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# Awaji Island

AWAJI ISLAND GUIDE BOOK

Compilation of Kojiki  
(Record of Ancient Matters)  
1300 years ago

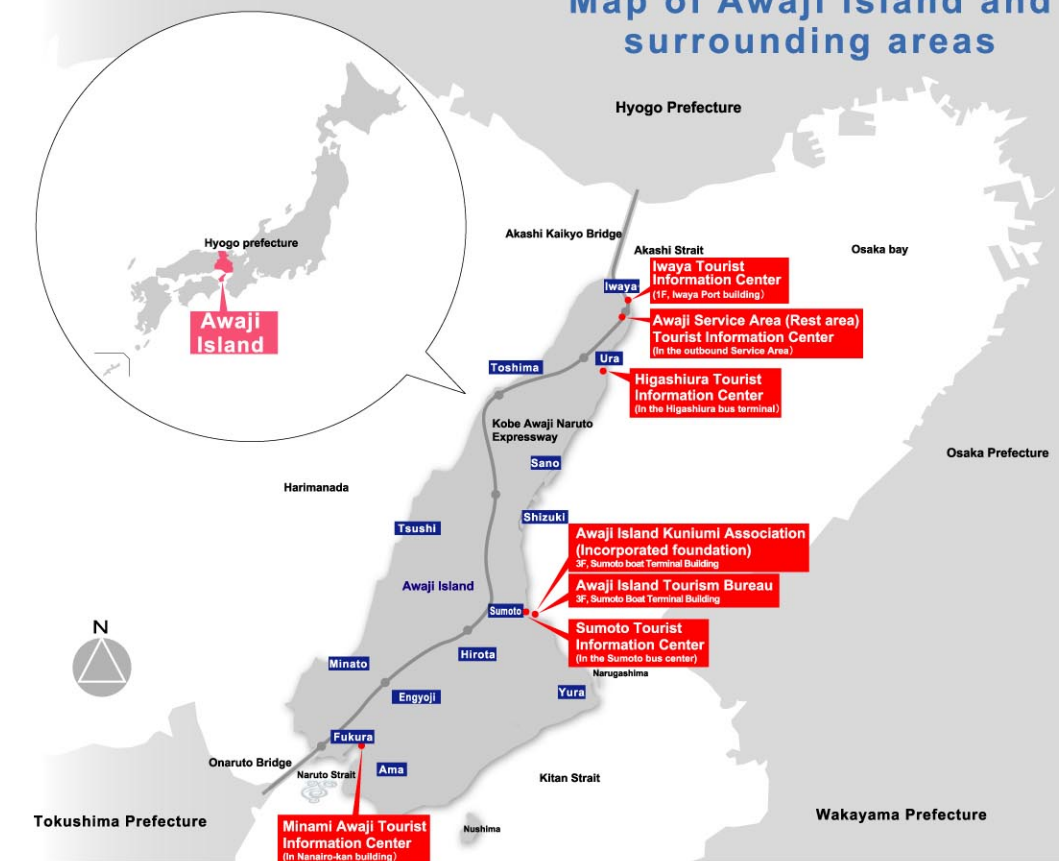


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## Map of Awaji Island and surrounding areas



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## Encounter with a history found nowhere else in the world

### The trip starts from Awaji Island

According to the Kojiki and Nihon Shoki which are the oldest chronicles of Japan,

Awaji Island is the first of the eight large islands which were created in ancient Japan to form the Japanese archipelago, and remnants of this folklore related to the 『Legend of Kuniumi』 can be seen everywhere on this island which is the birthplace of Japan.

Innumerable historical traditions remain in Awaji Island such as the Awaji Ningyo Joruri(traditional puppet theatre) and the Heike tradition (oral tradition of narrating epics) which go back 500 years, just to name a few.

The cuisine here is called Miketsukuni since this food was presented to the Imperial Court 1300 years ago, and you can enjoy delicious fresh seafood such as sea bream, dagger tooth pike conger and fugu (globefish) as well as abundant agricultural produce of onions, lettuce, etc.

Travel around Awaji Island, and experience the charms of Awaji island as you heal your mind and body amidst its natural and cultural beauty and in its many well-known hot springs.







The Izanagi Shrine



The Izanagi Shrine



Eshima

## The Izanagi Shrine J-5

This is the oldest shrine which represents the beginning of creation as described in the Nihon Shoki. It is enshrined in Taga in Awaji city, and is dedicated to the divine couple Izanagi and Izanami. The local people affectionately call it [Ikkusan] to express that it is the Awaji's Shinto shrine.

The grounds of the shrine are surrounded by an evergreen forest and also have a pair of sacred camphor trees called husband and wife which are about 900 years old.

Address: 740, Taga, Awaji city

Hours: 9:00 - 17:00

Holidays: Open daily

Entrance fee: Free worship at the Izanagi Shrine and at Sekirei-no-sato (village of the wagtail, who is supposed to have taught the divine couple how to make a child) [Shinto Shrine guide] 5,000 JPY for a maximum of 20 persons

Phone: 0799-70-1010

A place noted for its connection with 『The Legend of Kuniumi』



## Eshima P-3

One of the places believed to be the [onokorojima] which is spoken about in the Legend of Kuniumi. The pattern of erosion on the rock surface of the sandstone layered islet is worth a look. It has also been famous from the olden times because it is believed to be the abode of the moon.

Contact: Iwaya Tourist Information Centre  
Address: 925-27, Iwaya, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-72-3420

## Onokorojima Shrine F-7

A landmark for the onokorojima Shrine is the vermilion lacquered 21.7m high, and the great gate (torii) in front of it and whose pillars have a diameter of 3 m. According to folklore, this is the sacred place known as [Onokorojima] in the Legend of Kuniumi, which, according to Kojiki, is where Japan originated and all the Gods of Japan were born.

Address: 415, Enamishimohada, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Open daily  
Entrance fee: Free worship  
Phone: 0799-42-5320



Onokorojima Shrine



A Panoramic View of Nushima

## Nushima G-10 H-10

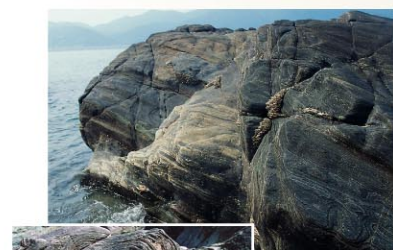
Nushima is a tiny island in the shape of a comma-shaped jewel with a circumference of 10 km floating to the south of Awaji Island. It is a historic island where geological formations which are a hundred million years old have been discovered.

### The Mystery of Nushima

## A scabbard-shaped geological fold

A rare rock where a fold in the earth which was formed a hundred million years ago still remains. It is visible only when the tide ebbs.

Other than Nushima, this has been discovered only in one more place in France, and provides valuable data to the whole world on the activity inside the earth's crust.



A scabbard-shaped geological fold

Contact: Minami Awaji Tourist Information Centre  
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Phone: 0799-52-2336



Kamitategamiwa

## Kamitategamiwa

On the Nushima coastline, you can see the unusually shaped massive rocks which are said to be the setting for the Kuniumi Legend. It is also said that the Kamitategami rock which stands perpendicular at 30m high and the Shimotategami rock symbolize a male god and a female god who coupled here.



Izanagi (right) and Izanami (left)

Compilation of Kojiki 1300 years ago  
The first island where the Legend of Kuniumi lives on ...Awaji Island

## The Legend of Kuniumi

At the start of the 7th century, the creation of Japan and its ancient history were put together in what are known as the Kojiki (Chronicles) and the Nihon Shoki (Annals) and according to them, Awaji Island is the setting for the legend known as the [The Legend of Kuniumi]. Around 1300 years ago, when the chronicles and the annals were compiled, it played an important role as the supplier of food to the Imperial Court as the biggest Miketsukuni.

In the Kojiki, Izanagi and Izanami were brought to life by a mandate from Amatsugami (God in heaven), who bestowed on them the Amanuma spear in order to repair and firm up the ground which was still mushy and not yet solidified and form it into a splendid country. They stood on the bridge between heaven and earth called [Ame-no-ukihashi], and churned the unstable syrupy mass round and round using the sacred spear. The drops that fell from the tip of the spear collected to form onogorojima. The Gods of the two pillars (Futabashira) came down to this island, got married and become a couple. Their first born child was [Awaji-no-ho-no-sawake-no-shima (Awaji Island)], after which other islands were formed one by one and the last island formed was [Ohoyamatotoyoakitsu-shima (Honshu)]. These completed the Japanese archipelago called Oyashima. This is what Japanese mythology says.



