Abundant seafood from the Sea of Japan, and beautiful coastal landscapes thanks to diverse geological features.

**East Kasumi Kaigan Coast Course**

As a fishing village on the coast of the Sea of Japan, Kasumi has always been a highly developed area. Fruits of the Sea of Japan are landed at the fishing port every day. In this course, you can travel around a bustling fishing port, the townscape in which remnants of the olden times still remain, and magnificent scenery created by the Sea of Japan.

**Basic Course**

- **Start:** JR Kasumi Station
  - **From Geopark & Marine Cultural Center:**
    - 5min (About 500m)
    - **Kashiwazaki Park**
    - 5min (About 1km)
    - **Kasumi West Port**
    - 15min (About 1.5km)
    - **Kamia Park**
    - 20min (About 1km)
  - **Total traveling time:** 1h 15min
  - **Total distance:** About 7.5 km

**Western Course**

- **Start:** JR Kasumi Station
  - **From Geopark & Marine Cultural Center:**
    - 20min (About 1km)
    - **Imagura and Frog Island**
    - 20min (About 500m)
    - **Imagura and Frog Island**
    - 40min (About 4km)
    - **Geopark & Marine Cultural Center**
    - **Total traveling time:** 3h 30min
    - **Total distance:** About 11.4 km

**Eastern Course**

- **Start:** JR Kasumi Station
  - **From Geopark & Marine Cultural Center:**
    - 20min (About 1km)
    - **Shikaze Park**
    - 15min (About 1.5km)
    - **Imagura and Frog Island**
    - 10min (About 1km)
    - **Figure 1 (2 stones)** and the site of Funaya Houses (storehouse for boats)
    - 40min (About 4km)
    - **Kamia Park**
    - 20min (About 2km)
    - **Imagura and Frog Island**
    - 15min (About 1.5km)
  - **Total traveling time:** 1h 35min
  - **Total distance:** About 9.5 km

**Extra Quiz**

Challenge yourself to the Geopark & Marine Cultural Center Quiz!

**View from Matsu Nawate**

- View to Sea and Futatsu-ishi (2 stones)
- View to Funaya Houses (storehouse for boats)

**Quiz2**

What are the boats with lots of lamps used to catch?

**Quiz3**

Many sea creatures can be found in rock pools. Do you know how rock pools are formed?

**Unloading of crabs**

Various fish and shellfish landed at the Kasumi Fishing Port such as Matsuba crab (snow crab), Kasumi crab (red snow crab), etc. will be shipped to the whole country. You can also enjoy them at the inns and restaurants near the fishing port.

**To preserve these beautiful natural assets, please leave stones and plants as they are.**

**Keep out of dangerous places and do not go off-limits.**

What you can bring home with you are happy memories, photos and local souvenirs!!
Kasumi Kaigan Coast’s many places of interest

① Shiokaze Park
This is a seaside park that is located at the center of the Kasumi Kaigan Coastal Park, facing the Sea of Japan. There is an open space for children to play in, a multipurpose open space, the Kasumihama Bathing Beach, etc., and the park has become a recreation area for the local community. There is an old map here that depicts the old Kasumi. Let’s imagine the scene at that time.

② Kasumi West Port
At the West Port of the Kasumi Fishing Port, a large variety of fish and shellfish are landed throughout the year. In particular, the Kasumi crab (red snow crab) attracts widespread popularity as a specialty of the area. In the morning, you can often hear the sound of crabs at the auction in the market and experience the feel of the port.

③ Okami Park
It is located in the southeastern part of the town and is a large park with many trees and a playground and is popular among children. In particular, the kasuri crab (red snow crab) is abundant, and you can often see them in the water. It is a popular spot for crabbing. In the park, there is also a cycling course that you can enjoy.

④ Kamii Town Geopark & Marine Cultural Center
The Kamii Town Geopark & Marine Cultural Center is a facility where you can learn about the geological and marine history of the area. The center has a large display of fossilized shells and other marine fossils, as well as a museum-like display of the marine environment. The center also has a children’s area where you can touch and learn about the marine life. Phone: 0796-36-6471

⑤ View from Matsu Nawate
You can view the sea from Matsu Nawate, a popular viewing spot in the town. From here, you can see the wavy sea and the fishing boat passing by. It is a popular spot for taking pictures of the sea.

⑥ Imagoura and Frog Island
The coastline of Imagoura is called “Tajima Seaside”, and it is a popular destination for those who want to relax and enjoy the sea. Frog Island is a small island located to the east of Imagoura. You can see the sea from the island, and it is a popular spot for taking pictures.

Quiz-Answer
⑦ Yoda River used to flow into the sea near Kasumi East Port, located further to the east.
⑧ The boats are used for squid fishing. The squid are attracted to the strong light from the lamps.
⑨ Small stones entered into the hollow of a rock, and turned a round hole into it from being rolled around by waves. This hole is called a ”pothole.”

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The Reason for the Creation of the Magnificent Scenery:
If you see Imagoura, you can understand that Senjojiki is flat, but Kaen-umia Island, Kuro-shima Island, and Ozobiko no Hana stick out from the ground surface. This is considered to have been caused by the difference in the nature of rocks. The white rocks of Senjojiki are the rocks created by solidified volcanic ash and can be easily cut by waves. On the other hand, the black rocks of Kaen-umia Island, Kuro-shima Island, and Ozobiko no Hana are volcanic rocks that are solidified lava and are characterized by hardness and resistance to erosion. Due to the difference in the rocks, the soft sections were eroded first, which resulted in the current geological formation.

Dynamics of the Earth! Formation of the Sea of Japan and Fruits of the Sea! A Winter Delicacy: “Snow Crab”

Various Delicious Fruits of the Sea of Japan!
(Matsuba Crab and Kasumi Crab)

(Top) Direct squids
(Bottom) Blackthroat seaperch

Submarine topography and fishing areas in the Sea of Japan

In the past, the Japanese archipelago was located at the edge of the continent. However, due to dynamic motions and the Japanese archipelago was separated from the continent leading to the creation of the Sea of Japan. Seawater with high oxygen concentration is in the eastern Pacific Ocean is called “Japan Sea proper water.”

The central part of the current Sea of Japan is very deep and the depth of the sea is the strait connecting the marginal sea is shallower (about 90-140 m). Therefore, the seawater exchange is limited to the surface layer. Due to this geological formation, the Tsushima Current is created, which is when the warm current flows into the surface layer from the south, and the water temperature in the deep-water area is low.

With this cold Japan Sea proper water and the warm current flowing on the surface layer, fish and shellfish that live in the cold sea such as crab, etc., and those from the warmer sea such as yellowtail, etc., live in the different depths of the same sea in Kasumigaoka Geopark. Therefore, we can enjoy a wide variety of fish and shellfish at the same time.

History of the formation of the Japanese archipelago

Please make all inquiries about seafood dishes (e.g. Snow Crab dishes, live squid sashimi etc) to:
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