

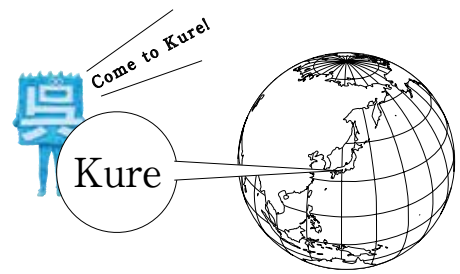
# Kure City Tourism Guidebook

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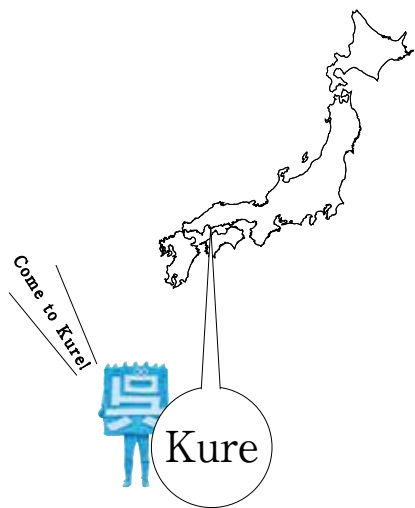


Various traditions have been handed down from ancient times. Delicious food.

The seaside town Kure has a variety of characteristics.

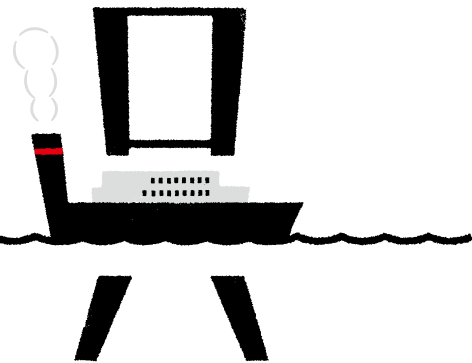
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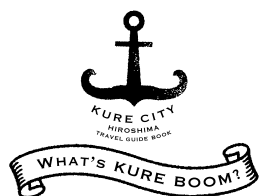
To find out the answer, why don't you visit the city as many times as you like?



Now the popular “Kure-shi” (Kure City’s official mascot) is also waiting for you, saying,

‘Come to Kure! Enjoy Kure!’





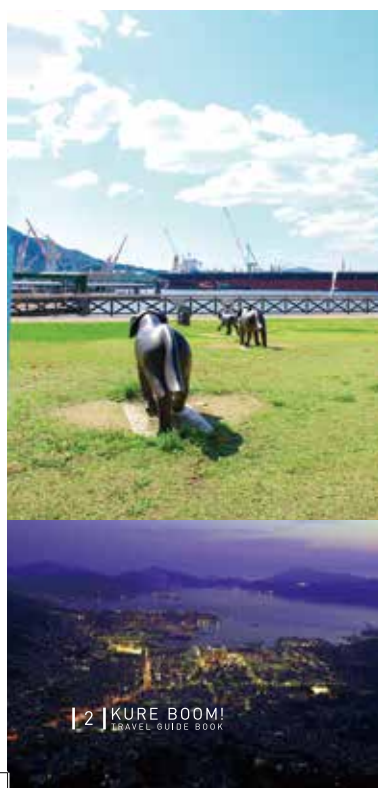
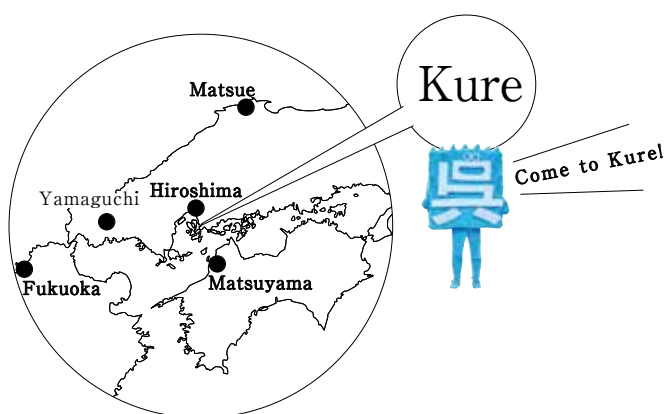
# The Kure Boom is coming.

Being surrounded by the sea, Japan has various seaside towns that have their own atmosphere.

Among them, the Seto Inland Sea area now has been attracting much attention.

Kure City, adjacent to Hiroshima City, is located in the area.

Beautiful landscapes of islands. Warm-hearted local people. Vibrant towns.





Exciting location.  
Your Kure experience  
starts here.

Take a leisurely stroll around  
Kure Port where you can see  
large tankers under construction,  
cranes, and ships that come and go with  
the breeze leaving a scent of history.



Kure, a city of Japan Heritage.

Naval Station Yokosuka,  
Kure, Sasebo and Maizuru  
“The city allows you to  
experience the powerful  
modernization of Japan”



## JMSDF Kure Museum

The only museum in Japan that  
displays a real submarine out of water.  
In addition to the submarine that is  
open to the public, the history of the  
Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force  
(JMSDF) and minesweeper activities  
are also on display.

- 10:00-18:00 (Last entry 17:30)
- Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the  
next day, if Tuesday is a national  
holiday.), December 29 ~ January 3
- Free of charge
- 🅑 Parking lot available next to Yamato  
Museum (paid parking)
- ☎ 0823-21-6111



## Yushio-Type Submarine “Akishio”

Length: 76.2m (about the  
size of a jumbo jet)  
Weight: 2,250 tons  
● Launched in 1986, and  
decommissioned in March,  
2004.



## Yamato Museum (Kure Maritime Museum)



The world's largest battleship "Yamato" which was built in Kure has been re-created at 1/10 scale and is displayed at the museum, along with other large items such as a "Zero Fighter" and a human torpedo "Kaiten." The history of Kure developed along with the modernization of Japan, and the science and technology of shipbuilding and steelmaking that supported its history have been handed down to the present day.

■ 9:00-18:00 (Last entry 17:30)

■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)

Open every day during Golden Week (April 29-May 5), summer vacation (July 21-August 31), and New Year's holiday (Dec 29-Jan 3).

■ Adults (includes college students and above) ¥500, High school students ¥300, Elementary and junior high school students ¥200 \*Extra charges for special exhibitions

🅑 Approx. 67 cars (pay parking)

☎ 0823-25-3017

## Alley Karasu Kojima

It's rare in this world to see submarines up close, but you can do that in this park. Brick buildings from the former naval arsenal can be seen in the surrounding area, giving the park an old fashioned atmosphere.

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Sensuitai-mae" and walk for one minute.

🅑 28 normal size cars, 10 buses (Free of charge)

☎ 0823-23-7845 (Kure Tourism Information Plaza)



## JMSDF naval vessel open to the public

At JMSDF Kure Naval Base, one naval vessel is open to the public every Sunday.

A different naval vessel is chosen every week so you can enjoy revisiting many times.

(\*You may take photos outside the naval vessel. Advance reservation required. For more information, contact Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Showa Futo-mae" and walk for one minute.

🅑 Not Available (a 5 minutes walk from the Alley Karasu Kojima parking)

☎ 0823-22-5511 (Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)

Walk through the town of Kure, which still retains vestiges of the former times when it flourished as a naval port.

