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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 between Honshu and 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 the 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 in April, 1998, spanning Akashi Straits connecting the northern end of Awaji Island with Maiko, Kobe City. Its 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 of all the 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	Fare (¥)
Shin-Kobe	Tokyo	Tokaido & Sanyo Shinkansen	3 hrs. 20 min.	14,270
	Shin-Osaka	Sanyo Shinkansen	15 min.	1,450
Nishi-Akashi	Tokyo	Tokaido & Sanyo Shinkansen	3 hrs. 40 min.	15,000
	Shin-Osaka	Sanyo Shinkansen	28 min.	3,080
Himeji	Tokyo	Tokaido & Sanyo Shinkansen	3 hrs. 15 min.	15,210
	Shin-Osaka	Sanyo Shinkansen	30 min.	3,640
Okayama	Tokyo	Tokaido & Sanyo Shinkansen	4 hrs. 8 min.	16,360
	Shin-Osaka	Sanyo Shinkansen	1 hr. 4 min.	5,860

## Access by Bus to Awaji Island:

To	From	Operated by	Time required	Fare (¥)
Tsuna	Shin-Kobe Sta.	JR Bus	1 hr. 13 min.	1,500
Sumoto			1 hr. 35 min.	1,800
Tsuna	Osaka Sta.		1 hr. 44 min.	2,000
Sumoto			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			48 min.	1,200
Sumoto IC			43 min.	1,450
Fukura		Awaji Kotsu or Sanyo Denki Tetsudo	1 hr. 20 min.	1,900
Tsuna Port			50 min.	1,250
Sumoto Highway Bus Center		1 hr.	1,550	
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	Fare(¥)	Frequency
(A)	Sakate and Tonosho-Higashi	Osaka(Tempozan Port) via Kobe(Nakatottei Pier)	High speed boat	2 hrs. – 3 hrs.	5,800	2
(B)	Tonosho	Shin-Okayama Port *1	Ferry	1 hr. 10 min.	835	13
			High speed boat	35 min.	1,630	6
(C)	Tonosho	Takamatsu Port *2	Ferry	1 hr.	510	15
			High speed boat	35 min.	1,020	20

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

	To	From	Type of boat	Time required	Fare(¥)	Frequency
(D)	Fukuda	Himeji Port *3	Ferry	1 hr. 40 min.	1,320	8
(E)	Iwaya	Akashi Port *4	High speed boat and Ferry	13 min.	410 or 320	45
(F)	Tsunasuna	Kansai Airport *5	High speed boat	41 min.	2,500	1
(G)		Izumisano Port *6	Ferry	1 hr. 35 min.	1,010	10
(H)	Sumoto	Kansai Airport *5	High speed boat	1 hr.	2,500	7

\*1 40 min. by Ryobi Bus to Shin-Okayama Port from JR Okayama Sta.(¥480)

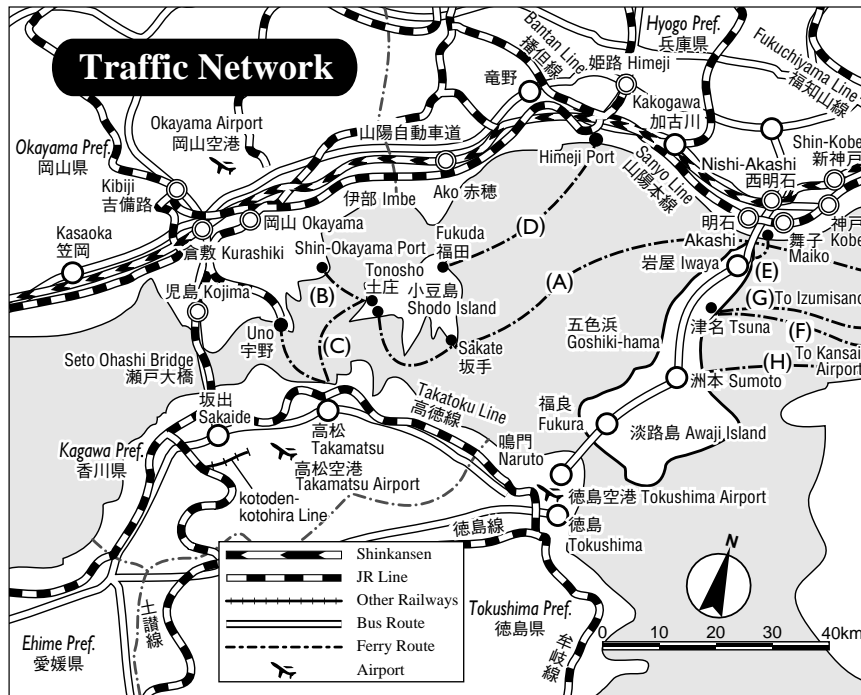
\*2 10-min. walk from JR Takamatsu Sta.