# 『The Naval Castle』 Sumoto Castle and Mount Mikuma J-8



■ Panoramic View of Sumoto Castle

Mount Mikuma is made up of three mountains, Takakuma, Otsukuma and Torakuma, and an imitation keep has been built at the spot where the inner citadel used to be.  
There is a good view from the top of the mountain, and you can see as far as the Osaka bay and the Kitan Kaikyo (strait).



■ Yasuharu Wakisaka  
(Image courtesy:Tatsuno City Museum of History and Culture)

## About Sumoto Castle

A castle was first built on Mount Mikuma about 500 years ago, and the castle at that time was not a castle with stone walls, but was built with earthen walls and a surrounding fence. It was a castle which was a branch of the Osaka Castle, and Yasuharu Wakisaka undertook large-scale repairs to the castle and made it strong so that it could defend the Osaka Castle.  
The old castle is very valuable because of the changes visible in the historical stone walls and building blocks over the years, and hence it has become a designated historical landmark for the country.

Contact: Municipal Cultural and Historical Museum, Sumoto, Awaji J-8  
Address: 1-1-27, Yamate, Sumoto city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Monday (In case it is a national holiday, the following day)  
Admission fee: Adults: 400 JPY , High school and College students 250 JPY  
Primary and Middle school students 100 JPY  
Phone: 0799-24-3331



■ Sumoto Castle in Ancient Times(Reconstructed image)

### Jouryuji Temple (Awaji city) L-4

It is known as a holy place for the high mountain faith, and it is reported that the principal idol in the temple which is the eleven-faced thousand-armed deity (Bodhisattva) is the work of Gyokui.  
Address: 154, Kunono, Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Open daily  
Entrance fee: Free  
Phone: 0799-62-0451



### Rengeji Temple Gohyaku Rakan The statues 500 disciples of Buddha (Sumoto city) J-6

The 500 statues of these wise souls at Gohyaku Rakan, each with its own individuality, are lined up next to one another.  
Address: 445-1, miyanohara,Aigacho, Sumoto city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Open daily  
Entrance fee: Free  
Phone: 0799-28-0133



### Tousanji Temple (Awaji city) K-4

It is believed to have been established in the year 819 by Kobo Daishi.It is known on the island as one of the few sightseeing spots for fall colours.  
Address: 1389, Nagasawa, Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Open daily  
Entrance fee: Free tour(Subject to fees for partial area)  
Phone: 0799-62-1185



Pray for Peace and Happiness to All  
Visiting the temples at Awaji Island

### Senkoji Temple (Sumoto city) I-7

Senkoji temple at the summit of Mount Senzan, which is fondly known as the Awaji Fuji, is the best temple among the 88 temples of pilgrimage in the Awaji Shikoku region.  
Address: 2132, Kaminaizen, Sumoto city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Open daily  
Entrance fee: Free  
Phone: 0799-22-0281



### Kokubunji Temple (Minami Awaji city) G-8

Kokubunji Temples are temples built about 1300 years ago by the Emperor Shomu in each province to protect the state.  
Address: 331, Yagi Kokubu, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Open daily  
Entrance fee: 400 JPY  
Phone: 0799-42-4773



### How to visit and worship the seven deities of good fortune at Awaji

Your visit to the seven deities of good fortune in Awaji Island can begin from any temple.  
Contact: Executive office of the association of the holy land of the seven deities of good fortune at Awaji island  
Address: 834, Sano, Awaji city  
Hours: 8:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Open daily  
Entrance fee: Required  
Phone: 0799-65-0026

A temple which teaches the way to be a good wife and wise mother.  
**Chizenji Temple [Sarawatil]** H-5  
She is worshipped as the Goddess of music, speech and intelligence.  
Address: 436, Kusaka, Awaji city  
Hours: Free worship  
Holidays: Open daily  
Phone: 0799-66-1472

A temple dedicated to a God who fulfills your aspirations.  
**Chorinji Temple [Tall headed god of wealth and long life]** G-5  
He is accompanied by a crane and a turtle which are the symbols of long life and he has a wishing stone in his left hand and a staff in his right hand.  
Address: 975, Teushimanzai, Goshikicho, Sumoto city  
Hours: Free worship  
Holidays: Open daily  
Phone: 0799-33-0121

This temple grants you peace and harmony in your home.  
**Gokokuji Temple [Hoteison]** E-8  
Hoteison who appears as a pot bellied monk who brings good fortune, is the only one of the seven deities of good fortune who is a real person.  
Address: 732, Kashuyahata, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: Free worship  
Holidays: Open daily  
Phone: 0799-54-0259

### Everyone is happy with the seven blessings Visiting the seven deities of good fortune

This temple teaches you how to attract good fortune.  
**Manpukuji Temple [Lord Ebisu]** E-9  
This temple worships Ebisu Okami who is the only Japanese god among the seven deities of good fortune. He grants you perfect health and prosperity in your line of work.  
Address: 87-1, Kashi, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: Free worship  
Holidays: Open daily  
Phone: 0799-54-0244

This temple grants you a prosperous mind and body.  
**Hachioji Temple [Mahakala (God of Wealth)]** L-5  
It is believed that the mallet of luck which Mahakala (God of wealth) holds in his hand is meant to shake up the weak-hearted and the laziness.  
Address: 834, Sano, Awaji city  
Hours: Free worship  
Holidays: Open daily  
Phone: 0799-65-0026

This temple bestows good health and long life.  
**Hoshoji Temple [God of Longevity]** J-6  
The God of Longevity has a jewelled staff in his right hand and a peach in his left hand.  
Address: 326, Sato, Awaji city  
Hours: Free worship  
Holidays: Open daily  
Phone: 0799-62-2905

This temple grants you courage and determination.  
**Kakujuji Temple [Bishamonoten or Vaisravana, a Buddhist guardian god]** G-3  
This deity is believed to protect people of the Buddhist faith, and to grant you courage and determination.  
Address: 343, Jindashaka, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: Free worship  
Holidays: Open daily  
Phone: 0799-42-0436

# Tradition, Culture and History of Awaji Island

The origin of the Awaji Ningyo Joruri goes back around 500 years, and it is a traditional performance art. Actually, even this Ningyo Joruri is intimately connected with the Legend of Kuniumi.  
It is believed that the origin of this puppet show is the puppet show which was offered at the Ebisu Shrine in Nishinomiya in order to amuse the God Hiruko, also known as Ebisu, who was the son of Izanagi and Izanami.  
The performance of the Awaji Ningyo Joruri is a permanent feature at the Onaruto Bridge Memorial Museum and it is also publicly performed within Japan as well as overseas.

Contact: Awaji Ningyo Joruri Hall  
Address: 936-3, Fukurahei, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Subject to temporary cancellation - confirmation required  
Admission fee: Adults 1,260 JPY , Middle and High school students 1,050 JPY,Primary school students 840 JPY  
Phone: 0799-52-0260



■ Awaji Ningyo Joruri

Contact: Awaji Ningyo Joruri Museum  
Address: 880,Ichisanjo, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: 10:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Monday (If it is a national holiday, the following day)  
Admission fee: Free  
Phone: 0799-43-5037



■ Awaji Ningyo Joruri Museum F-8



■ Awaji Ningyo Joruri Hall (Onaruto Bridge Memorial Museum) D-8

Traditional theatre with a history of 500 years

# Awaji Ningyo Joruri

## Place connected with the Genji and Heike clans

The battle between the clans of Genji and Heike made famous by Taira no Kiyomori, Minamoto no Yoritomo and Minamoto no Yoshitsune, was the first large-scale civil war in Japan and lasted several years.  
Places connected with the Genji and Heike clans remain on Awaji Island as well.  
First, in Eshima (Iwaya, Awaji city) which was one of the sites chosen for Onokorojima, a memorial tower has been built for Matsuomaru who was the Page of Kiyomori. He sacrificed himself to the Dragon God in order to appease his wrath during the construction of Owada anchorage (present day Port of Kobe).

As you move a little south from Eshima, you will come to Awaji Hana Sajiki where the flowers are beautiful at any time of the year, and it is here that a memorial tower has been built for the Heike clan.  
The Kajiwarra Gorinto monument at Nushima (Nushima, Minami Awaji city) is the tomb of the Genji Shogun Kajiwarra Kagetoki who ruled after the Heike clan, and it is built from a special stone called the Rosin stone.  
The most famous spot on Awaji Island connected with the Genji and Heike clans is Kemurijima which floats on the Fukura-Bay harbour in Minami Awaji city. Before the Heike clan crossed over to Awa, as they were resting in Fukura-Bay harbour, they were attacked by Kumagaya Naozane at Suma. Taira no Atsumori's neck was cut off and he was cremated in this place, after which the smoke rose up in the air, from which the island is believed to have got its name. Atop the island, there remains a mound dedicated to the neck of Atsumori. (You cannot get on the island)



■ Taira no Atsumori (Image courtesy: Suma Temple in Kobe city)



■ Kemurijima (Fukura-Bay) D-9



## The Hot Spring Footbaths at Awaji Island



### ⑨ Sumoto Hot Spring and Shiosai Hot Spring J-8

The water gushes out from the source of the spring which is at the base of Mount Mikuma in Sumoto Castle, and you can relieve the tiredness of your feet from walking through the city.

