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Access



By car

◆To Toyooka City
Osaka ▶ 2hrs20min
Kobe ▶ 1hr50min
Kyoto ▶ 3hrs10min
Himeji ▶ 1hr40min

◆To Tottori City
Osaka ▶ 2hrs30min
Kobe ▶ 2hrs20min
Kyoto ▶ 2hrs50min
Himeji ▶ 1hr50min

By JR

◆To Toyooka St
Osaka ▶ 2hrs30min
Kyoto ▶ 2hrs20min
Sannomiya ▶ 2hrs20min
Himeji ▶ 1hr30min

◆To Tottori St
Osaka ▶ 2hrs30min
Kyoto ▶ 3hrs
Sannomiya ▶ 2hrs10min
Himeji ▶ 1hr40min

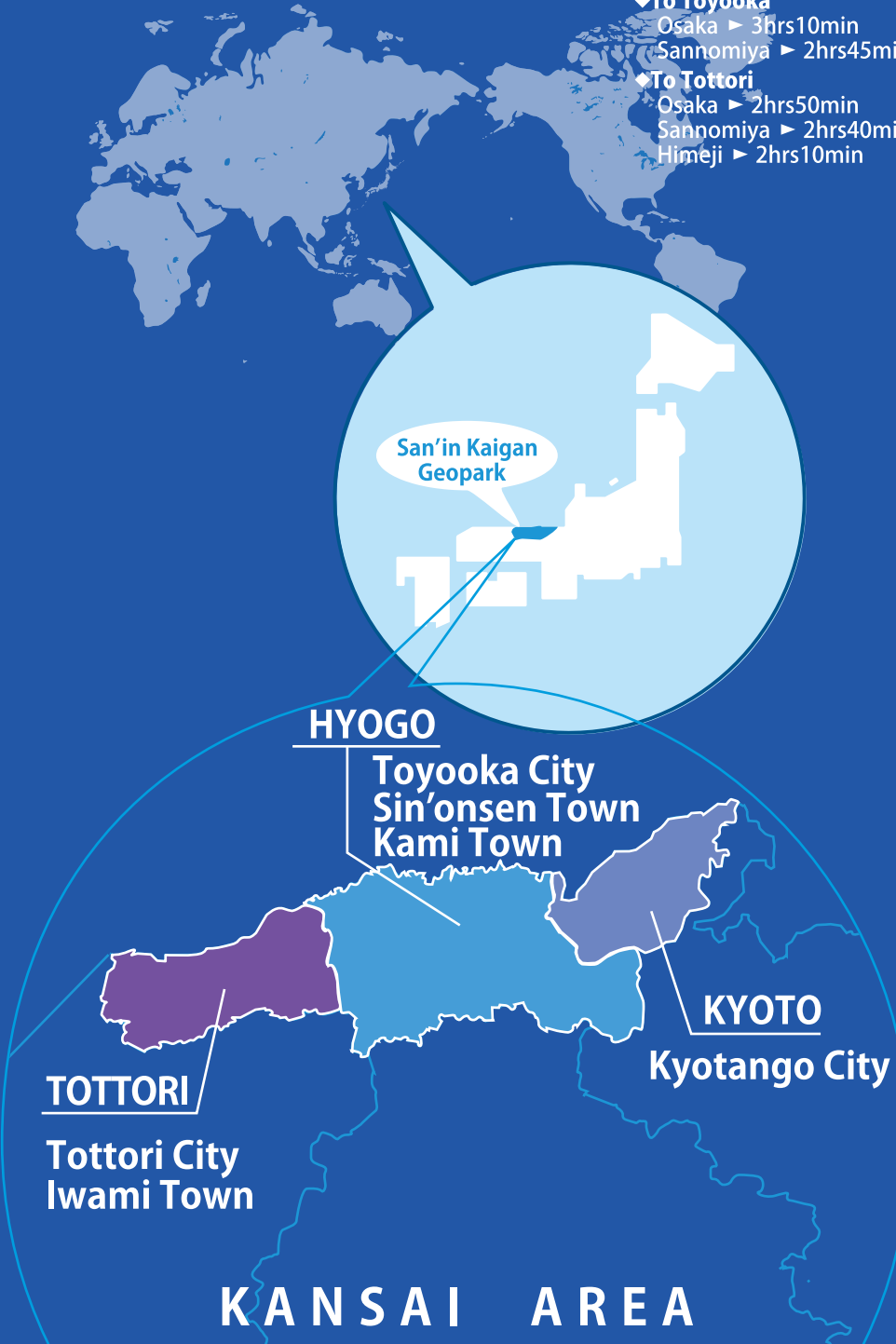
By plane

◆To Kounotori Tajima Airport (Toyooka City)
From Osaka Int'l (Osaka) Airport 35min
From Tokyo Int'l (Haneda) Airport*Transfer at Osaka 2hrs
◆To Tottori Sand Dunes Conan Airport (Tottori City).
From Tokyo Int'l (Haneda) Airport 1hr10min

