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AWAJI ISLAND and SHODO ISLAND

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"YOKOSO" means "welcome"

Inland Sea or **Seto-Naikai** (瀬戸内海), a tranquil body of water studded with numerous islands and islets of varied shapes, stretches from Honshu to the island of Shikoku and Kyushu for a distance of 500 km (311 mi.). At its widest point, from north to south, it measures 64 km (40 mi.) and, at its narrowest point, 7 km (4.3 mi.). Dotted with more than 3,000 pine-covered islands and islets, the Inland Sea is one of the most picturesque seas in the world.

Awaji Island (淡路島), the largest island in the Inland Sea with an area of 593 sq.km., lies at the eastern end of the Inland Sea National Park. This flat island in the shape of a triangle is extensively cultivated. It is connected with both Honshu and Shikoku by two large suspension bridges. One is Onaruto Bridge which spans Naruto Straits between the southern end of Awaji Island

and Naruto, Tokushima Prefecture in Shikoku. The other is Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge, the 3,911 m-long bridge which opened to vehicular traffic in April of 1998, spanning Akashi Straits connecting the northern end of Awaji Island with Maiko, Kobe City. Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge with 1,991 m-long center span, which was extended by one meter as a result of the 1995 Great Hanshin Earthquake, which took place while it was being constructed, is the longest suspension bridges in the world.

Shodo Island (小豆島) is the second largest island in the Inland Sea, with an area of 170 sq.km. Blessed with a temperate climate, the island is famous for the local cultivation of olive trees. Tonosho (土庄) located 2 hrs. by high speed boat from Osaka, is the principal gateway to and from the island by sea and serves as the starting point for sightseeing bus trips on the island.

Access by JR Trains to the area:

To	From	Type of trains	Time required	One-way Fare (¥)
Shin-Kobe	Tokyo	Sanyo Shinkansen (Nozomi)	2 hrs. 55 min.	14,870
	Shin-Osaka	Sanyo Shinkansen (Nozomi)	15 min.	3,210
Nishi-Akashi	Tokyo	Tokaido & Sanyo Shinkansen (Nozomi)	3 hrs. 40 min.	15,090
	Shin-Osaka	Sanyo Shinkansen (Hikari)	25 min.	3,280
Himeji	Tokyo	Sanyo Shinkansen (Nozomi)	3 hrs. 7 min.	15,910
	Shin-Osaka	Sanyo Shinkansen (Hikari)	35 min.	3,840
Okayama	Tokyo	Sanyo Shinkansen (Nozomi)	3 hrs. 24 min.	17,060
	Shin-Osaka	Sanyo Shinkansen (Hikari)	55 min.	6,060

* The one-way fare depends on seasons.

Access by Bus to Awaji Island:

To	From	Operated by	Time required	One-way Fare (¥)
Tsuna Port	Shin-Kobe Sta.	JR Bus	1 hr. 20 min.	1,500
Sumoto Highway Bus Center			1 hr. 40 min.	1,800
Tsuna Port	Osaka Sta.		1 hr. 44 min.	2,000
Sumoto Highway Bus Center			2 hrs. 5 min.	2,300
Tsuna Port	Sannomiya Sta.	Shinki Bus or Awaji Kotsu	1 hr. 5 min.	1,500
Sumoto Highway Bus Center			1 hr. 20 min.	1,800
Fukura			1 hr. 25 min.	2,200
Kuruma	Highway Maiko	Awaji Kotsu	25 min.	650
Tsuna Port			40 min.	1,200
Sumoto IC			40 min.	1,450
Fukura			1 hr. 11 min.	1,900
Sumoto Highway Bus Center		Awaji Kotsu or Sanyo Denki Tetsudo	1 hr.	1,500
Iwaya Port		Shinki Bus, Sanyo Denki Tetsudo, Awaji Kotsu or Honshi Kaikyo Bus	13 min.	400
Awaji Yumebutai-mae		25 min.	500	