Maybe the naval personnel strolled around here viewing this scenery? Reflecting on its history, you can enjoy the unique atmosphere of Kure at your own pace.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer of the Kure Naval Station Tomosaburo Kato Bronze Sculpture

Tomosaburo Kato was a naval soldier and a native of Hiroshima Prefecture. From 1909 (Meiji 42) to 1913 (Taisho 2), he arrived at Kure to take up his post as the Commander-in-Chief of the Kure Naval Station. In 1922 (Taisho 11), he was the first Hiroshima native to be inaugurated as Japan's Prime Minister. At the Washington Conference, he stressed the importance of national defense through diplomacy. He actively supported disarmament and was highly praised both in and out of Japan.

In honor of his achievements, there is a bronze statue of him erected in front of the residence of Commanders-in-Chief of the Kure Naval Station (in the Irifuneyama Memorial Museum).



## Irifuneyama Memorial Museum



The former official residence of the Kure Naval Station Admiral, a National Important Cultural Property, is located inside the museum. It was restored as it had been in 1905 based on the original documents found recently. Its walls and the European-style ceilings of the building are covered and decorated with "Kinkarakami" (Japanese gilded embossed paper), which are worth looking at. The former Naval Arsenal Tower Clock was constructed inside the former Naval Base in 1921, and kept its time till the end of the war together with Kure Base.

It is the oldest electric parent-and-child system clock still working in Japan. The melody coming out from the tower four times a day was composed by elementary and junior high school students in Kure.

■ 9:00-17:00 (Last entry until 16:30)

■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday), December 29-January 3.

■ Adults (University students and older) ¥250, High school students ¥150, Elementary and junior high school students ¥100

■ Thirteen-minute walk from JR Kure Station. By bus, at Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurashijima Line" bus, get off at "Meganebashi" and walk for three minutes.

🅑 Approx. 122 cars (paid parking)

☎ 0823-21-1037



## Former Kure Navy Petty Officers Assembly Hall (Aoyama Club)



The Aoyama Club was established in 1903 as a recreational facility "Kure Navy Petty Officers Assembly Hall (Kure Kaigun Kashisotsu Shukaijo)" which included entertainment and socializing for petty officers and sailors. It was renamed as the "Kure Navy Petty Officers Assembly Hall (Kure Kaigun Kashikanhei Shukaijo)" in 1921. In 1936, it underwent a large scale reconstruction. With a reinforced concrete structure, it took on its modern, present form. During the war it became well known as a social place for the Navy and ordinary citizens to connect.

After the war, the building was used as "Kure House" until the withdrawal of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in 1956. The Maritime Self-Defense Force used it as a recreational facility after the BCOF's withdrawal. However all uses were ended in 2017. At present you can still see the exterior of the building.

■ Ten-minute walk from JR Kure Station. By bus, at Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurashijima Line" and get off at "Meganebashi."

## Ginkgo Connected to Fleet Admiral Togo



A ginkgo that was gifted from the Japanese government to the United Kingdom in the 1870s. Togo Heihachiro was lodged in Pembroke while studying abroad in the U.K. around this time, and it was planted in that town. Locally, over the years it has been known as "Fleet Admiral Togo's Ginkgo Tree."

As part of a homecoming project by local Kure residents, seedlings which were raised by cuttage from the ginkgo were planted in Irifuneyama Park (beside the former detached room of the residence of Fleet Admiral Togo) in 2020.

## Battleship Yamato is also hiding here!

This popular secret spot is located on the Bijutsukan-Dori Street and the road in front of Former Navy Cemetery (the main gate of Nagasaki Elementary School).

Let's find manhole covers that depict the Battleship Yamato!





## Hill Overlooking History

From here you can take an overall view from the Historical dock site where the battleship Yamato was constructed to the former Kure Naval Arsenal Shipyards which symbolize the history of Kure after the Meiji period. Also the Shiki Haiku Memorial Stone (Hototogisu Kuhi), and the Great "Ah" Battleship Yamato Monument are located on the hill.

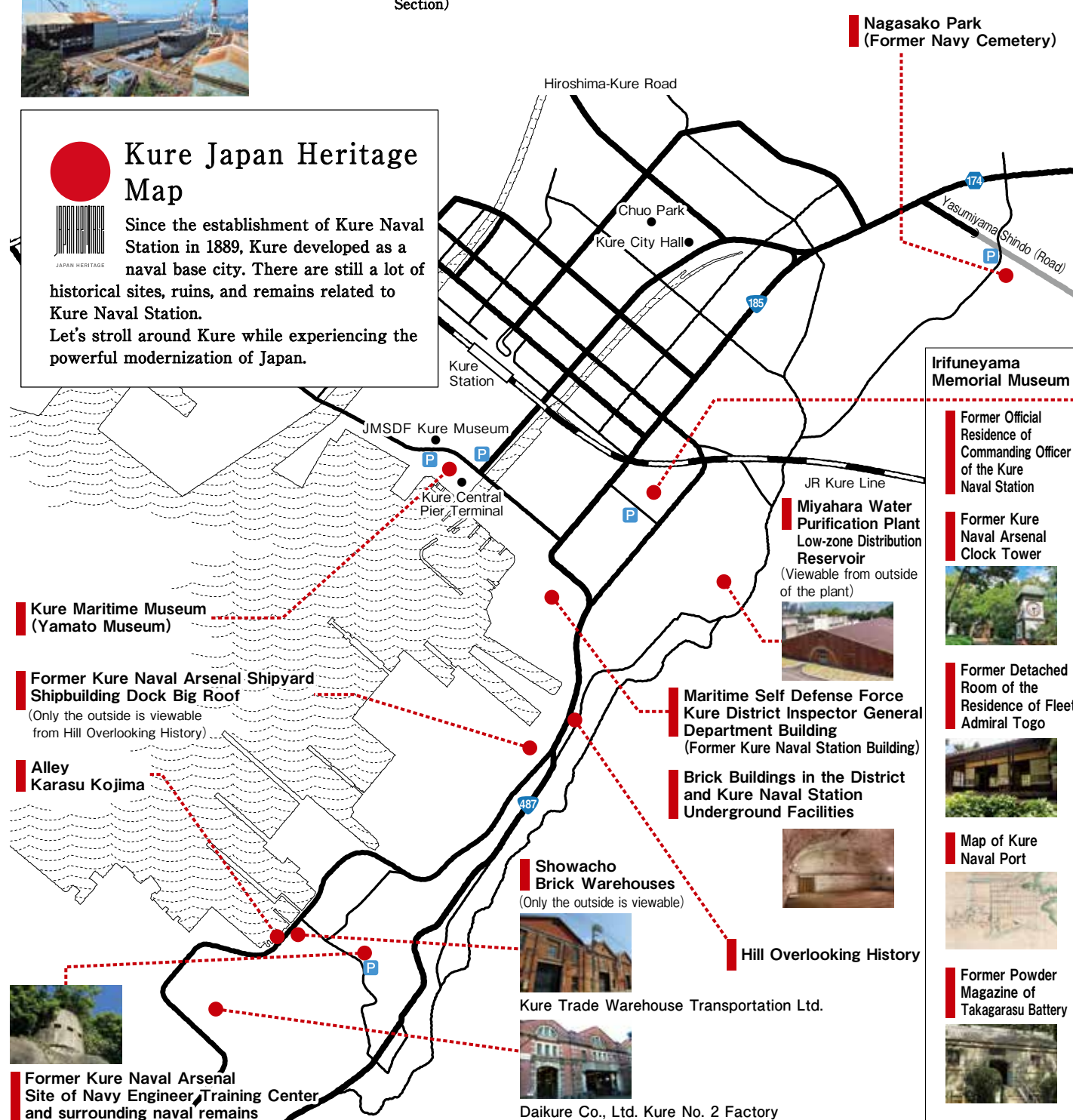
■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Shikikuh-mae" and walk for three minutes.

