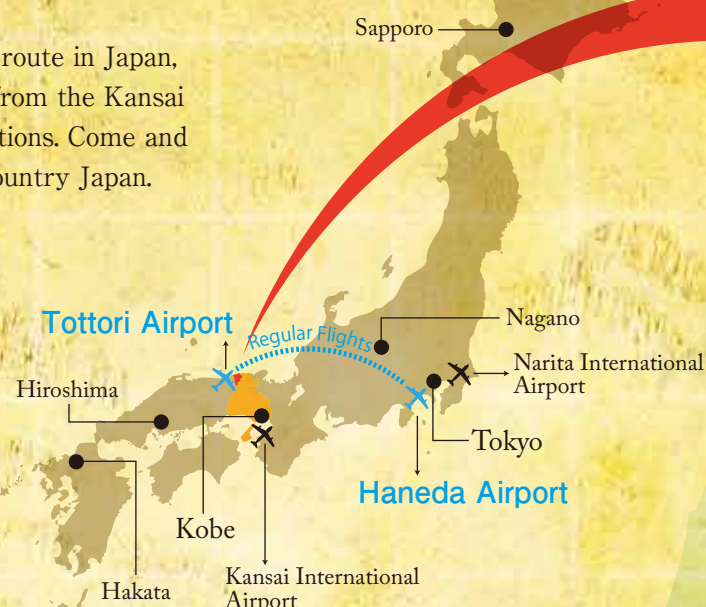
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Tottori Airport	1h20m
Haneda Airport	



Shinonsen Town (Hamasa Station)	44m	55m
Tottori	Kinosaki	
1h30m	2h39m	2h25m
Himeji	Osaka	Kyoto
		Kobe
		Himeji



Shinonsen Town	183km	179km	173km	131km
Osaka	Kyoto	Kobe	Himeji	
53km	113km	73km	129km	
		Kansai International Airport		



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Plan C

Shows the suggested itinerary on the back cover



A Tottori Sand Dunes The Sand Museum



E Daijyoji Temple



C Kinosaki Onsen



D Inenofuneya Boatshed Houses



E Amanohashidate



F Izushi



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G Tajima Highland Botanical Gardens



H Takeda Castle Ruins



I Chizushuku and Itaibara



J Arashiyama



K Himeji Castle



L Kobe Nightscape



M Osaka Castle