Address: 2-806-1, Yamate, Sumoto city  
Hours: 7:00 - 18:00  
Holidays: Open daily  
Bathing fee: Free  
Phone: 0799-22-3158



### ⑩ Uzunoyu Hot Spring Footbaths D-9

Alongside the landing jetty of the tide-viewing ships at Fukura-ko harbour in Minami Awaji city, there are the Uzunoyu hot spring footbaths to relieve the tiredness of your feet.

Address: 1528-7, Fukura-ko, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: 10:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Open daily  
Bathing fee: Free  
Phone: 0799-52-2336

There are plenty of benefits in Awaji Island!

## Minami Awaji Spa



### ⑤ Sunrise Awaji Sunrise Hot Spring H-7

Your skin will become smooth at the glistening fluoride-ion spring. There are hotels with gymnasiums attached to satisfy all your health requirements.

Address: 1466-1, Hirota, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: 11:00 - 15:00(Reception counter)  
Holidays: The second Monday of every month(if it is a national holiday, then the following day), Golden Week, summertime and year-end/New Year holidays

Bathing fee: Adults 600 JPY, Children 300 JPY  
Phone: 0799-45-1411



### ⑦ Yuto Rikku Uzushio Hot Spring E-7

Hot spring and fitness center rolled into one. While you sweat it out at the hot spring, you can refresh your mind and body.

Address: 77, Minato, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: 10:00 - 21:30  
Holidays: Wednesday(Working if it is a national holiday)  
Bathing fee: Adults 600 JPY, Children 300 JPY  
Phone: 0799-36-5789



### ⑥ Sanyukan Mihara Hot Spring G-8

There is a spacious open air bath with a swimsuit zone (Only in July and August) where you can build your health while having fun along with your family.

Address: 2332, Jindaishake, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: Weekdays/10:00 - 22:30 Weekends and holidays/10:00 - 24:00  
Holidays: The 2nd Tuesday of every month  
Bathing fee: Adults 600 JPY, Children 300 JPY  
Phone: 0799-43-3939



### ⑧ Yupuru Shiozaki Hot Spring and Tsutsui Hot Spring E-9

You can have your fill of the various elements of health, beauty and fun intermingled with the effect of the natural hot spring in your bathing experience.

Address: 1509-1, Kita-amatsutsui, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: Weekdays/10:00 - 22:30(Reception counter closes at 22:00) Weekends and holidays/10:00 - 24:00(Reception counter closes at 23:30)  
Holidays: The 3rd Thursday of every month (Except for August)

Bathing fee: Adults 600 JPY, Children 300 JPY  
Phone: 0799-50-5126

### ① Biyu Matsuho no Sato O-2

A hot spring resort popular for its open air bath which is the best in the world and overlooks the Akashi Kaikyo Ohashi Bridge (Pearl Bridge).

Address: 3570-77, Iwaya, Awaji city  
Hours: 11:00 - 21:00(Reception counter)  
Holidays: The 1st Thursday of every month (Open daily in January, April, May and August)  
Bathing fee: Adults 700 JPY, Children (4 - 12 years) 400 JPY  
Phone: 0799-73-2333

## Awaji Island Hot spring map



### ④ Goshiki Wellness Park H-5 Goshiki Hot Spring [Yu-Yu-Five]

There are both western and Japanese style bathtubs, and you can enjoy our medicated baths and fragrant baths which change every week.

Address: 1087, Tsushi, Goshikicho, Sumoto city  
Hours: 10:30 - 21:00 (Reception counter)  
Holidays: The 2nd Thursday of every month except for January and August(if it is a national holiday, then the following day)

Bathing fee: Adults 600 JPY, Children 300 JPY  
Phone: Goshiki Wellness Park 0799-33-1601



### ② Hana-no-Yu Higashiura Sun Park N-4

Its feature is an open air bath where you can enjoy the view of the flowers in every season.

Address: 2743, Kuruma, Awaji city  
Hours: 11:00 - 21:00(Reception counter)  
Holidays: The 2nd Tuesday of every month  
Bathing fee: Adults 700 JPY, Children 400 JPY  
Phone: 0799-74-0101



### ③ Parchez Kaori no Yu J-4

It has large baths where you can bathe while watching the sunset as well as open air baths in which you can enjoy herbal hot water.

Address: 3020, Osaki, Awaji city  
Hours: 11:00 - 21:00(Reception counter)  
Holidays: The 1st Tuesday of every month(Open daily on national holidays as well as in January, May and August)

Bathing fee: Adults 600 JPY, Children 300 JPY  
Phone: 0799-85-1126

### ⑪ Sumoto Hot Springs J-7~K-8

This is the location of the largest hot spring on Awaji Island which is flourishing as a town around the Sumoto Castle. This belt of 10 hot springs along the coastline comes with open air baths overlooking the sea and tasteful lodgings.

Contact: Sumoto hot spring business co-operative association  
Address: 1-11-1, Kaigandori, Sumoto city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Weekends and public holidays  
Phone: 0799-22-3158

Have a leisurely, laidback time at our hot springs and footbaths





#### ■ Golden Boar Pork

The meat of golden boar pork (wild pig) which is bred by crossing wild boar with a Berkshire pig, red pig, or a golden Kamide pig has fat which is sweet and has a mellow taste.

Contact: Awaji Island Tourism Bureau  
Address: 1-11-1, Kaigandori, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-25-5820



#### ■ Loquats



#### ■ Naruto oranges



#### ■ Figs



#### ■ Lettuce



## Awaji Beef



#### ■ Awaji Beef

Matsuzaka beef and Kobe beef which Japan is well-known for also have their roots in Awaji beef.

Contact: Awaji Beef Branding Promotion conference  
Address: 3-2, Shiotanijima, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-62-0068



## Awaji Island Onions

Our onions which are nurtured with care in a warm climate and packed with nutrients are moderately soft and sweet. This vegetable is ideal since it meets all the 3 requirements that it can be had stewed, grilled or even raw.

Contact: Awaji Sunrise Agricultural Co-operative Association  
Address: 3112-14, Shizuki, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-62-6200

Contact: Awaji Island Agricultural Co-operative Association  
Address: 18-1, Ichiaoki, Minami Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-42-5200



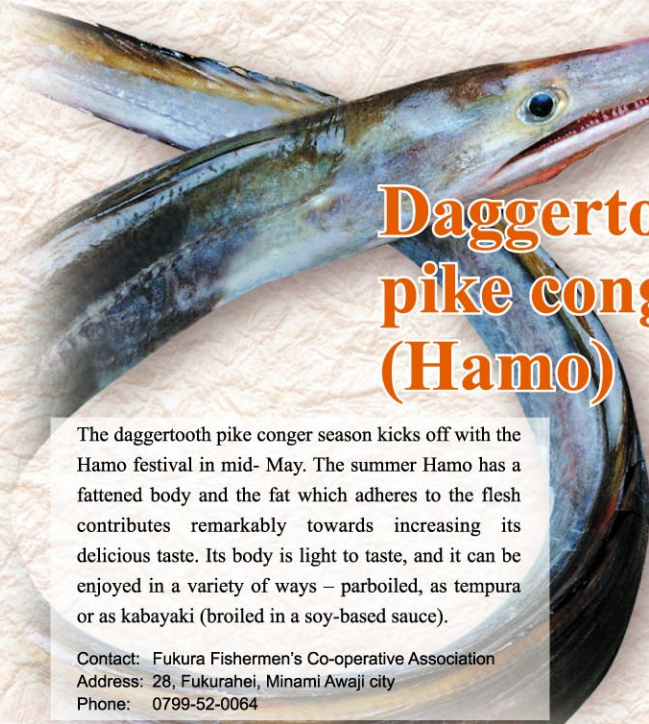
#### ■ Sea bream horakuyaki

The sea bream from Awaji Island has a thick body, cooks well and is worth eating. Sea bream is elegant by nature and some well known methods of eating it include slicing it and presenting it at table in its original form to bring out its simple flavor, and the Horakuyaki technique where it is baked in a covered Horaku pan in which Nachiguro stones have been spread out.

