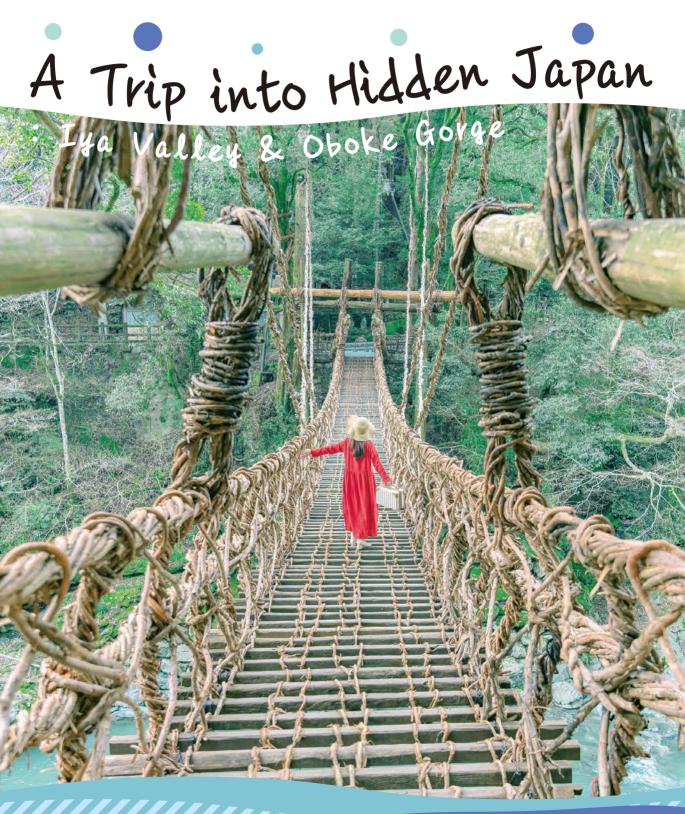
Miyoshi Tourist
Guide

A haven of nature where the sky meets the earth.

Journey through breathtaking landscapes and extraordinary sights



From Oboke and Iya, one of Japan's Three Great Secluded Regions, to the historic post town of Ikeda, once a thriving hub of Shikoku.

Ascend Mt. Tsurugi, the second-highest peak in western Japan. Stroll through Yamashiro, where yokai folklore comes to life. Uncover the untouched villages that still whisper secrets of the past.

Feel the rush of world-renowned rafting on the Yoshino River. Glide across a Michelin Green Guide-listed canyon on a breathtaking zipline. Conquer the mystical peaks with ridge-line trekking.

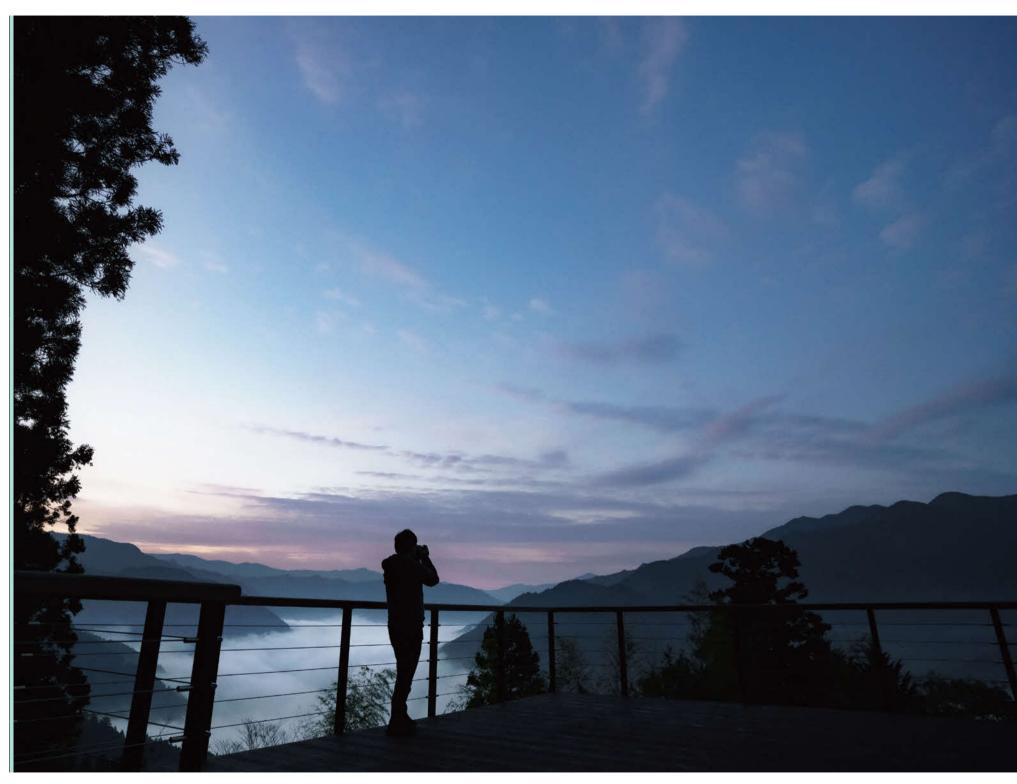
Immerse yourself in the landscapes, culture, and geological wonders of the Miyoshi Geopark.

Adventure awaits in Miyoshi City, where Shikoku's great outdoors come alive.

With a travel guide in hand, set out on a journey into the hidden heart of Japan!

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Iyakei & The Peeing Boy Statue

Surrounded by towering mountains and sheer cliffs, the Iya Valley is a breathtaking landscape shaped by the winding Iya River. In spring, lush greenery blankets the valley, while autumn sets the slopes ablaze with vibrant hues.

On the edge of a 200-meter-high precipice, a bronze statue of the Peeing Boy stands as a tribute to an old tale—once, local children and travellers would test their courage by daring to stand at this very spot.

Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center 2 0883-76-0877 Location: Matsuo, Ikeda, Miyoshi City -Nishiiyayamamura, Miyoshi City



Iyakei & Hi-no-Ji Bend

Nestled deep in the mountains along the lya Highway, Hi no Ji Bend offers a breathtaking panoramic view of the Iya River and its surrounding peaks. The valley takes its name from the river's winding course, which resembles the Japanese hiragana character "V" (hi). A masterpiece of nature, this stunning gorge is one of the region's most popular scenic viewpoints-an unspoiled landscape where the beauty of Shikoku unfolds before your eyes.

Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center 2 0883-76-0877 Location: Matsuo, Ikeda, Miyoshi City - Nishiiyayamamura, Miyoshi City



The Heike Residence Museum

This traditional estate once belonged to the descendants of Horikawa Naiki, the court physician to Emperor Antoku.

In the garden, a 800-year-old tree stands as living witness to the passing centuries. The house itself preserves the structure of an Edo-period farmhouse, and inside, you'll find displays of armor, banners, historical documents, and everyday tools-offering a glimpse into the lives and legacy of a bygone era.

Inquiries: 20883-84-1408 Location: 46 Higashinishioka, Nishiiyayamamura, Miyoshi City



Yokai Museum

To preserve local Yokai folklore, residents have lovingly handcrafted and displayed a collection of Yokai figures and exhibits for you to enjoy.

Around 70 legendary creatures-including Konaki-jiji, Yamajiji, Ootengu, and Enko-are brought to life through dolls, panels, and video displays, sharing the mysterious tales passed down for generations in Yamashiro.

Inquiries: 20883-84-1489 Location: 1553-1 Kamimyo, Yamashiro, Miyoshi City(Roadside Station Oboke)



Statue of Konaki-jiji

Konaki-jiji is a Yokai monster (supernatural creature) from Kamimyo in Yamashiro Town, Miyoshi City, known throughout Japan. This eerie figure-whose name means "child-crying old man"—was recorded in folklorist Kunio Yanagita's Yokai Meii and later gained national fame through appearances in Shigeru Mizuki's beloved manga GeGeGe no Kitaro. In 2001, a stone statue of Konaki-jiji was erected in Fujikawadani, the valley where the legend lives on.

Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center ☎ 0883-76-0877 Location: Kamimyo, Yamashiro, Miyoshi City

Koboke Viewpoint

A breathtaking scenic spot with sweeping views of Koboke's natural beauty. From here, you can gaze out over the rugged rock

formations of Koboke Gorge, the emerald-green flow of the Yoshino River, and the lush, mountainous landscape that surrounds it all-a majestic panorama that captures the wild heart of Shikoku.

Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center ♠ 0883-76-0877

Location: 100-1 Shigezane, Yamashiro, Miyoshi City

Entry Fee: Yokai Museum - Adults: 700 yen Children: 350 yen

Life in the Hidden Reaches 0ku-Iya

Climb the heights of Mt. Tsurugi, one of Japan's 100 Famous Mountains, where alpine flora paints the slopes with seasonal beauty. Wander through the landscapes shaped by the World Agricultural Heritage-designated "Steep-Slope Farming System of Nishi-Awa", and discover a way of life deeply rooted in the mountains.

Step into the enchanted forests and walk the paths

of Heike legends—a journey where nature and folklore whisper together on the wind.

Experience Life in the Hidden Reaches

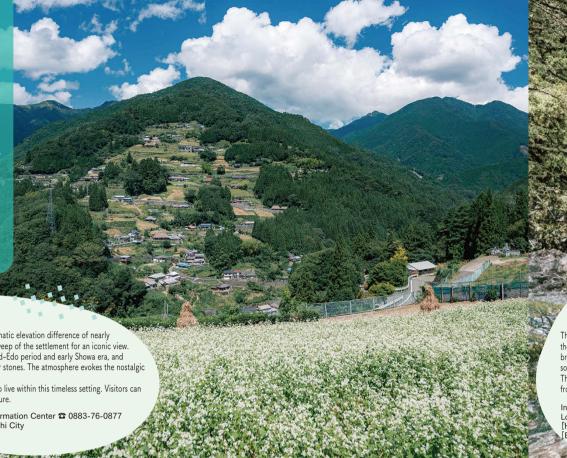


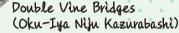
Ochiai Village
National Historic District of Traditional Architecture

Built into steep slopes at the heart of Higashi-lya, this mountain village spans a dramatic elevation difference of nearly 390 meters. From the Nakaue viewpoint across the valley, you can take in the full sweep of the settlement for an iconic view The landscape is dotted with traditional thatched-roof homes, built between the mid-Edo period and early Showa era, and framed by terraced fields and stone walls stacked by hand using mountain and river stones. The atmosphere evokes the nostalgic beauty of Japan's rural roots. Eight of the thatched houses are available for private stays, offering a rare chance to live within this timeless setting. Visitors can

also tour the Nagaoka Residence, a beautifully preserved example of local architecture.

Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center 2 0883-76-0877 Location: Ochiai,Higashi-Iya,Miyoshi City





These vine bridges were built by the Heike clan as a means to access their riding grounds at Mt. Tsurugi, where they trained. These two bridges have been named "male" and "female" respectively, hence are sometimes referred to as the "wedded bridges."

The nature here is deep and immersive, and offers a different experience from the main Vine Bridge, so both spots are well worth the visit.

Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center 2 0883-76-087 Location: 620 Sugeoi, Higashi-Iya, Miyoshi City [Holidays]Winter Season (December 1st to March 31st) Entry Fee] Adults: 550 yen Children: 350 yen



A Thatched-Roof Stay in Iya's Mountain Hamlets-Japan's Hidden Shangri-La

Experience a stay in a traditional thatched-roof farmhouse in the historic Ochiai Village, a National Historic District of Traditional Architecture. These homes are fully equipped with modern amenities including bathrooms, air conditioning, linens, and underfloor heating, offering a perfect blend of timeless charm and contemporary comfort.

The thatched-roof homes come in eight unique styles, each offering something special: from "Ten-ippo", with its 180-degree panoramic views, to "Soten", which features a wooden terrace overlooking the mountains, and "Tanzan", with its cozy hidden loft.

Inquiries: Tougenkyo Iya no Yamazato 20883-88-2540 Location: 403 Ochiai, Higashi-Iya, Miyoshi City Check-in 15:00 Check-out 10:00







Chilori Trust

Alex Kerr, a researcher of East Asian culture who was captivated by the mystical beauty of the Iya Mountains, transformed a 300-year-old thatched-roof farmhouse into a unique accommodation. Tours of the facility are available by advance reservation. Inquiries: 20883-88-5290 Location: 209 Tsurui, Higashi-Iya, Miyoshi City





Bukeyashiki Kita-ke (Samurai Residence)

Built in Horyaku 13 (approximately 250 years ago) this is the largest samurai residence in the lya region. The area of Oeda in Higashi-Iya, where the Heike clan sought refuge after their defeat at the Battle of Yashima, is steeped in Heike history. The Kita family, the leaders of the Heike village, once lived in this samurai residence, a fine example of the upper-class warrior homes of Iya. Nearby, you'll also find the ancient "Hoko-sugi" cedar.

