

Tokushima
Prefecture

A Town of Greenery and Rivers

YOSHINO GAWA CITY



ACCESS MAP



Yoshinogawa City Hotel Guide

Central Hotel Kamojima	471-2 Kamojima, Kamojima-cho	50 guests	+81-(0)883-24-8989
Business Hotel Access Kamojima	224-1 Kamojima, Kamojima-cho	39 guests	+81-(0)883-24-5050
Business Hotel Roadside	160-3 Uchibara, Kamojima-cho	20 guests	+81-(0)883-22-1088
Sakura Ryokan	502-11 Kamojima, Kamojima-cho	30 guests	+81-(0)883-24-2404
Ryokan Yoshino	1444-1 Inoo, Kamojima-cho	20 guests	+81-(0)883-24-1263
Mikasaya Ryokan	461-10 Kamojima, Kamojima-cho	23 guests	+81-(0)883-24-2511
Guest House Channel Kan	740-1 Chiejima, Kamojima-cho	10 guests	+81-(0)883-24-7059
HOTEL OE	485-4 Kamishima, Kamojima-cho	16 guests	+81-(0)883-26-0117
Oyado eleven	1484-1 Inoo, Kamojima-cho	10 guests	+81-(0)80-2989-8070
Pinehouse	507-1 Chiejima, Kamojima-cho	8 guests	+81-(0)90-5910-1952
Yonetani Ryokan (Inn)	420-3 Kawashima, Kawashima-cho	15 guests	+81-(0)883-25-2226
Awarakuya	178 Kawashima, Kawashima-cho	11 guests	+81-(0)883-25-3699
Fuigo Onsen (Hot springs)	31-1 Hisamune, Yamakawa-cho	25 guests	+81-(0)883-42-4700
Rando store guest room-Azome to yado	73-3 Kawahigashi, Yamakawa-cho	11 guests	+81-(0)883-33-9843
Tanenoya	47 Kawamata, Misato	16 guests	+81-(0)883-43-2900
Misato no Yu (Hot springs)	75-1 Okumaru, Misato	14 guests	+81-(0)883-30-3836

(Farm stay)			
Hand-on Farming Inn Dokomo Yama (Camp site)	14-2 Maruyama, Misato	9 guests	+81-(0)883-43-2970
Arakuyu Farm Chienomori	2007-1 Sanji, Kamojima-cho	Advance reservation required	+81-(0)90-1575-8909

