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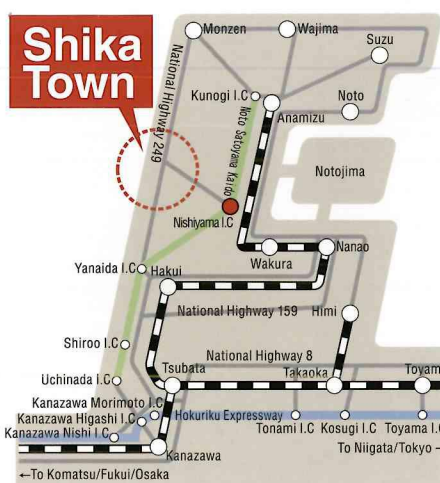
- [To Komatsu Airport]**
● From Tokyo: Approx. 60 min
- [To Noto Airport]**
● From Tokyo: Approx. 60 min

By Train

- [To Kanazawa Station]**
● From Tokyo: Approx. 3 hr 48 min
● From Osaka: Approx. 2 hr 29 min
● From Nagoya: Approx. 2 hr 23 min

By Car

- [To Shika-machi]**
● From Tokyo: Approx. 6 hr 30 min
● From Osaka: Approx. 4 hr 30 min
● From Nagoya: Approx. 3 hr 40 min
● From Kanazawa Station: Approx. 50 min
● From Komatsu Airport: Approx. 1 hr 15 min
● From Noto Airport: Approx. 40 min



Shika Town

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Shika
Sightseeing
Guide

Destination: Shika

Explore Shika, a town that symbolizes Noto's charm

Let's Enjoy the Sea!
Let's Go Out and Have Fun!
It's Festival Time!
Let's Explore the History!

/ Don't forget your souvenirs!





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Enjoy the soothing winds of Japanese Sea with a subtle feeling of romance in the air!

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One of the 3 Japanese beaches famous for small sea shells, carried ashore by winds



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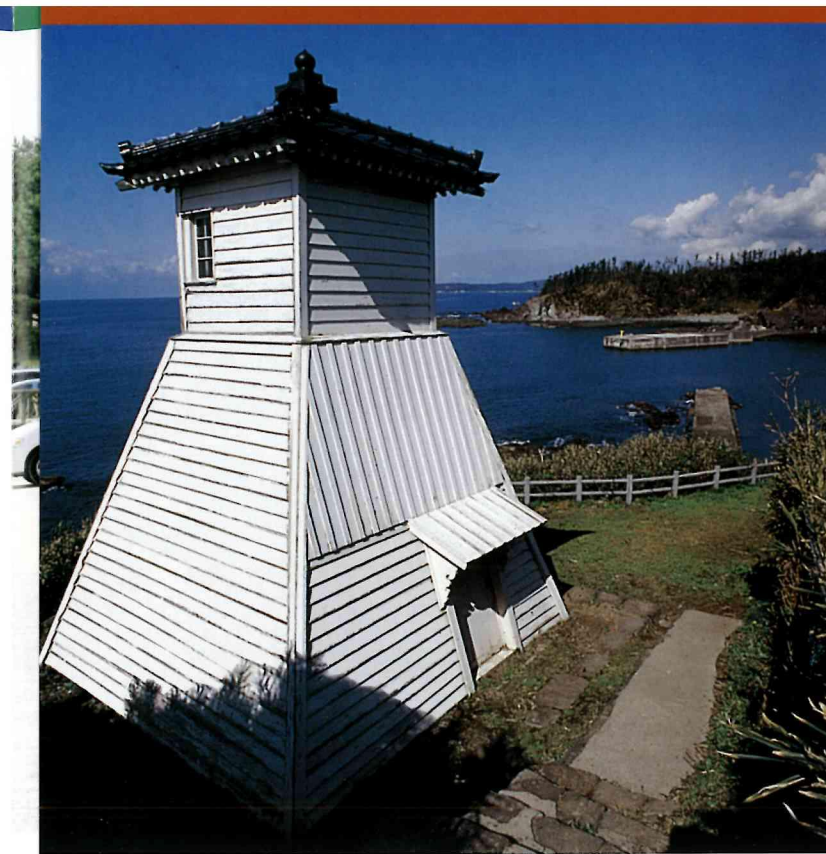
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A Tale of Hatago-iwa: A Parting-gift from the Gods

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Let's Explore the History!

Appreciate Shika-machi's traditional culture, that has been handed down through generations and preserved to this day!

