

<Introduction>

Minamiboso, located at the southern edge of Boso peninsula in Chiba prefecture, is surrounded by sea in the three directions; Tokyo bay in the west and the Pacific Ocean in the east and the south. The Kuroshio Current flows through the offshore makes this region warm in winter and cool in summer, so that this oceanic climate was the reason to be designated as Minamiboso National Park.

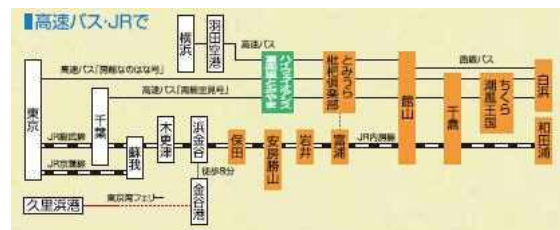
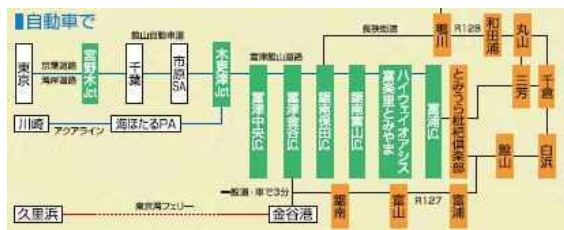
Opening by Tokyo Wan Aqua Line Expressway and Tateyama Line of Higashikanto Expressway enabled to go almost one hour drive from Tokyo area. Many visitors come here for appreciating a nature rich of geographical condition; beach in summer and flower picking at flower gardens in early spring.

There are fulfilled nature experience programs that from the children to the elders enjoy by experiencing rich nature, history, and cultural resources in Minamiboso.

Also, the city has the core sightseeing spots of eight roadside stations called “Michinoeki” with variety of regional characters. It is becoming one of the fascinating tourist attractions in Minamiboso.



Access



•From Narita International Airport

Car) Narita International Airport →[Shinkuko Expressway•Higashikanto Expressway•Keiyo Road•Tateyama Expressway•Futtsutateyama Road] →Futtsu Interchange

Train) Narita International Airport →[JR Narita Line]→Chiba→[JR Uchibo Line]→Iwai•Futtsu•Chikura•Chitose•Minamihara•Wadoura

Famous Sightseeing Spots in Neighboring Area

Nature	<p>【Flower Garden】</p>  <p>Roji dewy ground flowers flourish in winter. January to March is warm climate with flower season. You feel spring early here.</p>	<p>【Taibu Misaki】</p>  <p>It is located in Minamiboso National Park with Calm sea and dynamic landscape. You enjoy nature experience all year round.</p>	<p>【Kurotaki】</p>  <p>This 15 meter long Minamiboso's waterfall back of "Bride Street" is a point of hiking course.</p>
	<p>【Takabe Shrine】</p>  <p>Trace of history goes backs to "Chronicle of Japan." This exclusively enshrines the deity of cuisine in Japan.</p>	<p>【Nojimazaki Lighthouse】</p>  <p>It has been watching over ships on the Pacific Ocean since early Meiji era.</p>	<p>【Boshu Fan】</p>  <p>Minamiboso is the three major fan productions in Japan. Boshu fan is a traditional craft in Chiba.</p>
Food, Souvenir	<p>【Namerou, Sangayaki】</p>  <p>Local dish in this fisher town. Namerou is sliced and minced fish with seasoning. Sangayaki is roasted one.</p>	<p>【Boshu Rice and Seaweed Sushi Roll】</p>  <p>The local recipe that moms in Boso have been taking from their preceding generations. We enjoy each season by changing stuff and image.</p>	<p>【Boshu Loquat】</p>  <p>Here is one of the greatest loquat production region with donating to Imperial House every year.</p>

■ Green Tourism Program

Experience	Time	Seasons	Price (1 person)	Capacity
Harvest (Strawberry)	30 min	January-Early May	1,000 yen-1,600 yen *Depending on season	10~40
Harvest (Boshu Loquat)	30 min	Mid May-Mid June	500 yen-2,500 yen *Depending on contents	10~40
Harvest (mandarin orange)	30 min	Early October-Late December	400 yen	10~45
Succulent Plants & Cactus Planting	40 min	All Year	1,000 yen-1,500 yen	10~40
Boshu Fan Making	60 min	All Year	1,000 yen	10~35
Rice and Seaweed Sushi Roll Making	60 min-90 min	October-May	700 yen and above *Depending on variety and amount	10~35
Loquat Jelly Making	60 min	All Year	1,000 yen	10~35
Stock Fish Making	60 min	All Year	1,100 yen	10~30
Draft Net	60 min	April-October	60,000 yen per 1 time	40~

■ Experience and Images (Photos)



【Notes】

- Nature experience is also available other than the programs above.
We also prepare for other nature experience programs in educational tour.
Contact us directly.