Contact: Awaji Island Tourism Bureau  
Address: 1-11-1, Kaigandori, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-25-5820

## Sea bream

## Awaji Island - A treasure trove of culinary delights known as Miketsukuni



## Daggertooth pike conger (Hamo)

The daggertooth pike conger season kicks off with the Hamo festival in mid- May. The summer Hamo has a fattened body and the fat which adheres to the flesh contributes remarkably towards increasing its delicious taste. Its body is light to taste, and it can be enjoyed in a variety of ways – parboiled, as tempura or as kabayaki (broiled in a soy-based sauce).

Contact: Fukura Fishermen's Co-operative Association  
Address: 28, Fukurahei, Minami Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-52-0064



#### ■ Parboiling the Hamo



#### ■ Hamo suki

Hamo suki made by boiling daggertooth pike conger along with onions is packed with collagen.



#### ■ 3 year old tiger fugu (globefish) sashimi

Normally it is bred for 2 years, but by rearing it with care for 3 years, its body becomes tighter, the quantity of flesh increases, and the different taste of its rich and full-bodied flavour as well as its chewing consistency make it a superb dish. Every year, the 3 year old tiger fugu festival is held towards the end of November in Fukura.

Contact: Fukura Fishermen's Co-operative Association  
Address: 28, Fukurahei, Minami Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-52-0064



#### ■ 3 year old tiger fugu techchiri (boiled and served with ponzu dipping sauce)

## Awaji Island 3 year old tiger fugu





## The incense sticks from Awaji Island lead the fragrance culture in Japan

70% of the domestic production in Japan comes from Awaji, and we are proud to say that our production is the highest in the country!

Fragrant wood first made its appearance in Nihon Shoki. The incense sticks from Awaji Island are the highest quality because they are painstakingly crafted with natural materials and natural fragrances, using standout technical capabilities and ideas born of the desire to produce a genuine article.

Contact: Hyogo prefecture incense sticks co-operative association  
Address: 621, Gunge, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-85-1212



## Awaji ibushi tiles with the sheen of oxidised silver



### Awaji Ibushi Rooftiles “Onigawara or rooftiles with gargoyle decorations”

The Awaji tile industry which is one the 3 large tile manufacturing industries in Japan, is a local traditional craft which has withstood numerous changes over time and social transition for a period of 400 years. There are actually several thousand varieties of tiles with differing shapes which have been perfected with intelligence and a sense of beauty.

Contact: Awaji Rooftile Industrial Association  
Address: 134, Minato, Minami Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-38-0570

Awaji Kawara (tiles)

## A Gastronomic Tour of Awaji Island



### Awaji Island Burgers

Local burgers made particularly with ingredients produced on Awaji Island.

Contact: Awaji Island Tourism Bureau  
Address: 1-11-1, Kaigandori, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-25-5820

### The anchovy project on the island

## The anchovy of the island

The island chefs will serve exceptionally fresh anchovies using recipes which are brimming with individuality.

Contact: Iwaya Tourist Information Centre  
Address: 925-27, Iwaya, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-72-3420



### Carnations

At present, we are proud to say that our production of carnations is the highest in the country.

Contact: Awaji Sunrise Agricultural Co-operative Society  
Address: 3112-14, Shizuki, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-62-6200



# Let us partake the food of Awaji Island to our heart's content.

Let us partake the island's culinary delights

## Awaji Island Gyudon

Made with three of the food ingredients produced in Awaji,

Awaji Beef Awaji Onions Awaji Rice

Gyudon is a specialty dish, popular among children and adults.

Contact: Awaji Island Tourism Bureau  
Address: 1-11-1, Kaigandori, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-25-5820

### Miketsukuni Project



## Awaji Island Noodles

The flavour of tide and soil which is redolent of the island.

A noodle dish combining island produce such as the original noodles produced by hand using the Tenobe process, Awaji onions, fish and shellfish and Awaji beef.

Contact: Sumoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Address: 3-3-25, Honmachi, Sumoto city, Hyogo prefecture  
Phone: 0799-22-2571

## Island sweets

A W A J I S H I M A

Awaji Island original sweets made with fresh produce nurtured by Mother Nature!

Contact: Sumoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Address: 3-3-25, Honmachi, Sumoto city, Hyogo prefecture  
Phone: 0799-22-2571

Moshio caramel milk parfait

Fig tart



### Broiled Conger

Live conger eel is fragrantly roasted on a charcoal fire.

Contact: Awaji Island Tourism Bureau  
Address: 1-11-1, Kaigandori, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-25-5820



### Wakame (brown seaweed)

Our wakame which has been given natural nourishment to grow is packed with nutrients.

Contact: Awaji Suikokai (Aquatic Association)  
Address: 1-1-24, Takenokuchi, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-22-0480



### Sandeel kugini or boiled sandeel (ikanago no kugini)

Kugini is made using young fish which are considered to be the best and hence the quality as well as the taste is superb, making it a spring-time favourite.

Contact: Awaji Suikokai (Aquatic Association)  
Address: 1-1-24, Takenokuchi, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-22-0480



### Tenobe somen (hand stretched wheat noodles)

These noodles are painstakingly produced using a traditional handcrafting method which takes 2 days and nights to make, and their characteristic is their full-bodied flavor and their resistance.

Contact: Awaji Tenobe Somen Co-operative Association  
Address: 1573-3, Fukuraotsu, Minami Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-52-0701



### Awaji Nori (seaweed)

Awaji is proud to be the leading producer of nori in Japan, which is also popular as a souvenir.

Contact: Awaji Suikokai (Aquatic Association)  
Address: 1-1-24, Takenokuchi, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-22-0480

### Chirimen (anchovies)

The anchovies caught in the coastal waters of Awaji Island are white colour and the best quality anchovies are well-dried to make Chirimen, which is a typical seafood product representing Awaji Island.

Contact: Awaji Suikokai (Aquatic Association)  
Address: 1-1-24, Takenokuchi, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-22-0480



Miketsukuni is locally produced for local consumption at Awaji Island

Miketsukuni Project







#### ■ Yumebutai, Awaji O-3

In this park full of flowers and greenery, you can utilize our facilities such as the greenhouse and the hotel, restaurants and shops as well as the international conference center while being in the midst of nature.

Address: 1, Yumebutai, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-74-1000



#### ■ Tousanji Temple K-4

This is a sightseeing spot for fall foliage. You can take pleasure in the foliage as you take a tour of the temple.

Address: Nagasawa, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-64-1185



#### ■ Awaji Island Prefectural Park O-3

There is a scenic overlook where you can enjoy the panoramic view of Osaka bay from Harimadana, and is fully equipped with leisure facilities, such as play pool and a family fun zone.

Address: 2674-3, Iwaya obayashi, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-72-5377

#### ■ Awaji Farm Park England Hill G-8

In the autumn, cosmos flowers bloom all over the park. The park is divided into two areas, the southern Green Hill area where the rare koala lives and the England area where you will find the scenery of the British Lake District. You can have fun at the classroom for experiencing how to make handicrafts, and also experience for yourself how to gather vegetables in the vegetable garden, and you can come into contact with small animals and take pleasure in the seasonal flowers. You can enjoy the tranquil atmosphere amidst the abundance of nature.

Address: 1401, Yagiyogikami, Minami Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-43-2626



#### ■ Hirota Plum Grove H-7

This place is well-known for the best plums on the island, and it also has a tomb dedicated to the patriots of the Tenmei Era with an epitaph chosen by Taisuke Itagaki.

Contact: Minami Awaji Commercial and Industrial Tourism Division  
Address: 90-1, Minato, Minami Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-37-3012



#### ■ Awaji Yumebutai Greenhouse O-3 and the Kiseki no Hoshi Greenhouse (Miracle Planet Museum of Plants)

This greenhouse covers an area of 6700m<sup>2</sup> and is the best in the country. During Golden Week and Christmas, music programs, gardening classrooms and other events are held here.

Address: 4, Yumebutai, Awaji city, Hyogo prefecture  
Phone: 0799-74-1200



#### ■ Hyogo Prefectural Awaji N-3 Landscape Planning & Horticulture Academy

The gardens used for study and research as well as the cafeteria and shops are open to the general public, and you can enjoy the seasonal flowers which bloom all year round.

Address: 954-2, Nojima Tokiwa, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-82-3131

#### ■ Nadakuroiwa Suisenkyo G-10 (daffodil fields)

Tachikawa Suisenkyo is a daffodil farmland in the midst of the open beach, and is an impressive garden with a collection of over 3 million flowers. Nadakuroiwa Suisenkyo is located to the south of the island and the 5 million wild daffodils spread over 7 hectares which cover the entire steep slope where the Yuzuruha mountain meets the sea are a truly magnificent sight. From the end of December until the end of February, the area is covered with the pale yellow flowers and wrapped in their sweet scent.

