


Amakusa - Central Area

Hondo, Itsuwa, Shinwa

The Administrative, Commercial, and Transportation Center of Amakusa

This area has been a junction between Kamishima and Shimoshima Islands since time out of mind. Many sites of European cultural influence can still be found in this rich natural environment, famous home of wild dolphins. A charm-filled destination for visitors!






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Yumeru Salt farm • Itsuwa History and Folklore Museum

Dolphin watching ①


Let us guide you!

Goryo Town guides: Goryo Town Development Promotion Office



Take a walk along ancient paths lined with rustic stone walls. Let us guide you through the beautiful living scenery of this historic town.

2943 Goryo, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-32-1111
Fee: ¥500/ person (up to a group of 15)
Reservations required 5 days in advance



Model Course Discovering the Nature and History of Amakusa

- ① Dolphin Watching**
(App. 15 min./10km)
- ② A walk around Goryo Town**
(App. 15min./10km)
- ③ Gion Bridge**
(App. 3min./3km)
- ④ Amakusa Christian Hall**
(App. 10min./5km)
- ⑤ Pottery Kiln Visits**

Goryo Town Walks

Many pottery Kilns are located in the Hondo area

Remodeled in July 2010
Amakusa Christian relics are on display

Amakusa Christian Hall ④

Gion Bridge ③

Pottery Kiln Visits ⑤

Amakusa Toretate Market

A full-lineup of fresh farm produce is sold here. You can mill the rice you bought in the market. Amakusa Black wagyu and Amakusa Pork are also very popular.

2-1 Sedo-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-32-6888
open: 9:00~18:00 closed: Jan. 1 & 2

Loop Bus: Gurutto

Tour buses visiting major tourist sites are now available!

Three courses with a volunteer guide.

- "Amakusa Christian Tales": Oe Catholic Church and Sakitsu Catholic Church (app. 4 hrs)
- "Treasure Island: Sea Breezes, Dolphins, and the Sun" (app. 5 hrs)

Availability: Everyday
Fees: ¥500 (Excluding lunch and admission charges at each site)
Reservations: Kyushu Sanko Tourism Company
Amakusa Tourism Center - 0969-24-3151
Hondo Bus Center - 0969-22-5234


The City Flower: Hibiscus hamabo (Rose of Sharon)

Komiyaji in Shinwa-machi is known for its great clusters of Rose of Sharon - the largest in Japan. Flowers bloom from July through August.

Komiyaji, Shinwa-machi, Amakusa City
Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association
Tel: 0969-22-2243

Let us guide you!

Amakusa Treasure Island Guides Association (Amakusa: all areas)



Let experts introduce you to the local history, legends, lives, and customs of the islands.

15-7 Chuoshin-machi, Amakusa City (Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association)
Tel: 0969-22-2243
Fee: ¥1000/hour (Max 5 hours/day)
Reservations required a week in advance

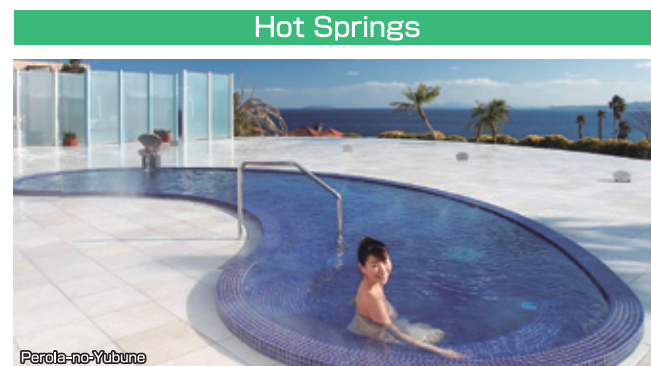
Rent-a-Cycle

Cycling is an excellent way to see the ins and outs of Hondo. Rent and return a bicycle at six lodging facilities within the town.

Amakusa Hondo Tourist Inns and Hotels Association
Tel: 0969-23-5368
Fee: ¥800/day (¥400 up to 5 hours)
Deposit: ¥2000 (Refunded upon bicycle return)

Enjoy a 360° view from the Mt. Ryudo observation point

Mt. Ryudo Peak in southern Shinwa-machi, is a designated area of Unzen Amakusa National Park. Commanding a fabulous view, the mountaintop also offers Midorino Mura Camp Site with walking trail, tennis courts, and playground facilities set in the sweet air of Mother Nature.



Outdoor hot spring bath with an ocean view

- **Perola-no-Yubune** [C-4]
996 Hirose, Hondo-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-23-2626
- **General Exchange Terminal Yumeru** [B-3]
547 Futae, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-26-4011

- Other Hot Springs**
- Hondo Onsen Center [D-4] 1-1 Sedo-machi, Amakusa City, Tel: 0969-24-2181
 - Amakusa Yuraku'en [E-3] 81-8 Ikariishi, Shinwa-machi, Amakusa City, Tel: 0969-46-3926
 - Day-trip with a private family hot spring Kinno-iriyu [E-3] 1734-2 Miyajitake-machi, Amakusa City, Tel: 0969-28-0510

- Parks**
- **Nishinokubo Park** [C-4]
Hondo-baba, Hondo-machi, Amakusa City
Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association
Tel: 0969-22-2243
 - **Onnojo Park** [C-4]
Goryo, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City
Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association
Tel: 0969-22-2243

- Other Parks**
- Junkyo (Martyrdom) Park [C-4] Funeno'o-machi, Amakusa City
Amakusa Treasure Island Tourism Association Tel: 0969-22-2243

- Activities**
- **Yumeru Tsujishima Taiken Club**
Experience first-hand the life of a Tsuji islander: Boat-fishing with local fishermen, dolphin watching, and sales of local produce
547 Futae, Itsuwa-machi, Amakusa City, Tel: 0969-26-4011
 - **Salt Production**
Watch how mineral-rich natural sea salt is produced from the blessings of sun and sea.
Shizen Shokuhin Kenkyukai: 0969-33-0610
Salt Farm: 096-355-4140
Admission: free
 - **Net-trap Fishing**
Set up a 4-meter high net at high tide and harvest your catch at low tide.
Miyajura Bay, Shinwa-machi, Amakusa City: 0969-46-2111
 - **Summer Break Octopus Fishing Experience**
One of the fun summer events in Hondo is dining on fresh octopus that you caught yourself.
3541 Imagama Shin-machi, Amakusa City
Tel: 0969-23-5368 (Amakusa Hondo Tourist Inns and Hotels Association)