Inquiries: 20883-88-2040 Location: 43 Oeda, Higashi-Iya, Miyoshi City [Holidays] Winter Season (December 1st to March 31st) [Hours]9:00 to 17:00[Entry Fee] Adults: 310 yen Children: 100 ven









Higashi Iya History and Folklore Museum

The exhibition explores the connection between The Tale of the Heike and the Heike legends of Iya, featuring photo panels of locations tied to the stories. It also showcases items unique to Higashi-Iya, including everyday tools that evolved with the times, as well as art pieces that once enriched daily life. Inquiries: 20883-88-2286

Location: 14-3 Kyojo, Higashi-Iya, Miyoshi City
[Entry Feel Adults: 410 ven Junior high students: 210 ven Children: 100 ven [Holidays] Wednesdays, Weekends in Dec to Feb, national holidays and year-end and New Year holidays (December 28th to January 3rd) [Hours] 10:00 to 16:00





Kakashi-no-Sato (Scarecrow Village)

In Higashi-Iya's Nagoro village, more than 300 scarecrows can be found scattered throughout the village-working fields, waiting by the roadside. Their presence brings a charm to this lonely corner of the mountains. There's even an official "Scarecrow Village Registry" for all of them. Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center 20883-76-0877 Location: 191 Sugeoi, Higashi-Iya, Miyoshi City

Strolling Through the Town The Historic Streets of Ikeda

Stroll the Udatsu Streets

Udatsu & Ikeda's History of Tobacco



1 Hesokko Park

A park next to JR Station Awa-Ikeda. The stage is often used for local events. Location: 1810-18 Sarada, Ikeda, Miyoshi City



3 Souvenirs & Cafe Kukuru

Find a wide selection of local specialties from Miyoshi, including the classic lya soba, tea grown on steep slopes (which has been recognized as a World Agricultural Heritage) sweets made from ancient grains traditionally cultivated in Iya, and cakes from a popular local patisserie.

Inquiries: 20883-72-0571 8 Location: 1612-29, Sarada, Ikeda, Miyoshi City



2 Rental Bicycles

Electric bicycles are available for rent at the Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center (in front of Ikeda Station) and Oboke Station Information Center (in front of Oboke Station).

Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center Inquiries: 2 0883-76-0877 Location: 1810-18 Sarada, Ikeda, Miyoshi City [Hours] 9:00-18:00 [Plans] 1,650 yen for 1 day (tax included) 4 hours 1,100 yen (tax included)

Extended hours: 550 yen (tax



4 Furatto Square

Located between the Awa-Ikeda Ekimae Shopping Street and the Awa-Ikeda Ginza Street, this small park holds a quiet yet significant place in the heart of the community. Location: 2175-3 Machi, Ikeda, Miyoshi City



Creation Center - Miraike

where anyone can drop in and feel at home.

Location: 2183 Machi, Ikeda, Miyoshi City

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Miyoshi City Regional Future Creation

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IR Awa-Ikeda Statio

5 Suwa Park

The park sits on a hill, offering views over the Yoshino

River. With a grassy lawn and playground equipment,

it's a safe and welcoming place for children to play. In

spring, there are plenty of cherry blossoms to enjoy.

Location: 2903-1 Ueno, Ikeda, Miyoshi City

Hours: 9:00-22:00

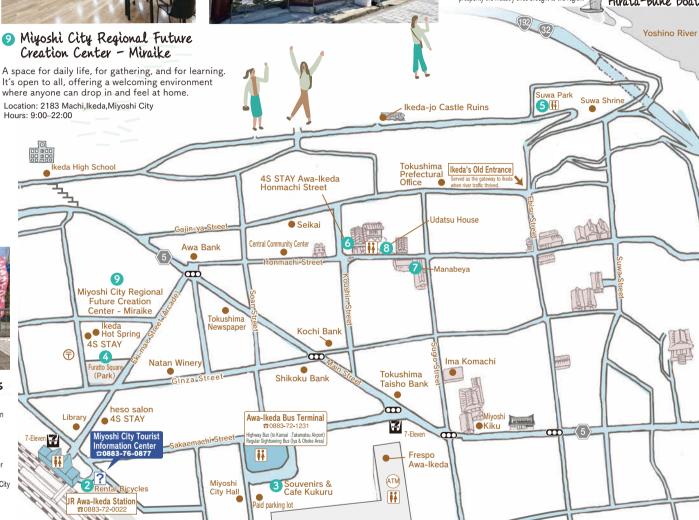




3 Awa-Ikeda Udatsu House / Tobacco Museum A historical museum in the former residence of a prosperous tobacco merchant, an industry which flourished from the late Edo period through the Meiji era. The traditional building, with its udatsu roof and elegant

courtyard, offers a glimpse into the wealth and success of the time. Inquiries: 2 0883-72-3450 Location: 2465-1 Machi, Ikeda, Miyoshi City Closed: Wednesdays and during the New Year holidays Hours: 9:00-17:00 Entry Fee: • Adults: ¥320 • High school & university students: ¥210 •Elementary & junior high students: ¥100

Tobacco was once transported down the Yoshino River aboard Hirata-bune boats. It is said that a single boatload of tobacco was valuable enough to build an entire warehouse—testament to the prosperity the industry once brought to the region. Hirata-bune Boats





MINDE (Miyoshi City Regional Exchange Base Facility Manabeya)

A traditional home over 100 years old, the former Manabe Residence has been renovated into a meeting place for the community where the past meets the present.

Inquiries: 2 080-1993-2000 (facilities) ☎ 090-7629-3000 (MINDE kitchen) Location: 2226-3-1 Machi, Ikeda, Miyoshi City



6 48 STAY Private inn Awaikeda Honmachi St.