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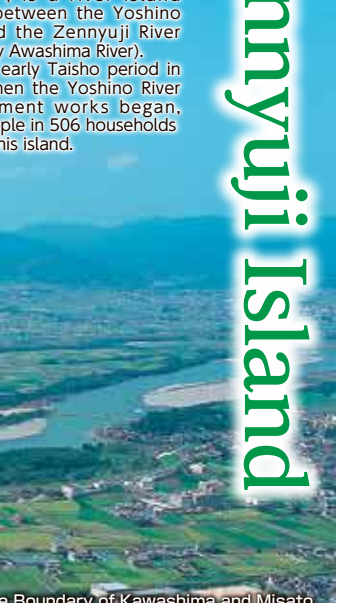
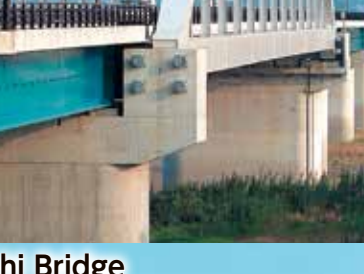
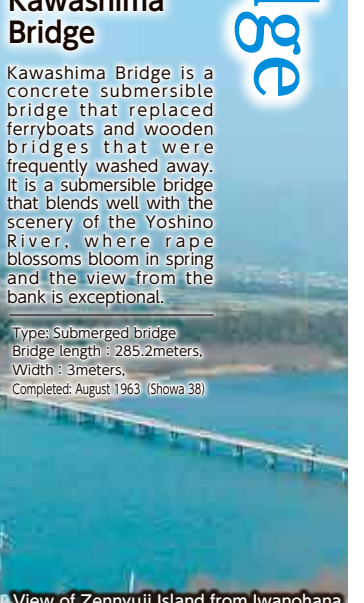
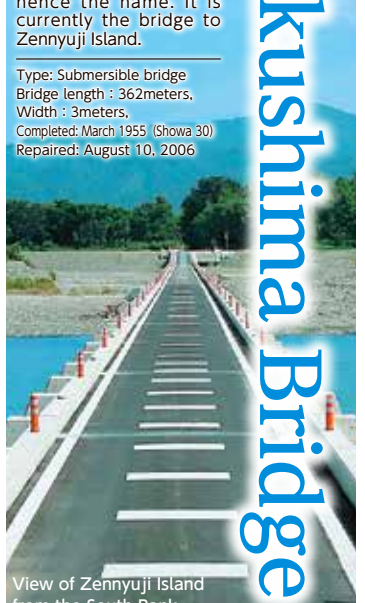
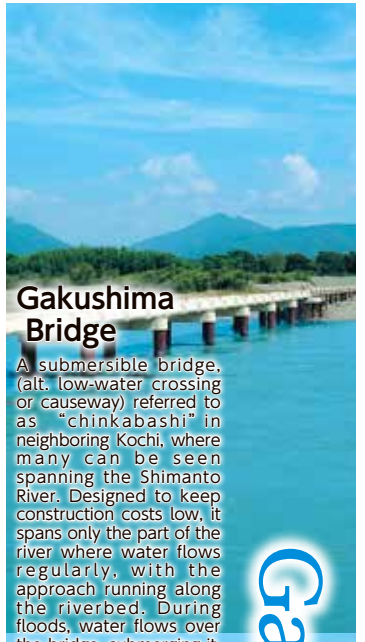
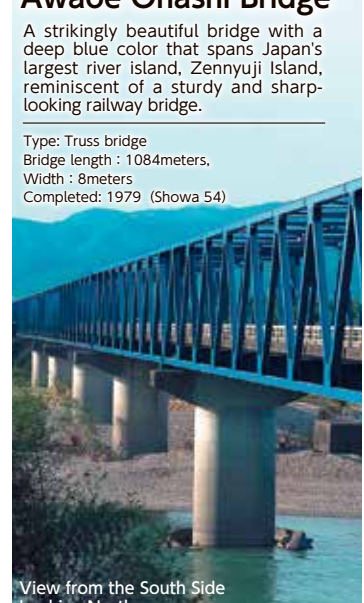
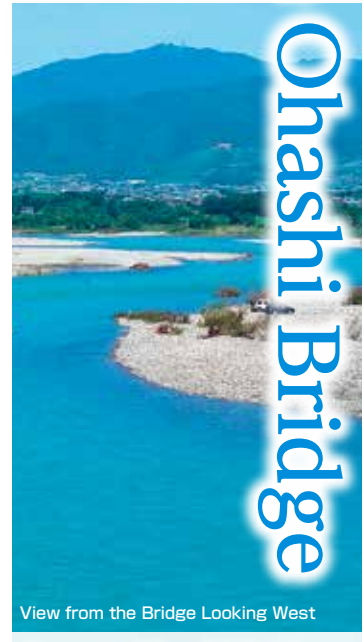
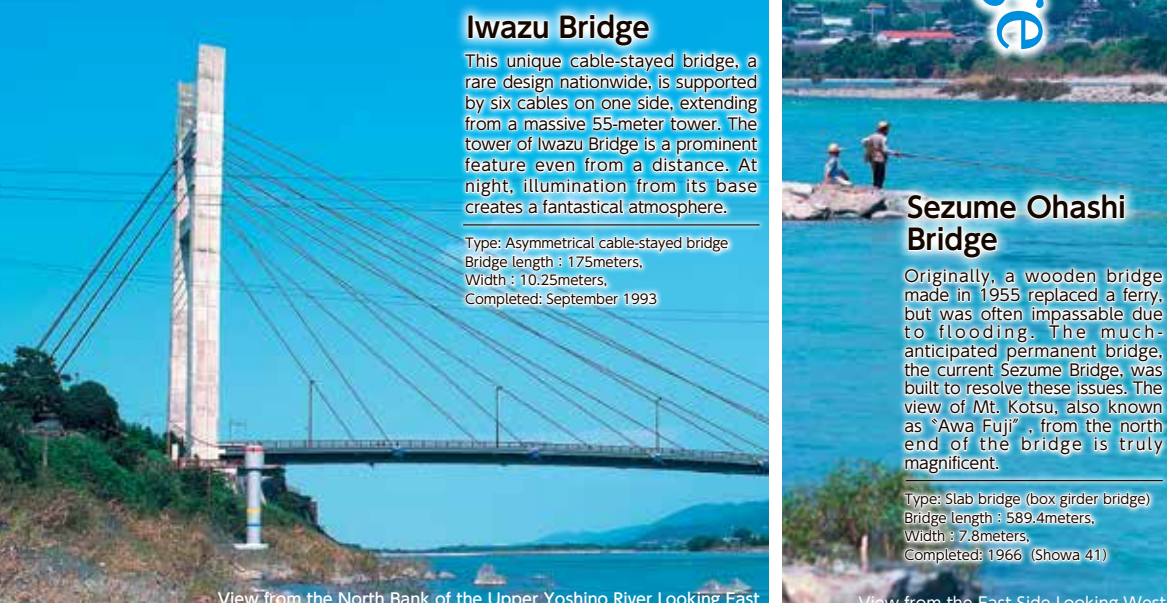
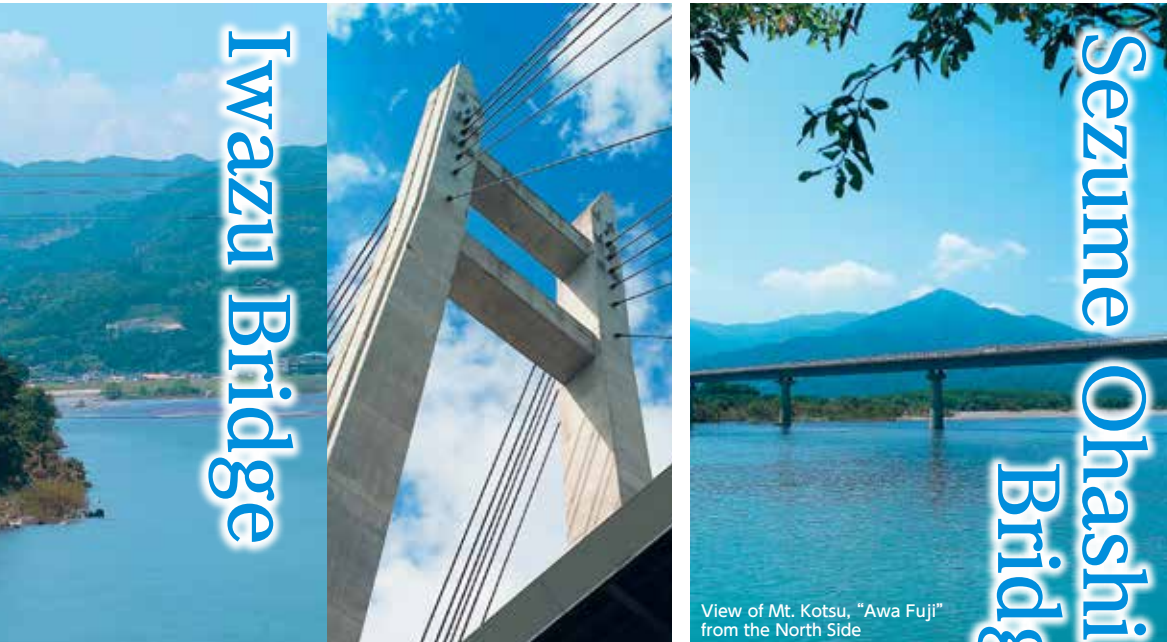
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Bluer than Indigo, The Yoshino River

