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Awaji Island

AWAJI ISLAND GUIDE BOOK

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



 Awaji Island Kuniumi Association (an incorporated foundation)
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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.

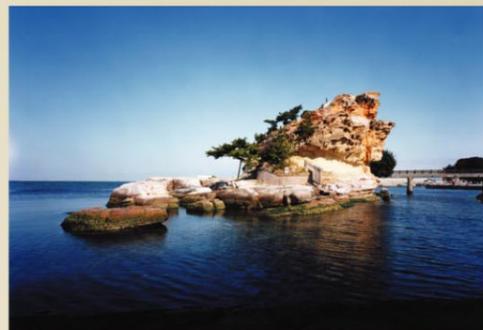




■ The Izanagi Shrine



■ 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

■ The Izanagi Shrine

■ Onokorojima Shrine

■ Nushima

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 vermillion 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
Address: 1528-4, Fukurako, Minami Awaji city
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.



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

■ Izanagi (right) and Izanami (left)

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 onokorojima. 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: 0799-82-0451



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: 0799-64-1185



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

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



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, Kaminaiten, 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



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 Matsumaru 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 Kajiwara Gorinto monument at Nushima (Nushima, Minami Awaji city) is the tomb of the Genji Shogun Kajiwara 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

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

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

Chizenji Temple [Saraswati] 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: 0799-86-1472

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

Chorinji Temple G-5
[Tail headed god of wealth and long life] 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

Hoshoji Temple J-6
[God of Longevity] 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

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

Manpukuji Temple E-9
[Lord Ebisu] 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

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

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



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



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



Loquats



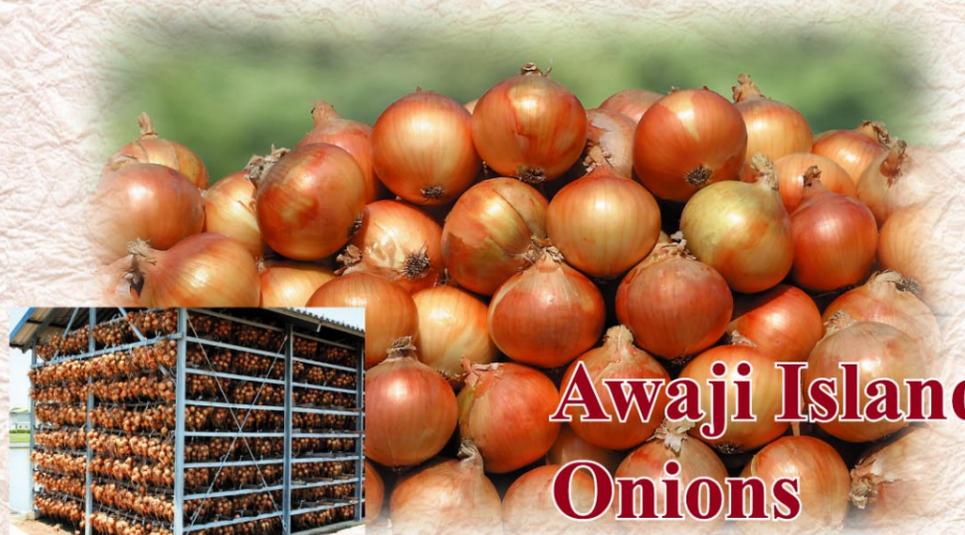
Naruto oranges



Figs



Lettuce



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, Fukurahe, 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, Fukurahe, 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 of 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

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

Let us partake the island's culinary delights

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



Awaji Island Milk

This popular milk is loved by its many fans for its full-bodied and rich flavour which is naturally mellow and has not been created by adjusting its composition.

Contact: Awaji Island Dairy Agricultural Cooperative Association
Address: 3, Ichiaokki, Minami Awaji city
Phone: 0799-42-5013

Awaji Island Local Sake

The sake is carefully and painstakingly made using traditional techniques and the flavour in each glass reflects the effort which has gone into making it, something you will never find in mass-produced sake.