【Inquiry】

Available Language: Japanese

Contact: 南房総市商工観光部観光プロモーション課

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<Introduction>

Tanabe City is located in Wakayama Prefecture on the west coast of the rugged and isolated Kii peninsula. This region is blessed with beautiful natural resources and spiritual culture. The World Heritage registered Kumano Kodo pilgrimage route runs through Tanabe City to the three grand shrines of Kumano, a major pilgrimage destination for over 1000 years.

Isolated hot springs are also scattered throughout the region, such as Ryujin Onsen, one of Japanese three main beautifying waters. Yunomine Onsen is one of Japanese oldest hot springs.

Tanabe City is also the home to an active agricultural and fishing industry which can be experienced firsthand. Helping with the harvest of Oranges and Ume while staying on a local farm, making pickled ume and orange jam, and fishing off the coast of Tanabe are some of the possible activities available.



■ Access(Airplane, JR)

- JR line from Osaka, Kii-Tanabe Station. ~2 hr.
- Airplane from Haneda to Nanki-Shirahama Airport ~1 hr. Bus or taxi to Tanabe ~25 min.
- By train from Kansai International Airport ~1hr 40 min.



■ Kumano Kodo Walking



■ Kawayu Onsen



■ Kumano Hongu Taisha

Model Plan, Farm Stay Experience

One night, two meals.

Tanabe is famous for its orange and ume orchards, many terraced up steep slopes in the mountains that surround the city. You can stay with a family on their farm and help with the daily chores, such as picking and sorting oranges and ume.



Price: 8,950 yen per person. With supper and breakfast.

One group per farm from 2 ~6 people. There are 14 families that do farm stays, but not all are available all the time.

■ Green Tourism Program

Activity	Time	When	Price (per person)	Number of guests
Ume pickle making	~2 hrs	Year round	1,500 yen	2~10
Orange jam making	1 hr 30 min	Year round	1,500 yen	2~80
Fishing and cruise	3 hrs	Year round	6000 yen	2~10



■ Ume pickle making



■ Orange jam making



■ Fishing and cruise

【Notes】

•Kumano Travel is the official reservation system of the Tanabe City/Kumano Region, Japan. It is a local, community-based initiative created to supply visitors with quality information, services, and products so they can fully experience travelling in the area.

URL: www.kumano-travel.com

Cancellation fees:

8~20 in advance	20% of total
2~7 in advance	30% of total
Day before	40% of total
Day of check-in, service, etc.	50% of total
No Show / No Cancellation	100% of total

•Payment : Full prepayment needed by credit card or bank transfer.

【Inquiry】

Language English, French, Chinese

Name: Tanabe City Kumano Tourism Bureau Bookings: KUMANO TRAVEL

TEL: +81-739-26-9025 **E-MAIL:** kumano-travel@tb-kumano.jp

Address: Nakayashiki-cho 24-1, Tanabe City, Wakayama Prefecture

WEB: MAIN WEB <http://www.tb-kumano.jp>

Reservation site 『KUMANO TRAVEL』 <http://www.kumano-travel.com/>

<Introduction>

The small island which appears on the west of Japan is “Iki.” Many historical inheritances and rich nature still remain in this island that prospered as the relay point between East Asia and Japan through the ages. There is one of the government-designated digs at ruin of Yayoi period which has only three places in Japan—“Haru-no-tsuji Ruins.” “Ikikoku Museum,” opened March, 2010, collects and exhibits precious archaeological finds and documentations found in Haru-no-tsuji Ruins; some of exhibitions can be touched, feel the history of Iki and relation between Japan and Asia.

There is also domestic brand of black cattle “Iki Cow” fed by mineral rich grass and comparable to worldly famous liquor “Iki Barley Shouchu.” Those are special articles that the rich environment of Iki produced.

Iki provides “Experience Program” harnessed its merit of materials and culture. One of the programs is “Ishu Tofu Making,” enjoys and learns food culture with ants in Iki. Contact with residents is one of the tourist resources which supports the popularity of Iki. Shall we spend the time with people in Iki? That will surely present unforgettable memory for you.