This inn is in a beautifully renovated machiya—a former kimono shop with over 120 years of history in Awa-Ikeda. (Limited to two groups per day) Inquiries: 20883-70-0166 (Hours: 11:00 - 21:00) Location: 2467-1 Machi, Ikeda, Miyoshi City



Mitsugonji Temple

Every year, the 'Fudo Fire Festival' is held, where participants walk across glowing embers, praying for good health and safety. The temple is also famous for its peonies, with around 700 plants of 100 varieties blooming from

Inquiries: Mitsugonji Temple 20883-72-1548 Location: 3798, Sako, Nishiyama, Ikeda, Miyoshi Cir



mid-April to early May, beautifully coloring the compound



Umaba Observation Deck

Here, you can enjoy a panoramic view of the entire town of Ikeda, and in autumn and spring, marvel at the spectacular

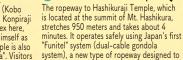
Location: Umaba, Hakuchi, Ikeda, Miyoshi City 9



This temple is a special head temple of the

Shingon-shu denomination of Buddhism. According to legend, in 828 monk Kukai (Kobo Daishi) received a divine revelation from Konpiraji Temple, built a seven-hall temple complex here, and enshrined a deity statue he carved himself as the principal object of worship. The temple is also known as the "Inner Sanctuary of Konpira". Visitors can also enjoy guided "Animal Mystery Tours".

Inquiries: Hashikuraii Temple, Konpira Office \$20883-72-0812 Location: 1006, Kuratani, Shūzu, Ikeda, Miyoshi City



Inquiries: Mt. Hashikura Ropeway 20883-72-0818 Location: 559-14, Fujinoi, Shūzu, Ikeda, Miyoshi City

withstand strong winds.

Mt. Hashikura Ropeway

Adventure in the Hidden Reaches Mountains & Forests

Delight in the mountains, revel in the forest. From the legendary tales surrounding the sacred Mt. Tsurugi to star-filled skies and drifting seas of clouds, this mystical woodland—wrapped in deep greenery—is a natural haven. From hiking to tree trekking, you'll encounter boundless adventure.

Follow the breeze, find joy in the mountains and highlands

Mt. Tsurugi

This glorious peak is the second-highest in Western Japan (elevation 1,955m), and also among Japan's 100 Famous Mountains. With the convenience of a chairlift, even novice hikers can easily reach the summit. Stay overnight at the summit to enjoy the starry skies at night and the morning's sea of clouds — a great reward for those who make the ascent!

> Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center 2 0883-76-0877



Kurozo Marshland

Surrounded on three sides—east, west, and north—by mountains rising over 600 meters, this 26.7-hectare wetland gently slopes southward toward the Matsuo River. From the paddy ridges to the mountain foothills, the marshland is full of aquatic flora such as oomizugoke moss, sagisou (white egret flowers), ishimochisou (spoon-leaved sundew), and kiseruazami (pipe thistles). Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center 2 0883-76-0877 Location: Kurozo, Shitsukawa, Ikeda, Miyoshi City



Unkai (Sea of Clouds)

Mists lift from the rivers, creating a flow of clouds in the valley known as the "sea of clouds". You can enjoy this natural phenomenon from the new Awashi Viewpoint, which offers beautiful views of the Yoshino River. Mt. Kunimi also grants sweeping views from the Tsurugi Mountain Range to the Ishizuchi Range. These scenic spots are prime locations for witnessing the breathtaking "sea in the sky." *The sea of clouds is a natural phenomenon and doesn't appear every day.
Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center ☎ 0883-76-0877 Location: Awashi Unkai Viewpoint (Kamiawashi, Nishiiyayamamura, Miyoshi City) / Mt. Kunimi (Tanouchi, Nishiiyayamamura, Miyoshi City)



A treetop adventure through the forest and a canyon zipline soaring high above the lya Valley—this dynamic park offers thrilling courses you won't find anywhere else. Fly across the gorge in a single glide and experience an activity unique to this spectacular setting.

Inquiries: Forest Adventure Iya 2 080-6284-2105 Location: 379 Oinouchi, Nishiiyayamamura, Miyoshi City



Iya Fureai Park

Iya Fureai Park features wooden playground equipment, a waterside promenade, ladybug monorider, camping sites, barrel saunas, and more. Enjoy a day in nature with family and

Inquiries: Iya Fureai Park 2 0883-76-8585 Location: 379 Oinouchi, Nishiiyayamamura, Miyoshi City



Yama-no-Sauna(Mountain Sauna) Hare to Ke Coffee

A sauna made to enjoy the mountain views and fresh spring water. The scent of wood fills the air, and the cold baths use natural mountain water. A quiet space where you can relax and unwind. There's also a café in a renovated former school building.

Inquiries: Hare to Ke Coffee 2 0883-75-2208 Location: 15 Oori-Oonishi, Ikeda, Miyoshi City



Kenko-to-Fureai-no-Mori Park

On a small hill overlooking the Yoshino River, you'll find areas like the "Learning Forest," "Harvest Forest," "Playground," and "Lawn Field." There are ziplines and other play equipment, as well as tricycles, footballs, and badminton gear available to use for free. The park also features an adventure fort, bungalows, and BBQ facilities.

Inquiries: Kenko-to-Fureai-no-Mori Park 2 0883-77-4320 Location: 1342-3 Shibo, Mino, Miyoshi City



Mt.Miune

Location: Sugeoi, Higashi-Iya, Miyoshi City

Center 2 0883-76-0877

Ryugugake Park One of the finest peaks in the Tsurugi From the 70 meters suspension bridge, you'll Mountain Range (1,894m). gaze down over the Iya River in all its glory. The Rhododendron tschonoskii Maxim and dwarf bamboo The site also features a tourist information that spread along the ridge between Mt. Miune and Mt. centre, a campsite with cottages, and Tenguzuka are designated as a National Natural Monument. barbecue facilities. Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information

Inquiries: Ryugugake Cottages ☎ 080-2981-6221 Location: 96 Tsurui, Higashi-Iya, Miyoshi City



Ikawa Ski Resort Kainayama

One of Shikoku's top ski resorts, this slope first opened in 1927 and was renewed in the Heisei era. It features four ski courses, a triple lift, and a pair lift. With a dedicated kids' slope, night skiing, lessons, and certification programs, it offers a satisfying experience for everyone from beginners to seasoned skiers.