By Bus

◆To Toyooka
Osaka ▶ 3hrs10min
Sannomiya ▶ 2hrs45min

◆To Tottori
Osaka ▶ 2hrs50min
Sannomiya ▶ 2hrs40min
Himeji ▶ 2hrs10min



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San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark



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01 The San'in Kaigan Geopark

Extending widely from Kyoto Prefecture (Kyotango City) to Hyogo Prefecture (Toyooka City, Kami Town, and Shin'onsen Town) , to Tottori Prefecture (Iwami Town and Tottori City) and largely overlapping with San'in Kaigan National Park, the San'in Kaigan Geopark lies about 120 km east-west from the eastern end of Kyotango City to the western end of Tottori City. With an area 2,458.44 km², the Geopark is a little larger than the Tokyo Metropolitan Area. There are diverse geological features and topography formed during times from the formation of the Sea of Japan to the present, and it is an area where you can experience the lives, culture and history of the creatures and people nurtured against these backgrounds.



Genbudo Cave (Genbudo Park)

In 1926, Dr. Matuyama of Kyoto University discovered that the basalt lava erupted from volcano about 1.6 million years ago was magnetized in the opposite direction of the current earth's magnetic field for the first time in the world at Genbudo Cave.



Tottori Sand Dunes



02 Geosites

📍 Kyoto Prefecture (Kyotango City)

Tateiwa Rock, Byobuiwa Rock , Kyogamisaki Cape, and other dynamic sceneries fill your field of vision. In addition, since this area is dotted with some of the best burial mounds and ruins in Japan, it is an area full of highlights where you can experience the ancient romance and the beautiful coastline.

📍 Hyogo Prefecture (Toyooka City, Shin'onsen Town, Kami Town)

Many attractive geospots such as Imagoura Beach (Kami Town), Yumura Onsen (Shin'onsen Town), and Genbudo Park (Toyooka City) attract visitors. The coastline is covered with crystal clear waters, and snorkeling, diving, canoeing, and SUP are also popular.

📍 Tottori Prefecture (Tottori City, Iwami Town)

The Tottori Sand Dunes are one of the largest sand dunes in Japan, and you can observe beautiful wind patterns created on the sand. The Uradome Kaigan Coast in Iwami Town consists of 30-million-year-old granite formed in the period when the Japanese archipelago was part of the continent and the Sea of Japan did not exist. The rough wave of the Sea of Japan and winter winds have eroded the granite rocks along fracture and faults.



03 Initiatives for Sustainable Local Communities

Local residents, organizations, companies, and the local governments work together to conserve diverse local resources, including geo heritages. We utilize them for education, tourism, and local industries to carry out activities aimed for a sustainable society in the San'in Kaigan Geopark.



Protection and Conservation

Appropriately protecting and conserving valuable local resources are the basis of Geopark activities. Furthermore, in addition to protection and conservation, effective use of valuable resources is important for building a sustainable society because it leads to the improvement and promotion of regional attractiveness.



Education and Research

To develop human resources who will support future Geopark activities and enhance the value of local resources, we create various hands-on learning experiences, present the results, and promote Geopark-related education in schools.

Resident Participation

Resident-led bottom-up activities are the basis of Geopark activities. At the San'in Kaigan Geopark, we provide spaces for dialogue between residents and stakeholders from various fields. In addition, we work on collaborating with companies and organizations.



04 Domestic and International Network Activities

Geopark activities develop mutual experiences and knowledge through network activities. As a UNESCO Global Geopark, the San'in Kaigan Geopark actively disseminates examples of excellent initiatives both domestically and internationally and contributes to network activities. Furthermore, we promote international exchanges, such as strengthening cooperation with the Lesvos Island Geopark in Greece, with which we have a sisterhood, and will build other new sisterhoods relations.

