



Sightseeing Guidebook
of Sukumo City

A historic city with
flourishing seasonal nature

Sukumo



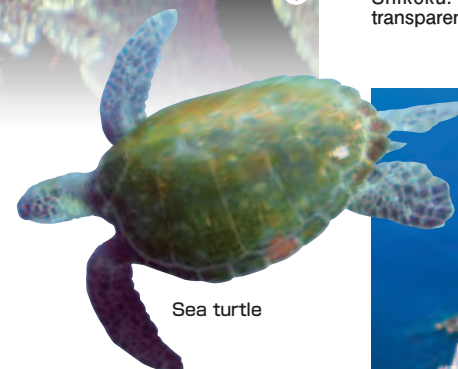
Sukumo City, Kochi Prefecture



Remote islands where you can forget the flow of time

Okinoshima and Ugurushima

Okinoshima and Ugurushima are the only manned remote islands in Kochi Prefecture, both of which are designated as a part of Ashizuri-Uwakai National Park. It is a paradise of marine sports surrounded by the waves of the Kuroshio Current (a north-flowing ocean current on the west side of the North Pacific Ocean).



Sea turtle

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Come and enjoy yourself.
We have beach rest houses here.



The earliest beach season start in Shikoku.

Udonohama Beach

Udonohama Beach officially opens to bathers on the first Sunday of June ahead of any other beach of Shikoku. If you go snorkeling, you will be able to see tropical fish and corals in the outstandingly transparent ocean. You may happen to see a sea turtle if you are lucky.



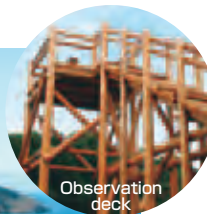
Cape Shiroya

Cape Shiroya has a well-maintained campsite and an observation deck that commands 270 degree panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean. The sea water here boasts the highest transparency in the Japanese waters and the view of the starry sky is overwhelming.



Nanatsuodo

Nanatsuodo (lit. seven caves) is a natural work of art that the Kuroshio Current created in a chalk cliff. Some of the caves are connected inside, where it expands into a mystical world. You can see Nanatsuodo from the ferry boat. (Sukumo Municipal Ferry)



Observation deck

Mt. Imose

One of Shikoku's 100 Famous Mountains

Mt. Imose is the highest peak on the island at 404m, and is the representative mountain of Okinoshima. In Konjaku Monogatari (lit. Anthology of Tales from the Past), Mt. Imose was portrayed as Imoseshima and it was where the story took place. The observation deck at the top of the mountain provides a sprawling view and you can even see Kyushu on clear days.



Granite Stairways and Walls in the Villages

The villages on the island look like terraced fields, as the houses line the steep slopes. Beautiful granite steps and walls are impactful, and time seems to go by slower here.

Sukumo Municipal Ferry

Sukumo Municipal Ferry is a regular boat service cruising from the port of Katashima to Moshima and Hirose on the islands of Okinoshima and Ugurushima. This is an important regular ship service that supports people's lives on the islands and serves as a means of transportation for those who visit the islands for leisure.

[Inquiries] Sukumo Municipal Ferry ☎ (0880) 65-8568

Sukumo Municipal Department of Planning and Design ☎ (0880) 63-1118



Timetable of Sukumo Municipal Ferry

Service	Port	Katashima	Moshima	Hirose	Ugurushima
First departure	07:00 (Departure)	Direct	Arrival	07:50	Departure
Second departure	14:30 (Departure)	15:20	15:35	Arrival	16:05
	16:55 (Arrival)	Direct	Departure		

鵜来島

Ugurushima

Ugurushima is a small island with a population of approximately 20. The water in the port of Ugurushima is remarkably clear, and you can see coral reefs and tropical fish from the quay. It is famous for diving, but it is also fun to enjoy fishing at the quay, swim in the bay, walk around the island, or relax and play around the island.



Enjoy marine leisure and fishery

Sukumo Bay, which opens widely to the Bungo Channel, is rich in fish and inhabited by approximately 1,000 kinds of fish, which is equal to 25% of all kinds of fish inhabiting Japanese waters. Especially around Okinoshima and Ugurushima, the Kuroshio Current and the Bay's waters collide and tend to form a junction line. Because of this, temperate and subtropical fish gather here, and the area has become a mecca for divers and surf fishing anglers. The fishing industry also thrives in the area, with a focus on round haul fishing and aquaculture, and the total catch volume is equal to more than 50% of the entire prefecture. Please come enjoy marine leisure activities and experience the fishing industry in the beautiful oceans of Sukumo!



Surf fishing

There are many surf fishing points around Okinoshima and Ugurushima, where you can catch fish such as striped beakfish and largescale blackfish. You can go full-scale surf fishing while enjoying the clear blue sea. There are many quays as well as offshore points reachable by rafts to catch large blackhead sea bream and oval squid, and Sukumo Bay has been getting popular in recent years.



Largescale Blackfish
The most popular fish.
Season: Late October to around May.



Blackhead Sea Bream
You may be able to catch rokomaru (a fish which is over 60 cm in Japanese).
Season: Throughout the year



Striped Beakfish
Season: Late March to early July.



Oval Squid
The King of Squid. Its taste is excellent.
Season: September to around April.

Diving

The sea around Okinoshima and Ugurushima is said to be one of the most transparent sea water areas in the whole country, and a large and healthy coral reef is located on dynamic terrain. There is a large variety of marine animals that should fascinate divers, such as tropical fish, migratory fish such as bonito, tuna, and yellowtail, and large marine animals such as sea turtles, dolphins, and sharks.



Obi Tokai Damselfish



Warty Frogfish



Blackstripe Basslet



Masked Swallowtail Angelfish



Pygmy Seahorse



Moss Blenny

experience in the sea of Sukumo!

Fishery experience



Blackhead Sea Bream basket fishing

Basket fishing for blackhead sea bream started around the same time as sea bream aquaculture. For approximately one month, a two square meter fishing basket is placed on the sea floor at a depth of about 30 meters. This method takes advantage of the fact that fish tend to want to be in narrow spaces, and no bait is used in the basket. The device is designed so larger fish follow smaller fish into the basket.



Fish feeding experience

The aquaculture industry is active here in Sakaki. Various kinds of fish, such as red sea bream, yellowtail, and greater amberjack, are carefully raised in a semi-natural state in large cages (called kowari) placed offshore. Fishers attach importance to food for fish. Fishermen are particular about the feed they give to the fish, and some use feed that is such high quality that even humans would find delicious. You can experience feeding by joining such fishers engaged in aquaculture. The scenery of many fish coming up altogether to the water surface is a sight to behold.



Local cuisine experience

You can experience sashimi making by using the fish caught in your fishery experience tour and learning how to fillet the fish in three pieces. You can experience local cuisine and have your fill of taimeshi (rice with minced sea bream) and kakiage (a popular form of tempura) made from silver-stripe round herring that a team of women prepare. Enjoy the taste of the local fishers' cuisine unique to Sakaki along with the tasteful scenery of the fishing village.



Sculling boat experience

Fishers used to use sculling boats and go fishing in the past. You can relax and leisurely enjoy the scenery of Sukumo Bay.

