

Iki Basics How much do you know about lki? Its history, culture, scenery, gourmet cuisine, experiences, customs... The more you know, the more interesting your trip will be. This guidebook will teach you everything ad is the 20th largest island in Japan (excluding Okinawa) with an area of 139. A2 Km². you need to know!

<sup>are four</sup> convenience stores on the is mes, barter has been common on the island. everything one needs can be produced on the island. Winters are relatively warm, although winter brings strong winds which can make the weather feel cold. Ashibe, and Indoji) are all home to a tourist information center! 14. Iki Shochu has been produced for over 500 years. lasaki Prefecture! 13. Iki is the birthplace of Barley Shochu! <sup>3</sup> diving which helps to prevent over-harvesting. hese pillars today, with the most famous being the scenic Sakyobana Pillar. Kofun (ancient burial mounds) and over 150 Shinto shrines. The island feels compact as you can get almost anywhere in about 20 minutes. If you're looking for information about sightseeing in Iki, look no further! Iki City Tourism Federation/www.ikikankou.cor Iki Tourist Information Centers 1 Saruiwa · Monkey Rock Gonoura Port, Ashibe Port, and Indoji Port) er 45 meters tall, this striking,

> natural rock formation is famous for its remarkable resemblance

visit Iki! See the sights! Take pictures!

# Scenic spots in Iki Buth

Iki, an island of myths and legends, promises visitors miraculous experiences.

If you're lucky, you might encounter your own miracle!



Iki's own Mont Saint-Michel!?

Another popular way to Visit is to paddle underneath the torii gate in a kayak!



2 Kojima Shrine During low tide, a sandy path appears leading you to this mysterious island shrine.

#### 3 Harahoge Jizo

These six unusual Jizo statues have a hole ("hoge") in their helligs ("hoge")



Its name the "Ocean Shrine"/ is beautiful, too.

4 Tatsunoshima Island

An uninhabited island popular for its stunning

cliffs and sparkling emerald-green water.



The historic landmark is bathed in light during a beautiful sunrise.



#### 6 Haru-no-Tsuji Ikikoku Park

Several Yayoi period (300 BCE – 250 CE) have been reconstructed on their original sites here, the ruins of an ancient kingdom.

**6** Ryuda Shrine

A scenic, oceanside shrine to the dragon god Ryuda.

The shrine also offers superb views of the ocean!



7 lki Dolphin Park & Resort

#### **3** Otoshima Beach

The white beach looks like a bridge leading to a small island. At this unusual place, waves come ashore from both sides.



with the adorable, 9 Oni-no-Ashiato (Devil's Footprint

This enormous whole is said to have been left when a giant demon stepped on lki Island. You can find the other footprint on Tatsunoshima

How was this gaping hole actually formed?!

How large is it?
Compare it to
the Size of
your own foot!

### Sakyobana

In this scenic seaside park you can see one of the legendary 8 pillars.

## Takenotsuji Observation Platform

Enjoy panoramic island views from the island's highest peak.



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#### Tatsunoshima Island Cruise and Ferry

Tatsunoshima is an uninhabited island 10 minutes north of lki. During the summer, you can enjoy the beautiful, secluded beach here. A short 40-minute sightseeing cruise will take you around the island so you can view the island's stunning cliffs and rock formations up-close.(Regular service from April 1 to November 30)



#### Iki Dolphin Park & Resort

Here you can encounter the Park's dolphins up close!
There are plenty of other activities where you can enjoy the island's natural scenery, such as day-camping, barbecuing, and paddle boarding (SUP).





#### Fishing Excursion

Enjoy a guided fishing excursion on a chartered boat! Your captain will explain everything and ensure everyone has a good time, regardless of age or experience level.







(B) Ohama Beach A popular destination for local families, this beach us distinguished by its shallow waters. The appearance of the beach changes significantly depending on whether it's high or low tide. Relax and enjoy the Despite its small size, lki Island is full of beaches! slow passage of time as you listen to The island's natural white sand isla rarity in Japan, the sound of the waves. and the ocean water's exception clarity will make Whether you're young or old (or just young at heart), why not experience this island paradise.

Mishikihama Beach

marine sports like diving.

Encounter adorable-looking fish at

this beach, which has exceptionally

clear water. Of all lki's beaches.