Old Fukura Lighthouse

The oldest wooden lighthouse in Japan

Standing on a sheer precipice, this is the oldest wooden lighthouse in Japan. It is said that the origins of this lighthouse can be traced back to 1608 (13th year of Keicho Era) when Hino Sukenobu lit a bonfire at the top of the Hiyoriyama cliff as a safety precaution for his boats. The lighthouse was looked after by the generations of Hino Family before it was handed over to the old Fukura village for management in 1910 (10th year of Meiji Era). Don't miss the magnificent view from Hiyoriyama!



Choryuji Temple Garden

A beautiful garden in the midst of hills

Choryuji Temple is located in Taniya district which is in the north-east of Shika-machi. The temple is said to have been constructed in 1449 (1st year of Hotoku Era) and has a number of precious statues such as Amida Nyorai (Amitabha Buddha) and Shokannon statues that date back to late Muromachi Period (1333-1573); there is also a sitting statue of Hokyobo Junsei from early Edo Period (1603-1868). Hokyobo was the leading disciple of Renryo, and lived in a local temple of Soto sect after the Ikko-Ikki uprisings and this temple is said to be the origin of Choryuji. Choryuji's garden is its main attraction. The garden is called Rokkoku-en and it was created in mid-Edo period by Komazo, a Gardner from Noto; the mountain base has been used skillfully as an artificial hill and the garden is done in a traditional 'hills, ridge and pond' style. The garden is thought to be an example of Crane & Tortoise (symbols of long life) Garden style which developed during the Edo Period; the Garden was designated as a 'cultural asset of the town' in 1979.



Taira Family Garden

A beautiful garden that is a symbol of the local culture

Taira Family was a village headman's family that controlled 13 villages which were the territory of the Tokugawa Shogunate. The family is said to be the descendants of Taira Shikibu Daiyu who was a retainer of Hatakeyama Family-the guardians of Noto and the total area of Taira residence is 6,000 tsubo (1 tsubo= 3.3 m2). The Taira garden is a Designated Cultural Asset of Ishikawa Prefecture and is said to have been created in mid-Edo Period. This famous garden is laid out in the Muromachi and Edo period styles and visitors can enjoy an old time nostalgia as they appreciate the peaceful surroundings around the Taira residence and seasonal beauty of the place.



Oshima Shogando Memorial Monument

A witness to the glory of a distant past

This somewhat lonely looking Jizo (Bodhisattva) stone monument with a hexagonal shape stands on a small hill overlooking the waves of Sea of Japan. It is said that in the Muromachi Era, a ship carrying the son of a ship owner called Budayu became a wreck near the shores of Oshima and all the crew including the son died in the shipwreck. Budayu decided to erect a monument at Oshima, for the repose of his dead son and the stones for this monument were carried all the way from Budayu's hometown of Bizen.



Tekkyu Tsubono and Aki Yamada Poem Monument

A monument of the poet who loved his town

This poem monument is dedicated to the local poet Tekkyu Tsubono (born in Takahama) who continued to write poems describing his feelings towards his hometown of Shika-machi and his wife Aki Yamada who supported him.



Sakujiro Kano Literary Monument

A great writer who grew up in Togi

There is a saying: "Read Sakujiro's works if you want to understand Togi". Sakujiro was an author from mid-Taisho era, who grew up in Noto area which is said to have a 'soft soil and kind people'. Sakujiro is known for such works as 'Yo no naka o' and so on. Most of his works talk about his hometown. The literary monument which stands in Sakujiro's birthplace bears an inscription saying: "There is a time in everyone's life at least once when the person feels that he is happy man".



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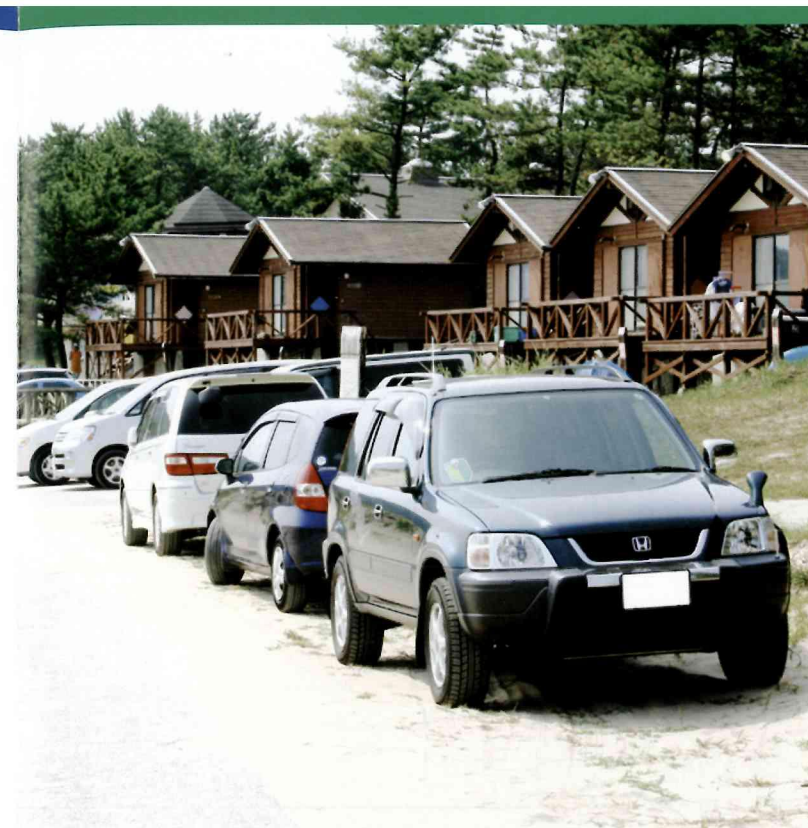
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Michi no Eki (Roadside Service Area) Togi Umi-kaido