🅑 Not Available



## Kure Japan Heritage Map

Since the establishment of Kure Naval Station in 1889, Kure developed as a naval base city. There are still a lot of historical sites, ruins, and remains related to Kure Naval Station. Let's stroll around Kure while experiencing the powerful modernization of Japan.



■ Kure Maritime Museum (Yamato Museum)

■ Former Kure Naval Arsenal Shipyard Shipbuilding Dock Big Roof  
(Only the outside is viewable from Hill Overlooking History)

■ Alley Karasu Kojima



■ Former Kure Naval Arsenal Site of Navy Engineer Training Center and surrounding naval remains

## Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department Building (Former Kure Naval Station Building)



A representative brick building of Kure completed in 1907. The combination of bricks and granite strikes a beautiful color contrast. Open to the public every Sunday.

(\*Advance reservation required. For more information, contact Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Sokanbu-mae" and walk for one minute.

🅑 Not Available

☎ 0823-22-5511 (Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department, Public Affairs Section)



■ Nagasako Park (Former Navy Cemetery)

■ Irifuneyama Memorial Museum

■ Former Official Residence of Commanding Officer of the Kure Naval Station

■ Former Kure Naval Arsenal Clock Tower



■ Former Detached Room of the Residence of Fleet Admiral Togo



■ Map of Kure Naval Port



■ Former Powder Magazine of Takagarasu Battery



■ Miyahara Water Purification Plant Low-zone Distribution Reservoir  
(Viewable from outside of the plant)



■ Maritime Self Defense Force Kure District Inspector General Department Building (Former Kure Naval Station Building)

■ Brick Buildings in the District and Kure Naval Station Underground Facilities



■ Hill Overlooking History

■ Showacho Brick Warehouses  
(Only the outside is viewable)



Kure Trade Warehouse Transportation Ltd.



Daikure Co., Ltd. Kure No. 2 Factory





## Food Stalls of Kuramoto Street

This is a unique street in Japan where electricity as well as water and sewer services are provided for food stalls.

You can visit the street at night and enjoy food at old but fashionable stalls that offer creative cuisine.

10 minutes walk from JR Kure Station

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Tatsukawa Line" bus and get off at "Chuo 3-chome."

■ City-run parking lots, etc., are available (paid parking).

● Car GPS search: (Kure City Library ☎0823-21-3014)

☎0823-23-7845 (Kure Tourism Information Plaza)



## KURE CITY CENTRAL AREA



## Nagasako Park (Former Naval Cemetery)



Established in 1890 as a cemetery for naval personnel.

There are many memorial monuments including a monument for the war dead of the battleship Yamato.

■ Free of charge

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take "Naganoki Nagasako Line" bus and get off at "Nagasako-cho."

☎ Approx. 7 cars (free of charge)

☎0823-25-1362 (Preservation Society for the Former Kure Navy Cemetery)

## Mt. Haigamine

At 737m above sea level, you can enjoy a 360-degree grand panoramic view from the observatory. The beautiful night view of the port town is known as one of the best three views in the Chugoku-Shikoku region. This is a romantic spot where it is said that couples who can find the lines of lights that look like the letters "Kure" will get married.

■ About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center

☎ Approx. 6 cars (Free of charge)

☎0823-23-7845 (Kure Tourism Information Plaza)



## Japan Coast Guard Academy Brick Hall Japan Coast Guard Museum



The Brick Hall is a brick building that was constructed in 1914 as a pyrotechnics factory machine room of the Kure Navy Arsenal. It is a valuable building that, as the "First Factory for the Navy," supported the modernization of Japan and conveyed the spirit of the times. In the Japan Coast Guard Museum which is within the premises, you can learn about the history of Kure which has protected Japan's seas. (\*The Japan Coast Guard Museum is available for visits. Reservations required. For details, please see the website <http://www.jcga.ac.jp>)

■ 9:00-16:00

■ Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, New Year's holiday (December 28-January 4)

■ Free of charge

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Yoshiura Tenno Line (bound for Tenno)" bus. Get off at "Kaijo Hoan Daigakko Iriguchi" and walk for 10 minutes.

☎0823-21-4961 (General Affairs Section, General Affairs Department, Japan Coast Guard Academy)

## Remembering Suzu from the Manga "In This Corner of the World."

This is one of the locations for the Manga "In This Corner of the World," which depicted Kure during the Second World War. This is the place where the heroine Suzu walked in front of a storehouse.

The storehouse Mitsugura in the old Sawahara family residence was established in 1809.

It was uniquely built using both straw walls and plaster walls, and it has been designated as an Important Cultural Property.

【The old Sawahara family residence (Mitsugura)】

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Sanjo Niko Takaramachi Line" bus. Get off at "Higashi Chuo 2-chome" and walk for 3 minutes.

☎0823-25-3462 (Kure City Cultural Promotion Section)



A donation from Fumiyo Kono, manga artist of the Manga "In This Corner of the World."

This place is a model of the house where the heroine Suzu lived.

The layout of the Hojo House is reproduced with off-color interlocking and concrete. An information board with a design provided by Fumiyo Kono and a stool decorated with a commissioned design are set up here.

【Suzu's House (Model)】

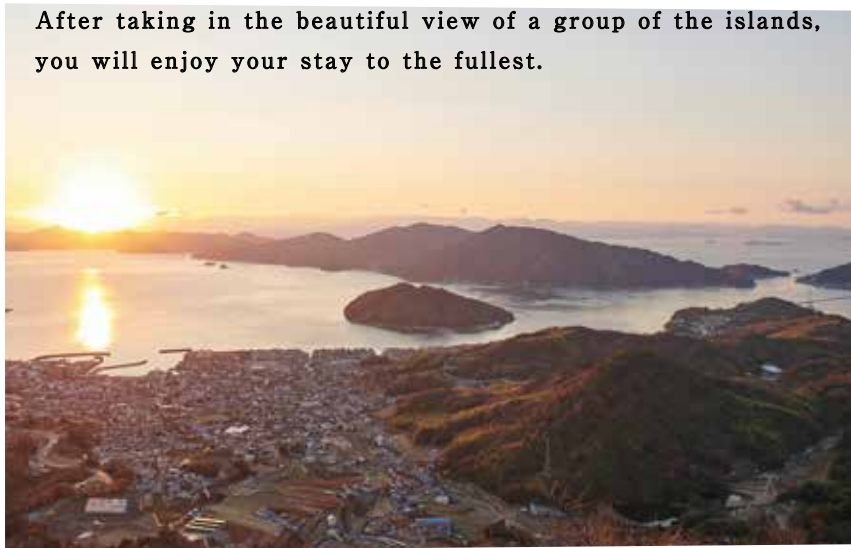
■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Tatsukawa Line." Get off at the "Tatsukawa bus stop" and walk for 10 minutes. (There is no parking lot nearby.)

## Seto Inland Sea has its own healing view where beautiful islands are located.

Mt. Noro, part of the Setonaikai National Park, is the spot in which the Kawajiri and Yasuura area takes pride in.

For the Setonaikai National Park, the mountain is 839 m high, the second highest next to Mt. Rokko in Kobe.

After taking in the beautiful view of a group of the islands, you will enjoy your stay to the fullest.



### Sazanami Skyline

A main road toward Mt. Noro. You can enjoy seasonal landscapes such as a row of cherry trees, colorful autumn leaves, as well as the scenery of beautiful islands in Seto Inland Sea.

