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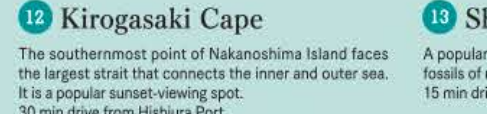
**1 Kuniga Coast**  
This celebrated coastline is a textbook example of sea erosion, featuring tall cliffs, a sea arch and numerous stacks. A walking trail passes through grazing land for cattle and horses from the tallest cliff, Matenaga, down to Tsūtenkyō Arch. 25 min drive from Beppu Port.



**2 Takuhi Shrine**  
Midway up Mt. Takuhi, the tallest mountain and pyroclastic cone of the Dōzen Caldera, is Takuhi Shrine, which is dedicated to deity of marine safety. The main worship hall is built underneath the cliff face. 20 min drive from Beppu Port, 20 min hike to the shrine (one way).



**7 Yurahime Shrine**  
One of the most prominent shrines of the islands, there is a legend about the shrine deity and squid. 15 min drive from Beppu Port.



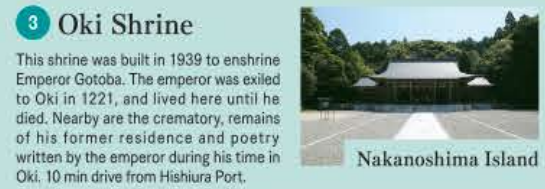
**8 Akao Lookout**  
This lookout offers a view of Kuniga Coast in the distance. 30 min drive from Beppu Port.



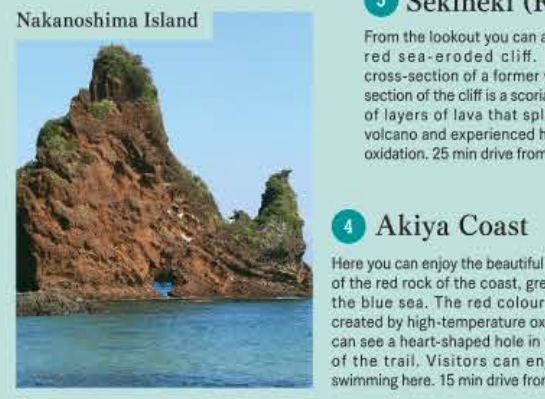
**17 Kuroki-gosho Imperial Residence Site**  
A short staircase through the forest path leads to the top of the hill that is said to be the site of the residence of Emperor Godōigo. The emperor was exiled to the Oki Islands in 1332. 100m one way. 10 min drive from Beppu Port. 10 min walk one way.



**22 Kuroki Imperial Residence Museum**  
Located at the foot of the Kuroki Imperial Residence Site, this museum contains exhibits relating to Emperor Godōigo. Open: April to October (9:00 to 17:00). Entry Fee. 5 min walk from Beppu Port.



**3 Oki Shrine**  
This shrine was built in 1930 to enshrine Emperor Gotoba. The emperor was exiled to Oki in 1221, and lived here until he died. Nearby are the crematory, remains of his former residence and poetry written by the emperor during his time in Oki. 10 min drive from Hishura Port.



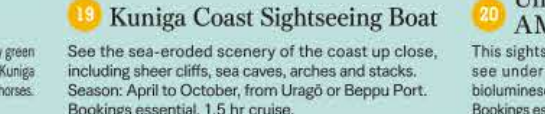
**5 Sekiheki (Red Cliff)**  
From the lookout you can admire this bright red sea-eroded cliff. It reveals the cross-section of a former volcano. The red section of the cliff is a scoria cone composed of layers of lava that splashed from the volcano and experienced high-temperature oxidation. 25 min drive from Kurii Port.



**9 Onimai Lookout**  
This lookout offers sweeping views of the Dōzen Caldera. You can find stone wall remains of Makihata farming. 35 min drive from Beppu Port.



**14 Kawai-no-jizō Springs**  
These springs by the roadside are still used by local people today. 5 min drive from Kurii Port.