Contact: Miyakobijin Company Limited
Address: 247, Nishigawa, Enami, Minami Awaji city
Phone: 0799-42-0360

Contact: Awaji Brewers' Association
Address: 3-1-55, Sakae-cho, Sumoto city
Phone: 0799-22-0361 (Only on Tuesdays and Fridays)

Contact: Sennen'ichi Sake Brewing Company Limited
Address: 2485-1, Kuruma, Awaji city
Phone: 0799-74-2005

Awaji Beer



Awaji Beer has not been heat treated and so you can savour the flavor of the fresh yeast in this local beer from Awaji Island. There are 4 varieties for you to enjoy.

Contact: Awaji Beer Factory
Address: 1022-2, Ura, Awaji city
Phone: 0799-74-0339



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

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

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



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

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



Miketsukuni Project

Moshio caramel milk parfait



Fig tart

Miketsukuni is locally produced for local consumption at Awaji Island



■ 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 handcrafts, 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 6700m² 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 Landscape Planning & Horticulture Academy N-3
 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: Jindairakabe, 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, Osaki, 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



■ 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

■ 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

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

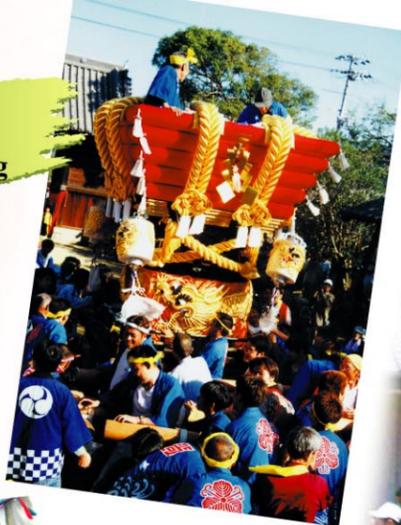
This is a government-run park where you can enjoy a variety of flowers in all seasons. The springtime tulips in particular are the best in the Kansai region. There are a variety of sightseeing spots with different views, a large complex with play equipment, vast open spaces and a playground for children 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 th 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	
	Ahara Kawakami Shrine and Tenmangu Shrine Spring Festival	29 th April (General holiday) The same day every year	Goshikicho, Sumoto city	
Shizuki Hachiman Shrine Spring Festival	29 th April (General holiday) The same day every year	Awaji city		
Sumoto Hachiman Shrine Spring Festival	29 th April (General holiday) The same day every year	Sumoto city		
Awaji Float Festival	29 th April (General holiday)	Minami Awaji city		
May	Nushima Spring Festival (Nushima Hachiman shrine)	4 th May (General holiday) The same day every year	Minami Awaji city	
	Ise Kuruma Shrine Spring Festival	5 th May (General holiday) The same day every year	Awaji city	
	Ishiya Shrine Grand Spring Festival	The 2 nd 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 th May (Thursday) The same day every year	Awaji city	
July	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 st 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 st Saturday and Sunday of every month	Awaji city	
	Matsuho Shrine Autumn Festival	The 1 st 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 th January on the same day every year	Minami Awaji city	
	Carrying Okagami-mochi (Yakuuji Temple)	12 th January on the same day every year	Minami Awaji city	
	Kayu-ura (Annual fortune telling) Festival (Izanagi shrine)	15 th 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 th January on the same day every year	Awaji city	
	February	Ritual of praying to ward off bad luck (Hachijoji Temple)	2/1-7	Awaji city
	Mame ritual (Hachijoji Temple)	7 th 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	
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

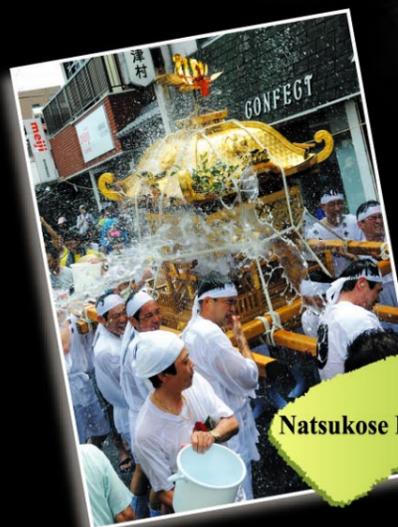
Kameoka Hachiman Shrine Spring Festival (Ama, Minami Awaji city)

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



*There may be experiential facilities which need prior reservation, so please check in advance to participate.