■ About 1 hour by car from Kure City center



### Green Pia Setouchi Resort

A resort facility blessed with a rich natural environment and a mild climate. Everyone, from children to senior citizens, can enjoy sports and various activities at the resort. Facilities include swimming pools, a ground golf area, a wide grass area, and much more. Guest rooms command full views of the Seto Inland Sea. Spend a great time at this spacious resort facility in the Seto Inland Sea surrounded by nature.

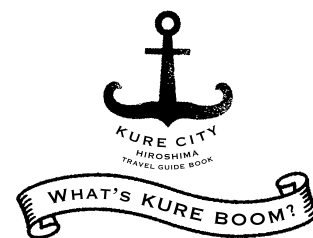
■ About 1 hour by car from Kure City center  
P 1,800 normal size cars, 400 buses (Free of charge)  
☎ 0823-84-0262



### Yasuura Museum of History and Folklore (Kunzo Minami Memorial Hall)

The home and the atelier of the master of Western-style paintings of modern Japan, the great painter Kunzo Minami, has been renovated. His works as well as items he regularly used are displayed here. The main house, which is assumed to have been built in the late Edo Era, is extremely valuable for learning about the architectural style of the time.

■ 9:00-16:30  
■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next weekday if Tuesday is a national holiday.), New Year's holiday, etc.  
■ Adults ¥200, High school students ¥120, Elementary and junior school students ¥80  
■ 20 minutes walk from JR Yasuura Station  
P 10 cars (Free of charge)  
☎ 0823-84-6421



## KAWAJIRI & YASUURA AREA

### Noro Kogen Lodge

This is an ideal place to enjoy food from Mt. Noro. Specialty dishes including wild boar hotpot and dishes that use seasonal ingredients are served.

You can also view the group of islands connected by Akinada Bridge and Kamagari Bridge from Hachimaki Viewing Platform (mountainside), Kabuto Rock Viewing Platform (mountaintop), and Hoshi Furu Viewing Platform (mountaintop).

■ Refer to the website:  
[www.norosan.or.jp/](http://www.norosan.or.jp/)

■ About 2 hour walk from Akikawajiri Station \*Free shuttle service is available from Akikawajiri Station.

■ About one hour by car from Kure City center (via Sazanami Skyline)

P Approx. 200 cars (Free of charge)

☎ 0823-87-2390



### Saigyo Retreat

Saigyo was a samurai, priest and poet active during the late Heian Era to the early Kamakura Era. He spent a night at the shores of Yasuura, and he composed a poem there. In memory of this, the "Saigyo Retreat" was established in the site of the Green Pier Setouchi.

■ Around 1 hour from the center of Kure





## Shotoen Museum

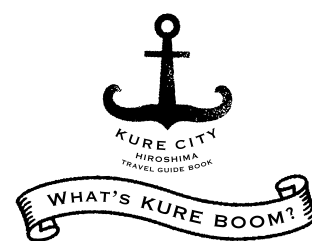
Shotoen's buildings include Gochiso Ichibankan, where materials related to Korean envoys are displayed, Akarino Yakata, where lighting equipment from all over the world is displayed, and Tojikikan, where domestic and foreign ceramic works are displayed.

- 9:00-17:00 (Last entry 16:30)
- Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
- Adults ¥800, High school students ¥480, Elementary and junior high students ¥320
- 📍 About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
- ☎ 0823-65-2900



Let's travel to the Edo period, when Korean envoys visited Japan and received a grand welcome.

## Shimokamagari



## “AKINADA TOBISHIMA KAIDO” AREA

Have a leisurely tour of the seven islands in the Akinada Tobishima Sea Route.



You can drive from Akinada Bridge at a relaxed pace while enjoying the scenery through the windows.

Sometimes, you can go cycling while feeling the comforting sea breeze.

Please have a calm and leisurely time while crossing the seven bridges from one island to another.



## A Must-see! Picture scroll registered as a UNESCO Memory of the World.

One of the documents on display is a picture scroll depicting Korean envoys dispatched from the Korean Dynasty in 1748 and their fleet sailing through the Inland Sea.

As a valuable historical record that promoted exchange among different ethnic groups, it has been registered as a UNESCO Memory of the World.

## Rantokaku Art Museum and Hakusetsuro

Within a tranquil yet magnificent atmosphere created by Japanese architecture, works depicting the beauty of the Seto Inland Sea (sea, pine, etc.) are on display. You can also see works by artists who have a close connection to this island.

After enjoying these works, you can visit a Japanese-style room in Hakusetsuro which serves powdered green tea and has a mysterious feature called “dondengaeshi” – a revolving door that reveals a hidden passage.

- 9:00-17:00 (Last entry 16:30)
- Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if Tuesday is a national holiday.)
- ●Rantokaku Art Museum/Adults ¥500, High school students ¥300, Elementary and junior high students ¥200,
- Hakusetsuro/Adults ¥400, High school students ¥240, Elementary and junior high students ¥160
- 📍 About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center
- ☎ 0823-65-3066







## Hiroshima Prefectural Beach



This complex resort area provides natural experiences including a beautiful beach selected as one of Japan's best 100 beaches. You can also enjoy various activities such as stargazing at the astronomical observatory with one of the largest Maksutov type telescopes in Hiroshima Prefecture without being prevented by city lights, marine sports like kayaking, or ancient seaweed salt-making. After these activities, you can relax at the natural radon hot spring facility, Yasuragi no Yakata.

■ In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka". Get off at "Koigahama" and walk for 15 minutes. (Pick up service at "Eino Center" and "Koigahama" is available. If you are staying at "Kagayaki no Yakata, please consult us.)

■ About 45 minutes by car from Kure City center

P Approx. 100 cars (Free of charge)

Tel ☎0823-66-1177



The satisfying leisure & resort area with a beautiful beach selected as one of Japan's best 100 beaches.

## Kamagari

### Cottage Kamagari (dome type, log cabin)

At this self-catering cottage, you can relax while viewing the scenery of Akinada. It is an ideal accommodation for your family, friends and cyclists. You can also have a barbecue on the patio.



P One car per building (Free of charge)

Hiroshima Prefectural Beach Kamagari

Parking (100 cars, free of charge)

Tel ☎0823-66-1177

### Boom! Boom! Refresh yourself by cycling the seven islands.



The cycling course on the Akinada Tobishima Sea Route has few ups and downs and less traffic, allowing even beginners to fully enjoy cycling.

There is only one traffic light (Mitoshiro, Shimo-kamagari Island). Refresh yourself by cycling at your own pace while viewing the beautiful islands and feeling the comforting sea breeze in Setouchi.

### Megumi no Oka Kamagari

There is a lot to experience here, from strawberry and citrus picking, dying, crafts, ceramic art to trying herb tea at the herb workshop.

■ 9:00-17:00

■ Closed on Tuesdays and New Year's holiday

Details: Strawberry picking around January to May (Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays), Mikan orange picking around October to December and around March (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays), blueberry picking around July to September. (For all activities, reservations are required. Please contact us about opening days.)

■ In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the "Tobishima Liner" bus bound for "Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka". Get off at "Koigahama" and walk for 15 minutes.

■ About 45 minutes by car from Kure City center

P Approx. 100 cars (Free of charge)

Tel ☎0823-70-7111

### Kamagari Hot Springs Yasuragi no Yakata

This natural radon hot spring facility offers different kinds of interesting baths including a sauna, herbal medicine bath, jacuzzi, and a whole-body bath using low-frequency electric current.