Landscapes of Bridges and Islands

Known as Shikoku Saburo, and celebrated in song as the "bluer than indigo, Yoshino River," it's a major river of Japan, originating from Mt. Kamegamori in Ehime Prefecture and stretching 194 kilometers. Within the city, various bridges from different eras that span it make for a landscape likened to a museum of bridges.



YOSHINO GAWA CITY ANNUAL EVENT

- [January] **Early Jan.**
Admission Ticket to JR Gaku Station (Kawashima) **January 9th**
Yukagura no Shinji (Kawashima)
Mid Feb. to Mid March.
Plum blossom festival (Misato)
Late March.
Yoshinogawa City Riverside Half Marathon
Late Mar.
Egawa Kamojima Park Sakura Festival (Kamojima)
[April] **Early Apr.**
Cherry Road Line Cherry Blossom Festival (Misato)



1 Admission Ticket to JR Gaku Station
Entrance tickets to Gaku Station have been popular since around 1974, selling approximately 100,000 annually. A set of five is considered a ticket into the school of choice for students, a play on words. Tickets are sold at Gaku Station from New Year's Day to early January.



2 Ume Blossom Viewing Walk
In early spring we suggest to walk and enjoy the beauty and the aroma of Ume blossoms in mountainous Misato. At some venues, local products are sold and a variety of events will be held.

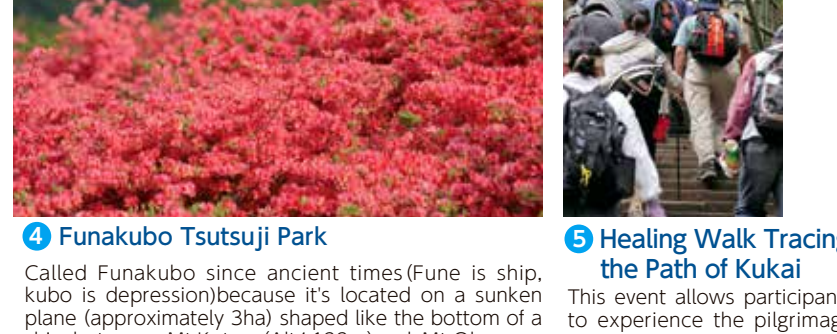


3 Egawa Kamojima Park (Sakura Festival)
Kamojima Park, which is located in the heart of Kamojima-cho, Yoshinogawa City, is very famous as a "Sakura spot." There are more than 200 trees of Yoshino Cherry, among them a giant tree over 120 years old.

- [May] **Third Sunday of May**
Healing Walk Tracing the Path of Kukai (Kamojima + Kawashima)
Mid May to Late May
Funakubo Tsutsuji Park azalea viewing season (Yamakawa)
Late May to Mid Jun.
Misato Fireflies viewing season ((Misato)
Second Sunday of May
Kotsuji Temple Shakujou Festival (Yamakawa)
[June] **June 1st**
Yoshino River Ayu fishing season opening



4 Funakubo Tsutsuji Park
Called Funakubo since ancient times (Pune is ship, Kubo is depression) because it's located on a sunken plane (approximately 3ha) shaped like the bottom of a ship between Mt. Kotsu (Alt.1,133m) and Mt. Okunono (Alt.1,159m). In this park, more than 1,200 plants of mostly Rhododendron veyrichii are clustered including large azaleas more than 300 years old. Each Rhododendron is as large as almost 10m and reaches to 6m in height, very characteristic of the azaleas in Funakubo Park that can't be found elsewhere in western Japan. The large azaleas of Funakubo were officially designated as a National Treasure in 1985. They cover the park with pink and red flowers from mid-May every year, with many tourists visiting from all over Japan.



5 Healing Walk Tracing the Path of Kukai
This event allows participants to experience the pilgrimage path that retains the nature from the times when Kukai walked. There are two routes: the Mountain Course from the 11th Shikoku Pilgrimage site Fujii Temple to the 12th Shouzanzai Temple, and the Flat Course from the 10th Kirihataji Temple across the Yoshino River to the 11th Fujii Temple.