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
- Maryama Marine Fishing Park, Minami Awaji city C-7 ☎0799-39-0399
- Awaji Janshin Fishing Park D-9 ☎0799-52-4477
- Yura Marine Fishing Park Kato K-8 ☎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 Centre
Address: 1528-4, Fukura-ko, Minami Awaji city
Phone: 0799-52-2336

Experience agriculture

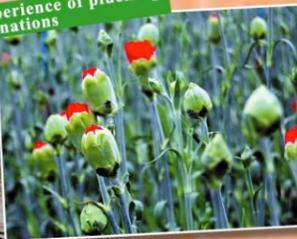


You can try your hand at gathering the various seasonal vegetables and fruits which have been grown with care in the warm climate of Awaji Island.
*For details of the vegetables and fruits that you can gather, please contact the respective institution.

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, capsicums, etc. [Autumn] sweet potatoes, capicours, 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



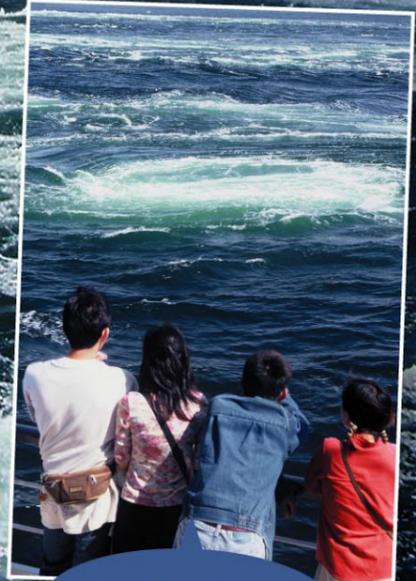
Fukura-ko Harbour

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 st of October 2010)
Surface area	595.84km ²

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 595.84km² 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 [E-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

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
Hands-on experience fee: To experience how to make perfume: 500 JPY / person
Phone: 0799-85-1301

Contact: Awaji Baikundo Company Limited [I-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

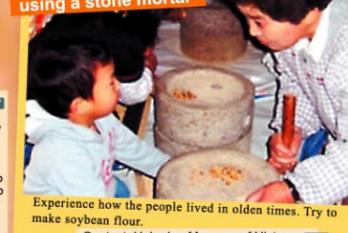
Making Fukumodoshi toys



You can try to make Fukumodoshi 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 or old - Middle school students) 300 JPY
Phone: 0799-74-3560

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

A visit to the sake brewery



You can visit the cellars where the implements used by the brewery as well as the wooden casks for preparation of the sake have been displayed. You can look at the scenes of sake being prepared and you can also sample the sake and the sweet wine made from fermented rice.

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

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

Ceramic art



You can get hands-on experience of making various Awaji Island speciality 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

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

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: Janohiro Dolphin farm [D-9]
Address: Janohiro, Aza, Amashiya 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



Dairy farm

Various dairy activities such as milking, making fresh butter, etc. are popular. We also have an Awaji Island milk sampling corner, and besides, you can also have your fill at the Awaji beef barbecue.

Contact: Awaji Island Livestock Farm [G-8]
Address: 1, Yagiyogi, Minami Awaji city
Hours: 9:00 - 17:00
Holidays: No fixed holidays
Hands-on experience fee: Milking for Adults 630 JPY, Children 520JPY /Butter and cheese making for Adults 750 JPY, Children 650JPY /Pony merry-go-round 520JPY /Feeding milk to a calf 420JPY /Playing in the mudpit 1,000JPY /Entry and parking: Free
Phone: 0799-42-2066



You can watch Tenobe somen being made. This is a speciality product of Awaji Island. And you can also have an experience of the processes of kadoboshi(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