The view of the Akinada Sea is magnificent.

■ 11:00-20:00

■ Closed on Tuesdays (Open, when Tuesday is a national holiday.)

■ Adults ¥600, Children ¥500

P Hiroshima Prefectural Beach Kamagari Parking

(100 cars, free of charge)



### Deai no Yakata Kamagari

Kamagari General Tourist Information Center, where Tobishima Sea Route specialty products are also available.

From the observatory, you can view the exceptionally beautiful setting sun.

■ 9:30-17:00 (open throughout the year)

■ About 35 minutes by car from Kure City center

P Approx. 30 cars (Free of charge)

Tel ☎0823-68-0120



### Kamagari Ancient Salt-Making Remains Restoration Exhibition Hall

An exhibition hall that has been restored so you can see the ancient earthenware salt remains just as they were when they were excavated. From the surrounding area, salt-making earthenware from the 5<sup>th</sup> century was unearthed.

■ 9:00-17:00 (Last entry 16:00)

■ Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays (Open if these days are national holidays, and then the next day will be closed.)

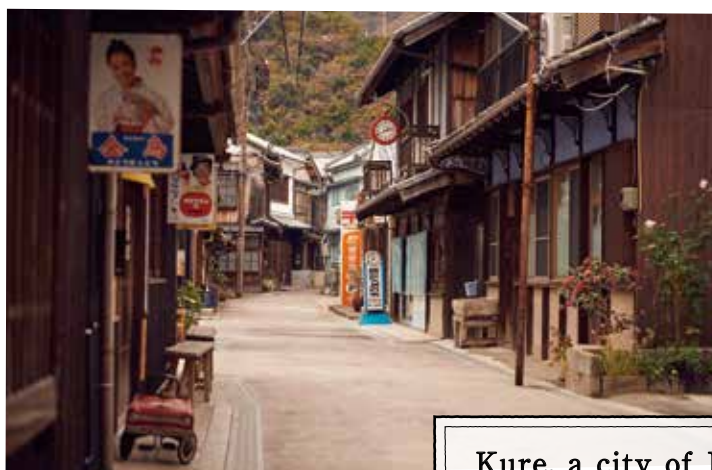
P 100 cars (Use the parking lot for the Hiroshima Prefectural Beach.)





A port that still retains vestiges of the Edo period while you wait for a favorable wind and a rising tide.

## Yutaka



“AKINADA  
TOBISHIMA  
KAIDO” AREA

### Mitarai Township

Mitarai flourished as a town known for its favorable winds and rising tides in which Kitamae-Bune Stopped at. In the town, many buildings and historic sites still retain vestiges of the mid to end of the Edo period, such as small and large merchant houses, tea houses, sailors' inns, shrines and temples, which create a unique atmosphere.

In 1994, the Mitarai District was designated as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings.



■ In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the “Tobishima Liner” bus bound for “Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka” or the “Seto Uchi Sanko” bus and get off at “Mitarai-ko.”

■ About 1 hour and 10 minutes by car from Kure City center

P Mitarai Parking (5 cars, free of charge), Mitarai Kamono Parking (40 cars, free of charge)

☎ 0823-67-2278 (Mitarai Rest Station)

### Hill Overlooking History Park

A park that is set on a high hill that overlooks the Mitarai District. In addition to being able to see a sweeping view of Mitarai, the Kurushima Channel Mt. Ishizuchi and other mountains in Shikoku, you can enjoy a taste of each of the four seasons by passing through the mikan orange fields.

■ In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the “Tobishima Liner” bus bound for “Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka.” Get off at “Mitarai-ko” and walk for about 30 minutes.

■ About 1 hour and 20 minutes by car from Kure City center

P Approx. 10 cars (Free of charge)

☎ 0823-67-2278 (Mitarai Rest Station)



### Kure, a city of Japan Heritage.

A distant place where men survived rough waves to achieve dreams

~The Kitamae-Bune Sea Routes and Residences of Ship Owners~



### Mikan Museum

The museum introduces the history of mikan orange growing in Yutakamachi, and the passion and care that past growers dedicated to mikan oranges. You can see exhibits such as life-sized replicas of the eight main citrus fruits grown in Yutakamachi, and a model diorama representing Ocho District in around 1965.

■ 8:30-17:15 (Can be visited on Saturdays and Sundays.)

■ In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the “Tobishima Liner” bus bound for “Kamagari/Toyohama” or the “Seto Uchi Sanko” bus and get off at “Danchi Center.”

■ About 1 hour by car from Kure City center

■ Free of charge

P Yutaka Citizens Center Parking (53 cars)

☎ 0823-25-3181 (Kure Tourism Promotion Division)

### Red-Throated Divers Exhibition Room

Fishing using red-throated divers is a traditional fishing method in Toyohama, which boasts 300 years of history. It exhibits a very rare fishing method in the world, in which all of red-throated divers, fishermen, and juveniles work together to fish sea breams and Japanese sea bass.



■ In front of Kure Station or Hiro Station, take the “Tobishima Liner” bus bound for “Kamagari/Toyohama/Yutaka” or the “Seto Uchi Sanko” bus and get off at “Toyohama Shisho.”

■ Toyohama Machizukuri Center 1F

■ 8:30-17:15 \*Open on Saturdays and Sundays as well as weekdays

☎ 0823-25-3181 (Kure Tourism promotion division)

\*Closed on New Year's holiday

### Alley in the Town for Fishermen

The Onoura District has been a town for fishermen since a long time ago.

Carry the “Onoura Exploration Map” and walk along the alley that has a retro-inspired atmosphere.

\*“Onoura Exploration Map” can be found at Toyohama Citizens Center, etc.

P About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center

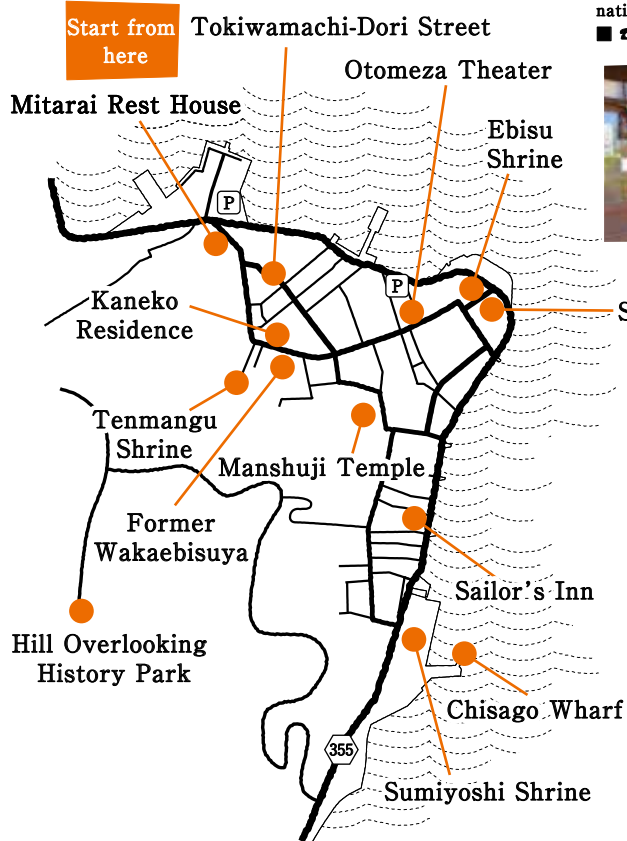
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## Toyohama



A port town known for  
its favorable winds and rising tides  
**Let's explore Mitarai!**  
Recommended walking course  
(Approx. 90 minutes)



## Mitarai Rest House (Yutakamachi Tourist Association)

A rest station with a  
retro-inspired appearance,  
where you can get information  
on sightseeing spots in the  
Mitarai District.