Inquiries: Ikawa Ski Resort Kainayama 2 0883-78-3003 Location: Hirayama, luchinishi, Ikawa, Miyoshi City



Ryugatake

In the middle reaches of the Matsuo River, the southwestern slopes of Ryugatake form 2 kilometers of dramatic cliffs. Though beautiful year-round, the cliffs are especially striking in autumn, when the crimson foliage glows in the setting sun like a living tapestry. Inquiries: Mivoshi City Tourist Information Center 2 0883-76-0877 Location: Kurokawa, Matsuo, Ikeda, Mivoshi City



Reoma Kogen Golf Club

An 18-hole golf course nestled among tree-covered hills and ponds. A restaurant is also on-site

Inquiries: Reoma Kogen Golf Club ☎ 0883-86-2900 Location: 652 Yamato-gawa, Yamashiro, Miyoshi City

Inquiries: Shiozuka Highland Campground 2 0883-86-3077 Location:Tairano,Yamashiro, Miyoshi City (Open from April 1st to early

Shiozuka Highland

At an elevation of 1,043 meters, these highlands stay cool even in summer, and come autumn, visitors can enjoy a sea of shining pampas grass. There is a campground, complete

each spring, a agricultural burning event is carried out to encourage fresh new growth.

with lodges and cottages, where you can catch the Sea of Clouds phenomenon in autumn.

On clear days, you can see as far as the Seto Inland Sea and the Sanyo(San-yo) region. Also,

10 November)





Kayaking

In Miyoshi City, there are countless



Canyoning

enjoy.

Inquiries: Miyoshi City 20883-76-0877



Stand-up Paddleboarding (SUP)



RiverStation West West

A gateway complex to the Oboke and Iya areas, offering a full range of attractions. You'll find restaurants, souvenir shops, an outdoor goods store, and a convenience store. There's also a slope down to the river, a scenic viewing deck, a dog run, tree trekking adventures, and rafting experiences—plenty to see, do, and enjoy!

Inquiries: RiverStation West West 2 0883-84-1117 Location: 1468-1 Nishiu, Yamashiro, Miyoshi City



Tani-no-Sauna(Vally Sauna) Shimonoro Permanent

Tucked away in a secluded valley, Shimonoro Permanent is a nature-based facility offering a sauna, private rooms, a countryside-style kindergarten, and a free-form school. Its on-site Valley Sauna is a hybrid herbal steam sauna, where you can soak in mist infused with natural herbs. Cool off with a plunge straight into the nearby river.
The recommended reset routine? Chop wood → shower \rightarrow sauna \rightarrow river dip \rightarrow open-air rest.

Location: 1091-2 Nakatsuka, Nishiyama, Ikeda, Miyoshi City





Lake Ikeda Hesokko Waterpark

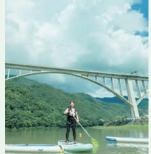
Reminiscent of a Nordic summer retreat, the crystal-clear waters of Lake Ikeda set the stage for the newly opened Hesokko Water Park. With a wide range of facilities and activities, it's rapidly gaining attention worldwide as a destination for water sports.



☎ 070-9001-4159 Location: 3307-1 Itano, Ikeda















Oboke Onsen Sunriver Oboke

Enjoy views of the gorge while bathing. This hot spring is renowned for its rejuvenating waters with skin-beautifying properties. There is also a railway-themed room where guests can capture the best shots of the Dosan Line.

Inquiries: 2 0883-84-2111

Location: 1259-1 Nishiu, Yamashiro, Miyoshi City Day-use hours: 12:00–21:00 (last entry at 20:00)



Iya Hot Spring Hotel Hikyo no Yu

The baths are crafted from beautiful Awa no Aoishi-a distinctive stone found in Tokushima. The indoor bath has floor-to-ceiling windows revealing the forests of the Iya Valley below.

Inquiries: 2 0883-87-2300 Location: 401 Oinouchi, Nishiiyayamamura, Miyoshi City Website: https://hotel-hikyounoyu.co.jp/ Hot Spring Hours (Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri) 15:00-20:00 (Last entry 19:00) (Sat, Sun, Public Holidays)



Matsuogawa Onsen

This hot spring with a direct source flow is a hidden gem of the region.

Inquiries: ☎ 0883-75-2322 Location: 2-1 Kurokawa, Matsuo, Ikeda, Miyoshi City Website: https://www.matsuogawaonsen.com/

Day-use hours: 10:00-19:00



Miyoshi City Fureai Momifi Center - Momifi Onsen

This hot spring draws its source water from deep within the Asan mountain range. The silky-smooth waters are gentle on the skin.

Inquiries: 0883-77-2954 Location: 1467 Kamonomiya, Mino, Miyoshi City Website: https://mino-momiji.com/ Open 10:00–21:00 (last admission 20:30)





The Flavours of Miyoshi Local Specialties Worth Raving About

Mivoshi's exquisite flavors and masterful

Savor the journey, indulging in local delicacies and souvenirs that stir the spirit of travel.

The Taste of the Mountain Villages & Souvenirs

Salt-Grilled Ayu & Amego Fish Enjoy the taste of the pristine Yoshino River

through lively delights like ayu (sweetfish), and amego, the so-called queen of the mountain streams.

Dekomawashi Skewers

These doll-shaped skewers include lya's delicacies: goshi imo potatoes, lwa-dofu (lya's stone tofu), buckwheat dumplings, and Iya-konnyaku(round yam cake). Roasted at a traditional irori hearth and slowly rotated in the countryside



Tokushima's Livestock Brand

Awa Beef



Sobagome Porridge

A comforting local dish said to have been created by Heike fugitives longing for the taste of the capital they left behind. Buckwheat grains are simmered in a dashi broth for a flavorful and nourishing porridge praised for its benefits to beauty and health.





A rustic dish where fish and vegetables are grilled atop a hot stone, within a ring of miso. Said to have once been served at the feasts of lya's mountain warriors.



Since ancient times, Iya soba has been served at celebrations and for welcoming guests. Made without any binding agents, its simple, rustic flavor has been handed down through 900 years of culinary tradition.

Kabusecha Cheesecake

Cheesecake made with the freshest kabusecha tea from local tea artisans, Kyokufuen.

Gibier Burger

A burger made with

local gibier processed in Iya.

Wild Game

Gibier Pizza

venison mince and venison

Italian sausage, seasoned

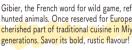
with a uniquely blended

A special pizza topped

with 100% Miyoshi

mix of spices.

Gibier, the French word for wild game, refers to meat from cherished part of traditional cuisine in Miyoshi City for



Awa Odori

Chicken

hunted animals. Once reserved for European nobility, it's been a



Gibier Gapao Rice

Gapao rice made with locally sourced venison





Omiki Hot Pot

A celebratory hotpot featuring local miso and sake-based broth, always including eight ingredients from Tokushima. Mainly served at inns in Oboke and Iya.