Guide to diving shops

Ship name	Cooperative member's name	Tel.
ESPOIR	Pacific Marine	0880-65-7426
KAIEN MARU	Seibu-kaiyo service	090-3460-7989
KOYO MARU	Masakatsu Okazaki	0880-69-1055
SACHI MARU	Tatsunori Tanaka	080-6380-0236
SEAHORSE	AZURE	0880-65-6740
SEISHO	Okinoshima Diving Kuroshio	0880-79-0182
NICO NICO MARU	SEALAND UGURU	0880-65-6740
NISSHIN MARU	Ryuji Masumoto	0880-69-1777
HATSUFUKU MARU	Mamoru Aki	0880-65-7387
HAMA MARU	Keiichi Hamada	090-4974-1080
BOYO MARU	Naruhito Sawachika	090-7623-8477
RYUHO MARU	FANATIC-OCEAN Corporation	0880-65-6984

Guide to surf fishing and ferry boats

Ferry Union Association

Ship name	Port	Ferry Company's name	Tel.
TAKATSURU MARU	Moshima	Takami Tosen (Inn)	0880-69-1311
BOYO MARU	Moshima	Sawachika Tosen (Inn)	0880-69-1121
KINSEI MARU	Moshima	Okinoshima Tosen (Inn)	0880-65-8024
YUTAKA MARU	Moshima	Okazaki Tosen (Inn)	0880-65-5700
KOYO MARU	Hirose	Kaneko Tosen (Inn)	0880-69-1055
KYOKUJO MARU	Hirose	Shimaichi Tosen (Inn)	0880-69-1665
HATSUFUKU MARU	Hirose	Hatsufuku Tosen (Inn)	0880-65-8877
NICO NICO MARU	Urugushima	Iemoto Tosen (Inn)	0880-65-6741
OGI MARU	Urugushima	Miyamoto Tosen (Inn)	0880-65-6820
PAPILLON	Urugushima	Ienaka Tosen (Inn)	0880-65-7775
RYUHO MARU	Urugushima	Shibata Tosen (Inn)	0880-65-6984
SHINEI MARU	Urugushima	Takami Tosen (Inn)	0880-65-8071

We will take care of you in Sakaki!



●Sukumo City Blue Tourism Promotion Council ●Sakaki Executive Committee
[Inquiries] Sakaki Branch, Sukumo Bay Fisheries Cooperative ☎(0880) 67-0111

Nature of Sukumo

Sukumo is blessed with plenty of nature, in which you can enjoy leisure activities or relax and see the natural surroundings. Please come enjoy the seasonal beauty of nature!

Cherry Blossoms

Sukumo is blessed with a mild climate, where cherries blossom out earlier than anywhere else in the whole country. Sukumo as a city of cherry blossoms dispatches information on cherry blooming condition to the rest of Japan.

[Cherry blossom viewing spots] Oshima Sakura Park, Araseyama Park, Tenmangu Shrine, and Hirata-cho' s Kurokawa area



Kusuyama Park

Kusuyama Park is where a settlement and Kusuyama Elementary School existed before the construction of the Sakamoto Dam. Approximately 600 plum trees (red and white plum trees) have been planted here. In February, a plum festival is held when the trees blossom out. In June, a harvest experience event is held when the trees are in fruit. Kusuyama Park fills with people during these events. There is a monument available for an outdoor classroom or camp school site or for various other events in Kusuyama Park as well.

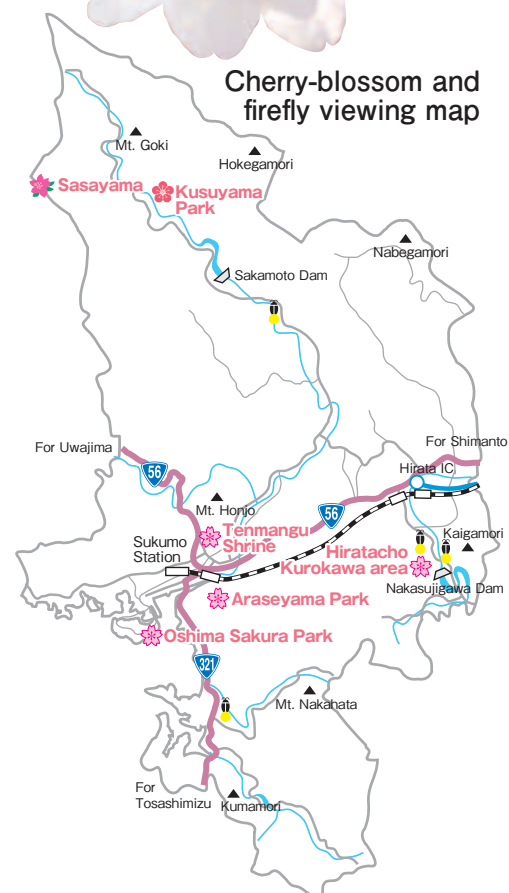
[Inquiries] Yamazatonioie ☎ (0880) 64-7037



Mt. Sasayama

One of Shikoku' s 100 Famous Mountains

Mt. Sasayama, the highest peak at the southwestern tip of Shikoku with an elevation of 1,065 meters, forms an independent mountain range on the prefecture border between Ehime Prefecture and Kochi Prefecture. This mountain is designated as a part of Ashizuri-Uwakai National Park, a national park of Japan. Mt. Sasayama has been an object of mountain worship since ancient times and Sasayama Shrine is enshrined in the mountaintop. You can see the Uwakai Sea and Okinoshima and even faraway mountains in Kyushu from the top of the mountain. The large cedars over 1000 years old on the way up the mountain, and Akebono azaleas and rhododendron near the mountaintop that bloom around late April to early May are just some of the sights worth seeing, and they attract many climbers. The first parking lot is equipped with a restroom facility. It takes about 40 to 60 minutes from the trailhead to the mountaintop.

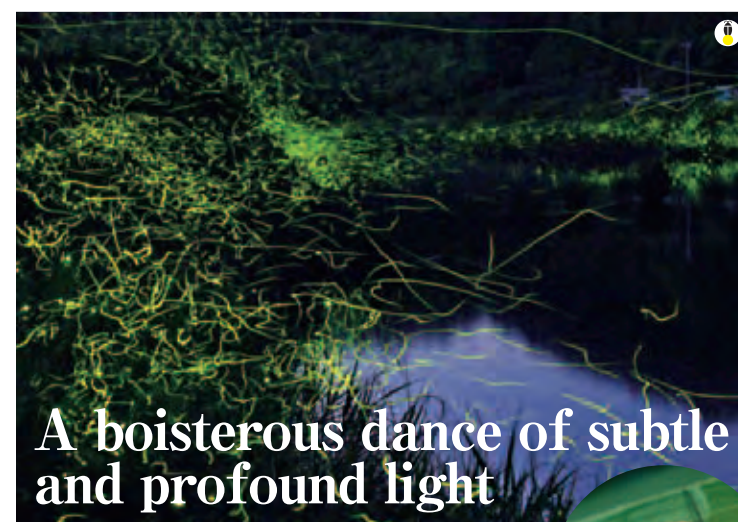


A natural sculpture created by swirling torrents flowing in Idei Valley

Idei Potholes Prefecture-designated Natural Monument

Idei Potholes is a natural sculpture created by rapid swirling torrents in Idei Valley, which is located upstream from the Matsuda River. This natural sculpture consists of a group of approximately 200 small and large potholes on a rock bed that is 40 m wide and 200 m long. No other places in Japan have such a large number of potholes.