- 9:00-17:00
- Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on  
the next day, if Tuesday is a  
national holiday.)
- ☎0823-67-2278



Mitarai  
Shichikyoochi  
Ruins

## Tenmangu Shrine



On the grounds of the  
shrine, there is a well from  
which the name Mitarai  
(literal meaning: washing  
hands) originated, as

Michizane Sugawara (a court scholar, poet, and  
prominent political figure) is said to have washed  
his hands with the water from the well. It is also  
said that practicing calligraphy at the beginning  
of the year using water from this well will make  
you intelligent. There is also a monument of  
Harukichi Nakamura, who achieved "a  
round-the-world trip with a bicycle" for the first  
time as a Japanese person in the Meiji period.

## Former Kaneko Residence

A document states that  
a military agreement  
(Mitarai Treaty) was  
concluded here between  
Choshu Domain and  
Hiroshima Domain to  
overthrow the Shogunate.

This building is quite important for us to learn  
about the connection between Mitarai and  
Hiroshima Domain.  
It is said that Ryoma Sakamoto and Shintaro  
Nakaoka also visited this residence.



Japan  
Heritage

## Manshuji Temple

This temple is dedicated to  
the Buddhist deity of Mercy  
who is said to have saved the  
life of Kiyomori Taira.  
On the grounds of the temple,  
there is also a Jizo statue for  
health, which is said to have  
the power to answer prayers.

## Former Wakaebisuya

The largest tea house in Mitarai  
where courtesans provided  
services during the Edo period  
when Mitarai Port flourished.  
(Prefectural historical site)



## Chisago Wharf

Japan  
Heritage

A breakwater constructed in  
1828. A turtle and a crane  
are carved at the base of the  
breakwater in the hope that  
the port would prosper for  
tens of thousands of years. It  
is said that if you rub the  
turtle and crane, your  
wishes for eternal youth and  
immortality will come true.



## Sumiyoshi Shrine

Japan  
Heritage

If you cross the stone arched bridge  
beside the tall stone lantern, you  
will come to Sumiyoshi Shrine,  
which is dedicated to the god of  
maritime transport business.  
The main hall of the shrine is  
constructed in Sumiyoshi-zukuri  
style, which is rare in Japan  
nowadays. Visitors can enjoy cherry  
blossoms which bloom in spring on  
the grounds of the shrine.  
(Prefectural Important Cultural  
Property)

## Otomeza Theater

This theater was used as a  
drama or movie theater  
until around the 1960s, and  
later turned into a plant for  
sorting Ocho mikan oranges.  
It has been restored as a  
theater and is used for  
showing popular dramas and  
movies.



## Tokiwamachi-Dori Street



## Ebisu Shrine

Japan  
Heritage

A shrine dedicated to Ebisu,  
the god of prosperity in  
business.  
Only the torii is standing  
facing the sea. The approach  
to the main hall from the  
torii is separated by a  
prefectural road.  
(Prefectural Important  
Cultural Property)

## Mitarai Shichikyoochi Ruins

This is the building where  
Sanetomi Sanjo, known for  
his role during the Meiji  
Restoration, is said to have  
stopped on his way to  
Choshu.  
(Prefectural historical site)

## Sailor's Inn

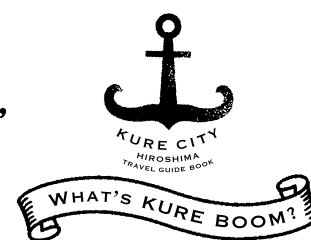
This house partitioned in three  
units constructed in the Edo  
period is a former sailors' inn,  
which offered accommodations  
for travelers at that time.



Legend has it that Kiyomori Taira,  
as the sun was about to set, waved his fan,  
forcing it to rise again long enough for  
excavation to be completed.

Two red arched Ondo bridges are the most attractive features of  
this small port town.

This area is filled with attractive spots such as a beautiful  
contrast among seasonal flowers, bridges, the sea, as well as  
historical sites concerning Kiyomori Taira.



## ONDO AREA

### Ondo no Seto waterway

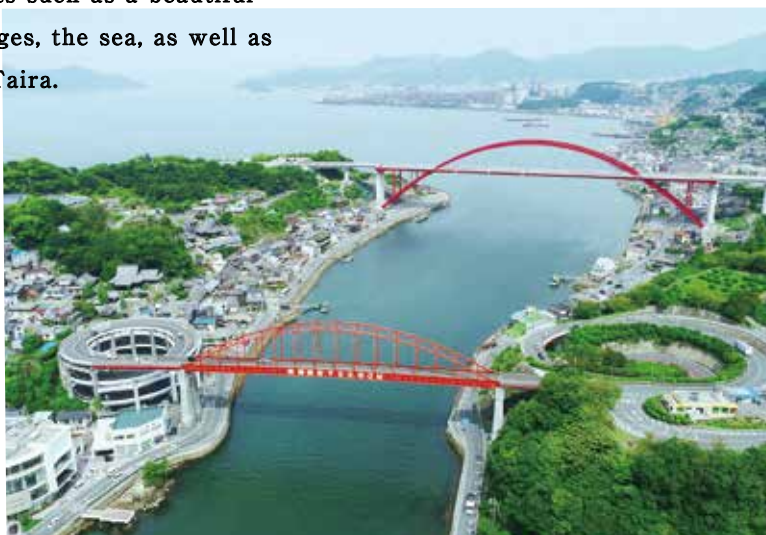
Legend has it that Kiyomori Taira opened up  
this waterway in one day.

In the vicinity of the waterway, there are many  
interesting and beautiful spots such as  
Kiyomorzuka (a memorial for Kiyomori Taira),  
Ondo no Seto Park, the Eiji Yoshikawa literary  
monument, Takagarasudai, and the Himaneke  
Statue.

From a pedestrian bridge, No.3 Ondo Bridge,  
which was built along with the opening of the  
No.2. Ondo Bridge, you can enjoy the spectacular  
views of the Ondo no Seto waterway and Kure  
Bay.

■ About 25 minutes by  
car from Kure City center

🅑 Approx. 190 cars (Free  
parking inside the Ondo no  
Seto Park), 26 cars (No.3  
Ondo Bridge)



### Ondo Tourism & Culture Center “Uzushio”



You can experience the unique culture of  
Ondo with its Ondo Kiyomori Festival, held  
once every five years, as well as the Ondo  
Boating Song, one of Japan's Three Great  
Boating Songs. From the café and deck within  
the Center, you can see up close the small  
and large ships that come and go through  
the Ondo Strait. This spot provides visitors  
with an excellent view of the Ondo Strait.

■ 9:30-17:00 (Free admission) Restaurant 11:00-20:00  
(last order)

■ Closed on Tuesdays (Closed on the next day, if  
Tuesday is a national holiday.)

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the “Kure  
Kurashijima Line” bus. Get off at “Kiyomorzuka”  
and walk one minute.

About 30 minutes by car from Kure City center

🅑 “Ondo Ohashi Shita” parking lot (free for the first 2 hours)

☎0823-50-0321

### 3rd Ondo Bridge

From the “3rd Ondo Bridge,” which has  
the same crimson arch bridge form as  
the “Ondo Bridge” and the “2nd Ondo  
Bridge,” you can get a sweeping view  
of the Seto area in Ondo.