Coming in contact with animals



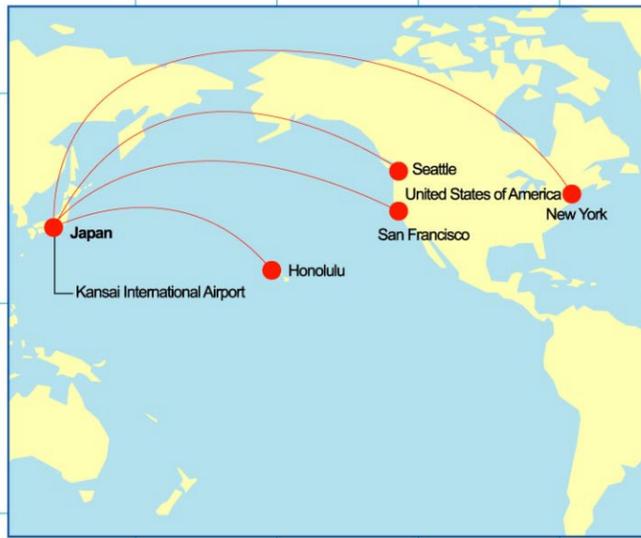
You can experience many things which you may not enjoy in your daily life such as being in contact with animals and touching the ground, etc.

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

Hands-on facility			
	Name of the facility	Phone number (Area code: 0799)	What you can experience
Experience of making handicrafts and food	Awaji Flower Saijiki Garden [K-4]	☎64-0847	Dyeing with vegetable dyes, making picture postcards, etc.
	Haibara Loquat Garden Studio Rimaimu [N-3]	☎82-3051 (reservation required)	Dyeing with vegetable dyes
Experience in contact with animals	Awaji World Park Onokoro [K-6]	☎65-1192	Tie and Dye, Making an ocarina (flute), ceramic painting, etc.
	Sumoto City Yura Cultural Exchange Center Etoule Oishi [K-9]	☎25-7033	Making tokoroten (gelidium jelly), making dried food, etc.
Coming in contact with animals	Awaji Farm Park England Hill [G-8]	☎43-2626	Making bread, hands-on ceramic art
	Awaji Island Livestock Farm [G-8]	☎42-2066	Making butter and cheese
	Awaji Country Garden [N-3]	☎82-2953	Feeding animals, walking donkeys
	Harmony Farm Awaji [N-3]	☎75-3555	Horse riding experience
	Awaji Island Monkey Center [I-9]	☎29-0112	Feeding wild monkeys
	Awaji Farm Park England Hill [G-8]	☎43-2626	Horse riding, touching small animals