Heike Feast

A traditional Heike Feast made solely with local lya ingredients, featuring crispy fried venison and



Yokai Sweets: Kappa-na



Hidaru Ramen

Available at roadside stations and shops throughout the city



Premium Sausage DEER

Venison is a lean, protein-rich, and healthy

pork, it's made easy to enjoy-even for

meat. Blended with just a touch of spice and

Bokeage Fried Tofu

Crunchy, golden, and gigantic—this giant deep-fried tofu is a local legend.



is famously firm—tied with rope and carried down mountain paths, made to waste not a single soybean.

Dried Sweet Potatoes

These dried sweet potatoes are made from locally harvested vams and dried. Smooth in texture, naturally sweet, and full of flavor



Roasted Boke Bancha

Traditional bancha tea from Oboke, Miyoshi, roasted over high heat for a rich, smoky flavor. Perfect with a meal, and convenient teabags make it easy to enjoy anytime.



Mountain Grains Sake Lees Ice Cream

This ice cream is crafted using sake lees from Miyoshikiku Brewery, a long-established sake maker in Miyoshi City, Tokushima. A unique, mellow treat with the essence of sake.

Miyoshi Megumi

Crunch Chocolate

A crunchy chocolate treat

made with three types of local grains—yatsumata, kokibi (foxtail millet), and naked barley. The delightfully crisp

Oni-okara

Made using traditional firm sweetness and a soft,



"stone tofu", these gluten-free bite-size cookies offer a gentle wholesome flavor that feels like a gift from the mountains.



Yacchimatta Cookies

These cookies feature the rare grain Yatsumata used whole and boldly, creating a rustic, hearty crunch with every bite.



Yuzu Citrus Gelee

Made with pure organic yuzu juice, this zesty jelly drink is refreshing and revitalizing.



Four Seasons Flavored Miso

This flavorful miso comes in five seasonal

varieties: wasabi, sansho (Japanese

pepper), yuzu, fuki (butterbur), and

chestnut. Handmade using home-grown

koji during the coldest days of February,

each blend is infused with the tastes of

the mountain village through the seasons.

"Hìna"

A sweet bun kneaded with dough made from the new citrus variety Harehime, and filled with white bean paste. It offers a refreshing orange-like fragrance and the mellow sweetness of mandarin

Harehime Manju



Atagiya Yokan

A traditional sweet made from red beans, sugar, and agar, kneaded together the



Ikeda Town in Miyoshi City is a hidden gem for sake that only the versed know. With an average winter temperature of just 2°C, the cold climate coaxes out deep, rich flavors. The chilly environment, pure natural water from the Tsurugi Mountains, and locally grown rice gives Miyoshi's sake its traditional taste.



Daiginjo "Imakomachi"

Made with Awa Yamadanishiki polished down to 40%. brewed with pure spring water from the upper Yoshino River-truly a crafted sake



Miyoshikiku Junmai Daiginjo "Zakasuigetsu"

Brewed slowly with local spring water and Yamadanishiki rice from Tokushima, polished to 40%.



Housui "Freshly Pressed Yesterday"

Born from a brewer's wish to share the fresh taste they enjoyed during evening tastings—now bottled for all.



Barley Shochu "Awa no Kintaro"

Named after pitcher Mizuno, a local baseball hero, this authentic barley shochu carries on a proud brewing tradition.



Crafted from

estate-grown wine grapes, with no additives, unfined and unfiltered.

Traditions of the Mountain Villages A Seasonal Guide to Local Festivals

Enjoy the events and traditions that color Miyoshi's seasons—cherry blossoms in spring, shimmering green along the Yoshino River in summer, fiery mountain slopes in autumn, and peaceful snowscapes in winter.

Feel the spirit of tradition and devotion

Nishi-Awa Fireworks

One of the largest fireworks competitions in western Japan, where music and fireworks are perfectly synchronized. Top pyrotechnicians gather from across







A heated winter day in the snow-this is a snowball fight for sport, using official rules. Whether you join or just watch, it's sure to fire you up.



Ikeda Awa Odori

During the three days of Obon, Awa Ikeda comes alive with festive energy. Around 30 dance troupes perform at paid seating areas, free public stages, and Hesokko Park. Let the unique flair of



Yukigassen Shikoku Tournament Shikoku Sake Festival

Awa-Ikeda, a hidden gem for sake lovers. Popular events include a sake tasting featuring regional varieties from across Shikoku, and tours of local breweries.



A traditional performing art from lya, featuring beautifully animated sliding screen panels. Enjoy a nostalgic, soothing experience on a Awa lkeda's Awa Odori sweep you off your feet! quaint stage surrounded by nature.



Shiozuka Highlands Field Burning Jindai Odori

On one spring evening in March, the highlands blaze red. At 1,043 meters above sea level, this roughly 100-hectare burn helps protect native vegetation. In the dark, the flames slither like dragons across the grassy slopes.



Iya Fusuma Karakuri Miyoshi Nagayoshi Parade

Held in Mino Town, believed to be the birthplace of warlord Miyoshi Nagayoshi. A dramatic samurai parade celebrates his legacy in full Sengoku spirit.



Said to have begun over 1,100 years ago as a rain-making ritual. Designated a National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property in 1954. In November 2022, it was included in UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list as part of Japan's Furyu Odori folk performance tradition.



Yokai Festival

A crowd favorite, this festival is all about yokai-featuring yokai parades, performances, and bands. Don't miss the piping hot yokai soup!

Picture-Perfect Moments The Scenic Beauty Miyoshi

Breathtaking Views Shaped by Nature

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We're sharing seasonal updates and your best photos! Selected submissions may be featured in city newsletters and on local cable TV. Follow us and join in!



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Enjoying the Hidden Heart of Shikoku Model Courses

Explore Miyoshi with ease using our suggested itineraries. Follow them as they are or adjust to suit

> Be it a day trip or a longer stay, the hidden valleys await!