There are a parking lot, restrooms, and  
wheelchair ramp set up here, so please  
enjoy a stroll when you come to the  
Seto area in Ondo.



### Ondo Township

Then you can find a township  
that still retains vestiges of the  
Showa period.

■ At Kure Station Bus Terminal,  
take the “Kure Kurashijima Line.”  
Get off at “Kiyomorzuka.”





## KURAHASHI AREA

This is a scenic place featuring beautiful beaches and romantic shipbuilding traditions as depicted in Japanese Manyoshu poetry.

Walk a little further from Ondo Area to Kurahashi Area.

There you will find people living with the sea from ancient times, a history of shipbuilding, and a valuable natural beauty that is never changed by time.



### Mt. Hiyama

From Ooiwa (big rock) at the summit of Mt. Hiyama, you can take in a breathtaking 360-degree view over the inland sea as far as the Shikoku mountain range. On a clear day, you can see both Shikoku Mountains and Yamaguchi in the same view.

- At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus. Get off at "Hiyama Tozanguchi" and walk one hour and 40 minutes.
- About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅑 Approx. 10 cars (Free of charge)

### Nagato Shipbuilding History Museum

Many shipbuilding and marine transportation models including ancient and modern wooden ships are on display here. At the center of the museum, you can enter a reconstructed Kentoshi Ship (used to take Japanese envoys to Tang Dynasty of China more than 1,200 years ago) and explore the interior.

- 9:00-16:30
- Closed on Mondays (Closed on the next day if Monday is a national holiday.), New Year's holiday (December 29 - January 3)
- Adults ¥200, High school students ¥120, Elementary and junior high school students ¥80
- About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅑 175 cars (Use the parking lot for the Katsuragahama Spa.)
- ☎ 0823-53-0016



### Katsuragahama Beach

Kurahashi was formerly called Nagato Island. From old times it was an important point for sea transport in the Seto Inland Sea. Kurahashi prospered due to ship manufacturing and the navy. From ancient times through the Nara Era, there are records of boats being made here for overseas missions. It has white sand, blue seas and green pine forests. This beach was chosen as one of the 100 best beaches and shores in Japan. It has expansive scenery that is as beautiful now as it was in the past.

- At Kure Station Bus Terminal, take the "Kure Kurahashijima Line" bus and get off at "Katsuragahama Onsenkan."
- About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅑 175cars (Use the parking lot for the Katsuragahama Spa.)
- ☎ 0823-53-2575



### Natural Hot Springs Katsuragahama Hot Springs Facility

Located across from the beach, these hot spring baths are rich in sodium chloride, and effective for treating 24 different ailments.

The baths also have a beneficial effect on sunburnt skin after bathing. You can enjoy seafood at the restaurant serving the local food.

- 10:00-21:00 (Weekdays and Saturdays), 9:00-21:00 (Sundays and holidays); Restaurant hours: 11:00-14:30, 17:00-20:30 (Weekdays), 11:00-20:30 (Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays)
- Closed on Mondays (Closed on the next day, if Monday is a national holiday.)
- Junior high school students and older ¥700, Elementary school students ¥350 (Pre-schoolers Free of Charge)
- About 50 minutes by car from Kure City center
- 🅑 175 cars (free of charge)
- ☎ 0823-53-2575



If you come to Kure, please try Kure gourmet specialties!

Experiencing local food can be the best part of a trip.

Traditional food makes you reflect on its casual taste and history. There are mountain food grown in a warm climate and seafood grown in a calm sea.

Please try a variety of delicious meals and make great memories.



### 【Hoso Udon (thin udon noodles)】



Hoso Udon has soft, thin noodles that require a short boiling time. It was loved by busy workers at a former naval arsenal as a quick meal.

### 【Kure Reimen (cold noodles)】



Kure Reimen has flat noodles and is served in a sweet, sour and spicy soup. It has been a favorite with the locals as a soul food.

### 【Kure Maritime

#### Self Defense Force Curry】



This curry reproduces the taste of the curry eaten by the people who belong to the naval vessels of the Maritime Self Defense Force Kure base. You can taste it at restaurants in the city.

### 【Chirimen (Baby Sardines)】



These dried and seasoned baby sardines are caught in the surrounding sea. Chirimen are all-natural without bleaching and are famous nationwide.



### 【Oysters】

Kure produces the most oysters in Japan! Each area holds its own oyster festival in the winter season. Large oysters with the rich smell of the beach will make you eager to try delicious local foods.

### 【Ocho Mikan (Mandarin Orange)】



The "Ocho Mikan" in Yutaka and Toyohama is a nationally recognized variety. It's known for its refreshing, sweet, and rich taste.

### 【Otakara (Treasure) Tomato】

Another name for tomatoes harvested in winter and spring. The "Otakara Tomato" in Kurahashi is characterized by its deep taste, rich red color, and firm texture.



### 【Lemon】

Yutaka is the birth place of "Ocho Lemon." It is characterized by its mild sourness, fresh flavor, and juiciness.



## KAIGUN GOURMET

Ramune  
(lemon soda)

Coffee

Rice omelet

Curry and rice

Nikujaga  
(simmered meat and potatoes)

### Healthy dishes for long voyages.

The search for healthy dishes was the start of Navy gourmet. Many studies were made in search for healthy dishes for crewmembers, such as adopting western cuisine, to prevent diseases during long voyages, as well as preparing delicious meals for them, as eating was one of the few enjoyments inside a battleship. As a result of those efforts, Navy gourmet dishes were born. In Kure City, which is closely connected to the former Japanese Navy, we are working to revive those dishes based on the cookbooks from the Meiji Navy and the recipes from the Showa navy ships. Try a few of these dishes, and experience the atmosphere from those days.





### Ancient Seaweed Salt “Moshio” Making Experience

Making mineral salt, using ancient earthenware. You can taste salt from the island at home.

■ Kamagari Ancient Earthenware Salt-Making Experience Facility

■ 10:00-15:00 (Consultation required/Reservations required)  
■ ¥5,000 up to 5 persons (¥1,000 for each additional person)  
☎ 080-6304-0197 (Moshio no Kai office: Matsuura)



### Himehijiki (hijiki seaweed bud) Salt-Making Experience

You can easily make delicious salt in about 40 minutes.

■ Kajigahama Shimokamagari-cho

■ 10:00-16:00 (Reservations required)

■ ¥4,200 for up to 5 people (plus ¥600 for each additional person)  
☎ 0823-25-3317 (Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Division)



### Astronomical Observation

Through one of the largest telescopes in Japan, let's observe stars above the clear night sky of Seto Inland Sea.

■ Hiroshima Prefectural Beach in Kamagari-cho

■ Confirmation required

■ Adults ¥200 Children ¥100

☎ 0823-66-0925 (Kureshi Kamagari Astronomical Observatory)



### Let's ride a cutter, sea kayak and canoe.

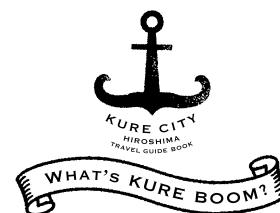
Let's enjoy the scenery of the Seto Inland Sea and sports!