Contact: Nadakuroiwa Suisenkyo  
Address: 1528-4, Fukura-ko, Minami Awaji city (Minami Awaji Tourist Information Centre)  
Phone: 0799-52-2336

#### ■ Tachikawa Suisenkyo J-9

Contact: Tachikawa Suisenkyo  
Address: 2877-22, Yura, Yura-cho, Sumoto city, Hyogo prefecture  
Phone: 0799-27-2653



#### ■ Yuzuruha Dam Park G-9

In spring, the tourist trail around the dam is covered by the magnificent cherry blossoms which are in full bloom. Many tourists come to visit this popular spot for a nocturnal view of the cherry blossoms.

Address: Jindaiurakabe, Minami Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-42-5310



#### ■ Magatayama Park J-8

This is a spot which is well-known for its cherry blossoms, and it is located beside the Magatayama water filtration plant near the Sumoto town area. There are about 580 types of Oshima and Yoshino cherry trees blooming everywhere as if they are vying with one another to be beautiful.

Address: 3-4-10, Yamate, Sumoto city, Hyogo prefecture  
Phone: 0799-22-3321

#### A pilgrimage to admire flowers

#### Awaji Hana henro

The Awaji Hana henro (Flower Pilgrimage) aims to show all of you around the famous flower spots, picturesque scenery and sightseeing spots that Awaji Island is proud of, so that you can interact with the locals and experience the charms of Awaji Island, the island of flowers, and enjoy its tranquillity.

The Awaji Hana henro goes around 61 spots which give you flower charms and we sincerely look forward to your arrival.

Contact: Awaji Island Kuniumi Association (an incorporated foundation)

Address: 1-11-1, Kaigandori, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-24-2001

# Welcome to Awaji Island, the island of flowers

#### ■ Awaji Hanasajiki N-3

The field of flowers against the backdrop of the Akashi Kaikyo and Osaka bay unfolds a stunning panoramic view. We invite you to a world of flowers which change with every season.

Address: 2865-4, Kusumoto, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-74-6426



#### ■ Parchez Kaori no Yakata J-4

This is a Kaori Theme Park and you can have fun, food, stay and a hot spring bath here with kaori (fragrance) as the underlying theme. You will find various kinds of scents, gel candles and original perfumes which are very popular among the ladies.

Address: 3020-1, Osaka, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-85-1162



#### ■ Awaji Flower Saijiki Garden K-4

Between the end of May and the beginning of July, about 3500 trees of 70 varieties of hydrangea bloom and make the garden a riot of colours.

Address: Nagasawa 247-1, Nagasawa, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-64-0847

#### ■ Awaji Hanasansui J-9

In this unexplored region of Awaji Island, Japan's age-old scenes still remain and you can heal your mind by looking at the water wheel turning and the killifish swimming, while listening to the chirping of the songbirds and the murmur of the brook.

Address: 60, Chikusabo, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-22-7300



#### ■ Uzushio roadside station / Naruto Misaki-so C-9

On the wisteria trellised walkway from the parking lot to the Uzushio roadside station, the wisteria flowers begin to bloom all at once around springtime.

Address: 947-22, Fukurahei, Minami Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-52-1157

#### ■ Government-run Akashi Kaikyo Park at Awaji Island O-3

This is a government-run park where you can enjoy a variety of flowers in all seasons. The springtime tulips in particular are the best in the Kansai region. There are a variety of sightseeing spots with different views, a large complex with play equipment, vast open spaces and a playground for children as well.

Address: 8-10, Minami uzaki, Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-72-2000





Month when it is held	Name of the festival	Scheduled date	Venue
April	Tsushi Hachiman Shrine Spring Festival	The 1st Sunday of every month	Goshikicho, Sumoto city
	Fukura Hachiman Shrine Spring Festival	The 1st Sunday of every month	Minami Awaji city
	Yuzuruha Shrine Annual Spring Festival	The 2nd Saturday of every month	Minami Awaji city
	Grand Festival at the Isenomori Shrine	The Sunday around the 10 <sup>th</sup> of April	Awaji city
	Shoda Hachiman Shrine Spring Festival	The 2nd Sunday of every month	Minami Awaji city
	Kashu Hachiman Shrine Spring Festival	The 2nd Sunday of every month	Minami Awaji city
	Ikuho Kamo Shrine Annual Springtime Festival	The 3rd Sunday of every month	Awaji city
	Kameoka Hachiman shrine spring festival	The 3rd Sunday of every month	Minami Awaji city
	Izanagi Shrine Annual Springtime Festival	20 -22 April The same days every year	Awaji city
	Alhara Kawakami Shrine and Tenmangu Shrine Spring Festival	29 <sup>th</sup> April (General holiday) The same day every year	Goshikicho, Sumoto city
May	Shizuki Hachiman Shrine Spring Festival	29th April (General holiday) The same day every year	Awaji city
	Sumoto Hachiman Shrine Spring Festival	29th April (General holiday) The same day every year	Sumoto city
	Awaji Float Festival	29 <sup>th</sup> April (General holiday)	Minami Awaji city
	Nushima Spring Festival (Nushima Hachiman shrine)	4 <sup>th</sup> May (General holiday) The same day every year	Minami Awaji city
	Ise Kuruma Shrine Spring Festival	5 <sup>th</sup> May (General holiday) The same day every year	Awaji city
	Ishiya Shrine Grand Spring Festival	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday and Sunday of every month	Awaji city
	Mahakala(God of wealth) Grand Springtime Festival for the start of the cycle of good luck	26 <sup>th</sup> May (Thursday) The same day every year	Awaji city
	Summer Festival at Awaji city	The 3rd Sunday of every month	Awaji city
	Keinomatsubara Fireworks Display		Minami Awaji city
	Natsukose Festival (Yura Minato Shrine)		Sumoto city
August	Awaji Island Festival	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of August every year Fireworks Display	Sumoto city
	Fukura-ko harbour-Fireworks Display on the Sea		Minami Awaji city
	Takataya Kahei festival		Goshikicho, Sumoto city
September	Ishiya Shrine Autumn Festival	The 2nd Sunday of every month	Awaji city
	Ama Furu-odori (Kameoka Hachiman Shrine)		Minami Awaji city
	Festival for offering of water (Kotoshironushi Shrine)	The 3rd Sunday of every month	Awaji city
October	Murozu Hachiman Shrine Autumn Festival	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday and Sunday of every month	Awaji city
	Matsuho Shrine Autumn Festival	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday and Sunday of every month	Awaji city
	Hiroishi Hachiman Shrine Autumn Festival		Goshikicho, Sumoto city
	Torikai Hachiman Shrine Autumn Festival		Goshikicho, Sumoto city
	Sakai Hachiman Shrine Autumn Festival		Goshikicho, Sumoto city
November	Benten (Goddess of Arts and Wisdom) Festival	21 - 23 November The same days every year	Awaji city
January	Toka Ebisu (Ebisu Shrine)	1/10	Awaji city
	Toka Ebisu (Kotoshironushi Shrine)	1/10	Awaji city
	Snake Festival (Anjuji Temple)	11 <sup>th</sup> January on the same day every year	Minami Awaji city
	Carrying Okagami-mochi (Yakuoji Temple)	12 <sup>th</sup> January on the same day every year	Minami Awaji city
	Kayu-ura (Annual fortune telling) Festival (Izanagi shrine)	15 <sup>th</sup> January on the same day every year	Awaji city
	Yudate (standing in hot water) Festival (Kaikyo Kannonji Temple)	The 3rd Sunday of every month	Awaji city
	Festival to pray to Mahakala (God of wealth) for good fortune and Shofuku Festival (festival of happiness)	26 <sup>th</sup> January on the same day every year	Awaji city
	Ritual of praying to ward off bad luck (Hachijoji Temple)	2/1~7	Awaji city
	Mame ritual (Hachijoji Temple)	7 <sup>th</sup> of February on the same day every year	Awaji city
	Festival of the seven deities of good fortune	3 days of the Lunar New Year	Awaji city
February	Yudate ritual (Izanagi Shrine)	First day of spring	Awaji city
	Neriko Festival (Yura Minato Shrine)	The 2nd Sunday of every month	Sumoto city
March	Beach play (Ishiya Shrine)		Awaji city
	Takenokuchi Hachiman Shrine Spring Festival		Sumoto city

\*For detailed information such as a brief description of each festival and its date and time, please contact the respective tourist information centre.

Ise Kuruma Shrine Spring Festival



Nushima Spring Festival



Awaji Island Festival



Snake Festival



Carrying Okagami-mochi

Kameoka Hachiman Shrine Spring Festival (Ama, Minami Awaji city)

The spring festival at the Kameoka Hachiman Shrine is a spring festival which is typical of Minami Awaji city. Scores of vibrant and colourful floats are lined up in the temple precincts and you can watch this awesome spectacle to the accompaniment of float music.