Discover mountain village life and explore local history and culture

Recommended Road Trip:





Ikawa-Ikeda

Roadside Station Oboke, Yokai Museum & Stone Museum

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Oku-Iva Double Vine Bridges (Niju Kazurabashi)

1-Night, 2-Day Full

Oboke Gorge 0Sightseeing Cruise

Experience Course

Iyakei Hi-no-Ji Bend & The Peeing Boy Statue

04

Scarecrow Village

(Kakashi-no-Sato)

Higashi Iya History and Folklore Museum Iya Vine Bridge (Kazurabashi) & Biwa Waterfall

Inns near Oboke-Iya and Oku-Iva

A 1-night, 2-day model course to fully enjoy Oboke and Oku-lya. Not just the main sights—the scenery and fresh mountain air along the way are part of the charm! The landscape changes with the seasons, making it a trip worth repeating.





Oku-Iya Double Vine Bridges (Niju Kazurabashi)

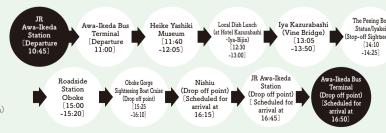
Scarecrow Village (Kakashi-no-Sato)

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□Car Rental

·Oboke Car Rental TEL:0883-84-1211(Yamashiro) ·Reiwa Car Rental TEL:0883-76-0011(Ikeda)

■ Transportation in Miyoshi City ■ Oboke Iya Scheduled Sightseeing Bus (Reservations Required)



[Operation Days] Saturdays,Sundays and national holidays in April to Oct. and also everyday in November [Faires] Adults 11,000 yen / Children 10,500 yen/Disabilities 10,500 yen
[Reservations and Inquiry] Shikoku Kotsu Awa Ikeda Bus Terminal TEL:0883-72-1231 (Reception Hours 9:00-17:30)

*Shikoku Transportation and tour bus tickets are also sold nationwide at major travel agencies



& Deep Iya Course

Day Trip or 2-Day Itinerary

Ikawa-Ikeda

Ivakei Hi-no-Ji Bend & The Peeing Boy Statue

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Oboke Gorge Sightseeing Cruise

Soak in the grandeur of

this remote natural wonder.

Day Trip Sightseeing

Iya Vine Bridge(Kazurabashi) COWYSe & Biwa Waterfall

Higashi Iya History

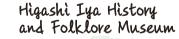
and Folklore Museum

Roadside Station Oboke, Yokai Museum & Stone Museum

Ochiai Village Viewpoint

A day-trip model course for exploring Oboke and Oku-lya. With a relaxed schedule, you can take your time enjoying the area's stunning natural beauty while visiting major sights.





Shikoku, steeped in history and nature.

JR Shikoku Telephone Information Center

For fares, operation days, and route details, please inquire

[Trip Duration] About 3 hours

[Inquiries]

TEL: 0570-00-4592

Shikoku Mannaka Sennen Monogatari This sightseeing train offers a leisurely getaway for adults—a stylish short trip through the heart of

Operates once daily on weekends and holidays.



& Biwa Waterfall



Oboke Gorge

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Station Oboke.

Yokai Museum

& Stone Museum

Roadside

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Iya Vine Bridge(Kazurabashi) Iyakei Hi-no-Ji Bend & The Peeing Boy Statue

■ Recommended Taxi Plan (Reservation Required)



Iya Valley Course

























● Ivakei Taxi TFL 0883-87-2017 ● Oboke Taxi TFL 0883-84-1225 ● Kazurabashi Taxi TFL 0883-87-2013

Relax and unwind in these mountain village experiences







Traditional Soba Noodle-Making Experience

Grind buckwheat flour from scratch for an authentic hands-on session! Includes a hearty lunch with Iya soba and mountain vegetables.



Mt. Tsurugi Range & Source Rivers - Private Guided Tours

Centered around Mt. Tsurugi, your guide will tailor the route to your requests, including nearby peaks and trails.



Strawberry Picking & Daifuku-Making Experience

Enjoy a full 45 minutes of strawberry picking, then try your hand at crafting your own strawberry daifuku! Homemade rice crackers also included as a tasty welcome treat.



Tasting and Sipping: Savour Local Dishes and Sample Regional Sake

Try your hand at cooking hirarayaki, a traditional dish in Miyoshi, then compare a selection of Miyoshi's local sake. A perfect pairing of flavor and culture!



Cosplay Bike Tour -SAMURAI TOURING

Suit up in the attire of a lord or samurai and hop on a Super Cub for a wild ride through breathtaking scenery—an adventure where history meets horsepower!



The Mystical Sea of Clouds Taxi Tour

Let a local driver take you to handpicked viewpoints to witness the sea of clouds phenomenon-an ethereal spectacle you won't forget.



For reservations and more information, please scan the OR code above.

Hidden Reaches Discovery -Guided Sightseeing Tours



Explore the History and Culture of Iya Miyoshi Geo Tours



A guided tour tracing the historic streets once prosperous for the production of Awa fine-cut tobacco.

This tour invites you on a journey with a guide to explore the history and enduring legends of Hashikuraji Temple,

Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center 2 0883-76-0877

For details and bookings. click here.



Delve into the rich history, culture, and landscapes of Iya, The "Geo" in Geo Tour means "of the Earth" in Japanese. A Geo Tour is a guided by a local who brings the region's story to life in its chance to fully enjoy everything from the unique features of the land to the daily lives of the people of Miyoshi City—a journey through nature and culture. Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center 20 0883-76-0877 Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center 20 0883-76-0877



Ikawa Town Tsuji Awa Tobacco Trail Tour Hashikuraji Temple Animal Mystery Tour

the history and enduring legends of Hashikuraji Temple, uncovering many curious "mysteries" along the way. Inquiries: Miyoshi City Tourist Information Center 2 0883-76-0877

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1 Hare to Ke Design Hostel	☎0883-75-2208	Oori, Ikeda	
3 Oboke Onsen Sunriver Oboke	☎0883-84-2111	Nishiu, Yamashiro	
1 Hotel Oboke-kyo Mannaka	☎0883-84-1216	Nishiu, Yamashiro	
5 Guesthouse Boke Nouen	☎090-1578-1611	Kamimyo, Yamashiro	
6 Smonkey	☎0883-84-1087	Shimomyo, Yamashiro	
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18 Hotel Hikyo-no-Yu	☎0883-87-2300	Oinouchi, Nishiiyayamamura 🤲	
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100 Hotel Kazurabashi	☎0883-87-2171	Zentoku, Nishiiyayamamura 🖐	
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12 Kazuraya	☎0883-87-2831	Kanjyo, Nishiiyayamamura	
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30 Momonga Village Tori-no-Su Mama-ar