\*3 20 min. by Himeji City Bus to Himeji Port from JR Himeji Sta.(¥260)

\*4 10-min. walk from JR Akashi Sta.

\*5 10 min. by Shuttle Bus to Kansai Airport from Kansai Airport Sta.(¥170)

\*6 6 min. by Shuttle Bus to Izumisano Port from JR Rinku-town Sta.(¥160)



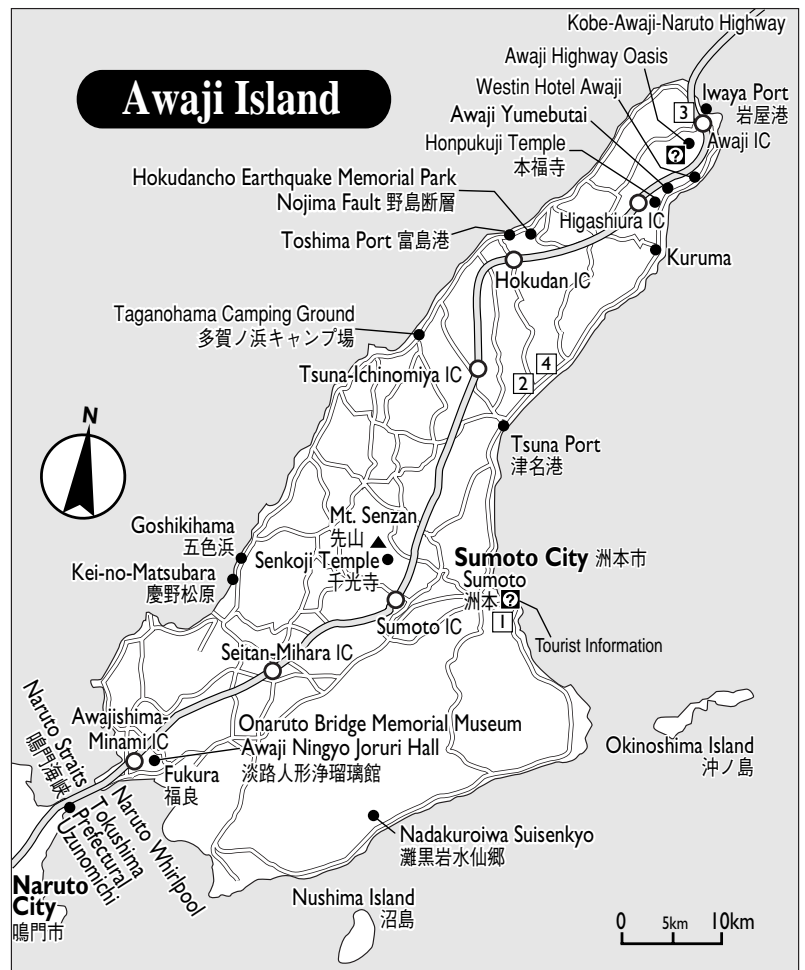
**Places of Interest in Awaji Island:**

**Whirlpools of Naruto Straits (鳴門の渦潮)** are dynamic whirlpools, caused by big drop in the tide when the water sweeps into the Inland Sea from the Pacific or out again. 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 45 meters below their feet. The Tokushima Prefectural Uzunomichi is only accessible from the Tokushima side of the Naruto Straits. Open 9:30-17:00, closed on Mon. Admission: ¥500.