[Location] Idei, Hashikami-cho, Sukumo



Village of Fireflies

Each district in Sukumo has a river where fireflies live. You can see fireflies showing a boisterous dance of subtle and profound light to produce a fantastic scene while you enjoy the cool evening breeze on the riverside early in summer.

[Firefly spots]

Hirata district: Early May to mid-June. (Heike fireflies can be seen from middle-May)
Hashikami district: Around May 15 to June 10. The peak is usually from May 30 to June 5 (Heike fireflies peak in number approximately two weeks later.)

Iyono district : Around May 1 to May 25. The peak is usually from May 15 to May 20 (Heike fireflies peak in number approximately two weeks later.)

Hibira Park

The concept of Hibira Park is being familiar with nature. Trees, including cherries and azaleas, have been planted here. A walking trail and a pond with a waterfall and pergola have been maintained to provide a relaxing place. You can use the facilities of Hibira Park for experience-type camping and auto camping as well. (Facilities: Camping site for 11 parties, foot-washing area, and restroom facilities)

[Location] Kusuyama, Hashikami-cho, Sukumo



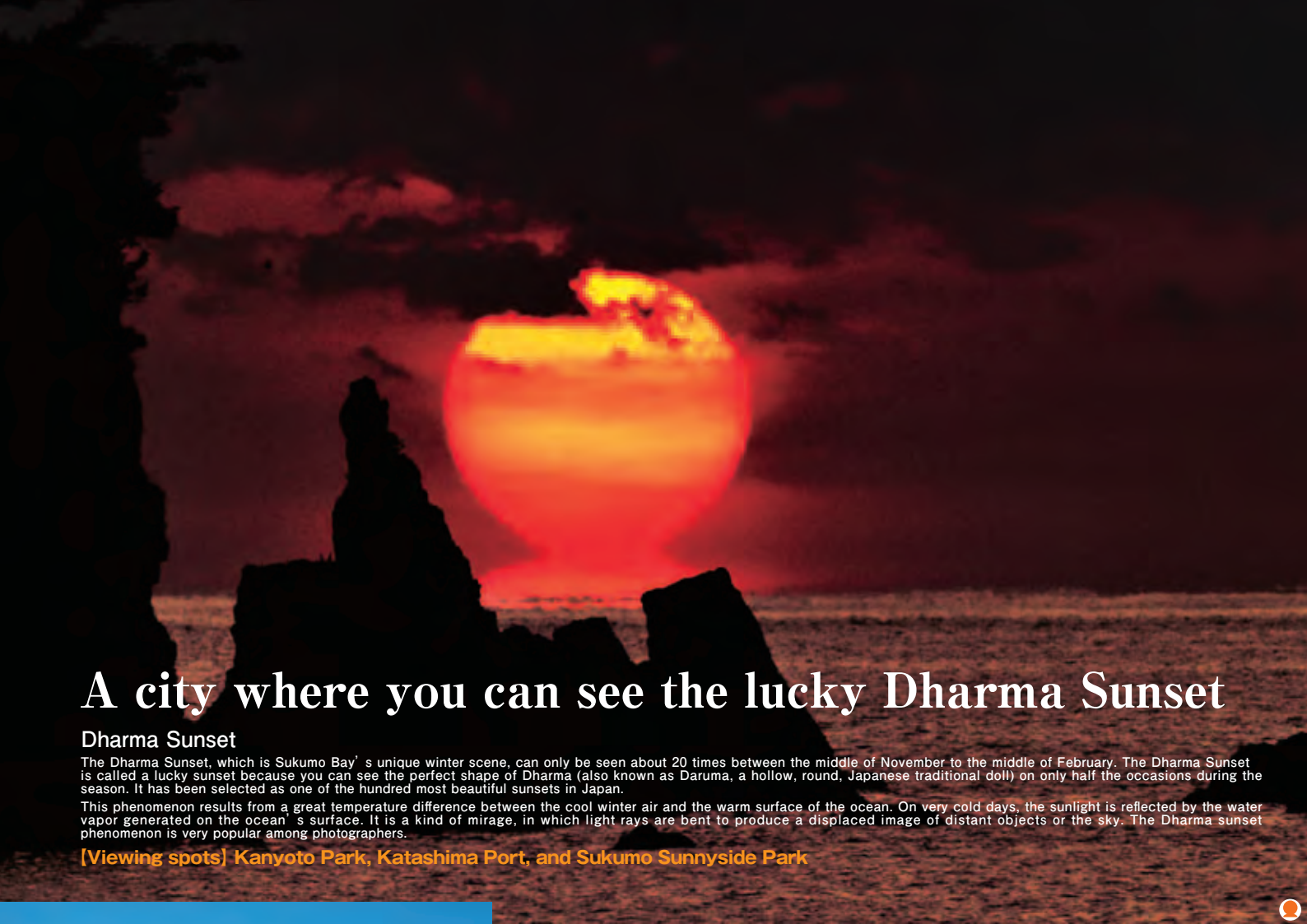
Sasabira Camping Site

The Sasabira Camping Site is located upstream from the Matsuda River by the trailhead of Mt. Sasayama. This place is so cool that it is called the Karuizawa of Sukumo, where a large number of local people and travelers seeking coolness visit in summer. People call it the Karuizawa of Sukumo because of its coolness, and many people come to the area seeking relief from the heat during the summer season. Snacks and beverages are sold at the management building during the summer season. (Facilities: Water supply, restroom, and bungalow facilities)

[Location] Kusuyama, Hashikami-cho, Sukumo

[Inquiries] Kusuyama Akebonokai ☎ (0880) 64-7027





A city where you can see the lucky Dharma Sunset

Dharma Sunset

The Dharma Sunset, which is Sukumo Bay' s unique winter scene, can only be seen about 20 times between the middle of November to the middle of February. The Dharma Sunset is called a lucky sunset because you can see the perfect shape of Dharma (also known as Daruma, a hollow, round, Japanese traditional doll) on only half the occasions during the season. It has been selected as one of the hundred most beautiful sunsets in Japan.

This phenomenon results from a great temperature difference between the cool winter air and the warm surface of the ocean. On very cold days, the sunlight is reflected by the water vapor generated on the ocean' s surface. It is a kind of mirage, in which light rays are bent to produce a displaced image of distant objects or the sky. The Dharma sunset phenomenon is very popular among photographers.

[Viewing spots] Kanyoto Park, Katashima Port, and Sukumo Sunnyside Park



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Kanyoto Park

Kanyoto is one of the few land-tied islands in Japan, and you can walk to the island when the tide is very low. The island is crowded with cherry-blossom viewers in spring and sea bathers in summer. It is a place of relaxation where you may be able to enjoy the Dharma Sunset in winter. There is a beach sports court (sandy court) in Kanyoto Park, where you can easily enjoy playing beach volleyball and beach football. Changing room and hot shower facilities are available (for a fee). Small children can enjoy themselves in Kanyoto Park as well because it has a large-scale play equipment.

