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San'in Kaigan  
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Abundant seafood from the Sea of Japan,  
and beautiful coastal landscapes thanks to diverse geological features

# East Kasumi Kaigan Coast Course



Shin'onsen Town San'in Kaigan Geopark Center  
San'in Kaigan Geopark Museum of the Earth and Sea  
Nagisa Community Center  
Tottori Sand Dunes Geopark Center  
Aoya Museum  
Nagaobana Cape  
Lake Koyama  
Mt. Jubosan  
Tottori  
Iwami  
Mt. Shichiyama  
Hamasaka  
Kasumi  
Genbudo ParkGuide Center  
Tajima Airport  
Toyooka  
Ebara  
Yoka  
Kawahara  
Shin'onsen Town San'in Kaigan Geopark Center  
Kami Town Geopark & Marine Cultural Center  
Lake Hanano  
Kumihama Bay  
Amino  
Kinosaki Onsen  
Kumihama  
Kyotango-Omiya  
Miyazu  
Amanohashidate  
Tenki Tenki Tango Roadside Station  
Kyogamisaki Cape  
Kyoto Prefecture  
Tottori Prefecture  
Hyogo Prefecture

San'in Kaigan Geopark Walk model course  
(San'in Kaigan National Park)  
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To preserve these beautiful natural assets, please leave stones and plants as they are.  
Keep out of dangerous places and do not go off-limits.  
What you can bring home with you are happy memories, photos and local souvenirs!!

As a fishing village on the coast of the Sea of Japan, Kasumi has always been a highly developed area. Fruits of the Sea of Japan are landed at the fishing port every day. In this course, you can travel around a bustling fishing port, the townscape in which remnants of the olden times still remain, and magnificent scenery created by the Sea of Japan.



Unloading of crabs

Various fish and shellfish landed at the Kasumi Fishing Port such as Matsuba crab (snow crab), Kasumi crab (red snow crab), etc. will be shipped to the whole country. You can also enjoy them at the inns and restaurants near the fishing port. Please enjoy these exquisite dishes made of A grade gourmet fish and shellfish that are just landed! This is the only place where you can have them.



Imagoura and Frog Island

## There's also a Short Course!

San'in Kaigan National Park

### Basic Course

Start Estimated walking time

- JR Kasumi Station  
5min ↓ About 500m
- ①Shiokaze Park  
15min ↓ About 1km
- ②Kasumi West Port  
10min ↓ About 1km
- ③Okami Park  
20min ↓ About 1km
- ④Kami Town Geopark & Marine Cultural Center  
20min ↓ About 1km
- ⑤View from Matsu Nawate  
20min ↓ About 1km
- ⑥Imagoura and Frog Island  
20min ↓ About 500m
- ⑦Obikinohana Cape  
40min ↓ About 3km
- ⑧Futatsu-ishi (lit. two stones) and the site of Funaya Houses (storehouse for boats)  
15min ↓ About 300m
- ⑨Kasumidani River  
45min ↓ About 2km

Total traveling time: 3h 30min  
Total distance: About 11.4 km

### Eastern Course

from Geopark & Marine Cultural Center

- ④Geopark & Marine Cultural Center  
20min ↓ About 2km
- ⑤View from Matsu Nawate  
10min ↓ About 1km
- ⑥Imagoura and Frog Island  
5min ↓ About 500m
- ⑦Obikinohana Cape  
40min ↓ About 4km
- ④Geopark & Marine Cultural Center

Total traveling time: 1h 15min  
Total distance: About 7.5 km

### Western Course

from Geopark & Marine Cultural Center

- ④Geopark & Marine Cultural Center  
15min ↓ About 1.5km
- ③Okami Park  
10min ↓ About 1km
- ②Kasumi West Port  
20min ↓ About 2km
- ⑨Kasumidani River  
40min ↓ About 4km
- ⑧Futatsu-ishi (lit. two stones) and the site of Funaya Houses (storehouse for boats)  
10min ↓ About 1km
- ④Geopark & Marine Cultural Center

Total traveling time: 1h 35min  
Total distance: About 9.5 km



Search for the "Small Yoroi no Sode" in Okami Park!

Beautiful rhyolite (volcanic rock) columnar joints

Kasumi Kaigan Coast (National Site of Scenic Beauty)

This is the current mouth of the Yada River, but at one time the river didn't flow into the sea from this point. Where did the mouth of the river used to be? (See back for answer)

## Quiz1

Obikinohana Cape Observation Deck  
Shiroishi Island  
Kuroshima Island  
Imagoura  
San'in Kaigan National Park

⑦Obikinohana Cape  
Best spot for lunch!

⑥Imagoura and Frog Island

⑤View from Matsu Nawate  
View to the north → Imagoura, Shiroishi Island, Kuroshima Island  
View to the west → Okami Park, Kasumi West Port  
View to the far west → Shimonohama, Yoroi no Sode, Isasamisaki Cape etc.