6 Shakujou Festival
At Kotsuji Temple near the summit of Mt. Kotsu, the Shakujou Festival is held every year on the second Sunday of May as a spring festival. The event includes grand rituals like the Daisatsugomaru fire festival and firewalking, attracting many believers and spectators.

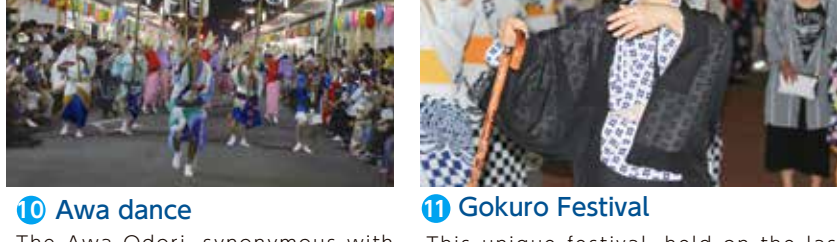
- Last Saturday of June
Gokuro Festival (Kamojima)
[August] **Early Aug.** Fireworks Festival (Kamojima)
Mid Aug. Awa Dance Festival (Kamojima)
Mid Aug. to Late Sept.
Scenic Grape Vineyard (Yamakawa)
[October] **Late Oct. to Late Nov.**
Chrysanthemum Figure and Flower Exhibition (Kamojima)
October 22nd
Kawatohachiman Shrine Autumn Festival (Yamakawa)
Kamiyo Otakara Odori (Yamakawa)



7 Yoshinogawa City Fireworks Festival
A refreshing summer fireworks festival is held at Kamojima Athletic Ground. Spectators can enjoy a powerful display of fireworks launched at the same level as the viewing area.



8 Misato Firefly Festival
The entire Misato district was designated as a national treasure in 1970 for fireflies (hota ryu) and their habitat. From late May to mid-June, firefly viewing reaches its peak. Efforts include shading nets, cleanup activities for protection, and firefly sightseeing tours.



9 The Chrysanthemum Figure and Flower Exhibition
The Chrysanthemum Figure (Kiku ningyō) and Flower Exhibition, which is the only one in Shikoku, is held at the event venue in front of city hall from the end of October to the end of November every year. Figures themed on characters from NHK Tuga Drama show and incredibly beautiful flowers are put on display.

10 Awa dance
The Awa Odori, synonymous with Tokushima, is a major summer event held around mid-August at a special venue near JR Kamojima Station.

11 Gokuro Festival
This unique festival, held on the last Saturday of June every year, celebrates the comedic talents of Soganoya Gokuro from Kamojima. Participants parade through the streets dressed as Gokuro.

- Forth Sunday of Oct.
Nanajugo-zen no Shinji (Kawashima) **Late Oct.**
Taira Hachiman Shring Autumn Festival (Misato) **Mid Nov. to Late Nov.**
Kotsu Valley Autumn Leaves (Yamakawa) **Mid Nov.**
Nakamura Autumn Leaves (Misato) **Last Weekend of Nov.**
Misato Umeshu Festival (Misato) **[December] First Sunday of Dec.**
Misato Circle Relay Race (Misato)



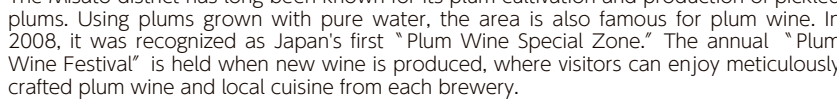
12 Kamiyo Otakara Odori
This dance has been passed down as a bountiful harvest and rain prayer dance. It is designated as an intangible folk cultural property of the prefecture.



13 Kawatohachiman Shrine Autumn Festival
The "Autumn Festival" is lively conducted during the annual grand festival at Kawada Hachiman Shrine on October 22nd. Parishioners carry portable shrines, parading along the 200-meter approach and gallantly climbing 50 steps to the shrine grounds.



14 Nakamura Autumn Foliage
In the mountainous Nakamura district upstream of the Kawada River, the entire mountain becomes brilliantly colored in red and yellow during the autumn foliage season, creating a spectacular sight.



15 Umeshu Festival
The Misato district has long been known for its plum cultivation and production of pickled plums. Using plums grown with pure water, the area is also famous for plum wine. In 2008, it was recognized as Japan's first "Plum Wine Special Zone." The annual "Plum Wine Festival" is held when new wine is produced, where visitors can enjoy meticulously crafted plum wine and local cuisine from each brewery.

Baths

Baths are the best way to relax and refresh your body and mind away from the daily rush of life and travel fatigue.

- Hours
- Bathing Fee
- Address
- Tel.
- The day closed
- Parking

(Yamakawa)

Fuigo Hot Spring

Bathhouse exterior has a novel elliptical design, and two baths, a rock bath and a tile bath, arranged so that visitors can enjoy a view of the nearby Kawada River while bathing.

7:00 am ~ 10:00 pm Open Hours: 7:00 am ~ 8:30 am / 10:00 am ~ 10:00 pm Cafeteria : closed
Adults 600 yen, children (3 years old to junior high school students) 300 yen, repeat visit coupon tickets (11 tickets) 6,000 yen (adults only)
31-1 Hisamune Yamakawa-cho Yoshinogawa-shi 779-3406
+81-(0)883-42-4700
Irregular
50 parking space

Lodging available
Sauna, soap, and shampoo included

(Misato)

Misato no Yu

Seasonal fragrances

This bath uses mineral water from the Misato Higashiyama Mine. Reopened in 2022. The chef's focus on creative Japanese cuisine is very popular.