Nishikihama Beach is a Mecca for

#### 17 Tatsunoshima Beach

A secluded beach on an uninhabited island 10 minutes north of Iki. Take in the sparking, emerald-green water, sheer cliffs and strangely shaped rock for-

mations. \*The beach has no shops or vending machines. If you want any food or drinks, you'll need to buy them before embarking on the ferry.

Chosen as one of

Japan's 100 most

appealing beaches

#### Sea Kavaking

Try one of the unique-to-lki routes such as visiting an uninhabited island or retracting a 2,000 year old route used by traders. Beginners welcome!



#### Marine Sports

Water-sledding, iet-skiing, snorkeling and many more, you can enjoy a variety of marine sports during the summer on Iki's beaches.



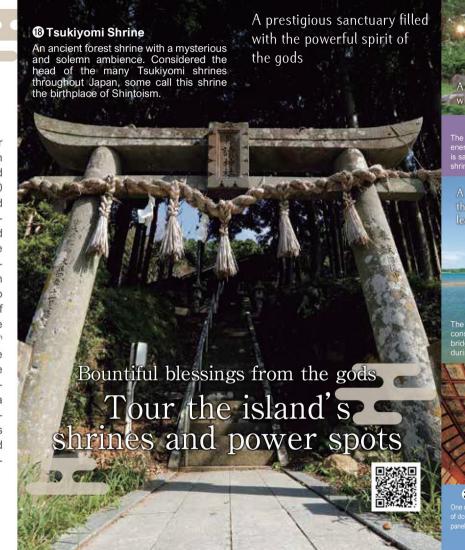
#### **Campsites**

There are four campsites on Iki, and all of them let you experience the island's majestic natural beauty while sensing the nearby ocean.



# an island inhabited by the gods.

Some can be found near the ocean; others deep in the mountains. Iki island is home to over 1.000 shrines dotted around the island. The unusual "density" of gods and lki's appearance in the Kojiki, a historic chronicle of Japanese myth (712 CE) have led lki to be called "the island of the gods". It is said in the Koiiki that Iki was the 5th Japanese island to be created, born from the gods Izanagi and Izanami. The island itself is a deity called Amenohitotsubashira, and served as a bridge that connected the earth and the heav-





#### 19 Mendake Shrine

The sacred rock of this shrine exudes a mysterious is said that if you visit this shrine along with Ondake

#### 20 Kojima Shrine

considered sacred. A mystical power spot, a sand bridge to this mysterious shrine is revealed only

## 21 Hakusa Hachiman Shrine



#### Small Shrine of Iki

Hokora are a type of miniature Shinto shrine typically dedicated to minor Shinto gods. These small shrines are scattered all around lki from deep in the forests, to next to harbors or within towns. Carefully preserved over the years, they represent the islanders desire to coexist with the gods as they go about their daily lives.



#### 24 Amanotanagao Shrine



Daidai Kagura, traditional Shinto music and dance is performed here by the priests of lki Island.

22 Shomogu Shrine

protected this port town fo

more than 1,300 years

23 Kumano Shrine

that's reminiscent of the Kumano Kodo Road.

## Ikikagura

A style of sacred music and dance performed exclusively by the priests of lki. This tradition has been passed down orally for over 700 years and consists of 35 pieces ranging in style from graceful to acrobatic. Variations of kagura are performed daily throughout the fall and winter, but the most somber variant, Daidai Kagura (Grand Kagura), is only performed twice a year (and lasts seven to eight hours.)



#### 26 Amanotanagahime Shrine

goddesses were once enshrined here before they were relocated to Amanotanagao Shrine. Today only the tori





The entire mountain where the shrine is located was people until the Meiji period. Enjoy a beautiful view and

## Goshuin Stamp books

Goshuin are calligraphy seals that shrine's god. Stamp

a mini-quidebook, are available for purchase. so you can collect goshuin as you explore the island. You can make reservations in advance to ensure a priest will be available at each shrines that offer goshuin.

•Iki original stamp notebook: ¥1,500 Availability: Purchase at the Tourist Information Centers at Gonoura Port, Ashibe Port, and Indoii Port



#### 29 Ryuda Shrine

## Iki Tsushima and Goto as Border Islands





Nagasaki Prefectural Archaeological Center

This museum features exhibits of about 2.000 precious artifacts excavated from the ruins and kofun burial mounds that dot the island. Highlights of the museum include a short film showing what life was like in the Yavoi period, and a large diorama with 165 figures recreating scenes from Ikikoku. In the observation room, enjoy panoramic views of the Haru-no-Tsuii Ruins.