④Kami Town Geopark & Marine Cultural Center  
Challenge yourself to the Geopark & Marine Cultural Center Quiz!  
Ask your tour guide for details

③Okami Park  
Best spot for lunch!

②Kasumi West Port  
What are the boats with lots of lamps used to catch?

①Shiokaze Park

⑧Futatsu-ishi (lit. two stones) and the site of Funaya Houses (storehouse for boats)

⑨Kasumidani River

Fossilized elephant footprint (Matsu Nawate)

Kami Cho Kasumi Tourist Association  
Bicycle rental service

JR Kasumi Station

Legend

- Toilet
- Parking lot
- Restaurant
- Explanation signboard
- Route
- Watch your step
- Traffic hazards
- Fossilized animal footprints
- Basic Course
- Eastern Course from Marine Cultural Center
- Western Course from Marine Cultural Center
- Farmland & pasture
- Rice paddy

# Kasumi Kaigan Coast's many places of interest

## ① Shiokaze Park



This is a seaside park that is located almost at the center of the Kasumi Kaigan Coast, facing the Sea of Japan. There is an open space for children to play in, a multipurpose open space, the Kasumihama Bathing Beach, etc., and the park has become a recreation area for the locals. There is an old map here that depicts the old Kasumi. Let's imagine the scene at that time.

## ② Kasumi West Port



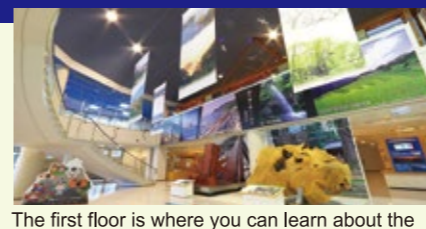
At the West Port of the Kasumi Fishing Port, a large variety of fish and shellfish are landed throughout the year. In particular, the Kasumi crab (red snow crab) attracts widespread popularity as the specialty of this area. In the morning, you can hear vibrant voices at the auction in the market and experience the feel of the port.

## ③ Okami Park



It is located in the eastern edge of the bay and is a land-tied island wherein sand was accumulated in the area between the original Itsuki-shima Island and land. The dike, a systematic columnar crack on the quay wall, can be seen here. At the top, pine and beech trees among others grow thickly, and cherry trees bloom in spring while lilies bloom daily in summer. This place was selected as one of Japan's 100 Most Beautiful Sunsets. The commanding view from the hill is wonderful!

## ④ Kami Town Geopark & Marine Cultural Center



The first floor is where you can learn about the San' in Kaigan Geopark. It introduces the culture, livelihood, and food grown in the geological formations and conditions of Kami Town. The second floor is where you can learn about "culture of the sea" in Kasumi. It introduces the history of the Kitamae-bune ships, scenes of crab and squid fishing, and fish living in the Sea of Japan using stuffed specimens, etc. Phone: 0796-36-4671

## ⑤ View from Matsu Nawate



You can command a view of Imagoura, Shiroishi-jima Island, and Kuro-shima Island on the north; Okami Park and Kasumi Port on the west; and Shimonohama and Yoroinosode on the far west. Fossils of the footsteps of elephants, etc. and the sandstone and mudstone accumulated in the depressions created in the continental margin at the time of the formation of the Sea of Japan remain below the cliff.

## ⑥ Imagoura and Frog Island



The coastal cliff standing on the east is called "Tajima Sekiheki" (Tajima Red Cliff), because the cliff becomes reddish due to the sunset; and on the west side, there is "Senjojiki," which is a shelf-like geological formation created by the erosion of waves. To the north of Senjojiki sits Frog Island. Imagoura, which is a natural inlet, is the perfect spot to have fun at the sea during all four seasons.

## ⑦ Obikinohana Cape



This is a sheer cape on the northern edge of Imagoura. It is a quay wall composed of volcanic rocks that erupted at the time of the formation of the Sea of Japan. The scenery of a stormy Sea of Japan can be enjoyed from here. You can command a view of the beautiful Kasumi Kaigan Coast and the broad Sea of Japan on the west; this is the best scenic spot in the area.

## ⑧ Futatsu-ishi (lit. two stones) and the site of Funaya Houses (storehouse for boats)



Futatsu-ishi Stone is the stone used to indicate the boundary of each village's fishing ground. In the surrounding area, there are Funaya houses in which fishing gear and fishing boats used to be stored. Currently, Funaya houses are not located next to the sea; however, you can imagine the coastal line at that time based on the position of the Funaya houses.

## ⑨ Kasumidani River



Yada-gawa River currently flows into the sea in the spot between Nanukaichi in the far west and Yada; however, there was a period when the river flowed around Kasumidani-gawa River. During a survey of the remains of the abandoned Choken-ji Temple located south of the Kasumi Daiichi Junior High School, traces of the old river were found.