Major Sea Routes to the Islands

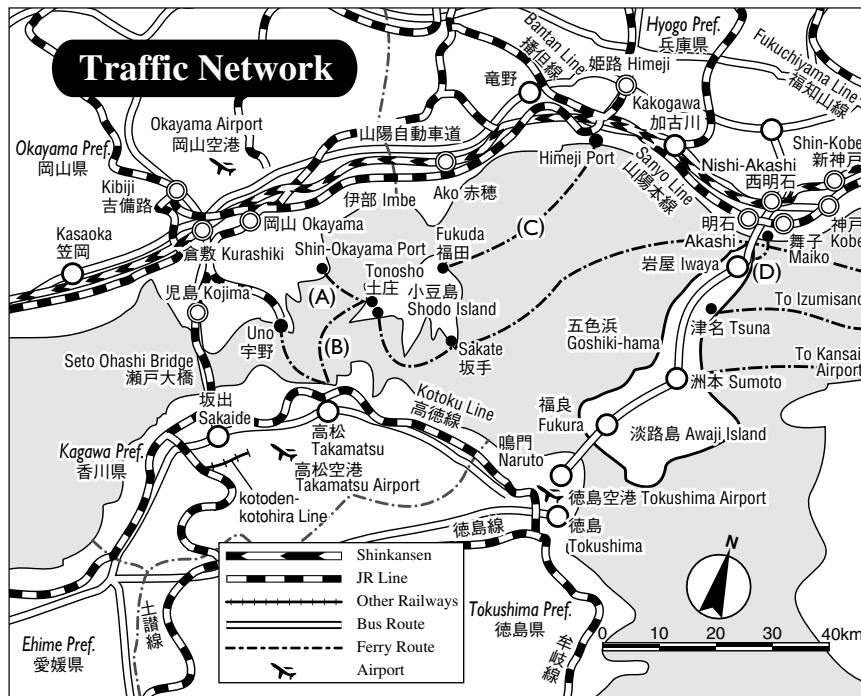
	To	From	Type of boat	Time required	One-way Fare(¥)
(A)	Tonosho	Shin-Okayama Port *1	Ferry	1 hr. 10 min.	835
			High speed boat	35 min.	1,400
(B)	Tonosho	Takamatsu Port *2	Ferry	1 hr.	570
			High speed boat	30 min.	1,140 (Night shipping : 1,300)

Shodo Island (A) ~ (C) and Awaji Island (D) : (A)-(D) correspond to those on the map on page 2/4.

	To	From	Type of boat	Time required	One-way Fare(¥)
(C)	Fukuda	Himeji Port *3	Ferry	1 hr. 40 min.	1,320
(D)	Iwaya	Akashi Port *4	Ferry	20 min.	320

*1 35 min. by Ryobi Bus to Shin-Okayama Port from JR Okayama Sta.(¥480)
 *2 10-min. walk from JR Takamatsu Sta.

*3 20 min. by Himeji City Bus to Himeji Port from JR Himeji Sta.(¥260)
 *4 10-min. walk from JR Akashi Sta.



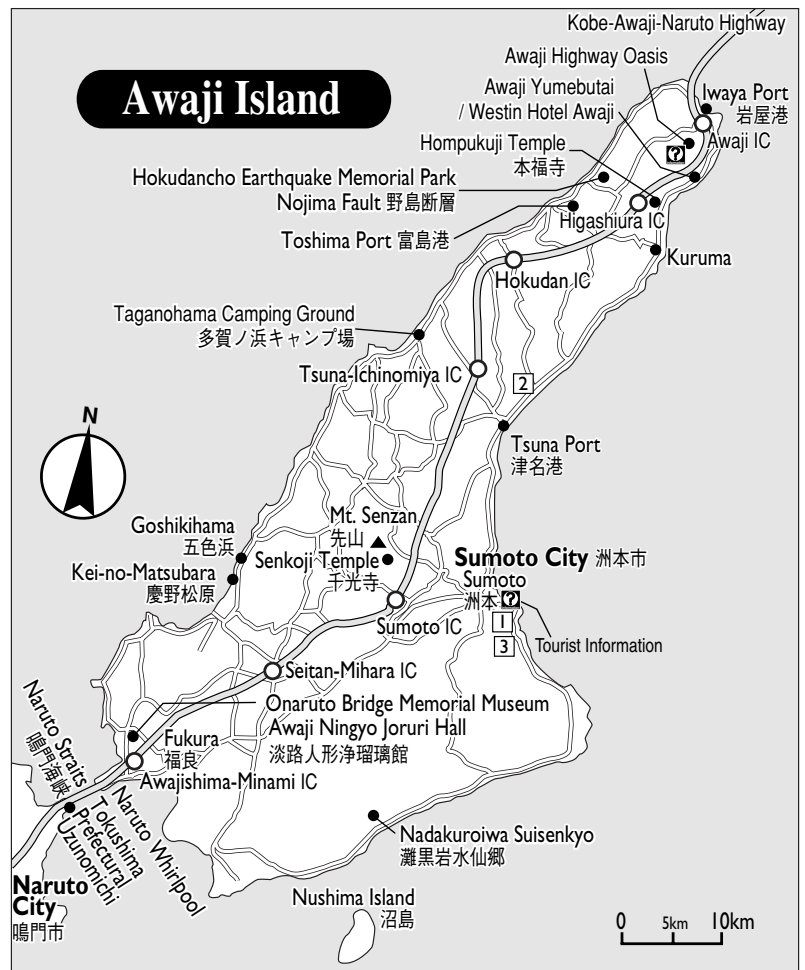
Places of Interest in Awaji Island:

Whirlpools of Naruto Straits (鳴門の渦潮) are dynamic whirlpools, caused by big drops in the tide when the water sweeps into the Inland Sea from the Pacific or out. An 1-hr. sightseeing cruise for viewing the whirlpools by a large boat named Kanrinmaru is available from Fukura Port. Fare: ¥2,000.

Tokushima Prefectural Uzunomichi (徳島県立渦の道), 25 min. by bus from Naruto Sta., get off at Naruto Park Bus Stop and 10-min. walk., is a hands-on facility for visitors to see the view of whirlpools of Naruto Straits and the Onaruto Bridge. One part of the floor is made of transparent glass, which enables visitors to see the whirlpools 450 meters below their feet. The Tokushima Prefectural Uzunomichi is only accessible from the Tokushima side of the Naruto Straits. Open 9:00-18:00, 9:00-17:00 (Oct.-Feb.), 8:00-19:00 (G.W. and summer vacation), enter before 30 min. each closing time. Closed: Mon. (2nd of Jun., Sep., Dec. and Mar.) Admission: ¥500.

Fukura (福良), 30 min. by bus from Sumoto, at the southern tip of the island, offers a vantage point to see the whirlpools of Naruto Straits. The best time of the day to see the whirlpools is an hour before or after the turn of tide, which occurs four times a day.

Mt. Senzan (先山), 10 min. by bus from Sumoto, get off at Yasudabashi Bus Stop and 1-hr. hike to the top, 5.6 km northeast of Sumoto, commands a panoramic view of the islands dotting the Inland Sea and the distant mountains on Shikoku Island. **Senkoji Temple (千光寺)**, atop Mt. Senzan, is dedicated to the Thousand-Handed Kannon, Goddess of Mercy.



Numbers 1 - 3 correspond to those in the "Accommodations" list for Awaji Island on page 3/4.

Goshikihama (五色浜) and **Kei-no-Matsubara** (慶野松原), 70 min. by bus from JR Sannomiya Sta., get off at Rikuno-Minato Seidan Bus Stop. The west coast of the island (50 min. by bus from Sumoto) is known for its beautiful seascapes. Goshikihama extends for about 2 km and offers a variety of colored pebbles; hence the name Goshikihama or Five Colored Beach. Kei-no-Matsubara stretches over 2.5 km amid white sand and deep green pine trees.

Nojima Fault (野島断層) was formed at the time of the 1995 Great Hanshin Earthquake as this area was the seismic center. Part of Nojima Fault has been preserved in **Nojima Fault Preservation Museum** (野島断層保存館) situated in **Hokudancho Earthquake Memorial Park** (北淡町震災記念公園) and shows us the great force of the nature. The museum is open daily 9:00–17:00. Admission: ¥500. 20 min. by bus from Iwaya Bus Stop. Get off at Shinsai-kinenken-mae.