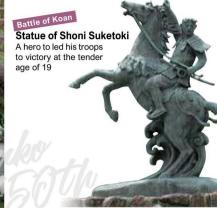












## 750 years since the invasion of Iki Mongol Invasions

In this historic struggle, the Mongol Empire along with the Kingdom of Goryeo, attacked Tsushima and then lki in an attempt to invade Japan, lki island was invaded twice. once in 1274, known as the Battle of Bunei, and again in 1281, known as the Battle of Koan. During the Battle of Koan, Shoni Suketoki, the acting military governer of lki at the time put up a desperate fight, but he and his forces were wiped out as they defended lki Island.

There are a lot of unique hotels and inns on the island.

Inns and hotels on the island

Inns with hot springs

Pleasure of

travel

Private

Resort hotels

Business hotels

Traditional



#### Yunomoto Onsen

This quaint hot spring village is located in the northwestern part of the island. Its waters are also known as the "Blessed Child Spring" because it is said that it was here the Empress Jingu gave her son, the Emperor Ojin, his first bath about 1,700 years ago. The springs are notable for their cloudy, reddish-brown water due their high iron and salt content. The water has excellent heat and moisture retention properties and it's said that you'll feel warm for hours after bathing.

#### **Ams Melons**

This fruit is known for its juic consistency. Melons are careful monitored to ensure high sug

From mid June



# packed with delicious flavor

# Gourmet Island Cuisine

Enjoy delicious cuisine from Iki, the gourmet Island. Try the many local specialties such as Iki squid and vellowtail known for their firm texture. sea urchin roe famous for their sweet taste and a smooth texture that seems to melt on your tongue, and rare, premium lki-qvu...



#### Iki Squid **Ikitsurugi**

Known for its thick meat and a rich. sweet flavor. To be considered Ikitsurugi, a premium brand of high quality squid, the product must be more than 35 centimeters in length. June through August

#### **Abalone**

These shellfish are hand-harvested by the island's traditional divers. Known for its plump meat and chewy texture, enjoying fresh abalone is one of the island's unique pleasures.

May through August



Producers blend lki's refined. mineral-rich groundwater with saltwater pumped from deep underneath the ocean floor to create an optimized, low-salinity environment for raisi pufferfish.



The concept was to create a beer that would pair well with same white rice malt that is

Year-round







## Asparagus

February through October

#### lki-gyu

Only 900 of this premium waqyu beef brand are raised each year. Because they are raised in mineral-rich pastures by the ocean, their meat is known for a soft texture with excellent fat marbling. Enjoying Iki-gyu as a steak or traditional Japanese vakiniku barbeque to let the flavor of the meat shine is very popular, but also make sure to try an Iki-gyu hamburger!

#### Sea urchin-topped rice

Large in size and sweet in flavor. lki's sea urchin roe is popular for its melt-in-your-mouth consistency. Enioved many ways including raw or as unimeshi, sea urchin steamed with rice, sea urchin roe is a delicacy you won't want to miss.

Mid April through mid June Purple sea urchin July through mid October Red sea urchin



lki is known as the birthplace of barley shochu. After mixing barley and malted rice in a 2:1 ratio. distillers age the liquor in barrels or tanks to give it a mellow flavor. Year-round



#### lki Tofu

production techniques ensure the product delivers a simple

Year-round

#### Yellowtail

Typically caught one at a time by pole and line rather than by net, local fishermen take great pride in this superior product. Winter is the best time to enjoy this fish as the high fat content results in succulent slices of sashimi with a rich flavor.

December through February



This hotpot dish is prepared by adding chicken meat, seasonal vegetables, lki tofu, and somen noodles to soy sauce-based chicken stock.

Year-round





leather products to soap are the ultimate way to remember your visit to the island.



This product is made from freshly harvested sea urchin. Enjoy the rich flavor of fresh sea urchin in your own home



#### Folk crafts

The frightening faces of local charms known as ondako are the perfect way to ward off evil.

SCHOL OF



elegant beauty of pearls to create richly expressive



Enjoy the nostalgic, old-fashioned flavor of sweets like hand-baked rice crackers and cake made with Iki shochu.