■ Hiroshima Prefectural Beach in Kamagari-cho

■ ¥350 (Cutter boat experience)

■ Adults ¥4,000, High school students and under ¥3,000 (Sea kayak experience tour)

☎ Confirmation required ☎ 0823-66-1166 (Kamagari B&G Marine Center)

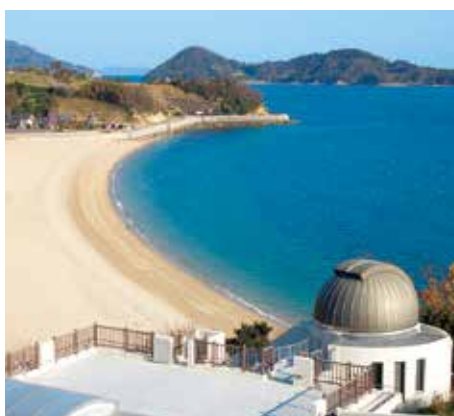


## EXPERIENCE

Fully experience Kure with your five senses.

Enjoy a great deal of hands-on experiences related to food and nature in Kure, as it is surrounded by the sea.

Share happy moments with your family and friends.





## Let's stroll around and fully enjoy Kure.

From the excitement of the city center to the leisurely atmosphere of islands.

Kure, with all its charms, will welcome you.

Please check the recommended sightseeing spots on each page, and with the help of the map, explore the areas you are interested in.



## Get discount on your drive!

Purchase ¥1,000 or more in designated facilities in the Akinada Tobishima Sea Route area, and you will get a free one-way ticket for Akinada Bridge. Show your receipt to get the free ticket. \*This service is only for those who paid the Akinada Bridge toll in cash

\*You cannot get the ticket at Akinada Bridge toll booth

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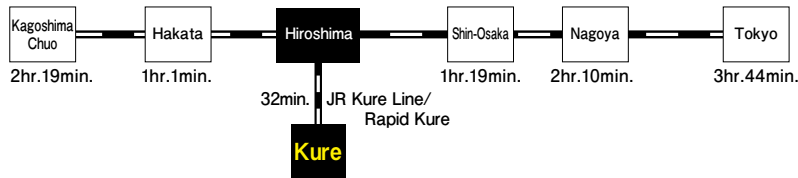
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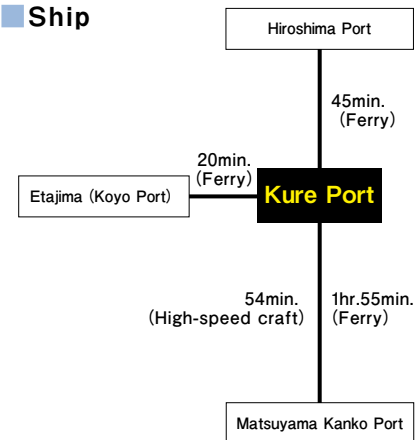


## Access to Kure

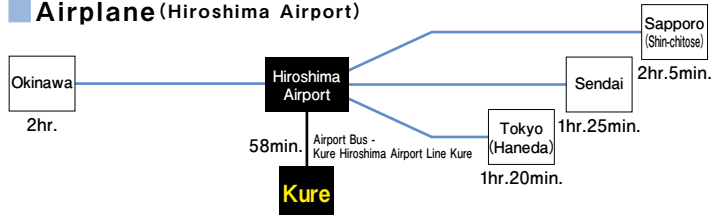
### Shinkansen (required time by the fastest train)



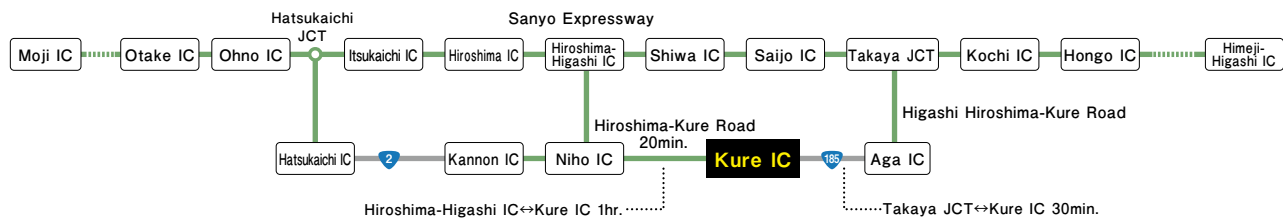
### Ship



### Airplane (Hiroshima Airport)



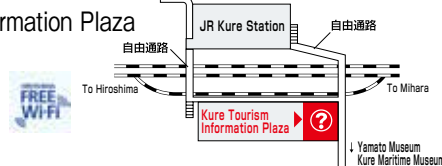
### Automobiles



See below for Kure tourism information:

### Kure Tourism Information Plaza

2-23-2 Takaramachi,  
Kure City 737-0029  
(Recre Building 2F)  
TEL (0823) 23-7845  
FAX (0823) 23-7850



Kure City Tourism website "Kure Navi"  
<http://www.city.kure.lg.jp/life/3/>

A multi-language website that introduces Kure tourism information.  
"Kure Area" Diary  
NEW <http://kuremachidiary.jp/>

Kure Tourism Association website  
<http://www.kure-kankou.jp/>

**Tour Guides and Volunteers**  
Make reservations at least one week in advance.

### Kure Tour Guide Volunteer Association

Guided tour of the entire Kure City  
Inquiries and applications: Kure Tour Guide Volunteer Association  
(Inside the Kure Tourism Information Plaza)  
TEL 0823-23-7845 FAX 0823-23-7850

### Shimokamagari Tour Guide Association

For Shimokamagari area in Kure City and Tobishima Kaido area  
Inquiries and applications: Shimokamagari Tour Guide Association office.  
(Inside the Kure Tourism Information Plaza)  
TEL 0823-23-7845 FAX 0823-23-7850

### Kurahashi Tourist Volunteer Guide Association

Guided tour of facilities near Katsuragahama - one of Japan's 100 best beaches (Free of charge)  
Inquiries and applications: Nagato Shipbuilding History Museum TEL 0823-53-0016

### Yutakamachi Tour Guide

Guided tour of Yutakamachi "Mitarai Preservation Area" (Fee-based)  
Inquiries and applications: Yutakamachi Sightseeing Organization  
(Mitarai Rest Station) TEL 0823-67-2278

### Handy and Convenient "Travel Taxi"

The "Travel Taxi" is recommended for touring Kure.  
Taxis will take you around the unique sightseeing spots of Kure.  
Inquiries and applications: Kure Tourism Information Plaza (Tel. 0823-23-7845)

## Event Information

### April 29 Kure Port Festival

A big event that celebrates the spring in Kure.  
Full of attractions such as stage performance, a bazaar which is very international in character, and a big parade on Kuramoto-Dori Street.

### Saturday in late July or early August Kure Fireworks on the Sea

Large fireworks rocketing high into the sky with escort vessels in the background which are magnificent.

### October Korean Envoys Procession

In Shimokamagari, where Korean envoys stopped at a port during the Edo period, people march in a procession wearing that period's costumes just like in a historical picture scroll.

### November Kure Food Festival

The festival is held mainly on Kuramoto-Dori Street, where a great amount of delicious food is offered.  
In various open spaces, you can enjoy a variety of dishes such as "Nikujaga" (simmered meat and potatoes) and "Kure Hosu Udon" (thin udon noodles) which have originated from Kure.

### December-January Illumination Road Kure

Kuramoto-Dori Street wrapped in illuminated objects that are representative of Kure, such as the battleship "Yamato."  
Enjoy the illuminations while taking a walk on the street.

### February Kure Fisheries Festival

A food festival that offers fresh oysters, which are popular in winter, and other seafood from the Seto Inland Sea.

spring



Kure Port Festival



Kure Fireworks on the Sea



Korean Envoys Procession



Kure Fisheries Festival