Traffic Access

Sea Route

Ferry

©2h15min from Hakata Port (Fukuoka) to Gounoura Port • Ashibe Port

©1h40min from Karatsu Higashi Port (Saga) to Inchoji Port

Jetfoil

©1h10min from Hakata Port (Fukuoka) to Gounoura Port • Ashibe Port

Sky Route

Airplane

©30min from Nagasaki Airport to Iki Airport

Public Transport/Inquiry

Kyushu Mailboat • Hakata
TEL.092-281-6636

Kyushu Mailboat • Karatsu Higashi
TEL.0955-75-7750

Oriental Air Bridge
TEL.0570-064-380

Model Program (Model Stay Plan) * 1

Lodging (Arrival at Iki 16:45/Iki departure from Iki at 14:10)

[Day 1] Iki(Gounoura)→Saruiwa tour→Hot Spa→Dinner→Bed time

[Day 2] Breakfast→Ishu Tofu Making→Lunch (Outdoor Barbeque & Free time)→
→Agriculture Experience→Night Shinto Music&Dance Tour→Dinner→Bed time

[Day 3] Breakfast→Ikikoku Museum→Sake Brewing Tour→Lunch→Shouni Park (Tea time)→Iki(Ashibe)



Sake Brewing Tour



Night Shinto Music &Dance



Ishu Tofu Making

*1 Combination of several programs is available upon request

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【Typical Experience Program & Price (Purchase Price)】

Menu	Duration	Season	Price (1 person)	Capacity*2	Remarks
Ishu Tofu Making	120 min	All Year	1,500 yen	10~40 people	By Appointment
Salt Making	60 min	All Year	1,000 yen	10~40	By Appointment
Vegetable Harvest + Cooking	180 min	All Year	2,000 yen	10~30	By Appointment
Fishing +Cooking	180 min	All Year	2,200 yen	10~30	By Appointment
Night Shinto Music&Dance	40 min	Inquiry	nquiry	1~40	By Appointment



Bamboo Beam Fishing



Ikikoku Museum



Potato Digging

*1 Acceptable number of people that might experience at a time, possible to experience with plural groups by arranging rotation.

【Notes】

<Booking Procedures>*Use by agent (land operator) is excluded

Application Deadline: 1 week prior to the starting date

Cancellation Charge: As tourists' regulation

Clearing Off: Negotiable by each matter

<Educational Tour>

Educational tour from overseas is available upon request.

【Inquiry】

Available Language: Japanese (English and Chinese are available by e-mail only)

Contact: 吉岐体験型観光受入協議会 (Iki Taikengata Kankou Ukeire Kyogikai)

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<Introduction>

Takachihogo, located at Kyushu central mountain range in the east of Aso, is the aggregation of five towns and villages in the north part of Miyazaki prefecture.(Takachiho-cho, Gokase-cho, Hinokage-cho, Shiiba-son, and Morotsuka-son) This is the legendary land that appears in the Japan's oldest book of "Record of Ancient Matters," and unique area that the stage of mythology still remains. There are many shrines enshrined deity, and have many festivals.

Here is also known as sightseeing area. Takachiho, has been created by the eruption of Aso, was chosen one of the Japan's 100 best sightseeing spots. Beauty in formulating by lava and water fall satisfies you for sure. Takachihokyo in the Sobokatomuki semi national park has not only nature trail but boat facility for your leisure.

There is cuisine culture used by bamboo. They drink "Kappo Sake," boiled by bamboo and eat "Kappo Chicken," flavored by vegetable and soy sauce at even of the government designated intangible important cultural assets of "Takachiho Shinto Night Music and Dance." This recipe is also available at restaurants and inns.

Enjoy healing trip for visiting deities and spiritual place in every season.



■ Access(Airplane, JR)

● From Airport to Takachiho (Including transfer)

• Aso Kumamoto Airport (Bus/Rental Car)

→ ① Route 325 → Takachiho-cho Miyazaki Kotsu Bus Center (1 h 30 min)

→ ② Route 218 → Gokase-cho Yakuba Mae → Takachiho-cho Miyazaki Kotsu Bus Center (1 h 30 min)

• Miyazaki Airport Station (Train) → (1 h 15 min) → Nobeoka Station (Bus) → Michi-no-Eki Seiunbashi

→ Takachiho-cho Miyakoh Bus Center (1 h 20 min)

● Means of Transportation (Car, Train, Bus)

• Kumamoto Station (Bus/Rental Car) → (2 h 10 min) → Takachihokyo

• Hakata Station (Highway Bus) → (3 h) → Takachiho Bus Center

■ Sightseeing Sites in neighboring Area

Nature



Culture



History



Souvenirs



Food



■ Green Tourism Program

Experience	Time	Seasons	Price (1 person)	Capacity
① House Stay in Takachihokyo	1 night 2 meals	All Year	8,850 yen	10-200 persons
② Magatama Beads Making	1 h 30 min	All Year	1,000 yen	1-40 persons
③ Kappo Chicken Making	2 hours	All Year	2,500 yen	1-30 persons
④ Vegetable Mixed Tofu Making	5 hours	Mid March- Early May	4,200 yen	10 persons
⑤ Honey Picking	3 hours	October	8,000 yen	5 persons
⑥ Canoeing	3 hours	March- November	Adults/High Schoolers 5,500 yen Elementary & Junior High schoolers 3,500 yen	2-40 persons
⑦ Original Chair Making	3 hours	All Year	3,500 yen and above	10 persons
⑧ Forested Therapy Base Walk	2 hours and above	All Year	2,000 yen	10 persons and above
⑨ Bamboo Ware Making	3 hours	All Year	2,500 yen	5 persons