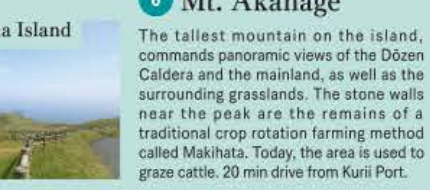
**18 Kuniga Coast Trail**  
This trail from Matenaga Cliff to Tsūtenkyō Arch travels across hilly green grazing land for cows and horses and looks over the spectacular Kuniga Coast. 2m one way. Caution: steep areas. Do not approach cows or horses. 25 min drive from Beppu Port. 1 hr walk one way.



**23 Nishinoshima Furusato-kan Museum**  
This museum contains exhibits about the nature and culture of the island. Open: April to October (9:00 to 17:00). Entry Fee. 5 min walk from Beppu Port.



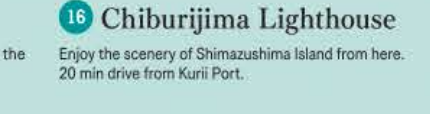
**6 Mt. Akahage**  
The tallest mountain on the island, commands panoramic views of the Dōzen Caldera and the mainland, as well as the surrounding grasslands. The stone walls near the peak are the remains of a traditional crop rotation farming method called Makihata. Today, the area is used to graze cattle. 20 min drive from Kurii Port.



**4 Akiya Coast**  
Here you can enjoy the beautiful contrasting colours of the red rock of the coast, green vegetation, and the blue sea. The red colour of the rocks was created by high-temperature oxidation of lava. You can see a heart-shaped hole in the rock at the end of the trail. Visitors can enjoy camping and swimming here. 15 min drive from Hishura Port.



**11 Mt. Kinkō-ji Temple**  
The lookout offers picturesque views of the northern coast. There are remains relating to Ono-no-Takamura, a Heian Period noble. 15 min drive from Hishura Port.



**16 Chiburijima Lighthouse**  
Enjoy the scenery of Shimazushima Island from here. 20 min drive from Kurii Port.



**21 Sekiheki (Red Cliff) Sightseeing Boat**  
Get a full view of Sekiheki Cliff and a closer look at the scoria cone on this sightseeing boat. Season: April to October. Bookings essential. Runs with 4 passengers. 1 hr cruise.



**24 Gotoya Museum**  
This household has been responsible for maintaining the crematorium of Emperor Gotoba for generations. The residence has been informed and opened as a museum containing cultural artifacts and historical texts. Open: March to October (9:00 to 17:00). Entry Fee. 10 min drive from Hishura Port.



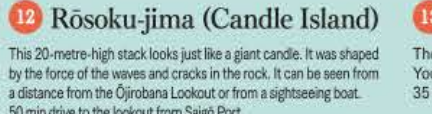
**1 Jōdogaura Coast**  
This picturesque coastline is named after the Buddhist Pure Land branch, Jōdo, meaning heaven. The islets are dotted with small islands topped with pine trees. You can see layered sediment that formed at the bottom of a lake on the Eurasian Continent before the birth of the Sea of Japan. 40 min drive from Saigō Port.



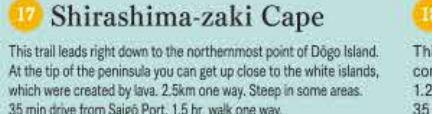
**2 Dangyō-no-taki Waterfalls**  
Surrounded by lush forest and rocky cliffs are the two Dangyō waterfalls and the Dangyō Shrine. The water of one of the falls is known as 'winning water'. The day before traditional tournaments such as Bull Sumō and Sumō, participants come to pray for victory. 50 min drive from Saigō Port.



**7 Oki Nature Museum & Geopark Visitor Center**  
The museum displays exhibits about the environment of the Oki Islands. We recommend you visit before sightseeing. Geopark information can be found in the visitor center next to the museum. 1 min walk from Saigō Port.



