

Amakusa - Eastern Area

Himedo, Ryugatake, Kuratake, Sumoto, Goshoura

A region of ancient legends and traditional lifestyles

Eastern Amakusa has many spots of curiosity and wonder – dinosaurs, kappa, mysterious giant rocks, the largest Ebisu statue in Japan, and beautiful star-filled skies.



Model Course Visiting Spots of Wonder

1 Kappa Trail (App. 10min./5km) → **2 Giant Ebisu God Statue of Kuratake** (App. 10min./5km) → **3 Stonewalls of Tanasoko** (App. 10min./5km) → **4 Myui Astronomical Observatory** (App. 30min./12km) → **5 Yadake Giants Rocks** (App. 30min./15km)

Kappa Phone Strap
Take home your very own kappa crafted by local islanders!
Kappa Roman Kan
Tel: 0969-54-5526

Kappa Trail
Origin of the legendary 'Aburasumashi' phantom

Giant Ebisu Statue of Kuratake
Ebisu Tea House

Tanasoko's Stonewall

Myui Astronomical Observatory
Facilities for starry sky observation

Ebisu Tea House
Especially recommended: Tea and noodles and dressing made from vitamin-rich shimon potatoes and rice toppings.
1284-8 Miyata, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-64-2405
Open: 9:00 ~ 17:00 (Apr. ~ Sept.)
9:00 ~ 16:30 (Oct. ~ Mar.)
● Open year round

Fossil-collecting activities

Goshoura Cretaceous Period Reference Hall


Let us guide you!
Goshoura Geo-Tourism Guides
Take a friendly guided tour of the fossils and displays of the Cretaceous Period Museum. Take part in fossil collecting.
Tel: 0969-67-1080 (Goshoura Tourism Association)
Tel: 0969-67-2325 (Goshoura Cretaceous Period Museum)
Fee: Elementary school student or older: ¥300/person (Excluding museum admission fee and hammer rental)
● Reservations required a day in advance (up to a group of 10)

Scenic sunrise view of Ryugatake Peak brings out a beautiful range of colors and hues.

Ryugatake Peak (470m) has been designated a national cultural property for its scenic beauty. This observation spot commands a panoramic view of numerous islands large and small in the Yatsushiro Sea as well as views of Yatsushiro and of Fugendake Peak across the sea in Unzen. The poet Noguchi Ujo wrote of the beautiful scene, "A single glance from Ryugatake Peak will catch Mt. Aso, Unzen, and far Kirishima".



Swimming Beaches




A white sand beach watched over by the god Ebisu
● **Ebisu Beach** [D-6]
Miyata, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-64-3111

Other Beaches

- Kojima Beach: Himeura, Himedo-machi, Kami-Amakusa [D-7]
- Suwa Beach: Futamado, Himedo-machi, Kami-Amakusa [D-7]
- Takado Beach: Takado, Ryugatake-machi, Kami-Amakusa [D-7]

Camp Site




● **Kuratake Mountaintop Bungalow** [D-6]
3409-1 Tanasoko, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-64-3111

Other Camp Sites

- Shiratake Forest Park Camping: 5395-2 Himeura, Himedo-machi, Kami-Amakusa [C-7]
- Suwa Park Camp Site: Nikendo Chinai, Himedo-machi, Kami-Amakusa [D-7]
- Kojima Park/Camp Site: Himeura, Himedo-machi, Kami-Amakusa [D-7]
- Ryugatake Mountaintop Camp Site: 3360-9 Odo, Ryugatake-machi, Kami-Amakusa [D-6]
- Kuroshima Camp Site: Kuroshima, Goshoura, Goshoura-machi, Amakusa City [E-5]

Hot Spring



● **Sumoto Hot Spring Center Kappa Roman Kan** [D-5]
3725-1 Baba, Sumoto-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-54-5526

Activities



Goshoura's traditional Drive-Net fishing
● **Tontoko Fishing**
"Tontoko" is the sound of banging on the side of a boat to drive fish into a net.
Goshoura-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-67-1080



Try your hand at the sweep of a boat in a calm cove.
● **Tenma-sen Boat**
Used to ferry cargo to an offshore ship.
Goshoura, Goshoura-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-67-1080



● **Tourist Home**
A great chance to meet local people and experience real island home living.
28 homes in Goshoura-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-67-1080


One of the major sea bream fishing grounds of Japan

● **Kuratake-machi Fishing Boat Reservation**
2396-1 Miyata, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City Tel: 0969-64-2008


Other Fishing Boat Reservations

- Omiyada Fishing Club: 2437 Miyata, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City Tel: 0969-64-2028
- Tanasoko Fishing Club: 1961 Tanasoko, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City Tel: 0969-64-3577


Scenic Points




● **Kappa Trail** [D-5]
Twenty-seven kappa statues along Rt. 34 reflect the many local legends about these water sprites.
Sumoto-machi, Amakusa City



● **Kuratake Giant Ebisu Statue** [D-5]
This statue of the god Ebisu stands 10m high and is the largest marble statue in Japan.
Miyata, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City



● **Tanasoko Stonewall** [D-6]
This stonewall was designed as a protection from the northern wind for the houses of Tanasoko.
Tanasoko, Kuratake-machi, Amakusa City



● **Myui Astronomical Observatory** [D-6]
Through the powerful telescope of this working observatory, visitors can view not only planets, but nebulae and star clusters as well.
3360-47 Odo, Ryugatake-machi, Kami-Amakusa
Tel: 0969-63-0466