Lodging available
Capacity: 14 guest
soap, and shampoo included

12:00pm~8:30pm Last entry: 20:30
Adults 550yen Children 300yen
Repeat visit coupon tickets (6 tickets) 2,750 yen
75-1 Okumaru Misato Yoshinogawa-shi 779-3505
+81-(0)883-30-3836
Irregular (Call before visiting)
50 parking space

(Kamojima)

Kamo no Yu

This highly popular open-air bath offers panoramic views of the Shikoku Mountains. The hot spring water is a sodium-chloride spring, rated for excellent quality and suitable for 19 conditions including neuralgia and chronic digestive disorders, attracting many visitors.

Day-use hot springs
Sauna, soap, and shampoo included

1:00pm~8:00pm
Adults (junior high school students and over) 650yen repeat visit coupon tickets (11 tickets) 6,500yen
Adults (ages 70 and over) 550yen repeat visit coupon tickets (11 tickets) 5,500yen
Children 300 yen repeat coupon tickets (11 tickets) 3,000yen Children under 3 years old entry free
415-1 Inou Kamojima-cho Yoshinogawa-shi 776-0033
+81-(0)883-22-1926
The third Thursday 4:00pm~
60 parking space

YAMAKAWA



16 Funakubo Tsutsuji Park
In Funakubo Tsutsuji Park which is on a 3ha basin (Alt.1,060), more than 1,200 plants of mostly Phododendron yewichii are clustered including large azaleas. The large azaleas of Funakubo were officially designated as a National Treasure in 1985. In mid-May, the season of Tsutsuji, Tateishi Pass which is located on roadway from the park to Kotsuji is great spot to view amazing crimson colour of the Phododendron on top of the deep green of the forest.



18 The Hall of Awa Japanese Handmade Washi Paper
History of Awa Washi began 1300 years ago. Here the skills and techniques of the production process cultivated over a long history are reproduced.
A variety of exhibitions are held here regularly. You can watch demonstrations and try your hand at making your own Paper.
●Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
●Closed: Monday (When Monday is a national holiday, the hall remains open and closes the following Tuesday.)
●Year-end/New Year holiday (December 30 to January 2)
●Admission Adult 500yen
Student (High School and over) 400yen
Students (Junior High and Elementary school) 300yen
Group discount/ Applied for 20 or more people
●Address: 141 Kawahigashi Yamakawa-cho Yoshinogawa-shi
●15 minutes walk from JR Awa Yamakawa station
●Inquiries: TEL 0883-42-6120
●Website: <http://www.awagami.or.jp>

19 Yamasaki Inbe Shrine
This shrine conducts sacred ceremonies related to the raw fabric (used in significant rituals during the Daijosi, an important ceremony held when a new emperor ascends the throne) such as the spinning, reception ceremony, the weaving initiation ceremony, and the departure ceremony of the raw fabric.
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20 Bamboo Park
Bamboo Park, a vast 1 hectare bamboo grove on the Yoshino River's riverbed, features a multipurpose lawn area, event stage, dragonfly pond, and walking paths made of bamboo and stone. Adjacent embankments and riverside promenades allow visitors to explore aquatic life and the natural environment of the Yoshino River.

MISATO



22 Misato Hotaru Museum
A perfect home for fireflies, Misato district was designated as a national monument in 1970. Misato Hotaru Kan has many exhibits which provide various information about creatures living around the river as well as people's lives and history in the area. It is a gateway to "Misato Outdoor Museum".
●Hours: 9:00am to 4:30pm
●Closed: 9:00am to 9:30pm (May 20 to June 20, Firefly season) as a national monument in 1970.
●Address: 47 Kawamata Misato Yoshinogawa-shi
●Inquiries: TEL 0883-26-7888 FAX 0883-26-7890
●Website: <http://www.misato-hotarukan.jp/>



23 Tanenoya, a base for community exchange in the low uplands
Tanenoya, renovated from the former Taneno Elementary school, is a place for local exchange and fun experiences. It offers accommodations so visitors can spend relaxing time with family and friends. Also you can enjoy chattering in cafe and making pizza using a stone pizza oven.
●Hours: 10:00am to 5:30pm
●Closed: Wednesday
Year-end/New Year holiday
●Address: 47 Kawamata Misato Yoshinogawa-shi
●Inquiries: TEL: FAX 0883-43-2900
●Website: <http://www.tanenoya.com>