[Location] 378 Oshima, Sukumo
[Inquiries] Sukumo City Commerce and Tourism Division ☎ (0880) 63-1119

Sukumo has a beautiful ria-type coastline (i.e., a deeply indented coastline) as a part of Ashizuri-Uwakai National Park.

A green island emerges in the shining sea, and you can spend the best relaxation time embraced by warm nature and warm-hearted local people.



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Sukumo Resort Yashinoyu

Sukumo Resort Yashinoyu is located on a hill on Oshima and its guest rooms, restaurant, and outdoor baths overlook Sukumo Bay. You may be able to see the Dharma Sunset in winter. Enjoy tasting local dishes made with fresh ingredients in the restaurant.

[Location] 17-27 Oshima, Sukumo
[Inquiries] Sukumo Resort Yashinoyu ☎ (0880) 65-8185



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山里の家
体験型宿泊施設

Yamazatonoie
Experience-type Accommodations

Yamazatonoie utilizes the facilities of Kusuyama Elementary School, which already closed down, and operates experience-type accommodations for families and groups, including children and adults as well as students participating in hands-on learning and club activities. Kusuyama Park and Sasabira Camping Site are located in the vicinity. Visitors can enjoy an outing to the riverside to stroll in and around the area.

[Location] 41-1 Kusuyama, Hashikami-cho, Sukumo
[Inquiries] Yamazatonoie ☎ (0880) 64-7037



Facilities in Sukumo

Sukumo, which is blessed with a temperate climate, has well-equipped facilities.

It is ideal as a campground for athletes.



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Roadside Station Sukumo (Sukumo Sunnyside Park)

Roadside Station Sukumo is located along National Highway Route 321. It is used as a place for citizens' relaxation and as a resting place for tourists. There is a shopping corner, where coral and other special products are sold, as well as an outdoor stage in the park. The place is also famous as a Dharma Sunset viewing spot.

[Location] 1023-44 Sakanoshita, Sukumo
[Inquiries] Roadside Station Sukumo ☎ (0880) 63-5030
Sukumo-City Tourist Association ☎ (0880) 63-0801



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Sukumo Municipal Baseball Stadium

The Kintetsu Buffaloes (now ORIX Buffaloes) used the Sukumo Municipal Baseball Stadium for its spring training in the past. It was used as a soft baseball venue for the 2002 Kochi National Athletic Meet. Currently, it is used as a training site for corporate-sponsored non-professional teams and university teams. Sukumo Municipal Baseball Stadium incorporates an indoor training field, auxiliary ground, and tennis court as well.

[Location] 131 Obukaura, Sukumo
[Inquiries] Sukumo City Sports Park ☎ (0880) 66-1467



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Sukumo City Sports Park

Sukumo City Sports Park is one of the comprehensive athletic parks in Kochi Prefecture, provided with a civic gymnasium, martial arts field, athletic stadium, multipurpose ground, and 522 parking lots. A large number of people use Sukumo City Sports Park for various sports competitions, including track meets, football matches, as well as sports training. It has a training room provided with exercise machines, including muscle training equipment, that can be used by individuals as well.

[Location] 4024 Yoshina, Yamana-cho, Sukumo
[Inquiries] Sukumo City Sports Park ☎ (0880) 66-1467



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Lake Hotaru Golf Park

Lake Hotaru Golf Park is a nine-hole golf course located in the riverbed of the Nakatsugawa Dam (Lake Hotaru). It takes approximately an hour and a half to go through all the nine holes and popular with beginners.

[Location] 4370-1 Kurokawa, Hirata-cho, Sukumo
[Inquiries] Lake Hotaru Golf Park ☎ (0880) 66-0688



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Sukumo 84 Marine Terminal

This marine terminal serves as port facilities made of wood produced by Sukumo. The facilities are not only used for cargo warehousing but also used as a multipurpose exchange base for fishing competitions and welcome events for luxury cruise ships.

[Location] 1915-1 Shinko, Sukumo
[Inquiries] Sukumo City Commerce and Tourism Division ☎ (0880) 63-1119



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Hamada Inn (Hamada no Tomariya)

Hamada Inn is one of a number of wooden huts that existed everywhere in the western part of Kochi Prefecture from the end of the Tokugawa period (ended in 1868) to the Taisho period (ended in 1926). Currently, four traditional wooden huts exist in the Yoshina district.

Here, unmarried young men used to stay overnight and engage in nighttime security, inherit local festival culture and other local culture, and cooperate in the operation of community events. Hamada Inn has been designated as Japan's important tangible folk-cultural property. There is a replica at Roadside Station Sukumo.

[Location] Yoshina, Yamana-cho, Sukumo



A life and culture data box collecting the history and traditions of the hometown.

Sukumo History Museum

The Sukumo History Museum uses models, images, panels, and valuable articles left behind to introduce the history of Sukumo and people related to Sukumo in an easy-to-understand manner.

[Location] 2-7-14 Chuo, Sukumo

[Inquiries] Sukumo History Museum ☎ (0880) 63-5496



Nonaka Kenzan Family's Graves

Nonaka Kenzan was a famous politician who made numerous notable achievements. However, after the death of Tadayoshi, the second lord of the Tosa clan, Nonaka lost his standing and died from illness six months later. Animosity towards Nonaka did not subside even after his death, and his eight bereaved children were punished by being confined in Sukumo for 40 years. Among the three daughters who survived and were released, the fourth oldest daughter En became the main character of En To Iu Onna (A Woman Named En), a novel written by Kochi-born writer Tomie Ohara.

The graves have been designated as a historic site of the city since 1961.

[Location]

Tofukuin Temple Cemetery 16-2-2 Sakuramachi, Sukumo



Maple of Sakaki

This maple tree located in Yasaka Shrine is 12 meters high with a circumference of 3.1 m at a height of 30 cm above the ground. Its branches stretch firmly all around and the estimated age is 400 years. The tree has been designated as a natural monument by the city of Sukumo since 1963.

[Location] Sakaki, Kozukushi-cho, Sukumo

宿毛の歴史文化

History and Culture of Sukumo

Walking Map of Historic Sites in Sukumo

Information on Historic Sites and Cultural Properties in Sukumo

- 1 Traces of Kojikan Lecture Hall
- 2 Traces Ono Family's residence
- 3 Yuzo and Joji Hayashi's residence
- 4 Trace of Bunkan (Bussansho)
- 5 Traces of Toru Sakai's residence
- 6 Azusa Ono Memorial Park
- 7 Traces of Kanji Goto's residence
- 8 Traces of Shigeto Nakamura's residence
- 9 Traces of Sukumo Milestone
- 10 Nonaka Kenzan family's graves and Yamauchi Yoshiuji's grave
- 11 Azusa Ono's grave
- 12 Iga family's graves
- 13 Hayashi family's graves
- 14 Traces of Taku Oe's residence
- 15 Traces of Shihoko Kitami's residence
- 16 Trace of Nishinkan
- 17 Iwamura Reikisui's residence
- 18 Place of Nonaka Kenzan family's confinement
- 19 Historic site of Ms. Kitakata
- 20 Azusa Ono's birthplace
- 21 Traces of Nanrei Sakai's residence
- 22 Traces of Hakuun Motoyama's residence
- 23 Traces of Iga's (Ando's) residence
- 24 Traces of Sukumo Castle
- 25 Kawadosaki (River weir)
- 26 Traces of Tsuna Takeuchi and Shigeru Yoshida's residence
- 27 Traces of Kaneaki Hayashi's residence



Tsuna Takeuchi

[Politician and Industrialist]

1839 - 1922

Politician Shigeru Yoshida's father. Helped Taisuke Itagaki and founded the Liberal Party. Made efforts to construct and manage the Chosen Gyeong-dong Railway.