The Island of Flowers - Awaji Island

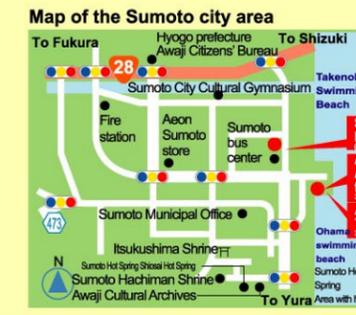
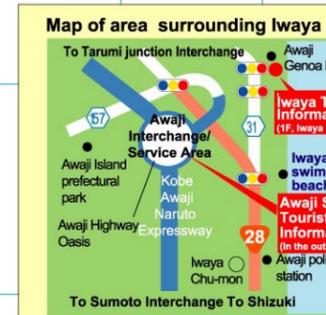
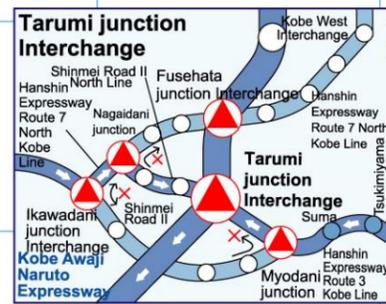
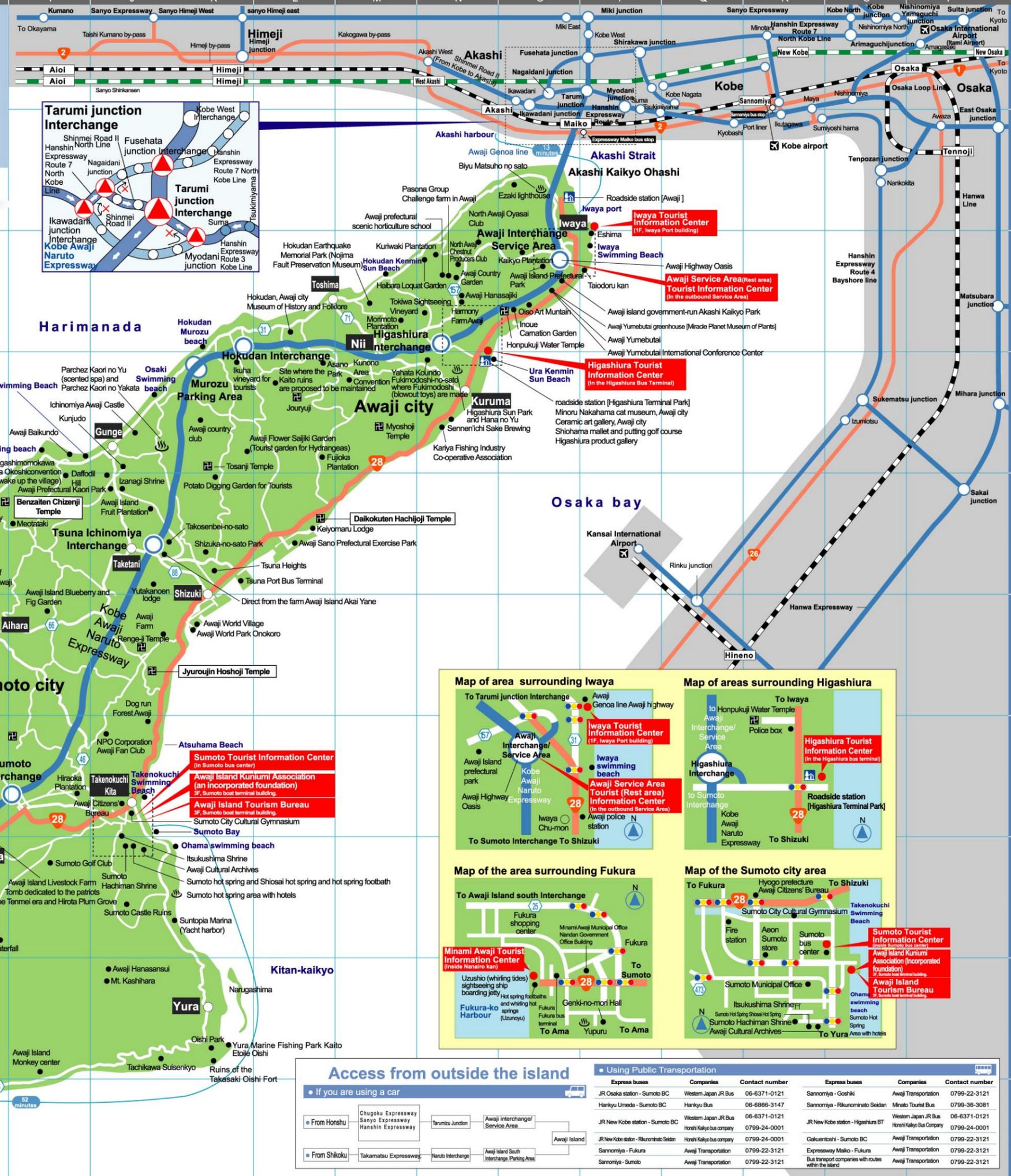
Awaji Island Access map



Legend

- Shinkansen
- JR
- Expressway
- National Highway
- Ordinary road
- Sea route
- Bus stop
- Airport
- Roadside station

New York	Approximately 16 hours	Kansai International Airport	Awaji Island
Seattle	Approximately 9 hours and 50 minutes		
San Francisco	Approximately 9 hours and 40 minutes		
Honolulu	Approximately 8 hours		



Access from outside the island

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	06-6866-3147
JR New Kobe station - Sumoto BC	Western Japan JR Bus	06-6371-0121
JR New Kobe station - Sumoto BC	Honshi Kaiyō bus company	0799-24-0001
JR New Kobe station - Rikuninmatsubara	Honshi Kaiyō bus company	0799-24-0001
Sannomiya - Fukura	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 - Rikuninmatsubara	Western Japan JR Bus	0799-36-3081
JR New Kobe station - Higashimura BT	Western Japan JR Bus	06-6371-0121
JR New Kobe station - Higashimura BT	Honshi Kaiyō Bus Company	0799-24-0001
Gakuenishi - Sumoto BC	Awaji Transportation	0799-22-3121
Expressway Maiko - Fukura	Awaji Transportation	0799-22-3121
Bus transport companies with routes within the island	Awaji Transportation	0799-22-3121