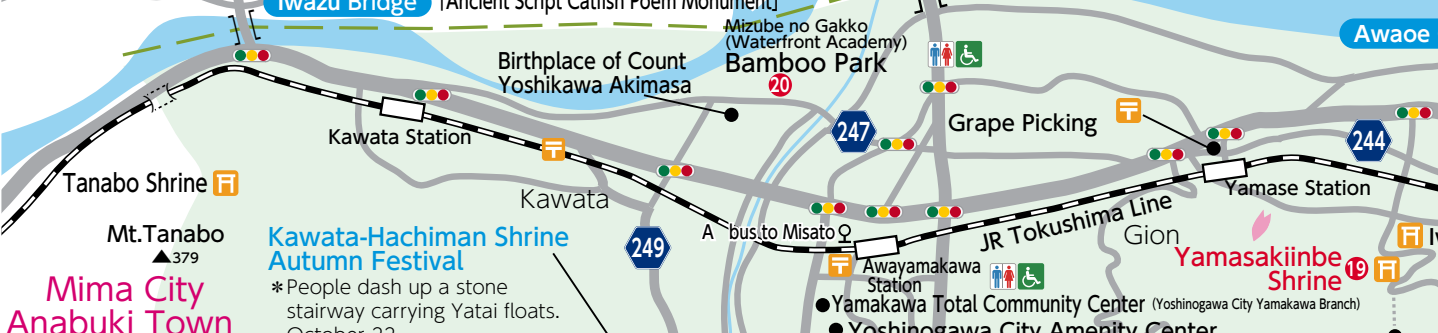
24 Misato Bussankan
Misato Bussankan offers jam, wine and other processed products made from local specialties such as Ume, Yuzu, Suda chi and Japanese edible plants. Misato soba noodle made from local buckwheat flour is also available at the adjoining restaurant.
●Hours: 10:00am to 5:30pm
●Closed: Year-end/New Year holiday
●Address: 463-3 Touge Misato Yoshinogawa-shi
●Inquiries: TEL 0883-26-7888 FAX 0883-26-7890
●Website: <http://www.misatoya.or.jp>



16 Mt. Kotsu
Mt. Kotsu, elevation 1,133m, aka Awa Fuji due to its elegant appearance, is not only rich in nature, but also offers magnificent views. At the summit, there is Kotsuji Temple, making it a cherished mountain for both faith and tourism.



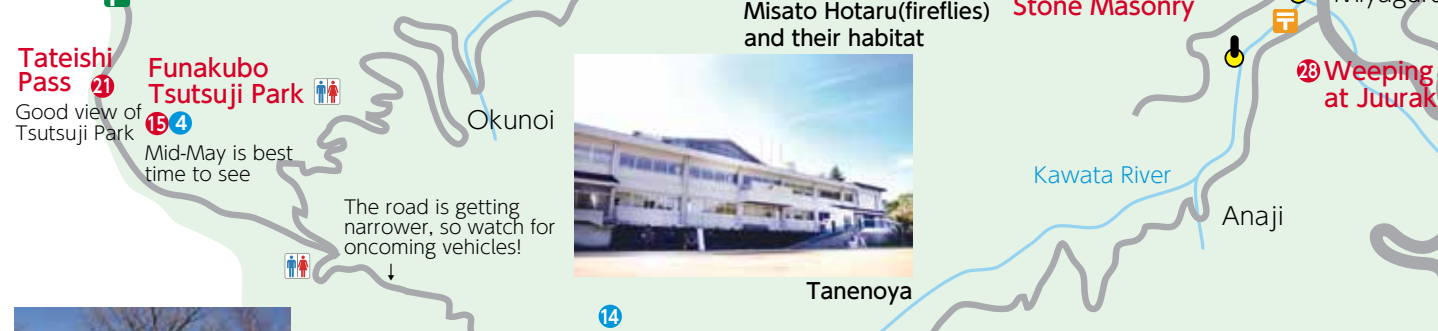
31 Iwanohana Observatory
A landscape where the grandeur of the Yoshino River seems to jump out at you. You can also view Zennyuji Island, the largest river island in Japan, and Kawashima Submersible Bridge. Recommended for enjoying a panoramic view of the Yoshino River and perfect for social media.



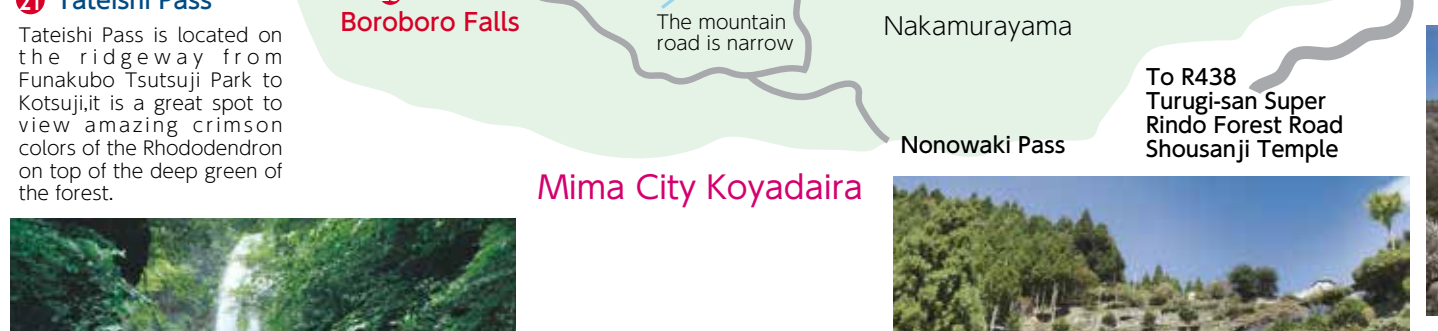
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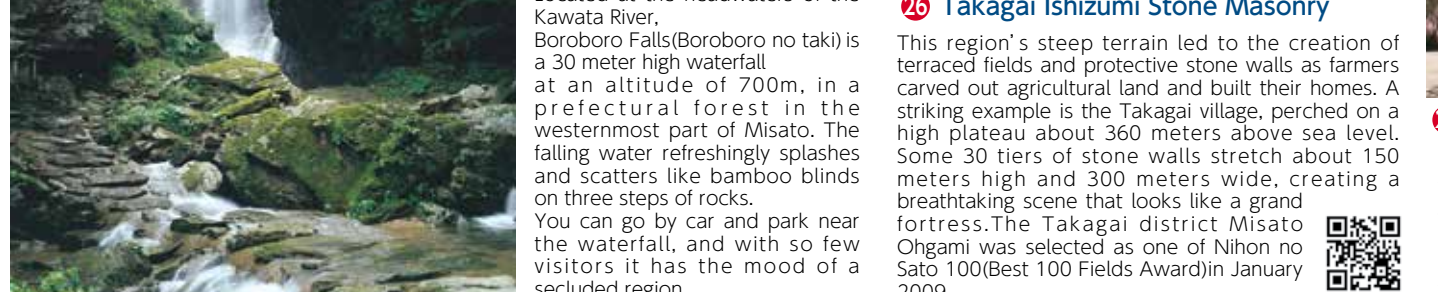
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25 Boroboro Falls
Located at the headwaters of the Kawata River, Boroboro Falls (Boroboro no taki) is a 30 meter high waterfall at an altitude of 700m, in a prefectural forest. In the westernmost part of Misato. The falling water refreshingly splashes and scatters like bamboo blinds on three steps of rocks.