Gishin Ono

[Industrialist]

1839 - 1905

Constructed Osaka Port and renovated the Yodo River. Made efforts to develop the Mitsubishi Group. Constructed the Tohoku Main Line and established Koiki Farm.



Nanrei Sakai

[Educationist]

1828 - 1881

Opened a private school named Bobiro and influenced people in Sukumo immediately before the Meiji Restoration.



Taku Oe

[Politician and Industrialist]

1847 - 1921

A pioneer of modern humanism in Japan. Settled the Maria Luz Incident. Worked on the Buraku Liberation Movement.



Takatoshi Iwamura

[Politician]

1845 - 1906

Participated in the Boshin War in Hokuetsu. His political career includes being the Prefectural Governors of Ehime, Ishikawa, and Aichi. Became a member of the House of Peers later.



Yuzo Hayashi

[Politician]

1842 - 1921

Played an active role as a leader of the Liberal Party. Served as Minister of Communication and Minister of Agriculture and Commerce. Committed to the development of Sukumo.



Shigeto Nakamura

[Member of the armed forces]

1840 - 1884

Played an active role in the Boshin War. Made efforts toward the preservation of Nagoya Castle and Himeji Castle after the Meiji Restoration. Contributed to the protection of cultural heritage.



Toru Sakai

[Member of the armed forces]

1840 - 1920

Participated as a military doctor in the Boshin War. Entered the army after the Meiji Restoration and besieged Kumamoto Castle successfully in 1877 during the Satsuma Rebellion.



Michitoshi Iwamura

[Politician]

1840 - 1915

First Secretary of Hokkaido Government. Created a development foundation of Hokkaido. Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, Imperial Court Councilor, and a member of the House of Peers.



Kanji Goto

[Person of religion]

1871 - 1936

Executive Chief of Honganji Temple. Made efforts toward girls' education including the foundation of Musashino Girls' School. Contributed to many social projects.



Toru Iwamura

[Art critic]

1870 - 1917

Traveled to the United States at the age of 18, conducted art research in European countries, and deepened knowledge. Contributed to the development of the fine arts in Japan.



Kajima Sakamoto

[Industrialist]

1866 - 1938

Founded bookstore Fuzanbo, a publishing house. Published many masterpieces such as Daigenkai, Dainihon Chimei Jiten, and Kokumin Hyakka Jiten.



Meitaro Takeuchi

[Industrialist]

1860 - 1928

Shigeru Yoshida's elder brother. Contributed to the development of business related to coal mining in Japan. Established Kochi College of Technology with his father Tsuna.



Azusa Ono

[Jurist and Politician]

1852 - 1886

Established the Constitutional Reform Party, founded Waseda University's predecessor Tokyo Vocational College, founded Toyokan, a publishing house.



Yotaro Iga

[Educationist]

1851 - 1897

Studied in the UK after the Meiji Restoration and learned political science and economics. Devoted to education later.



Shihoko Kitami

[Poet]

1885 - 1955

Organized Hana no En, a magazine of poems. Published many magazines and collections of poems. Contributed to the development of female poets as well.



Joji Hayashi

[Politician]

1889 - 1960

Elected to the Diet 11 times. Acted as Deputy Prime Minister for the Yoshida cabinet and contributed to the Japanese government and to the development of Japan.



Michiyo Iwamura

[Politician]

1883 - 1965

Played an active role as Minister of Justice for the Konoe cabinet and the Tojo cabinet after serving as Prosecutor General. Contributed to social work for the rest of his life after the Second World War.



Shigeru Yoshida

[Politician]

1878 - 1967

Organized the Yoshida cabinet after the Second World War. Exercised his excellent ability on the promulgation of the new constitution and the establishment of new Japan-U.S. diplomatic relations and contributed to the development of Japan.



Giichi Ono

[Politician]

1875 - 1950

Involved as a Diet member in government. Devoted to educating young people as well.



Hakuun Motoyama

[Sculptor]

1871 - 1952

Learned from Koun Takamura. Produced statues of great people who played active roles for the Meiji Restoration. The Statue of Ryoma, one of his works, is a symbol of sightseeing in Kochi.



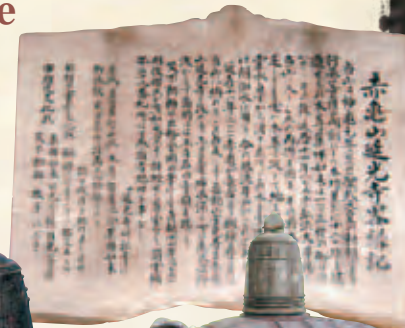
Henro Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage route between Tosa in Kochi prefecture and Iyo in Ehime prefecture leads to Cape Ashizuri, the southernmost tip of Shikoku.

39th Fudasho Enkoji Temple

Enkoji Temple is Kochi's last Fudasho (a sacred place where each pilgrim receives an amulet on the Shikoku Pilgrimage of 88 Holy Sites). Gyoki, a Buddhist priest, founded this temple in 724. Kukai, also known posthumously as Kobo Daishi, a Japanese Buddhist monk, revived the temple in 795. Then the temple was decided as the 39th Fudasho. There is a well called Mearaiido (lit. an eye wash well) in the precincts. It is said that Kobo Daishi made this well. The temple keeps a copper temple bell made in 911. Legend has it that a red turtle carried this temple bell on its back and climbed up to the temple. That is the reason the honorific mountain name prefixed to the temple is Shakkizan. It is said to be the oldest copper temple bell in Kochi Prefecture. This temple bell is designated as Japan's important cultural property.

[Location] 390 Nakayama, Hirata-cho, Sukumo
[Inquiries] ☎ (0880) 66-0225



38th Fudasho Kongofukuji Temple

The distance connecting this temple and the adjacent sacred places (i.e., the three consecutive sacred places) is longer than the distance of any other combination of three consecutive sacred places in Kochi Prefecture. It is said that Kobo Daishi founded this temple as a place leading to Mount Potalaka, where the Kannon Pure Land is believed to exist.

[Location] 214-1 Ashizurimisaki, Tosashimizu-shi
[Inquiries] ☎ (0880) 88-0038



40th Fudasho Kanjizaiji Temple

It is said that Kobo Daishi founded this temple as Emperor Heizei's place of imperial prayer in 807. The magnificent mountain gate totally made of zelkova is about 7 meters high.