**Fukura (福良)**, 30 min. by bus from Sumoto, at the southern tip of the island, offers a vantage point from which to see the whirlpools of Naruto Straits. The best time to see the whirlpools is an hour before or after the change 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. walk, 5.6 km north-east 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 - 4 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), 1 hr. 20 min. by bus from Iwaya Bus Stop, get off at Okunouchi Bus Stop and 5-min. walk. The west coast of the island (50 min. by bus from Sumoto) is known for its beautiful seascapes. Goshikihama extends for about 4 km and offers a variety of colored pebbles; hence the name Goshikihama or Five Colored Beach. Kei-no-Matsubara stretches over 3 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. (till 16:00 on Wed.) Admission: ¥500. 20 min. by bus from Iwaya Bus Stop. Get off at Shinsai-kinenkan-mae.

**Nadakuroiwa Suisenkyo (Home of the Daffodils)** (灘黒岩水仙郷) is 37 min. by bus from Sumoto 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, 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 8 times a day. An introduction 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. Admission: ¥1,260.

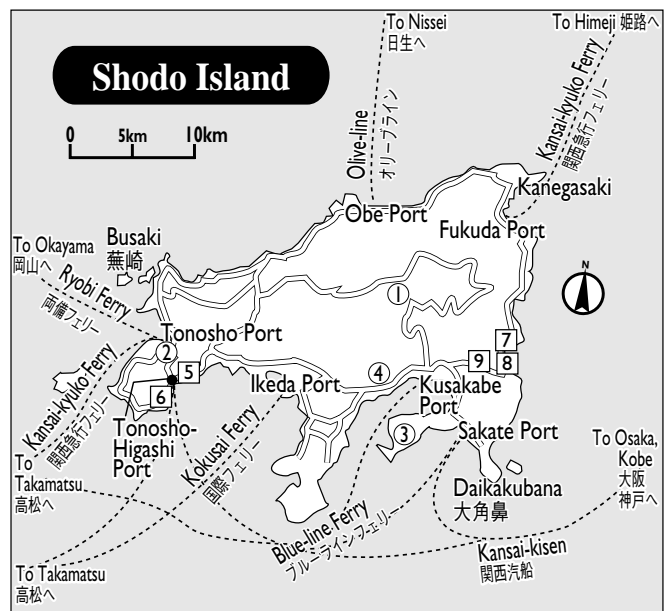
**Honpukuji Temple** (本福寺), a 10-min. walk from Tateishigawa Bus Stop, which is 15 min. by bus from Iwaya, is an old historic

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 the water surface 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** (多賀ノ浜キャンプ場) is 10 min. by bus for Iwaya from Tsuna Port Bus Stop, get off at Gunge Bus Stop. Then approx. 15-min. walk. Located within Taganohama Beach. ¥500 for parking; ¥1,500 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**, (寒霞溪), 5-min. walk from Sakate 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 ropeway 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 season).



Numbers [5] - [9] correspond to those in the Accommodations list for Shodo Island below.

### Accommodations:

Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)	Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)
Awaji Island			Shodo Island		
① Ryokan Shishuen (R)	(0799)22-0035	18,000	⑤ Shodoshima Kokusai Hotel (H)	(0879)62-1441	13,000
② Pension Fruit Juice (P)	(0799)62-1981	9,000	⑥ Minshuku Chuhichi (M)	(0879)62-3679	6,000
③ Ryokan Shimaya (R) [W]	(0799)72-3115	10,000~	⑦ Minshuku Shimanomisaki (M)	(0879)82-3646	6,000
④ Evergreen (P) [W]	(0799)62-3588	8,000~	⑧ Shodoshima Tachibanaso (R) [W]	(0879)82-2286	7,000~
			⑨ Shodoshima Olive YH (Y) [W]	(0879)82-6161	5,700~

Remarks: Standard rates are quoted.

Accommodation rates are due to change by season or days. Please check the correct rates before you visit.