【Notes】

<Acceptance of Educational Tour>

- Guardian deities enshrined in the shrine have various blessings.
- Interexchange between schools is possible. (e.g.: Miyazaki Prefectural Takachiho High School, Miyazaki Prefectural Gokase Secondary School)

【Inquiry】

Available Language: Japanese

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<Introduction>

Located at the northwest part of Kagoshima prefecture, Izumi is blessed with warm temperature rich water and forest, and natural environment of sea and mountain. This city is also known as a global wintering spot that over 10 thousand of cranes come flying. Izumi Fumoto Old Samurai Residences, which resides the biggest outer castle of Satsuma domain in Edo period, is “town of crane and history,” and show the sign of old days.

We specialize acceptance of farm village experience in educational trip. Since Izumi is conveniently located within 30 minutes from Izumi station of Kyushu Shinkansen to each farm house, many students from home and overseas favorably visit here. Especially we have a good reputation among overseas educational travelers in experiencing of actual life at nature rich pastoral lands, tea ceremony at old samurai residence, and Japanese summer kimono while staying at farm house.



■ Access (Airport/Highway)

【Airport】 Kagoshima Airport Bus 80 minutes

【JR】 JR Hakata Station Kyushu Shinkansen⇒JR Izumi Station 1 hour 15 minutes

【Highway】 Fukuoka Interchange⇒Ashikita Interchange⇒Route 3⇒Izumi 3 hours 10 minutes

■ Sightseeing Spots in Area



World's Best Crane's Transit Place



Izumi Fumoto Old Samurai Residences



Passing by Oxcart

■ Model Plan (Educational Tour: Farm House Stay Plan)

Lodging (in 14:00/out 9:00)

- ① Check-in-village Ceremony→Vegetable Picking, Family Business Experience→Helping out Dinner Making
→Bathing →Dinner with Family →Time with Family→Bed Time
Morning Walk→Breakfast→Check-out-village Ceremony at 9:00



【Educational Tour: Price for Farm House Lodging Model Plan (Purchase Price: Including Charge)】

¥8,400 (Including: 1 night 2 meals, Agriculture Experience)

■ Model Plan (Educational Tour: Farm House Stay and Japanese Culture Experience Plan)

(in 14:00/out 11:00)

① Check-in-village Ceremony→Vegetable Picking, Family Business Experience→Helping out Dinner Making
→Bathing →Dinner with Family →Time with Family→Bed Time →Breakfast→Check-out-village Ceremony at
9:00→Kimono Wearing and Tea Ceremony Experience at Old Samurai Residence→Departure at 11:00



【Educational Tour: Price for Farm House Lodging and Japanese Culture Experience Model Plan: (Purchase Price)】

① ¥10,500 (Including: 1 night 2 meals, Agriculture Experience, Japanese Summer Kimono Experience, Tea Ceremony Experience)

Available Language:

Capacity: 1 group (3-5 persons) per 1 farm house, available for accepting 30 houses (maximum 80 persons)

Notes: We specialize educational tour. (Consult us about group tour)

【 Typical Experience Program and Price (Purchase Price) 】

Experience	Time	Seasons	Price (1 person)	Capacity	
Lunch Making	2 hours	All Year	1,050 yen	80 persons	Lodging OP
Happi Coat and Japanese Summer Kimono	30 minutes	All Year	1,050 yen	30 persons	At Old Samurai Residence
Tea Ceremony	30 minutes	All Year	1,050 yen	30 persons	At Old Samurai Residence
Cow Carriage at Old Samurai Residence	40 minutes	All Year	1,050 yen	15 persons	Per 1 time
Ice Cream Making	2 hours	All Year	1,050 yen	30 persons	

【Reservation Procedures】 *Use by agent (land operator) is excluded

Application Deadline: 1 month prior to the starting date

Cancellation Charge: 100% of the tour fare on the date of service

Clearing Off: Cash on the date of cancellation, or direct deposit on the future date

【Educational Tour】

We specialize educational tour from overseas. (Consult us about group tour)

Capacity: About 80 persons

【Inquiry】


Available Language: English, Chinese

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Journey to the countryside
and nature of Japan

Green Tourism
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