[Location] 2253-1 Mishohirajo, Ainan-cho, Minamiuwa-gun, Ehime Prefecture
[Inquiries] ☎ (0895) 72-0416



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Wide Area Map



Sukumo Pilgrimage Route Map (Enkoji - Matsuo-toge Mountain Pass)

— Drive route — Route via Matsuo-toge Mountain Pass
● Pilgrimage Route

Imagining the flow of eternal history

Matsuo-toge Mountain Pass

Matsuo-toge Mountain Pass is at an altitude of 300 m on the border between Iyo and Tosa. A little walk will take you to the observatory in the ruins of Sumitomo Castle, where you can look down on Sukumo Bay.



Stone Monument

The pilgrimage route was a road connecting Iyo and Tosa, which many travelers, including pilgrims, and envoys of the Edo shogunate used. Signposts are left along the road. Currently, the road is a part of the Shikoku no Michi route (a walking course of Shikoku).



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A view from Matsuo-toge Pass



Bun- tan

Daruma buntan

Daruma Buntan is a popular citrus fruit that has a unique scent, a refreshing texture, and elegant sweetness. JA Kochi-Hata's Sukumo Buntan has a reputation for being delicious and consistent in taste, as they are sorted with optical sensor sorting equipment to select fruit with high sugar content and good acidity balance. Only Sukumo buntan with a particularly high sugar content and an excellent acidity balance is shipped as Daruma buntan. Daruma buntan is a souvenir and gift item that pleases people.

[Inquiries] JA Kochi-Hata ☎ (0880) 63-3461



Konatsu



Konatsu

Konatsu is an early summer citrus fruit that is called Hyuganatsu or New Summer outside the prefecture. People call this fruit Konatsu in Kochi Prefecture. Konatsu is a popular early summer fruit. An early maturing variety discovered in Sukumo is named Sukumo Konatsu, which is slightly small but very sweet and has high popularity. Thinly peel the outer skin so as to leave the inner white skin just like peeling off the apple. Then cut and eat it.



Naoshichi

Naoshichi is a sour citrus used as food flavoring but less sour than lemon or lime. Its taste is refreshing and mellow. Sukumo focused on the production of Naoshichi, and now Sukumo is the number one production place of Naoshichi in Japan. Naoshichi-processed products, such as ponzu vinegar, fruit juice, sauce for lightly roasted sashimi, dressing, jam, and cocktails are commercialized in Sukumo as the town of Naoshichi and sold nationwide.

[Inquiries] NAOSHICHI NO SATO CO., Ltd. ☎ 06-6977-7576



Shochu

Sukumo's shochu is made with 100% Kogane Sengan sweet potatoes cultivated in Sukumo. Kogane Sengan sweet potatoes cropped in the morning are processed carefully at noon. Sukumo no Imo shochu has a rich flavor, Zamani shochu is smooth and refreshing. Tosahan shochu goes down well and has a rich flavor. "Zamani" is a local dialect that means "very, extremely, really" in the Hata district of Kochi Prefecture.

[Inquiries] Sukumoshuzou Co., Ltd. ☎ (0880) 63-3830



Straw- berries

Daruma strawberries

The Daruma strawberry is a variety of the Sagahonoka strawberry. Only large-sized, round strawberries that look like a shape of the Dharma (also called Daruma) Sunset are sorted out and shipped as Daruma strawberries. Daruma strawberries are delicious strawberries that provide a refreshing sweetness and juicy taste.

[Inquiries] JA Kochi-Hata ☎ (0880) 63-3461



Coral

Coral is said to be a treasure of the sea. Coral-processed products have been produced in Sukumo for a long time. Their elegant beauty and affordable prices only available in the place of production attract popularity. Coral necklaces, earrings, and rings make great gifts.



Coral

Seafood of Sukumo

Sukumo Bay is located where the Kuroshio current flows into the Bungo Channel, and is so rich in fish that it is sometimes called "Fish Cradle" and "Natural Marine Farm". In addition to wild fish, aquacultured fish thrive here in the beautiful natural environment. You can enjoy delicious seafood throughout the four seasons.



Kibinago

Silver-stripe round herrings

Sukumo Bay is known nationwide as a good fishing ground for Kibinago (silver-stripe round herring). Fresh Kibinago sashimi is out of this world. They are also delicious salt-grilled, simmered, dried, or vinegared. Kibinago with roe caught in May and June are especially fatty and delicious.



Jako (Seasoning for soup stocks and snacks)

Round haul fishing is actively performed in Sukumo Bay, and sardines and fresh silver-stripe round herrings caught in nets are processed into jako or iriko (dried fish as a seasoning for soup stocks or snacks). They are processed into soft chirimenjako (dried young sardines) as well as dashijako (dried seasoning for soup stocks) according to the size and kind of fish and sold for popular souvenirs or gifts.



Sawachi Ryori ("Platter Cooking")

This dish is equally well known as Katsuo No Tataki in Kochi prefecture. As a dish often served at dinner banquets, fresh foods from the ocean, mountains, and rivers are piled high onto a large platter and shared by guests.



Katsuo No Tataki (Seared Bonito)

Katsuo No Tataki is synonymous with Kochi prefecture. Bonito is cut into loins, seared on the outside, chilled, and sliced into smaller pieces. It is usually served with chopped herbs and sauce. Bonito seared over burning straw is especially delicious.

Bonito

Sea bream

Farm-raised fish

Farm raising fish is popular in Sukumo Bay's nutrient rich waters. Brands such as "Naoshichi Madai" (sea bream raised with Sukumo's specialty Naoshichi fruit) have been developed.

Yellow tail

Seasonal Food Calendar of Sukumo

	Winter		Spring			Summer			Autumn			Winter	
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
Buntan													
Konatsu													
Strawberries													
Bonito													
Kibinago													



Originated
in
Sukumo



The birthplace of Hashiken

A skipper from Kyushu introduced satsumaken (said to be the origin of hashiken) around 1849 when the skipper stayed at an inn in Sukumo for sailors operated by Daikokuya Ushimatsu. Hashiken is a game using chopsticks and played for fun at Japanese-style banquets. It is a game of two people, in which each of them stretches his/her arm forward with a maximum of three red chopsticks grabbed in his/her hand in a way not seen by the opponent, and they guess the total number of chopsticks grabbed by them in a rhythmic manner. Local people say, "Hashiken wo utsu," which means "Play hashiken."



Sukumo Marathon
The Sukumo Marathon is a marathon race, in which participants run through a calm spring road in Sukumo. People offer hospitality with local specialties to all runners after the competition ends.

Events of Sukumo

Seasonal events direct
delightful moments.

SUKUMO Industrial Festival

This is a festival with a large collection of Sukumo's spring tastes, such as konatsu and silver-stripe round herrings, and plenty of participatory events that children and adults can both enjoy.