Ise-no-mori Shrine Annual Springtime Festival (Hashigojishi or Lion of the ladder)



# Festivals at Awaji Island



Natsukose Festival

Torikai Hachiman floats on boats (Torikai, Goshikicho, Sumoto city)

Two boat-shaped floats depart from the shrine, and go on a parade until the beach and back to the shrine, covering a total distance of 4km. The highlight is the sight of the floats going up and down the steep steps of the shrine.





# Emotional experiences at Awaji Island

## Fishing Experience



You can try trawl net or dragnet fishing or even gill net fishing or fixed shore net fishing.  
\*Please note that the fishing times and the size of the catch may vary according to the weather.

## Experience of going on a fishing boat



## Dragnet fishing experience



## Experience of cutting open a fish



## Experience of fishing



Awaji island which is surrounded by the sea in all four directions has a number of fishing spots. If you wish to enjoy a bit of leisurely fishing, we recommend the marine fishing parks or fishing at sea.

Sea fishing park (Mega float), Minami Awaji city D-9 ☎0799-55-0400  
Manyama Marine Fishing Park, Minami Awaji city C-7 ☎0799-39-0399  
Awaji Jandohre Fishing Park D-9 ☎0799-52-4477  
Yura Marine Fishing Park Kato K-9 ☎090-2018-8110

## An Experience filled with romance and mystery

### Observing the sea-firefly



The sea firefly is closely related to the family of crustaceans, and it emits a fantastic blue light from April to September. In season, we also arrange for observation rooms restricted to lodgers.

Contact: Awaji Island Tourism Bureau  
Sumoto Tourist Information Center  
Address: 2-43, Minato, Sumoto city  
Phone: 0799-22-0742  
Contact: Minami Awaji Tourist Information Center  
Address: 1528-4, Fukura-ko, Minami Awaji city  
Phone: 0799-52-2336

## Experience agriculture

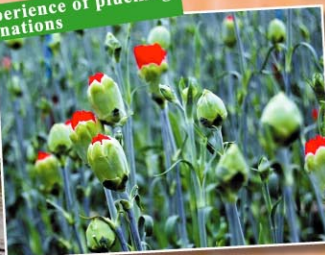


You can try your hand at gathering the various seasonal vegetables and fruits which have been grown with care in the warm climate of Awaji Island.  
\*For details of the vegetables and fruits that you can gather, please contact the respective institution.

## Experience of rice planting and harvesting



## Experience of plucking carnations



## Planting and harvesting of Shiitake mushrooms



## Experience of agriculture

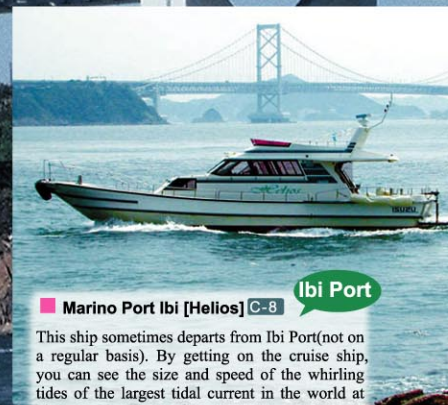
Name of the facility	Phone number (Area code: 0799)	What you can experience
Kaikyo plantation	O-3 ☎72-3090	Harvesting: [Summer] loquats [Winter] oranges
Haibara loquat garden	N-3 ☎82-3051	Harvesting: [Summer] loquats
Tokiwa vineyard for tourists	N-3 ☎82-2510	Harvesting: [Summer] grapes
Potato digging park for tourists	K-5 ☎64-1045	Harvesting: [Autumn] sweet potatoes
Awaji flower saijiki garden	K-4 ☎64-0847	Harvesting: [Spring] gathering edible wild plants [Autumn] gathering chestnuts
Morimoto plantation	M-3 ☎82-0641 (reservation required)	Harvesting: [Spring] Shiitake mushrooms [Autumn] Shiitake mushrooms
Yutaka plantation	J-5 ☎62-0387 (reservation required)	Harvesting: [Winter] oranges
Awaji farm	J-6 ☎62-0808	Harvesting: [Winter] oranges
Kuriwaki plantation	N-3 ☎82-1642	Harvesting: [Autumn] gathering chestnuts
Parchez Kaori no yakata	J-4 ☎85-1162	Plucking flowers: [Spring] chamomile [Summer] lavender [Autumn] cosmos
North Awaji Oyasai Club	N-3 ☎82-0831	Planting seedlings: [Autumn] potatoes
Higashimomokawa Mura Okoshiconvention (to wake up the village)	I-5 ☎72-3420	Rice planting: [Spring] rice, rice planting [Autumn] rice harvesting
Inoue carnation garden	O-3 ☎72-3420	Plucking flowers: [Spring and Autumn] Carnations
Kunono area convention	M-4 ☎72-3420	Harvesting: [Spring] onions [Autumn] regular planting of onions
Fujioka plantation	L-4 ☎64-1162	Harvesting: [Spring] planting of Shiitake mushrooms
Pasona group challenge farm in Awaji	N-3 ☎80-2240	Harvesting: [Spring] onions [Autumn] Potatoes
Wellness Park Plantation for practical experience	H-5 ☎33-0261	Harvesting: [Spring] strawberries, onions [Summer] potatoes [Autumn] sweet potatoes [Winter] potatoes
Hiraoka Plantation	I-7 ☎22-2729	Harvesting: [Winter] oranges, lemons
Awaji Hanasansui	J-9 ☎22-7300	Harvesting: [Spring] Shiitake mushrooms [Autumn] Shiitake mushrooms
NPO Corporation Awaji Fan Club	J-7 ☎25-8086	Rice planting: [Spring] rice, rice planting [Autumn] rice harvesting
Awaji Farm Park England Hill	G-8 ☎43-2626	Harvesting: [Spring] tomatoes, strawberries, onions, potatoes, etc. [Summer] eggplant, capsicum, etc. [Autumn] sweet potatoes, capsicum, eggplant, etc. [Winter] radish, broccoli, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, cabbage, lettuce, etc. *May change from year to year
Awaji Island Livestock Farm	G-8 ☎42-2066	Harvesting: [Spring] onions [Summer] potatoes [Autumn] turnips, radish

\*Please contact the respective organizations for the harvest dates, the time required, and the charges for participation.

# Experience Awaji Island for yourself

## Come and look at highly intense whirling tides from close by!

The whirling tides of Naruto strait happen every 6 hours due to the ebb and flood of the tide. When the tide flows from the high sea to the low sea, it becomes a rolling rapid where the speed of the tidal current is 30 km per hour, and the size of the whirlpool is so large that its diameter sometimes touches 30 m. The time of the full tide and ebb tide when the whirling tide is the largest varies from day to day, so please check the time period when the whirling tide will happen in advance from the tide table before you come sightseeing to this spot.



## Marino Port Ibi (Helios) C-8 Ibi Port

This ship sometimes departs from Ibi Port (not on a regular basis). By getting on the cruise ship, you can see the size and speed of the whirling tides of the largest tidal current in the world at close quarters.

Address: 834-2, Anaga, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: 8:30 - 17:00  
Holidays: 1st of January, and cruises may be cancelled in bad weather  
Cruise rates: Adults 1,500 JPY, Children 800 JPY  
Phone: 0799-39-0201



## Fukura-ko Harbour

## A cruise of the whirling tides on Kanrinmaru D-9

This sightseeing ship which departs every day at fixed times is typical of Awaji Island tourism. The grandeur of the whirling tides which roll on with a thunderous roar form a sight which is one of the most wonderful in the world.

Address: Fukura-ko, Minami Awaji city (Nanairo kan, Uzushio dome)  
Hours: 9:30 - 16:10  
Holidays: Open daily (the cruise may be cancelled in rough weather)  
Cruise rates: Adults 2,000 JPY, Children (Primary school students) 1,000 JPY  
Phone: 0799-52-0054

# Highly intense whirling tides !!



Come experience the whirling tides at close quarters!!



# Awaji Island Information



## Places on Awaji Island, Hyogo Prefecture

Awaji Island is located to the east of Setonokai (Seto inland sea) and is the largest island in Setonokai. It belongs to Hyogo prefecture in the Kinki region, and at present it is divided from the north into three cities, Awaji city, Sumoto city and Minami Awaji city. It is linked to the Japanese islands (Honshu) via the 4km long Akashi Kaikyo Ohashi bridge which is the world's best suspension bridge, and to Shikoku via the Onaruto bridge where you will find the world's best whirling tides.