Get ALL the information you need about your trip at this service area!

The area around Togi Umi-kaido's roadside service area offers a number of tourist attractions such as "World's Longest Bench", "Masuhogaura Beach" where you can pick the sakura-gai pink sea shells as well as a variety of tourist facilities located near Masuhogaura. This roadside service station is also an ideal place to shop for souvenirs, local specialties or have a light meal. TEL/0767-42-0975



Michi no Eki (Roadside Service Area) Korogaki no Sato Shika

A place to meet and mingle

This roadside service area of "Koro-kaki no Sato Shika" is located at the center of Noto Peninsula and is also southern entry point to Noto Peninsula for not only tourists but also local residents and is popular as a center of wider regional exchanges. The premises of this michi no eki has a number of facilities and shops such as "Aqua Park Shi-On" spa, "Shunsai-kan" which is an agricultural products outlet selling local specialties, fresh agricultural products, etc. Moreover, there is a "Regional Cultural Hall" which offers tourism related information through panel display and also introduces traditional culture or seasonal attractions in an art gallery style display. Shi-On TEL/0767-32-8555 Michi no Eki Shunsai-kan TEL/0767-32-4831



Sunset Hill in Masuhogaura

Refresh your mind as you listen to the melodies of waves!

This is a sea resort area that has some breathtaking scenery and also has the longest bench in the world (460.9 m). Highly recommended to those who want to enjoy some romantic mood.



Enjoy a magnificent view of the Japanese Sea

A ride on this sightseeing boat gives you a chance to enjoy a uniquely mystical Japanese Sea. You can also appreciate the majestic looking rock formations such as Ganmon from a close distance, while enjoying the dynamic winds. As the setting sun paints the skies, it creates a great romantic atmosphere.

■ Boat service available from: April - 14th November
■ Noto Kongo Sightseeing Boat (Ltd.) TEL/0767-48-1233

Let's Go Out and Have Fun!

Fun at the seaside and mountains! Have fun at a variety of recreational facilities as you enjoy the surrounding nature!

Noto Resort Area Masuhogaura

Enjoy driving and camping in a landscape surrounded by vast nature which is sure to bring back your childhood years!

Selected as one of the "55 Best Bathing Spots of Japan", this beautiful resort area can make you forget about your day to day life and is a highly recommended spot for casual outdoor fun. The mobile homes of the condominium have an American feel from outside as well as inside. These mobile homes are equipped with a semi-double bed and a double-deck bed and are ideal for persons coming with their families. You can also use it as a vacation cottage as an extended stay is also possible. The cabin houses are a bungalow style facility suited to the sea bathing, yacht or surfing enthusiasts. The cabin houses are well-equipped with all the facilities used in day-to-day life and are ideal for persons looking for some casual outdoor fun. TEL/0767-42-2125



Oshima Campground and Beach

Camping tents surrounded by a pine forest

Surrounded by the scenic beauty of white sand and green pines, Oshima Campground is located in Noto Peninsula National Park and is a perfect spot to enjoy Noto's nature to its fullest. Car Parking Capacity: 500 vehicles The camp is equipped with not only showers and flush toilets but also has other facilities such as a well-furnished kitchen, rental tents, shops, etc. Experience unlimited fun as you bathe in the daytime and have a pleasant evening chat under the lights. TEL/0767-32-4292

Don't forget your souvenir!

Find a souvenir with a local flavour and a simple but gentle taste.



Korogaki (Dried Persimmon)

A local specialty which uses saisho persimmons; the saisho are best suited because the core of this type of persimmons is small and the flesh is very soft. With the beginning of autumn, one can see the red fruits of kaki (persimmons) hanging in the sun for drying in the scattered communities of Bijozan's mountain village, which is a typical seasonal scene in the area. Koro-gaki is also popular as a New Year's gift item and in recent years it is shipped to various parts of Japan, especially Kansai area.