Vegetable Festival (Yasai)

This festival is held at the Torinji Temple in Hirata-cho in the middle of August. The festival starts with Takemawashi (lit. bamboo turning), followed by Bon dancing, Yaguramawashi (lit. miniature shrine turning), and other events. Torinji Temple was the family temple of the Ichijo family who prospered as a Kuge Daimyo (court noble feudal lord) in Tosanakamura. When the Ichijo family visited Hirata, villagers thought it would be rude to directly hand gifts to them, so the villagers wrapped produce such as eggplants in bamboo sheaths and gave it to the Ichijo family as wrapped presents. It is said this episode was how the festival originated. Designated as Sukumo's intangible folk cultural property in 1963.

Traditional
event



Kotohiragu (also known as Konpira-dai-gongen or Konpira Shrine)Autumn Festival

It is said that Noda Jinzaemon, a vassal of Sukumo Lord Chosokabe Motochika, lived in Matsuda Castle as his residence. Jinzaemon enshrined Konpira-dai-gongen on the summit of the mountain behind Matsuda Castle in 1592, and a ritual service for Konpira-dai-gongen started. The present main building of Konpira Shrine was newly constructed in 1879 when the spirit of the Sanuki Konpira Shrine was divided and transferred to the main building. The Autumn Festival is held in October every year.

Annual Event Information		
Time	Event name	Venue
Mid-March to late March	Sukumo Opening of Tourism	Sukumo 84 Marine Terminal
Mid-April	Sukumo Marathon	Sukumo City Sports Park
Late April	SUKUMO Industrial Festival	Sukumo City Sports Park
First Sunday of June	Okinoshima Beach officially opens to bathers	Udonohama Beach, Okinoshima
Second Sunday of July	Sasabira Camping Site officially opens to campers	Sasabira Camping Site
August 16 (biennially in odd-numbered years)	Kasaboko (ritual decoration)	Miura's big yard, Okinoshima
August 16	Vegetable Festival (Yasai)	Torinji Temple
Early October	Citizens' Festival Sukumo Matsuri	Sukumo urban area
Early November to Mid-November	Hometown of Winter OrchidsTosa Sukumo Exhibition	Wada athletic stadium



Citizens' Festival Sukumo Matsuri

The Citizens' Festival is held every October (on Saturday and Sunday prior to Health and Sports Day). A dance parade and fireworks set off in the autumn night sky are the main events of the Festival. The Festival includes other events, such as Children Mikoshi (children carrying a miniature shrine), various sports competitions, and a singing festival.



Hometown of Winter Orchids Tosa Sukumo Exhibition

Sukumo is a producing area of many of the finest orchids, such as Hosetsu, Nikko, and Kinshi. This nationwide event is held every November, where approximately 250 winter orchids are exhibited from all over the country, and many orchid lovers inside and outside the prefecture visit the exhibition.



Passenger boarding port



The Port of Sukumo Bay is located at the southern end of the Bungo Suido (Channel) serving as the entrance to the sea in the southwest of Shikoku. The port facilities include a wharf with a depth of 13 m where a large ship can go alongside and three other berths. A large luxury passenger ship with sightseers comes to this port every year, and local people and the city welcome the sightseers with a greeting event.



Information on accommodations

Sukumo		Sukumo area code (0880)	
Facility name	Address	Phone	Capacity
Sukumo Resort Yashinoyu	17-27 Oshima	65-8185	100
Business Hotel Uemura	5-10 Saiwai-cho	63-2118	20
Akisawa Hotel	6-43 Saiwai-cho	63-2129	159
Hotel Matsuya	5343-10 Sukumo	63-1185	96
Hotel Avan Sukumo	1108 Sukumo	63-1180	77
Business Hotel Asahi	7-12 Takasago	65-6707	80
Business Hotel Yoshinoya	5-2-13 Chuo	63-2258	9
Yoneya Ryokan	5-4-7 Chuo	63-3141	32
Gesshokan	6-3-11 Chuo	63-3108	13
Minshuku Hatsufukuso	11-11 Katashima	65-7387	26
Manabe Ryokan	3-302 Ekihigashimachi	63-3408	20
Kouno Ryokan	4-42 Katashima	65-8248	19
Minshuku Genpukuso	5-100-6 Katashima	65-7053	6
Morishita Ryokan	9-24-3 Katashima	65-8216	10
Kanawaza Ryokan	9-24-4 Katashima	65-8125	21
Oshimaya Ryokan	121 Kozukushi, Kozukushi-cho	67-0103	16
Minshuku Shimaya	311 Nakayama Hirata-cho	66-1432	25
Tsurunoya Ryokan	1659 Hiratachohenai	66-0007	20
Ryokan Hirataso	1664-2 Hiratachohenai	66-0310	20
Sukumajo	9-15 Matsuda-cho	63-3835	43
Yamazatonoie	41-1 Kusuyama, Hashikami-cho	64-7037	20
Sukumo Flex Hotel	2-9-6 Chuo	63-6123	31
Guesthouse Joint Sukumo	31 Ususuki	79-0317	12

Okinoshima and Ugurushima		Sukumo area code (0880)	
Facility name	Address	Phone	Capacity
Boyokan Sawachika	949-no Moshima, Okinoshima-cho	69-1121	30
Ryokan Okinoshima	999-6 Moshima, Okinoshima-cho	69-1116	25
Takami Ryokan	900 Moshima, Okinoshima-cho	69-1311	20
Blue Marine House	1586-3 Moshima, Okinoshima-cho	69-1023	6
Minshuku Hatsufukuso	562-4 Hirose, Okinoshima-cho	65-8877	18
Shimaichi Ryokan	314 Hirose, Okinoshima-cho	69-1665	15
Self no Yado Ichihara	357 Hirose, Okinoshima-cho	69-1048	7
Minshuku Kuroshio	464 Hirose, Okinoshima-cho	69-1055	15
Iemoto Ryokan	56 Ugurushima, Okinoshima-cho	69-1725	10
Minshuku Shimanokari	37 Ugurushima, Okinoshima-cho	69-1714	8
Minshuku Takami	48-2 Ugurushima, Okinoshima-cho	65-8071	12
Minshuku Miyamoto	50 Ugurushima, Okinoshima-cho	090-3185-9958	10
Minshuku Matsuya	99-1 Ugurushima, Okinoshima-cho	65-6984	16

Origin of the Name Sukumo

People imagine that Sukumo was a large wetland with reeds in ancient times. Ancient people in this area called withered reeds sukumobi, the expression of which is found in many 31-syllable Japanese poems written in the past. It is considered that the place name Sukumo originated from the reed field.

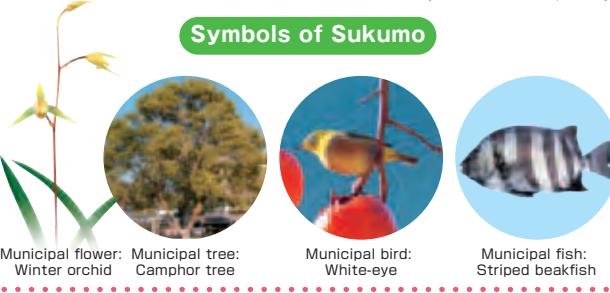
The City of Sukumo was born as a result of the mergers of municipalities (six towns and villages, i.e., Sukumo, Kozukushi, Yamana, Hirata, Hashigami, and Okinoshima) on March 31, 1945.

