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# A Picturesque Journey

To a journey that will  
capture your heart



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Having been recognized for its global value, the San'in Kaigan Geopark has been designated as a "UNESCO Global Geopark".  
Feel the earth through play, experiences, and food.



## Crab

Matsuba crab (snow crab) is the king of winter delicacies in the San'in Kaigan region. How about comparing it with Kasumi crab (red snow crab)?



## Nijisseiki (The 20th Century) Pear

One of the representative varieties of Japanese pears. It's juicy and has a superb balance of sourness and sweetness.



## Sengan Matsushima (Isolated Granite Rock)/

### Sanin Matsushima Boat Tour

A natural art created over many years. The cruising, experiencing the clarity of the water at a depth of 25m, is recommended.

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## Kaeru (Frog) Island

The island, made of andesite, is shaped like a frog. Because Kaeru also means return, the rock has been popular since ancient times as a prayer for a safe return home or the return of lost items.

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## Tottori Sand Dunes, The Sand Museum

Opened as the world's first museum of sand sculpture. The series of works based on the concept of traveling around the world using sand are very interesting to see.

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## Tottori Sand Dunes

Speaking of sand dunes in Japan, this is it! The Tottori Sand Dunes are the only sand dunes designated as a national natural monument.

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## Arayu (Hot Spring)

The source of Yumura Onsen, where hot springs of 98 degrees Celsius gush out. You can easily experience the "hot water bathing culture" by dipping eggs and other objects in the hot water pot.

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## Mt. Kannabe

Kannabe, famous as a ski resort, is actually the newest volcano in the Kansai region! A crater can be found at the top of the scoria hill.

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## Castle Town Shikano

Feel like you've slipped back into time with the quaint townscape. It was developed during the period of Sengoku (Civil War) and developed as a post town during the Edo period.

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## Kirin Dance

The performing arts of Inaba and eastern Tajima areas bring happiness to people. It has been passed down in about 150 regions in the area and is danced somewhere throughout the year.



## Tottori Prefecture

Yazu Town

Wakasa Town

Hyogo Prefecture





### **Kinokuniya Marine World (Aquarium)**

See, touch, and discover at this experience-based aquarium that aims to be "beyond just an aquarium."



### **Rice terraces of Sodeshi**

The beautiful scenery of approximately 400 rice terrace fields, the sea, and the village harmonizing with each other has been selected as one of Japan's top 100 rice terraces.



### **Kyoga Misaki Lighthouse**

The northernmost cape in the Kansai region, with beautiful columnar joints of andesite. A chalk lighthouse that stands on a cliff 148m above sea level.



### **Kinokuniya (Hot Spring)**

We, the entire town as one inn, offer hospitality to you. Kinokuniya Onsen, with a history of over 1300 years since its opening. Visit seven bath houses in a yukata.



### **Tateiwa Rock**

A huge monolith of 20 m high. The contrast with the surrounding white sand beach is impressive.



### **Genbudo**

A splendid view of "columnar joints," regular joint patterns that are formed when lava cools down.

### **Tajima Cattle**

The roots of Japan's world-famous beef brand. It is characterized by fine marbling.

### **Kotohiki Melon**

Mellow and fresh, with an elegant sweetness and smooth texture. It is grown in well-drained sand dunes.



### **Oriental White Stork**

One of the largest birds in Japan, with a wingspan of 2 meters. There is no precedent in the world for returning animals into the wild in human habitats.







## Tottori Sand Dunes

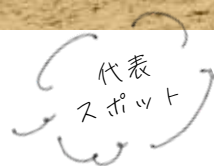
A vast coastal sand dunes stretching over 16 km from east to west and 2.4 km from north to south. The wind ripples created by the movement of sand by the wind make the scenery even more beautiful. It captured the hearts of many literary figures. Come and see for yourself the miraculous beauty of the "changing landscape" created by sand and wind.

Yuyama, Fukube Cho, Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

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# Representative spots of highlight

Top 3 places that you can not miss on your trip to the San'in Kaigan Geopark.  
You can experience the world's most precious memories of the earth.



## Popular as a filming location for movies and TV dramas

### Tateiwa Rock

This gigantic monolith with a circumference of 1km and a height of 20m, reminiscent of Uluru, is formed by solidification of magma that rose from the depth.