[1] - [4] of Awaji Island and [5] - [9] of Shodo Island correspond to those on the maps on pages 2/4 & 3/4 respectively.

- H = Hotel  
 R = Ryokan  
 Y = Youth Hostel  
 M = Minshuku (family-run inn)  
 P = Pension  
 [W] = Welcome Inn member
- Rate for a twin room.  
 Rate per person including 2 meals, tax and service charge.  
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- 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 Taura 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 m<sup>2</sup>. 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.

- ④ **Olive Garden** (オリーブ園), 20 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, 1,900 olive trees continue to grow successfully.



## TOURIST INFORMATION

("i" Tourist Information Offices)

### Sumoto Tourist Information Center:

Beside Sumoto Bus Terminal, 1-3, Minato, Sumoto City, Hyogo Pref. Tel. (0799)22-0742

9:30 - 17:00; Closed on New Year's holiday

### Awaji Information Center:

Awaji Interchange Highway Oasis, 2674-3, Iwaya-Obayashi, Awaji-cho, Tsuna-gun, Hyogo Pref. Tel. (0799)72-0168

9:00 - 18:00; Closed Dec. 27 - 30

### 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 Dec. 29 - Jan. 3

### Takamatsu Tourist Information:

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

9:00 - 17:00; 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



**The Welcome Inns** comprise a range of accommodations from hotels, business hotels, ryokan, minshuku and pensions to youth hostels. Most of them have guest rooms the charge for which is a modest ¥8,000 or less per night for a single room.

**Reservation for Welcome Inns** is available through International Tourism Center of Japan (ITCJ).

### Reservation before your departure for Japan

Visit ITCJ's website at <http://www.itcj.or.jp> or JNTO's at <http://www.jnto.go.jp>. Also your request by mail, fax or e-mail is accepted and processed at ITCJ's head office. To make a reservation, simply complete the Reservation Request Form available from your nearest JNTO offices and send it to the head office at least one week ahead by e-mail or fax, or three weeks ahead of your departure from home by mail. Confirmed flight booking required for application. Especially for your first night in Japan, we accept the reservation request only when you have a firm booking on a flight arriving in Japan by no later than 7:00 p.m.

### Reservation after your arrival in Japan

To take advantage of our service, you must appear in person at any of the Welcome Inn reservation counters located at the Tourist Information Centers (TICs) operated by JNTO (in Tokyo) or ITCJ (at Narita Airport and Kansai Airport).

## Welcome Inn Reservation Center

c/o International Tourism Center of Japan  
9th Fl., Kanda Urban Bldg., 2-4-2, Kanda Tsukasacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0048  
Tel:03-3252-1717 Fax:03-3252-1521

**Welcome Card** enables all overseas visitors in a specific area to receive the benefit of discounted fees at tourist facilities, accommodations, restaurants, souvenir shops, and more.

### Kansai Tourist Passport

(For use by)

All people. Price: ¥700

(For use in)

Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo, Nara, Shiga, Wakayama, Mie, Tokushima, Fukui Prefectures.

(Available at)

Tourist Information in JR Kyoto Station, or near JR Sannomiya Station, JR Shin-Osaka Station.

Kansai International Airport (Hotel & Ticket Reservation Counter, Central Information Counter on the 2nd floor)

### Kagawa Welcome Card

(For use by)

All non-Japanese visiting or living in Japan for less than 1 year

(For use in)

Kagawa Prefecture

(Available at)

JNTO Tourist Information Center - Tokyo, Kyoto

JNTO Overseas Offices - Seoul, Beijing, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Sydney, New York, Sao Paulo, London, Paris, Frankfurt

Japan Tourist Association Taiwan Office

Tourist Information - near JR

Takamatsu Airport, Ritsurin Park, Tonosho Port (Shodo Island)

Some accommodations and tourist facilities in Kagawa

Kagawa International Exchange Center

All information contained in this leaflet is based on data as of January 2001. Transportation schedules, fares and accommodation charges are subject to change. Check with organizations concerned for updated information.