Nadakuroiwa Suisenkyo (Home of the Daffodils) (灘黒岩水仙郷) is 50 min. by bus from Kuroiwa Suisenkyo Bus Stop. In Awaji, island of flowers, you can find a flower garden at its best during the winter. On a steep 45-degree slope, as if sliding towards the Nada seacoast, you will find about 5 million daffodils in boastful display at the Kuroiwa Suisenkyo. It is indeed a world apart from the rest of the world, enwrapped in the peculiar fragrance. No one knows from when but they have been growing wildly since sometime ago perhaps because the slope receives a lot of sunshine. The best time to see the 7 ha. wide carpet is from Dec. to late Feb.

Onaruto Bridge Memorial Museum (大鳴門橋記念館), near Onarutokyo-kinenkan-mae Bus Stop which is 20 min. by bus from Fukura Bus Terminal, houses **Uzushio Science Museum** (うずしお科学館) where visitors can learn about the Naruto Whirlpools through a 3-D theater and other presentations, Open: daily 9:00–17:00, Closed: Dec. 26–Dec. 31. Admission: ¥500, and **Awaji Ningyo-Joruri (puppet theater) Hall** (淡路人形浄瑠璃館), where a 20-min. performance of Ningyo-Joruri, a traditional puppet play with a history of more than 500 years, is held 5 times a day. An introductory class is held 20 minutes prior to each performance, and you can learn the structure and mechanism of the dolls, the roles of each puppeteer, and so on. Open daily 9:00–17:00. Closed: mid–late Dec. Admission: ¥1,260.

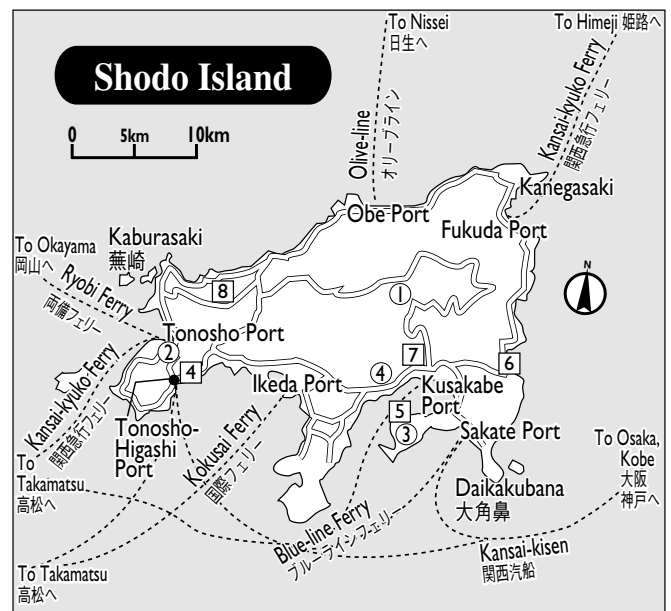
Hompukuji Temple (本福寺), a 15-min. walk from Tateishigawa Bus Stop, which is 15 min. by bus from Iwaya, is an old historic temple enshrining the Yakushi Buddha of esoteric Shingon Buddhism standing on a small hill overlooking Osaka bay. The

main hall which is called Mizumido (水御堂) was designed by architect Tadao Andoh. The peculiar world created here in this hall is of a unique structure in which the principal image of Buddha is enshrined right under a pond on the roof where green lotuses and water lilies are planted. The vermilion-painted hall interior introduces natural lighting, so designed that halo appears on the Buddha image at sunset.

Taganohama Camping Ground (多賀の浜キャンプ場) is 10 min. from Tsuna Port Bus Stop, taking a bus bound for Iwaya, get off at Gunge Bus Stop. Then approx. 15-min. walk. Located within Taganohama Beach. ¥500 for parking; ¥1,000 for pitching a tent tarpaulin; ¥500 for large ice cubes; free use of dressing rooms and showers. The shallow and calm beach is popular among families.

Places of Interest in Shodo Island:

① **Kankakei Gorge**, (寒霞渓), 15-min. drive from Kusakabe Port, is actually a group of peaks on the eastern part of the island with rocks of fantastic shapes resulting from weathering and erosion. It is especially beautiful in autumn when the leaves are tinted and also in spring when azaleas are in full bloom. A cable car makes it way through the sheer cliffs, affording visitors magnificent views. Ropeway operates 8:30–17:00, one-way ticket: ¥700, round trip: ¥1,250, departures every 12 minutes (depending on



Numbers [4]-[8] correspond to those in the Accommodations list for Shodo Island below.

Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax	Room rate (¥)	Name of facilities	Tel.	Fax	Room rate (¥)
Awaji Island				Shodo Island			
① Awaji Yumesenkei (R)	(0799)22-0035	(0799)24-0035	¥¥¥	④ Shodoshima Kokusai Hotel (H)	(0879)62-2111	(0879)62-1444	¥¥¥
② Kids Pension Fruit Juice (P)	(0799)62-1981	(0799)62-3568	¥¥	⑤ Minshuku Shimanomisaki (M)	(0879)82-3646	-	¥
③ Awaji Island Int'l Hotel-arex (H)	(0799)22-0203	(0799)22-5207	¥¥	⑥ Shodoshima Tachibanaso (R)	(0879)82-2286	(0879)82-5550	¥
				⑦ Shodoshima Olive YH (Y)	(0879)82-6161	(0879)82-6060	¥
				⑧ Resort Hotel Olivean Shodoshima (H)	(0879)65-2311	(0879)65-2170	¥¥¥

Remarks: ①-③ of Awaji Island and ④-⑧ of Shodo Island correspond to those on the maps on pages 2/4 & 3/4 respectively.

H = Hotel	Rate for a twin room.	¥¥¥ more than 15,000 yen
R = Ryokan	Rate per person.	¥¥ 8,001 yen – 15,000 yen
Y = Youth Hostel	Rate per person.	¥ 8,000 yen or less
M = Minshuku (family-run inn)	Rate per person.	
P = Pension	Rate per person.	

season).

② **The Group Statue of Peace**, (平和の群像), 5-min. walk from Tonosho Port, is the work by Hidenori Yano from Marugame City, Kagawa Prefecture. The work portrays "Onago-sensei" (Mistress Teacher) surrounded by her 12 students in the movie "Twenty-four Eyes". It was installed in 1956.

③ **"Twenty-Four Eyes" Movie Village** (二十四の瞳映画村) is 1 hr. by bus from Tonosho Port Bus Terminal. 600 meters further south of a village in Tanoura district of Utsumi-cho, along the coastline overlooking the Inland Sea, appears a small village of

the Taisho and early Showa periods (ca. 1920s to 30s) in an area as large as 10,000 m². This is a reconstructed model of the open set for the film location of "Twenty-four Eyes" (Director: Yoshitaka Asama; Starring: Yuko Tanaka), and here the famous scenes of that celebrated film were shot. Open: 9:00–17:00. Closed: Dec. 28–30. Admission: ¥630.

④ **Olive Garden** (オリーブ園), 30 min. by bus from Tonosho Port, get off at Olivegaoka and 5-min. walk, was one of the test plantations in Japan in 1908, and only those in Shodo Island succeeded to grow. At this orchard, about 2,000 olive trees contin-



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(Visit Japan Information Network)

Awaji Information Center:

Awaji Interchange Service area, 2568, Iwaya, Awaji-shi, Hyogo Pref.
Tel. (0799)72-0168

9:00 – 17:00

Himeji Tourist Information Center:

JR Himeji Station Concourse, 188-1, Godenmae, Ekimae-cho, Himeji City, Hyogo Pref. Tel. (0792)85-3792

10:00 – 15:00; Closed Dec. 29 – Jan. 3

Tokushima Prefectural International Exchange Association (TOPIA):

6th fl., Clement Plaza, 1-61, Terashima-honcho-nishi, Tokushima City, Tokushima Pref. Tel. (088)656-3303

10:00 – 18:00; Closed during New Year holidays

Takamatsu Information Plaza:

Beside JR Takamatsu Station, 1-16, Hamano-cho, Takamatsu City, Kagawa Pref. Tel. (087)851-2009

9:00 – 18:00; Closed: Dec. 30 – Jan. 3

Okayama City Tourist Information Office:

JR Okayama Station, 1-1, Eki-Motomachi, Okayama City, Okayama Pref. Tel. (086)222-2912

9:00 – 18:00; Closed: Dec. 30 – Jan. 1

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