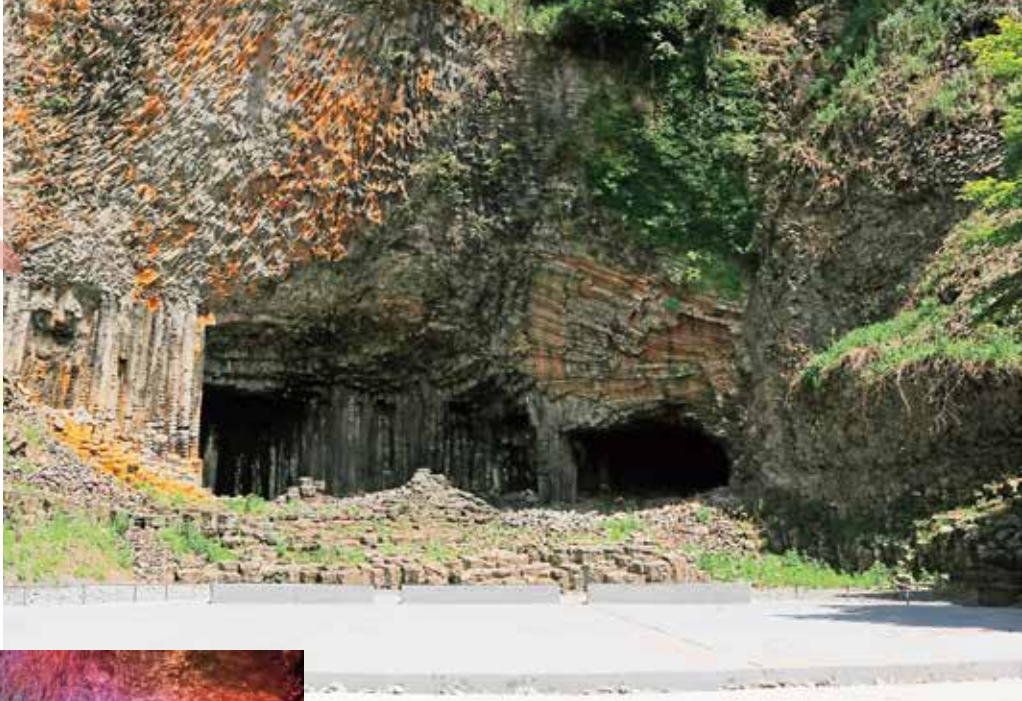
The strong vertical columnar joints create a beautiful contrast with the surrounding white sandy beach. It's no wonder that this area is a popular filming location for movies and TV dramas.

Taiza, Tango Cho, Kyotango City, Kyoto Prefecture

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## Genbudo Park (Nationally designated natural monument)

This place is so important that it has been selected as one of the world top 100 geological heritage sites. This is the origin of the rock's name "basalt," in Japanese and it served as a catalyst for the finding of "the reversal of the earth's magnetic field." Basalt of the Genbudo, once quarried, can be seen in various places in Toyooka City, such as the banks of the Otani River that flows through Kinoshiki Onsen, the gardens of private houses, and stone walls.

Akaishi, Toyooka City, Hyogo Prefecture

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## Hiyoriyama Kaigan Coast

The morning sun rising over the sea and the sea of clouds spewing out toward the sea are truly amazing. It's worth getting up early in the morning.

Seto, Toyooka City, Hyogo  
Prefecture

## Shining Spot

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A full of attractive spots in the San'in Kaigan Geopark!  
Check out "#wowgeo" and "#fantageo" on Insatagram!

※ There are some spots where you can take photograph like these only on rare occasions.  
(Please be careful when taking pictures)



#wowgeo  
**#わおじお**  
San'in Kaigan  
Geopark official  
Instagram



## Tottori Sand Dunes

An unknown photo spot. Maybe you can take a photo of the "Uyuni Salt Flat" style? !

Yuyama, Fukube Cho, Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture



## Yuhigaura Beach

The wooden swing standing on the white sand beach is very popular as a photogenic spot. Take the best photo against the backdrop of a sunset so beautiful that it has been selected as one of Japan's 100 Best Sunsets.

Hamazume, Amino Cho, Kyotango City, Kyoto Prefecture

## Photogenic spot

Introducing you the spots where you can take pictures of the breathtaking views of the San'in Kaigan Geopark that you cannot help but setting up camera.



## Sengan Matsushima

The sunset peeking through the gaping hole in the huge rock is spectacular! It has become a symbol of the scenic spot "Uradome Coast".