28 Guest House COSMOS

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35 Guesthouse KAZURABASHI

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Northern area

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10 Tsurugi-san Chojo Hutte

1 Tsurugi-Jinja Minshuku Togenkyo Iya-no-Yamasato
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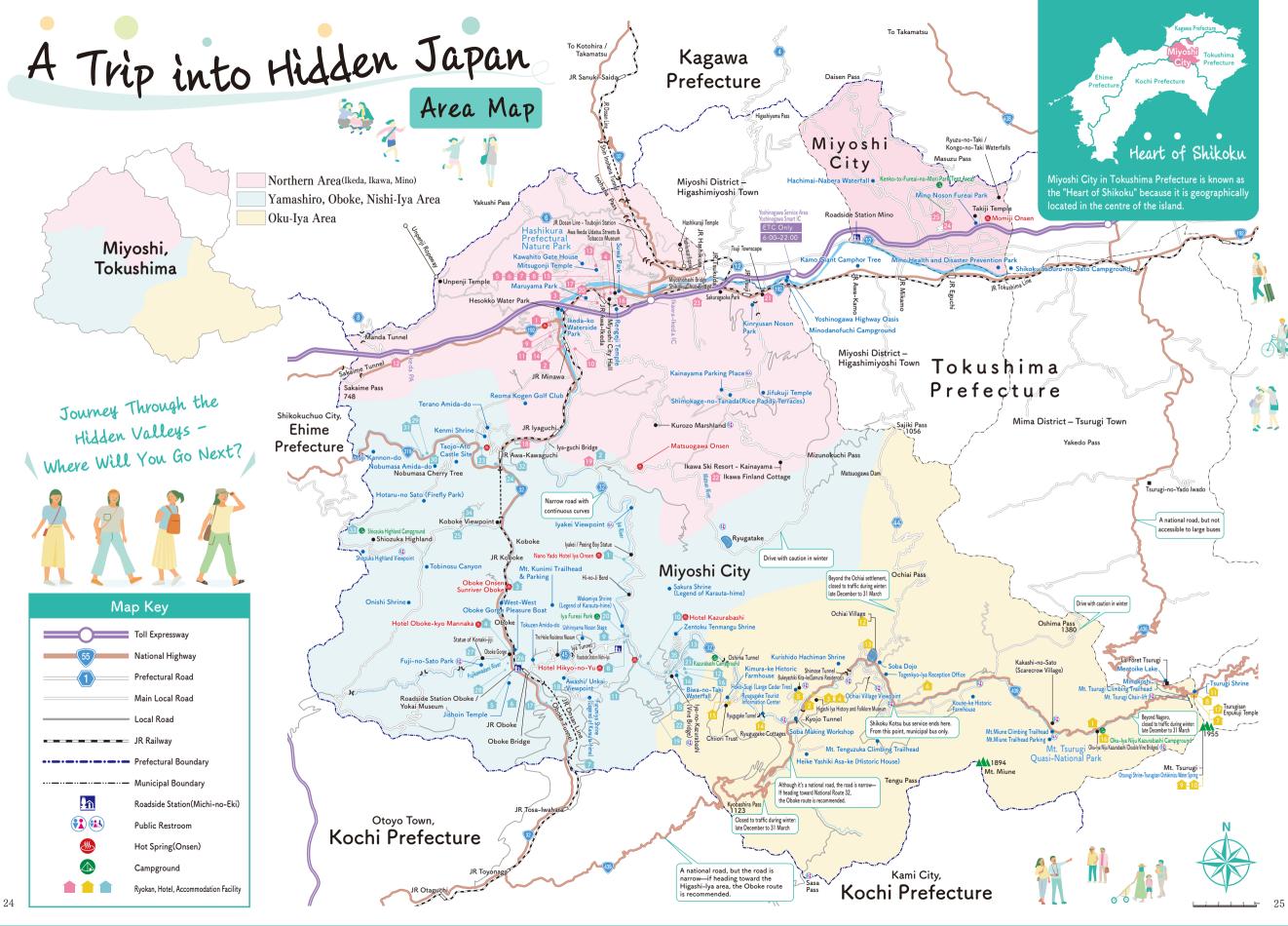
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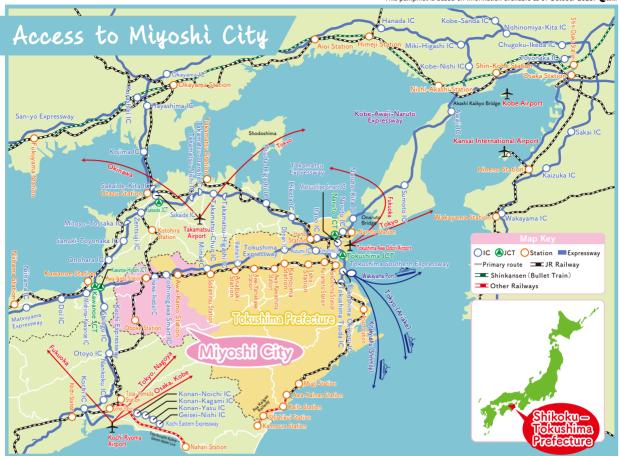
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Access Info

○From Tokyo Station···Okayama Station··· Awa-Ikeda Station 5 hrs ○From Shin-Osaka Station ··· Okayama Station ··· Awa-Ikeda Station 2 hrs 30 mins OFrom Okavama Station Awa-Ikeda Station 1 hr 30 mins OFrom Tokushima Station Awa-Ikeda Station 1 hr 10 mins OFrom Takamatsu Station Awa-Ikeda Station 1 hr 10 mins OFrom Kochi Station Oboke Station 1 hr OFrom Awa-Ikeda Station Oboke Station 20 mins OFrom KobeTokushima......Awa-Ikeda - About 2 hrs 30 mins OFrom Okayama ······Zentsuuji······Awa-Ikeda - About 1 hr 40 mins ○From Kochi Ryoma Airport to Oboke ······About 1 hr 10 mins OFrom Takamatsu Airport to Awa-Ikeda······About 1 hr ○From Tokushima Awa Odori Airport to Awa Ikeda …About 1 hr 20 mins *The distance between Awa Ikeda and Oboke is about 30 mins. OFrom Osaka to Awa-Ikeda Bus Terminal ······About 3 hrs 50 mins ○From Kobe to Awa-Ikeda Bus Terminal · · · · · About 3 hrs ○From Takamatsu Airport to Awa-Ikeda Bus Terminal···About 1 hr 20 mins

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