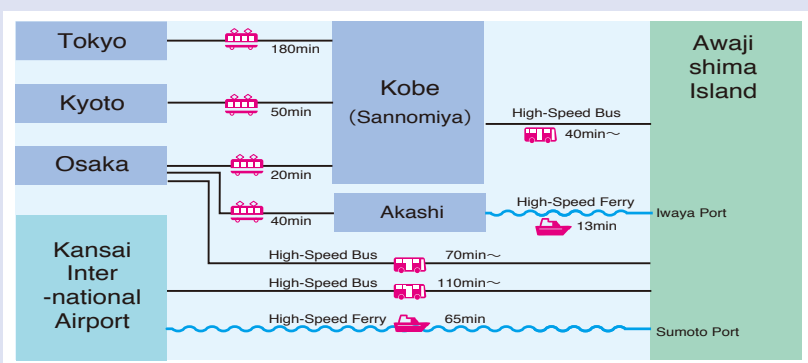


Access

Awajishima Island is full of tourist spots easily accessible from Osaka or Kobe

There are various ways to get to the tourist attractions of Awajishima Island from places like Osaka or Kobe in only a short time. As well as a high-speed ferry, plenty of options like express buses run from Osaka and Kobe, meaning you can be on the island in around an hour. To get around the island itself, in addition to rental cars and taxis, you can use the network of route buses. Also, at any of the three tourist offices on the island you can hire bicycles. Trips focused on any of the many onsen hot spring hotels scattered around the island are also highly recommended.



High-Speed Bus

- Awaji Kotsu
<http://www.awaji-kotsu.co.jp/en> (English)
- West JR Bus
<http://www.nishinihonjrbus.co.jp/en> (English)

High-Speed Ferry

- Awaji Kanku Line (Kansai International Airport—Sumoto Port)
<http://ak-line.co.jp> (English)
- Awaji Jenova Line (Japanese only) (Akashi Port—Iwaya Port)
<http://www.jenova-line.co.jp/index.php>

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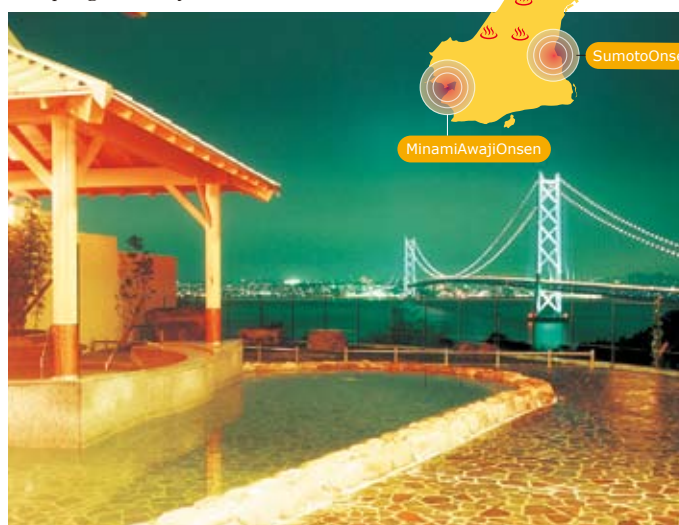
Awajishima Island in Japan

1h by direct ferry from Kansai International Airport

<https://www.awajishima-kanko.jp/en>

Onsen hot springs with fantastic views.

There are many hot springs located on Awajishima Island. Onsen hot spring hopping is one of the activities to enjoy. We recommend hot springs on Awajishima Island.



What kind of place is Awajishima Island?

The island where myths come to life

In the time of myth, the husband and wife gods Izanagi and Izanami churned up the sea with a spear and when a drop of sea water fell down back to the sea it solidified and became Awajishima's neighbouring island, Nushima. On Nushima Island the two gods combined their power and gave birth to Awajishima Island as the first island of Japan.

Spans a raging whirlpool

to Tokushima



Onarutoko Bridge

World's longest suspension bridge

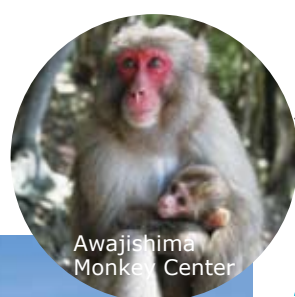
to Kobe



Akashi Kaikyo-Ohashi Bridge

Connected by two huge bridges

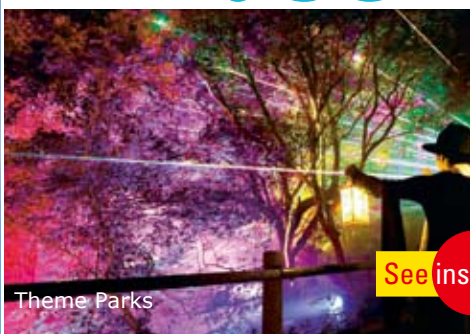
Various Amusements



Awajishima Monkey Center



Marine Activities



Theme Parks



See inside!