#### Agricultural products

A variety of products using local ingredients. Seasonings made with yuzu, a local specialty, are especially popular.



#### lki salt

The mellow taste of salt from Iki's ocean waters helps highlight the flavor of any cuisine.



Seafood Products Craftsmen draw on skill and expertise to add a little something extra to the already delicious flavor of freshly harvested seafood

Sake

After a long interlude, sake

brewing on the island has

resumed using locally grown

rice and refined water.





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Be sure to take back a souvenir to remember your time on Iki

# \souvenir information. / lki gifts and souvenirs

Iki offers plenty of superb gifts and souvenirs to commemorate your visit

To purchase a gift, please see the list of gift shops on the inside of the separate map.





Craftsmen carefully dry fresh, seasonal fish caught in the Genkai-nada Sea. Thick and delicious.



Seaweed from the bountiful ocean is dried, leaving only savory flavor and nutrients.

This liquor is distinguished by the aroma of wheat and the sweetness of rice.

Try shochu from each of the island's seven distilleries to discover the flavor you love.





Craft gin

A number of distillers are using distinctive botanicals to create craft gin based on Iki Shochu Liquor.



The refreshing mouthfeel of this product is a testament to the skill of the former shochu distiller who makes it. It goes perfectly with seafood!



Iki olive oil and yuzu combine with ingredients from

Yunomoto Spa to create moisturizing, natural cosmetics.

(45 Agri Plaza Shikisaikan) 44 Marinpal Iki

(46 Island Station Ichibankan

every month, New Year's

(47 Katsumoto Morning Market)

event of inclement weather.



#### Getting to Iki by sea

Kyushu Yusen

https://www.kyu-you.co.jp/

Ferry ..... About 2 hr. 10 min.

(Karatsu Higashi Port

Kyushu Yusen Head Office

Office timetable miyamachi, Hakata-ku,



#### Hakata departures and arrivals (Bayside Place Hakata)

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### Getting to Iki by air

Oriental Air Bridge https://www.orc-air.co.jp/

Nagasaki Airport)

**⇄[ Iki Airport** 

2 flights per day (travel time: about 30 min.)

ORC Reservations Center



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#### Scheduled bus service

#### Iki Kotsu

Day pass

Adults, ¥1,000 per person; junior high school an younger, ¥500 per person

\*Available for purchase at ticket counters and on buses.

#### Charter bus service

lki Kotsı

Genkai Kotsu Co., Ltd.

#### ●lki Guide Clul

(Guided bus tours of the island for groups individuals, and small groups)

#### Taxi service

lki Kotsu Taxi

Taxi Dispatch Cente

Genkai Taxi, Katsumoto Taxi, and Bunka Taxi

#### Car rentals

#### Kukou Rental Car

(Light "kei" cars, passenger cars, and 8-seat wagons)

#### Genkai Kotsu Rent-a-ca

(Light "kei" cars, passenger cars, 8-seat ca 10-seat cars, light trucks, and light vans)

#### Minato Rent-a-ca

(Light "kei" cars and passenger cars)

#### Niconico Rent

#### a Car Iki Branch

(Light "kei" cars, passenger cars, 8-seat wagons, and light vans equipped to accommodate fishing tackle

#### Nagaoka Rent-a-car

(Light "kei" cars, passenger cars, 8-seat cars and 10-seat cars)

#### Aburayaiki Rent-a-car

(Light "kei" cars, 2-seat convertibles, passenger cars, 7-seat cars, 8-seat wagons, trikes, and go-carts "Regular driver's license required

#### Iki Rent-a-car

ight "kei" cars, passenger cars, light vans seat cars, and 10-seat cars)

#### Ferry

#### Mishima Fe

(Service to Harushima Island, Nagashima Island and Oshima Island)

#### EV scooter rentals

Ikieco EV Scooter Rental

Electric scooters \*Reservations required at least 1 day in advance.

#### Electric tuk-tuks

Iki Gonoura Branch, eMoBi Ritoren

#### Iki Chari

#### E-bike rentals

Rental fees: Half-day, Y1,100; full day, Y2,20 Two days (overnight): Y2,750



Gonoura Port Tourist Information Center Ashibe Port Tourist Information Center Indoji Port Tourist Information Center



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