## Overview of Awaji Island, Hyogo prefecture

Region	Kinki region
Administrative division	Hyogo Prefecture
Municipalities	Awaji city, Sumoto city and Minami Awaji city
Total population	141,533 persons (as on 1 <sup>st</sup> of October 2010)
Surface area	595.84km <sup>2</sup>

Awaji Island is situated on the eastern side of Setonokai National Park, and it is a long and thin island extending 55km from north to south (Matsuho in Awaji city - Nushima in Minami Awaji city), and 28km from east to west (Yura in Sumoto city - Anaga in Minami Awaji city), with a perimeter of 203 km. The total area of Awaji is 595.84km<sup>2</sup> and this represents 7.1% of the land area of the prefecture, and on its northern side, Tsuna hill runs from north to south, and the areas from east to west are all sloping, taking the form of somewhat arable land along the coastline. The Mihara plain extending from its center southwards is the largest flatland on the island, through which flow the Sumoto river and the Mihara river.

In the southern part is the Yuzuruha mountainous region running from east to west. It has the Mount Yuzuruha (608m), the highest peak in Awaji, and it forms a coastline consisting of steep cliffs.



● Akashi Kaikyo Ohashi



● Onaruto bridge and the whirling tides

## Climate

Awaji is warm in winter and experiences the Setonaikai climate with very little annual rainfall. The low rainfall has caused frequent water shortages, and since this has been a problem since time immemorial, lakes, and in recent years, dams have continued to be built, but with the opening of traffic along the Akashi Kaikyo Ohashi bridge, water is being supplied from the mainland.

## Nature

Awaji Island has a number of coastal areas which have their own individuality, such as Keinomatsubara which faces Harimanada and is a designated national landmark, and the Narugashima sandbar which is on the opposite shore from Yura fishing port in Sumoto city. The vegetation consists largely of the species which is dominant in the natural forests of the southern regions with a warm climate, and rare seaside vegetation is also scattered in abundance.

The fauna consists of mammals such as deer, wild boar, Japanese monkeys, raccoons, etc., and wild birds live here in large numbers as well.

## Kaikyo (straits)

### Akashi Kaikyo

This is a strait which lies between the Matsuho cape on the northern tip and Akashi city in Hyogo prefecture on Honshu. The width of the strait is 3.6km. The tidal current is swift, and it has been an area of rough seas for many years. The Akashi Kaikyo Ohashi bridge, a 3,911m long bridge which is the longest suspension bridge in the world, has been built over this strait.

### Naruto strait

On Naruto strait which separates Awaji and Tokushima, you can see the splendid whirling tides caused by the difference between the ebb and flood of the tide in Setonokai and the Pacific Ocean, and the Onaruto bridge which is a suspension bridge having a total length of 1,629m has been built across this strait.

Try your hand at the handcrafted objets d'art

and the food

Various options have been laid out indoors for you to try and enjoy, and you can make use of them even when it rains.

### Tile making



You can visit the workshop where Awaji tiles, which have a history going back 400 years, are manufactured, and you can make original tile sculptures using tile clay.

Contact: Yasutomi White Clay Tiles [E-7]  
Address: 105-2, Wakida-ko, Matsuho, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: Trial 10:00 - 16:00, Meals 11:00 - 21:00  
Holidays: No fixed holidays  
Hands-on experience fee: Trial 1,800JPY onwards, Meals 1,600JPY onwards  
Phone: 0799-36-2303

Contact: Minami Awaji Industry and Culture center [D-7]  
Address: 2285-4, Tsui, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: 8:30 - 17:00  
Holidays: Monday (Closed from 28th December - 4th January)  
Hands-on experience fee: Free entry (To participate in the various activities and to use the conference room, you must pay separately)  
Phone: 0799-38-0201

### Experience of cooking rice in a hagama pot



Experience how the people lived in olden times. Try to cook rice using a hagama (cast iron pot) and firewood (maki).

Contact: Hokudan Museum of History and Folklore [L-3]  
Address: 240, Asano, Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Monday (If it is a national holiday, then the following day)  
Hands-on experience fee: Admission fee (Primary and Middle school students 100JPY, High school students and above 210JPY) + 150JPY  
Phone: 0799-82-2177

## Experience of touching animals



### Touching dolphins

Anyone can easily touch the dolphins and have the valuable experience swimming with the dolphins. By experiencing the mode of life and the faculties of the dolphins, you can learn how to co-exist with nature, as well as the importance of protecting the environment.

Contact: Janohire Dolphin farm [D-9]  
Address: Janohire, Aza, Amashioya machi, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Open daily  
Hands-on experience fee: Contact course 4000 JPY (Lecture 10 minutes/ practicals 20 minutes), Swimming course 8,000 JPY (Lecture 20 minutes/practicals 40 minutes), Trainer course 6,000JPY (Lecture 20 minutes/practicals 40 minutes)  
Phone: 0799-50-3353

### Coming in contact with animals



You can experience many things which you may not enjoy in your daily life such as being in contact with animals and touching the ground, etc.

Contact: Awaji Country Garden [N-3]  
Address: Nojima, Awaji city  
Hours: 10:30 - 18:00  
Holidays: Wednesday regular holiday (We work during the spring break, Golden Week and summer break)  
Hands-on experience fee: Adults 400 JPY, Children 200 JPY + 200 JPY for the animal feed  
Phone: 0799-82-2953

### Incense sticks and incense making

You can visit the factories where incense sticks and perfumes are made on Awaji Island which is Japan's leading producer. Incense making classes are also held. Come and try to make your own original perfume!



Contact: Kunjudo Company Limited [J-4]  
Address: 1255-1, Taga, Awaji city  
Hours: 10:00 - 16:00  
Holidays: Year-end/New Year holidays, Obon festival, Equinoctial week, national holidays, and year-end/New Year holidays  
Hands-on experience fee: To experience how to make perfume: 500 JPY / person  
Phone: 0799-85-1301

Contact: Awaji Baikundo Company Limited [L-4]  
Address: 2845-1, Ei, Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 16:00  
Holidays: Sundays, 2nd and 4th Saturdays, Bon festival, Equinoctial week, national holidays, and year-end/New Year holidays  
Hands-on experience fee: 500JPY  
Phone: 0799-86-0065

### Making soybean flour using a stone mortar



Experience how the people lived in olden times. Try to make soybean flour.

Contact: Hokudan Museum of History and Folklore [L-3]  
Address: 240, Asano, Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: Monday (If it is a national holiday, then the following day)  
Hands-on experience fee: Admission fee (Primary and Middle school students 100JPY, High school students and above 210JPY) + 150 JPY  
Phone: 0799-82-2177

### Ceramic art



You can get hands-on experience of making various Awaji Island specialty products such as making ceramic products using tile clay.

Contact: Wellness Park Goshiki Yume(Dream) factory [H-3]  
Address: 1087, Tsushi, Goshikicho, Sumoto city  
Hours: 9:30 - 15:00  
Holidays: No fixed holidays  
Hands-on experience fee: 1,200 JPY per head (transfer cost extra)(reservation required for a group of 10 or more people)  
Phone: 0799-33-1540

Contact: Awaji City Ceramic Art Hall [N-4]  
Address: 666-1, Ura, Awaji city  
Hours: 10:00 - 18:00(Reception counter for hands-on experience 10:00 - 11:00/13:00-16:30)  
Holidays: Monday (If it is a national holiday, then the following day)  
Hands-on experience fee: Clay craft (Clay 500g) 1,000JPY, Motorized wheel 1,500 JPY (reservation preferred), Ceramic painting 700 JPY  
Phone: 0799-75-2585

Contact: Tsuna heights [K-3]  
Address: 162, Shizuki, Awaji city  
Hours: 9:30 - 11:00  
Holidays: Obon and Year-end/New Year holidays  
Hands-on experience fee: 900 JPY per head onwards  
Phone: 0799-62-1561

### Making Fukimodoshi toys



You can try to make Fukimodoshi toys reminiscent of olden times, and you can also visit the factory.

Contact: Yahata Koundo Company Limited [N-4]  
Address: 333-1, Kouchi, Awaji city  
Hours: 10:00 - 11:00, 13:00 - 15:30  
Holidays: New Year's Day  
Hands-on experience fee: Adults 500JPY (souvenirs included) Children (Children who are 3 years old - Middle school students) 300 JPY  
Phone: 0799-74-3560

### A visit to the sake brewery



Contact: Miyakobijin Sake Brewing Company Limited [F-3]  
Address: 247, Nishikawa, Enami, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 16:00  
Holidays: Weekends and holidays  
Hands-on experience fee: Free (reservation required)  
Phone: 0799-42-0360

Contact: Sennen'ichi Sake Brewing Company Limited [N-4]  
Address: 2485-1, Kuruma, Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 16:30 (Cellar visit)  
Holidays: Open all year round (except for the New Year holidays)  
Hands-on experience fee: Free (reservation required for a group of 10 or more persons)  
Phone: 0799-74-2005

### Earthquakes and earthquake disasters



You can see the Nojima fault which appeared due to the earthquake in the southern part of Hyogo prefecture as well as the houses which were damaged at that time, and also experience the tremors caused by an earthquake of magnitude 7 at the earthquake experience center, and understand nature's fury.