The island that supplied ingredients to the Emperors Gourmet Food



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Flower Paradise

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Akashi Kaikyo National Government Park



Naruto Strait Whirlpools

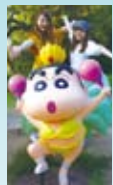
Huge Whirlpools

This natural phenomenon is formed by the ebb and flow of the tide every six hours. The whirlpools are said to be some of the largest in the world, reaching almost 30 meters in diameter at their largest. (Two companies run whirlpool-viewing boat tours.)

The best ways to enjoy Awajishima Island

Amusements There's something for everyone, and for every mood!

There are plenty of things to do, like theme parks that let you enter a land of miniature landmarks, or dive into the world of anime, scattered all over Awajishima Island. Enjoy yourself at these varied sites that also show off Awajishima Island's stunning nature.



NIJIGEN NO MORI
NIJIGEN NO MORI is an anime-themed amusement park that uses the latest technologies to offer a two-dimensional experience like no other. Visitors can enjoy attractions that immerse them into a mystical world and activities integrating two-dimensional media that add new value to the "cool Japan" content.



Experience a mystical night through projection mapping technology and others.

Theme Parks



Awaji Farm Park England Hill

The 'England' area has a lake and a wealth of greenery where you can see flowers blooming across all four seasons, and even try your hand at harvesting vegetables. In the 'Green Hill' area, you can see adorable animals such as koalas and rabbits, and learn how to bake bread or make butter.



Awaji World Park ONOKORO

This amusement park includes a miniature world that has famous buildings and structures from around the world recreated at 1/25 of their original size. Other popular attractions include the zip-line adventure and go-carting area.



Awajishima Monkey Center

A park for wild Japanese macaques. The monkeys cannot be seen in the area in the autumn as they retreat deep into the mountains to feed upon the ripe fruits and berries.

Marine Activities

Surrounded by the Inland Sea, you can feel the ocean with various activities on, around and above Awajishima Island!

See the green of the island amidst a sea of blue by parasailing (SEA MOON RESORT)



Beautiful pine tree-lined beaches in the evening sun

(Keino-matsubara Swimming Beach)

Dozens of places around the island for swimming in the sea

As well as seafishing, there are inland fish ponds too

Take in the sea breeze and cycle alongside the coast

Meet and relax with some of the creatures of the sea (Awaji Janohire Dolphin Farm)

Gaze out at the sea with a BBQ prepared for you



Gourmet Food The delicious bounty of the sea and blessings of the land

Awajishima Island has had many connections with the Japanese Imperial Family since ancient times. The island is known as "the region of food," as it offered numerous ingredients to the Imperial Court. From livestock to vegetables and marine products, Awajishima Island is a treasure trove of gourmet food.

Awaji Beef (Steak)

Calves that go on to become the famous Matsuzaka beef and Kobe beef are also raised on Awajishima Island, where they become Awaji beef. Awaji beef has a high quality flavor and perfect marbling, which all intertwine with one another for a savory and mellow flavor.

Awajishima Island is famous for its sweet onions!



Japanese pufferfish (Sashimi)

"Awajishima Island 3-Year Japanese pufferfish", a variety farmed on the island develop a stronger flavour. The poisonous fish are prepared by specialist chefs so you don't need to worry as you tuck in!

Onion

(Onion burger)
Burgers with meat and Awajishima Island onion at its center are popular across the island.



Myths and History Numerous historical sites where myths come to life

Awaji Ningyo Joruri

The Ningyo Joruri is a traditional puppet show in which a story is told in the perspective of the "tayu" to the tune of the "shamisen."

They move as if they're really alive!



Danjiri festival floats

On Sundays during the spring and autumn, local festivals are held in each part of the island, where grand danjiri carts, also known as dashi, are paraded through the streets.



Awajishima Island is known from legend as the first island that was formed in Japan. There are many locations on Awajishima Island that are related to historic and mythical spots. There are also many traditional events like the Awaji Ningyo Joruri and Danjiri Festival.

Sumoto Castle

Sumoto Castle was built on Mt. Mikumayama in the late Muromachi period by Atagi of the naval forces of Kumano in the Kii Province.



Flower Paradise Beautiful flowers bloom with the changing of the seasons

On Awajishima Island you can experience the world of famous architect, Tadao Ando



Lilies flower atop the roof of the Tadao Ando-designed Temple

Water Temple



The Tadao Ando-designed site combines facilities like restaurants alongside the "hundred-step garden"

Awaji Yumebutai

Flowers bloom with the changing of the seasons on an expansive hill with a view of the sea



Awaji Hanasajiki

In winter, around 5 million wild daffodils flower on a slope facing the sea



Nada Kuroiwa Narcissus Field

Awajishima Island has a comfortable climate that is warm year-round and has little rain. Much of the nature is wild and untouched, and there are flowers and greenery throughout the island.