## Geo-Column ②

### The Reason for the Creation of the Magnificent Scenery:

If you see Imagoura, you can understand that Senjojiki is flat, but Kaeru-jima Island, Kuro-shima Island, and Oobiki no Hana stick out from the ground surface. This is considered to have been caused by the difference in the nature of rocks. The white rocks of Senjojiki are the rocks created by solidified volcanic ash and can be easily cut by waves. On the other hand, the black rocks of Kaeru-jima Island, Kuro-shima Island, and Oobiki no Hana are volcanic rocks that are solidified lava and are characterized by hardness and resistance to erosion. Due to the difference in the rocks, the soft sections were eroded first, which resulted in the current geological formation.



Frog Island

## Quiz-Answer

- ① Yada River used to flow into the sea near Kasumi East Port, located further to the east.
- ② The boats are used for squid fishing. The squid are attracted to the strong glow from the lamps.
- ③ Small stones entered into the hollow of a rock, and carved a round hole into it from being rolled around by waves. This hole is called a pothole.

## Geo-Column ①

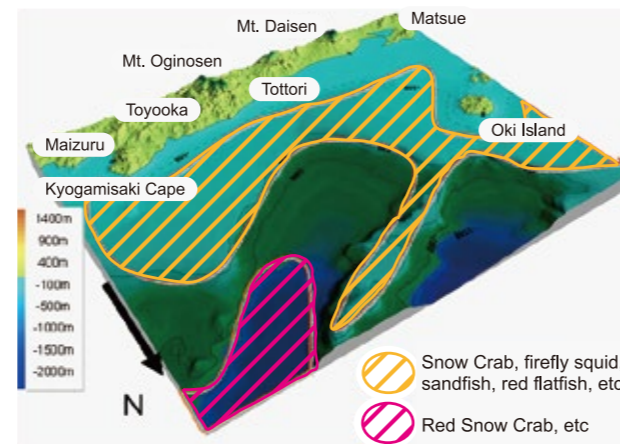
### Dynamics of the Earth! Formation of the Sea of Japan and Fruits of the Sea! A Winter Delicacy: "Snow Crab"

Various Delicious Fruits of the Sea of Japan!



Matsuba Crab and Kasumi Crab

(Top) Dried squids  
(Bottom) Blackthroat seaperch

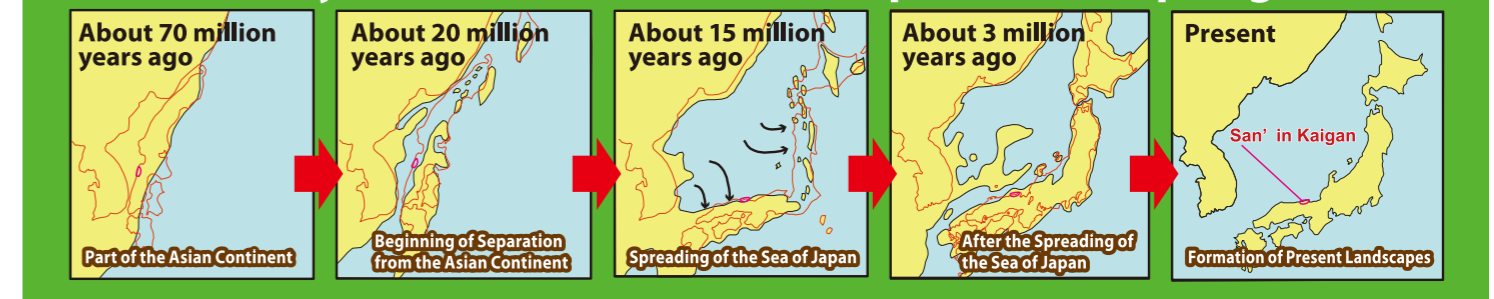


Submarine topography and fishing areas in the Sea of Japan

In the past, the Japanese archipelago was located at the edge of the continent. However, it broke up due to dynamic motions, and the Japanese archipelago was separated from the continent leading to the creation of the Sea of Japan. Seawater with high oxygen concentration isolated in this gigantic "depression" is known as "Japan Sea proper water." The central part of the current Sea of Japan is very deep and the depth of the sea in the strait connecting the marginal sea is shallow (about 50-140 m); therefore, the seawater exchange is limited to the surface layer. Due to this

geological formation, the Tsushima Current is created, which is when the warm current flows into the surface layer from the south, and the water temperature in the deep-water area is low. With this cold Japan Sea proper water and the warm current flowing on the surface layer, fish and shellfish that live in the cold sea such as crabs, etc. and those from the warmer sea such as yellowtail, etc. live in the different depths of the same sea in San' in Kaigan Geopark. Therefore, we can enjoy a wide variety of fish and shellfish at the same time.

### History of the formation of the Japanese archipelago



Please make all inquiries about seafood dishes (e.g. Snow Crab dishes, live squid sashimi etc) to:  
Kami Cho Kasumi Tourist Association Phone: 0796-36-1234

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