26 Takagai Ishizumi Stone Masonry
This region's steep terrain led to the creation of terraced fields and protective stone walls as farmers carved out agricultural land and built their homes. A striking example is the Takagai village, perched on a high plateau about 360 meters above sea level. Some 30 tiers of stone walls stretch about 150 meters high and 300 meters wide, creating a breathtaking scene that looks like a grand fortress. The Takagai district Misato Ohgami was selected as one of Nihon no Sato 100 (Best 100 Fields Award) in January 2009.

	Type	Name	Location	Manager and Owner	Announced	
Nationally Designated Cultural Properties	Important Cultural Properties	Sculptures	Wooden Shakayami Buddha Image	1525 Inou Kamojima-cho	Fujidera Temple	August 9 in 1911
		Paintings	Color on silk painting of Nirvana	Yumayama Yamakawa-cho	Kotuji temple	August 29 in 1910
	National treasure	Plants	Funakubo Rhododendron Communities	12 387-1 Okunoi Yamakawa-cho	Yoshinogawa city	October 26 in 1985
		Creatures	Misato fireflies and their habitat	Entire Misato district	Yoshinogawa City Board of Education	August 29 in 1970

日本遺産 Japan Heritage in Yoshinogawa city
Shikoku Henro registered on April 24, 2015
The Birthplace of "Japan Blue" Awa registered on May 20, 2019



27 Plums of Misato
Ume blossoms are breathtaking in early spring, when you can smell the aroma everywhere. Misato was certified as "A special district of Ume-shu (plum wine)" in July 2008.



28 The Weeping Cherry Trees at Juurakuji Temple
It was destroyed by the fires of war by Tosa Province daimyo Chosokabe Motochika in 1579. In Kansei era (1624), founding priest Jovon Shinon founded 10 temples and established Juurakuji. The principal idol is Sho Kanzeon Bosatsu (Goddess of Mercy Bodhisattva), created about 800 years ago in late Heian period. Also on the temple grounds is a hall for the Seven Deities of Good Luck. It is an excellent place to enjoy viewing weeping cherry blossoms in spring.



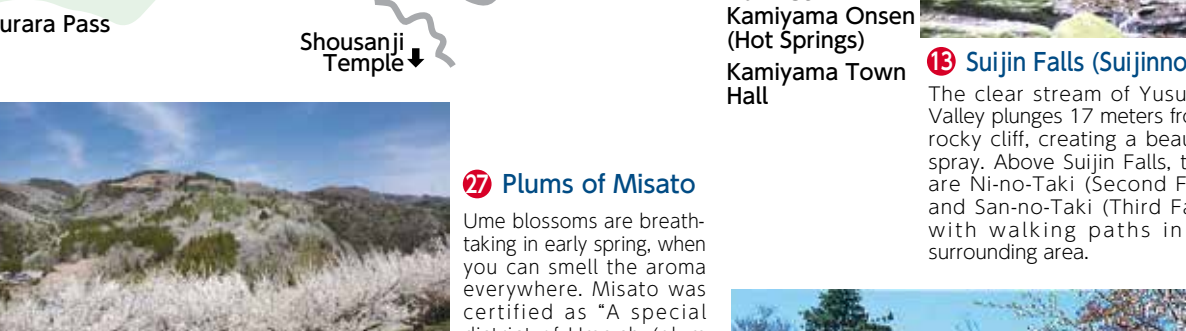
14 Uezakura Castle Ruins
Located on the southern slope of Kojuzan, partway up the Shikoku Mountains, are the ruins of Uezakura Castle. This castle was built by the late Sengoku period warlord Shinohara Shin. It was later attacked and fell to the forces of the Miyoshi clan. The tragic story remains of Shin, his sons, and all the castle soldiers who perished in the siege.



11 Kawashima Shrine Cherry Blossoms
As a unique and rare Shinto ritual, Nanajugo-zen no Shinji (75 Offerings Shinto Ritual) is held during the autumn festival on the fourth Sunday of October. Offerings of various sea, mountain, field, and river delicacies are presented before the deity, and a festival of gratitude for agricultural abundance is conducted.



9 Yokota Uezakura Sports Ground
Equipped with artificial turf and night lighting, the grounds have one general soccer field, two junior soccer fields, one futsal field, and one softball field.