Contact: Hokudan Earthquake Memorial Park [M-3]  
Address: 117, Ogura, Awaji city  
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00  
Holidays: May be closed during the year-end  
Hands-on experience fee: Adults 700 JPY, Middle and High school students 300 JPY, Primary school students 250 JPY  
Phone: 0799-82-3020

### Making somen



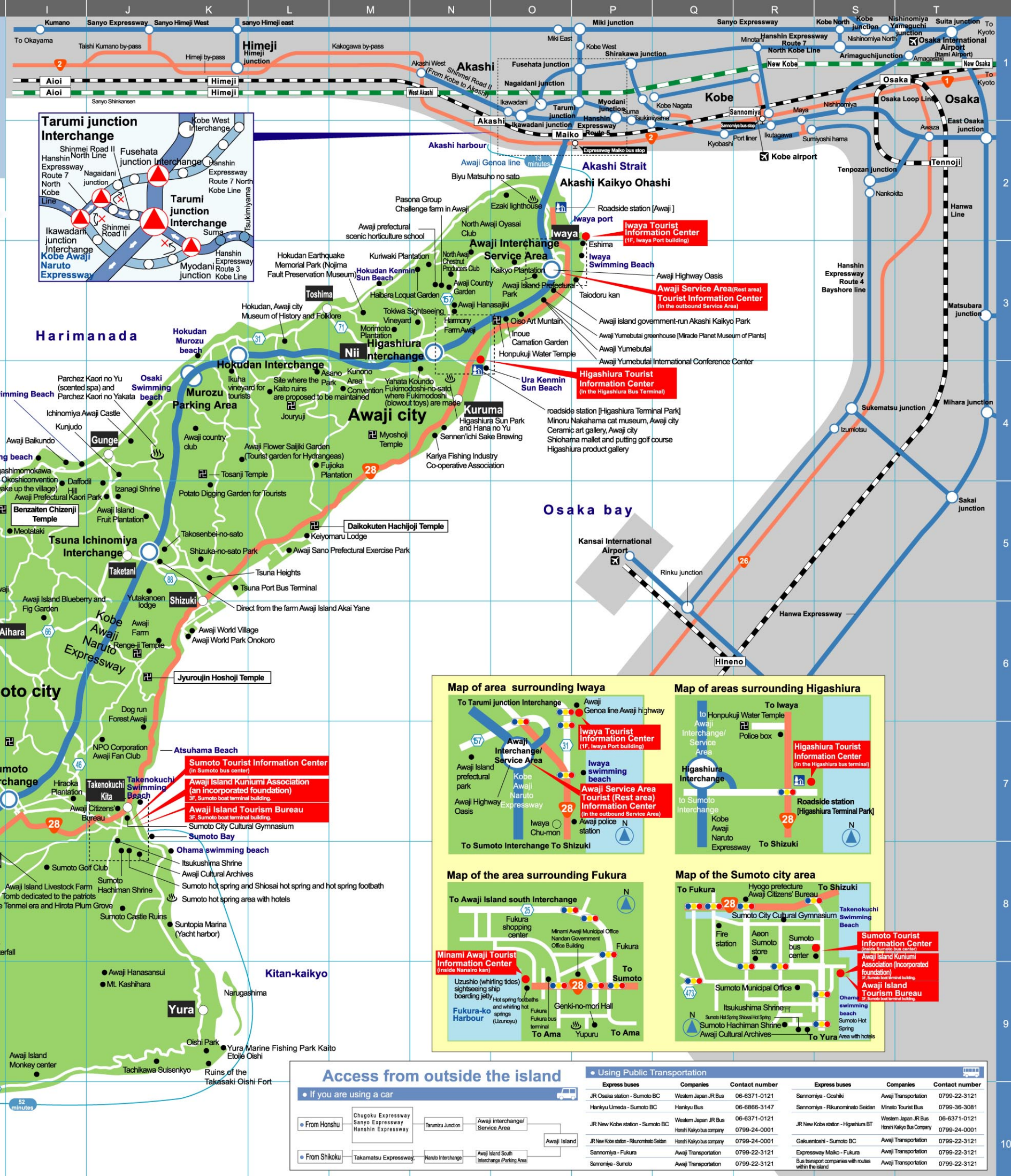
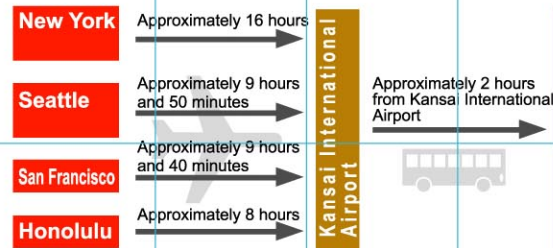
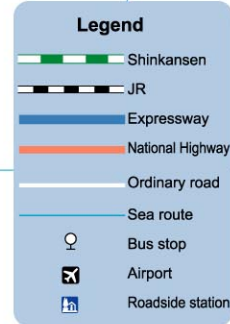
You can watch Tenobe somen being made. This is a specialty product of Awaji Island. And you can also have an experience of the processes of kadohoshi (drying the somen) and kama-age (frying the noodles). (Period: October to March)

Contact: Kaede yukichi store [D-8]  
Address: 934-6, Fukuraotsu, Minami Awaji city  
Hours: Open in the mornings from October to March  
Holidays: No fixed holidays  
Hands-on experience fee: 3,000 JPY per head (reservation required)  
Phone: 0799-52-0238

Hands-on facility		
Name of the facility	Phone number (Area code: 0799)	What you can experience
Awaji Flower Sajiki Garden	☎64-0847	Dyeing with vegetable dyes, making picture postcards, etc.
Haibara Loquat Garden Studio Rimainu	☎82-3051 (reservation required)	Dyeing with vegetable dyes
Awaji World Park Onokoro	☎65-1192	Tie and Dye, Making an ocarina (flute), ceramic painting, etc.
Sumoto City Yura Cultural Exchange Center Etale Oishi	☎25-7033	Making tokoroten (gelidium jelly), making dried food, etc.
Awaji Farm Park England Hill	☎43-2626	Making bread, hands-on ceramic art
Awaji Island Livestock Farm	☎42-2066	Making butter and cheese
Awaji Country Garden	☎82-2953	Feeding animals, walking donkeys
Harmony Farm Awaji	☎75-3555	Horse riding experience
Awaji Island Monkey Center	☎29-0112	Feeding wild monkeys
Awaji Farm Park England Hill	☎43-2626	Horse riding, touching small animals



# Access map



### Access from outside the island

● If you are using a car

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    Honshu[From Honshu] -- Chugoku Expressway, Sanyo Expressway, Hanshin Expressway --> TamuizumiJunction[Tamuizumi Junction]
    TamuizumiJunction --> AwajiInterchange[Awaji Interchange/Service Area]
    Shikoku[From Shikoku] -- Takamatsu Expressway --> NanatoInterchange[Nanato Interchange]
    NanatoInterchange --> AwajiIslandSouthInterchange[Awaji Island South Interchange/Parking Area]
    AwajiInterchange --- AwajiIsland[Awaji Island]
    AwajiIslandSouthInterchange --- AwajiIsland
        
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### ● Using Public Transportation

Express buses	Companies	Contact number
JR Osaka station - Sumoto BC	Western Japan JR Bus	06-6371-0121
Hankyu Umeda - Sumoto BC	Hankyu Bus	06-8866-3147
JR New Kobe station - Sumoto BC	Western Japan JR Bus Hanshi Kalyo bus company	06-6371-0121 0799-24-0001
JR New Kobe station - Rikunomiya Seidan	Hanshi Kalyo bus company	0799-24-0001
Sannomiya - Fukuro	Awaji Transportation	0799-22-3121
Sannomiya - Sumoto	Awaji Transportation	0799-22-3121

Express buses	Companies	Contact number
Sannomiya - Goshiki	Awaji Transportation	0799-22-3121
Sannomiya - Rikunomiya Seidan	Minato Tourist Bus	0799-36-3081
JR New Kobe station - Higashimura BT	Western Japan JR Bus Hanshi Kalyo Bus Company	06-6371-0121 0799-24-0001
Gakuentoshi - Sumoto BC	Awaji Transportation	0799-22-3121
Expressway Maiko - Fukuro	Awaji Transportation	0799-22-3121
Bus transport companies with routes	Awaji Transportation	0799-22-3121