**12 Rōsoku-jima (Candle Island)**  
This 20-metre-high stack looks just like a giant candle. It was shaped by the force of the waves and cracks in the rock. It can be seen from a distance from the Ojibana Lookout or from a sightseeing boat. 50 min drive to the lookout from Saigō Port.



**17 Shirashima-zaki Cape**  
This trail leads right down to the northernmost point of Dōgo Island. At the tip of the peninsula you can get up close to the white islands, which were created by lava. 2.5km one way. Steep in some areas. 35 min drive from Saigō Port. 1.5 hr walk one way.



**22 Oki-ke Hōmotsu-den Museum**  
This small museum contains objects of cultural and historical significance such as the shrine station bells and Oki-ke property seal. Open: Year-round (9:00 to 17:00). Entry Fee. 5 min drive from Saigō Port.



**3 Chichi-sugi Japanese Cedar**  
This strangely-shaped tree is 800 years old and the object of worship of Iwakura Shrine. Its shape is thought to come from the DNA of an old type of Japanese cedar that remained on the Oki Islands and the localized climate. It is cool and foggy even in summer. 50 min drive from Saigō Port.



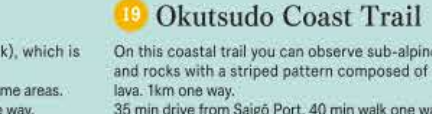
**4 Oki Gneiss**  
This metamorphic rock is the oldest in the Oki Islands. It formed underground in a collision zone on the Eurasian Continent around 250 million years ago. It is evidence that Japan was once connected to the continent. The rock is exposed in the cliff surrounding Chōshi Dam. A section of the rock has been polished to allow for easy observation. 20 min drive from Saigō Port.



**9 Saigō-misaki Cape Lookout**  
From the lookout you can view the remains of the mouth of a volcano active around 5 million years ago. 10 min drive from Saigō Port.



**15 Mizuwakasu Shrine**  
An ichinomiya (highest ranking shrine) of the Oki Islands. There is a ring for dedicatory sumō in the grounds. 25 min drive from Saigō Port.



**20 Yabi River Kappa Sightseeing Boat**  
This cruise travels the bay and along the river through Saigō Town, which was once a port of call for Kitamae-bune trading ships. Season: April to October. 5 min walk to dock from Saigō Port. 45 min cruise.



**25 Goka Sōsei-kan Museum**  
This museum introduces traditional culture of Dōgo Island such as traditional Bull Sumō and Sumō through displays and short films. Open: April to November (9:00 to 17:00). Entry Fee. 25 min drive from Saigō Port.



**6 Shizen-kaiki-no-mori Forest**  
This forest contains Japanese cedars that are hundreds of years old. It is also the trail entrance for the Washigamine Peak, which leads to Byōbu-iwa (Folding Screen Rock). Near the trail entrance is the Tokage-iwa (Lizard Rock) Lookout and a pond where Oki salamander larvae can be found. 50 min drive from Saigō Port.



**5 Fukuura Tunnels**  
On this coast, you can walk through ancient tunnels dug through pyroclastic rock. The tunnels record the development of transport and civil engineering technology on the islands and allow you to see the evidence of volcanic eruptions up close. 40 min drive from Saigō Port.



**10 Tsuma Funagoya (Traditional Boat Houses)**  
Traditional scenery of a local fishing village. You can see elements devised to suit the regional environment. 25 min drive from Saigō Port.



**11 Nagu-misaki Cape**  
This cape offers a view of the Dōzen Islands. There is a trail down to the lighthouse. 40 min drive from Saigō Port.



**21 Rōsoku-jima (Candle Island) Sightseeing Boat**  
Catch a glimpse of this candle-shaped rock lit up by the sunset. Season: April to October. 40 min drive from Saigō Port. 50 min cruise.



**26 Sasaki-ke Traditional Residence**  
Constructed nearly 200 years ago, this traditional residence contains numerous household and agricultural artifacts. Open: March to November (9:00 to 17:00). Entry Fee. 10 min drive from Saigō Port.