City location and area

Location: 132°43'E, 32°56'N Area: 286.11 Km²

(as of October 1, 2005)

Symbols of Sukumo



Sukumo, which takes pride in its great history and nature, has produced great people. Three of them are introduced here.



Toyonoshima Daiki

Graduated from Katashima Junior High School and Sukumo High School. Belongs to the Tokitsukaze Stable and active in the sumo world.



Tomotaka Okamoto

Graduated from Sukumo Junior High School and Sukumo High School. Active as a soprano in Japan and abroad.



Kanpei Hazama

From Sukumo. Gave a Sukumo Citizen Honor Award in 2011 in honor of the completion of the Earth Marathon.

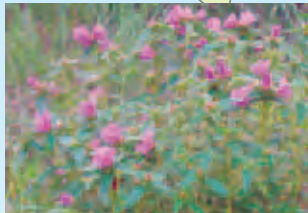


- Cherry blossom viewing point
- Plum blossom viewing point
- Azalea blossom viewing point
- Firefly viewing point
- Dharma Sunset viewing point

- 1 Okinoshima and Ugurushima
- 2 Sakaki (fishery experience)
- 3 Kusuyama Park
- 4 Mt. Sasayama, One of Shikoku's 100 Famous Mountains
- 5 Idei Potholes
- 6 Sasabira Camping Site
- 7 Hibira Park
- 8 Kanyoto Park
- 9 Kokumin-shukusha Yashi
- 10 Yamazatonioie
- 11 Roadside Station Sukumo (Sukumo Sunnyside Park)
- 12 Sukumo Municipal Baseball Stadium
- 13 Sukumo City Sports Park
- 14 Lake Hotaru Golf Park
- 15 Sukumo 84 Marine Terminal
- 16 Hamada Inn (Hamada no Tomariya)
- 17 Nonaka Kenzan family's graves
- 18 Maple of Sakaki
- 19 Sukumo History Museum
- 20 Enkoji Temple
- 21 Kongofukuiji Temple
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- 29 Port of Sukumo Bay (Passenger boarding port)



Kashiwajima (Otsuki-cho)



Himenobotan - Heterocentron elegans (Miharamura)



Shimanto River (Shimanto)



Cape Ashizuri (Tosashimizu)

Cape Ashizuri

Shikoku Kotsu Timetable

● By Car (Expressway)

Okayama Pref. (Kurashiki)	30 mins.	Kagawa Pref. (Sakaide)	1 hr. 30 mins.	Kochi Pref.	2 hrs. 30 mins.	Sukumo
Hyogo Pref. (Kobe)	1 hr. 10 mins.	Tokushima Pref. (Naruto)	2 hrs. 20 mins.	Kochi Pref.	2 hrs. 30 mins.	Sukumo
Hiroshima Pref. (Hiroshima)	2 hrs. 50 mins.	Ehime Pref. (Matsuyama)	Approx. 2 hrs. 40 mins.			Sukumo

● Night Express Bus

Kyoto area	1 hr. 10 mins.	Osaka area	10 hrs. 10 mins.	Sukumo Sta.
Shinjuku Sta.		13 hrs. 30 mins Season-limited		Sukumo Sta.

● JR/Tosa Kuroshio Railway

Okayama Sta.	2 hrs. 30 mins. JR	JR Kochi Sta.	2 hrs. JR/Tosa Kuroshio Railway	Sukumo Sta.
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● Airplane

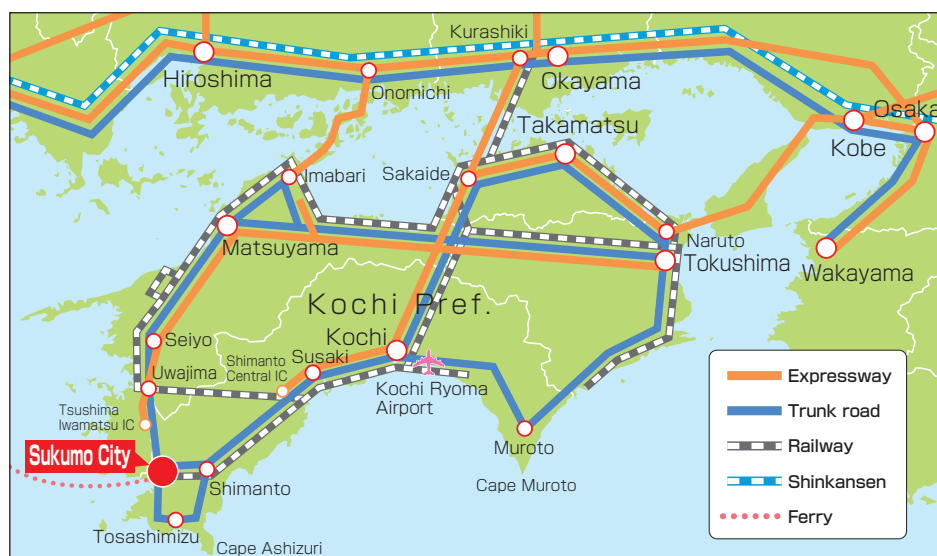
Haneda Airport	1 hr. 15 mins.	Kochi Ryoma Airport	30 mins. by connected bus	JR Kochi Sta.
Nagoya Airport	55 mins.			
Itami Airport	45 mins.			
Fukuoka Airport	55 mins.			

● Ferry

Saiki	3 hrs. 10 mins.	Sukumo
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● Sukumo Ferry Timetable

Sukumo (Departure)	Saiki (Arrival)	Saiki (Departure)	Sukumo (Arrival)
00:30	03:40	04:10	07:20
08:00	11:10	12:00	15:10
16:00	19:10	20:50	00:00



● For inquiries about transportation to Sukumo

Railway/Bus

JR Kochi Sta.

TEL 088-822-8229 (Kochi)

Tosa Kuroshio Railway Nakamura Sta.

TEL 0880-35-4961 (Nakamura)

Tosa Kuroshio Railway Sukumo Sta.

TEL 0880-63-6000 (Sukumo)

Tosadenkotsu

TEL 088-845-1607 (Kochi)

Kochi Seinan Kotsu H.Q.

TEL 0880-34-1266 (Shimanto)

TEL 0880-34-6736 (Express Bus)

Uwajima Bus

TEL 0895-22-2200 (Uwajima)

Airplane

Kochi Airport Information

TEL 088-863-2906 (Kochi)

Ferry

Saiki - Sukumo (Sukumo Ferry)

TEL 0880-62-1100

● Sukumo - Okinoshima (Sukumo Municipal Ferry)

TEL 0880-65-8568

(Katashima Ticket Office)

TEL 0880-63-1118

(Department of Planning and Design)

Taxi/Hire (Sukumo)

Sakura Kanko Hire

TEL 0880-63-2116

Sukumo Hire

TEL 0880-63-2111

Marusan Kanko Hire

TEL 0880-63-0050

Yamada Hire

TEL 0880-66-0523

Wada Taxi

TEL 0880-63-3671

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1-703 Ekimaecho, Sukumo-shi, Kochi Pref. 788-0010 TEL0880-63-0801

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