Awajishima Island in Japan

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.

Onsen 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 hopping on Awajishima Island.

What kind of place is Awajishima Island?

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Various Amusements

Connected by two huge bridges

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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.

Flower Paradise

See inside!

Gourmet Food

The island that supplied ingredients to the Emperors

Awaji Beef

Marine Activities

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Naruto Strait Whirlpools

See inside!

Akashi Kaikyo National Government Park

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Onarutokyo Bridge

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Akashi Kaikyo-Ohashi Bridge

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The island where myths come to life

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Awaji Yumebutai

Nada Kuroiwa Narcissus Field

Tadao Ando-designed Temple

Lilies flower atop the roof of the temple

Gourmet Food

“shamisen.” told in the perspective of the puppet show in which a story is intertwined with music. Awaji Ningyo Joruri is a treasure trove of gourmet food, as it offered numerous ingredients to the Imperial Court.

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 (ooka)

Cattle that graze to become the famous Mamatana beef and Katsuo beef are also raised on Awajishima Island, where they become Awaji beef. Awaji beef has a high quality that is perfect for grilling, as well as being very popular for a savory and mellow flavor.

Japanese pufferfish (fugu)

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

Onion burger

Burgers with meat and Awajishima Island onion. These onion are popular across the island.

Island of the Gods.

Awajishima Island is said to have been the first of the islands of Japan, born to the gods Izanagi and Izanami. As well as Awajigang Shrine (Shinto Shrine and Onokorojima-jinja Shrine), there is Shiraishi (Shinto Shrine), Fushimi, and countless other locations connected with myths recognised by Japan Heritage.

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 “ninja” to the tunes of the “tambourine.”

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.

Flower Paradise

Beautiful flowers bloom with the changing of the seasons

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

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

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.