10 Oubi Pass (Horiwari Pass)
Cherry trees are planted along Prefectural Route 43, which connects Kawashima Town to Misato, and this route is affectionately known as the "Cherry Road Line". From the observatory along the way, you can see the Yoshino River and Zennyuji Island, Japan's largest river island.



29 Kawashima's Beach Jizo
Recognized as part of the Japan Heritage "Awa, the Home of Indigo," this Jizo statue stands on Kawashima's beach (river port). With a pedestal height of 2.67 meters, it ranks third among high-pedestal Jizo statues in the Yoshino River basin. The names of prominent indigo merchants from Kawashima are inscribed on the pedestal, and it is believed to have been erected to ensure the safety of boats transporting indigo bails.



3 Egawa Spring Source
(One of Japan's Famous Springs by the Ministry of the Environment)
This spring is selected as one of Japan's Top 100 Famous Waters and is a prefectural natural monument. The water has an unusual temperature, remaining cool at around 10 degrees in summer and warm at over 20 degrees in winter.



15 Obstacle Sports Yoshinogawa Course
Obstacle Sports challenges participants to race against the clock while overcoming a variety of obstacles. Running, jumping, climbing, and crawling, this full-body sport pushes participants to their limits and can be enjoyed by people of all ages, from children to adults. The sport is attracting international attention after being added as an Olympic event for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.



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Numbers 1 to 18 are lodging facilities in Yoshinogawa City.



8 Kawashima Castle
After the fall of Uezakura Castle in 1572 (Genki 3), Kawashima Heiei no Shin, a retainer of the Miyoshi family, built a castle in this area, naming it Kawashima Castle. The current Kawashima Castle was built in 1981 (Showa 56). (The interior is not open to the public.)



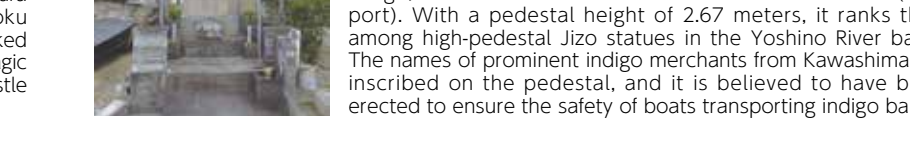
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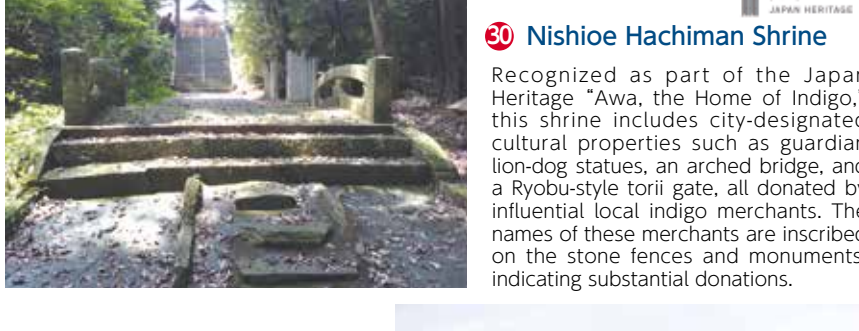
KAMOJIMA



1 Nihon Funen Civic Plaza
The Civic Plaza is a complex facility consisting of the arena for sports facilities and the Civic Center for cultural, welfare, and industrial facilities. The Civic Center includes a co-working share office, Kamojima Library, Childcare Support Center, and Pocket Park. The Arena comprises a main arena and a sub-arena, suitable for hosting various sports competitions.



2 Egawa Kamojima Park (Sakura Festival)
In spring, the entire park is adorned with cherry blossoms, attracting many visitors for flower viewing. In summer, the icy cold water of the famous Egawa spring provides a refreshing escape from the heat.



4 Himawari Farmer's Market (Kamojima store 1) (Kawashima store 2)
This farmer's market features direct deliveries from local producers. Freshly harvested vegetables and fruits, along with handmade processed products, are available for purchase.



5 Fujidera Temple
Famous for wisteria blooming in five colors, said to be have planted by kobo-Daishi(Kukai) There is the wooden statue of the seated Medicine King(Mokuzo Yakushinyorai), which was designated as an important national cultural asset in 1991. There is a miniature version of the 88 temple pilgrimage at the foot of the mountain south of the main temple that is perfect for a stroll. From here the pilgrimage route to the 12th Buddhist temple Shousanji is carefully preserved as "the last remaining path of Kukai."



6 Kounoyama Park
Ryugan Shrine and Mitake Shrine are located on the top where you can get a panoramic view of Yoshino River and the cityscape. Also there is a kids' park and tennis court on the bottom of the mountain. In spring weeping cherry blossoms bloom and the park is used as a place to relax and enjoy.



7 Dan no Okutsu (Giant camphor tree of Dan)
The tree is about 900 years old and it has been designated as a natural monuments by Tokushima prefecture since 1965.



29 Kawashima's Beach Jizo
Recognized as part of the Japan Heritage "Awa, the Home of Indigo," this Jizo statue stands on Kawashima's beach (river port). With a pedestal height of 2.67 meters, it ranks third among high-pedestal Jizo statues in the Yoshino River basin. The names of prominent indigo merchants from Kawashima are inscribed on the pedestal, and it is believed to have been erected to ensure the safety of boats transporting indigo bails.