Ajiro, Iwami Town, Iwami Gun, Tottori Prefecture







## Rice Terraces of Ueyama

A very beautiful rice field makes you forget the passage of time. The rice terraces, curving in an arc to match the topography, harmonize with the surrounding landscape and have been selected as one of Japan's top 100 rice terraces.

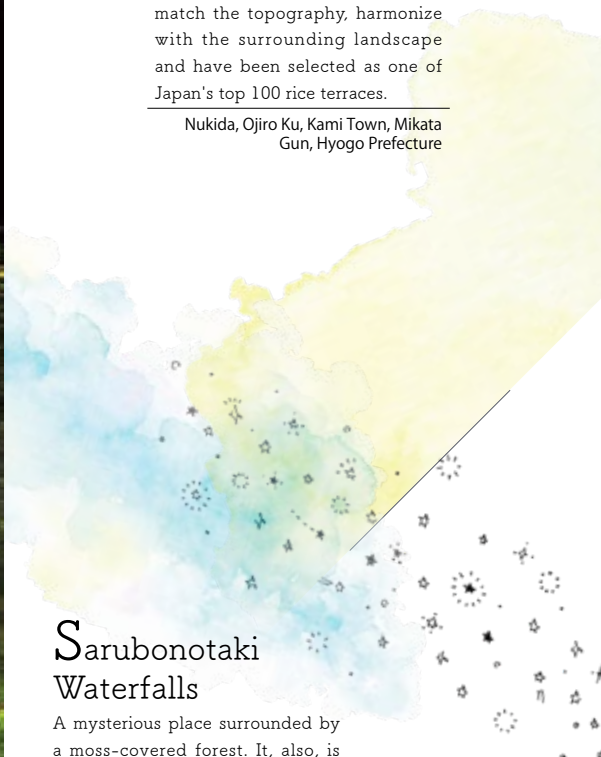
Nukida, Ojira Ku, Kami Town, Mikata Gun, Hyogo Prefecture



## Sarubonotaki Waterfalls

A mysterious place surrounded by a moss-covered forest. It, also, is popular as one of the spectacular views in Kansai.

Hataganaru area, Kishida, Shin'onsen Town, Mikata Gun, Hyogo Prefecture







## Kinosaki Hot Springs

The Otani River flows through the center of hot spring town of Kinosaki, and the riverside willows, Taiko Bridge, basalt rocks riverbank, and traditional hot spring inns create an elegant landscape.

Yushima, Kinosaki Cho, Toyooka City, Hyogo Prefecture

## Ankokuji Temple

Only those in the know know. A famous spot for autumn leaves. The 150-years-old Dodan Tsutsuji (Japanese enkianthus) looks like a painting when viewed from the main hall of the temple.

Aida, Tanto Cho, Toyooka City, Hyogo Prefecture





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ジオパーク・トレイル

# San'in Kaigan Geopark Trail

There are coastlines and mountain roads. A trail of coastal area with a total length of approximately 230km where you can experience the great nature. You can walk while enjoying a variety of coastal terrain such as strangely shaped rocks, caves, and steep cliffs.



Click here for the special page

A total of 27 courses ranging from veteran hikers to families are listed.



## Onaru Burial Mound Group

Takano, Tango Cho, Kyotango City, Kyoto Prefecture

## Amarube Viaduct "Sky Station"

Amarube, Kasumi Ku, Kami Town, Mikata Gun, Hyogo Prefecture



## Obikinohana Cape

Sakai, Kasumi Ku, Kami Town, Mikata Gun, Hyogo Prefecture



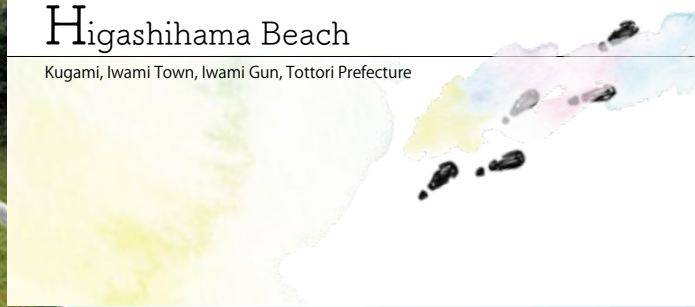
## Ajiwara Komichi

Hamasaka, Shinonsen Town, Mikata Gun, Hyogo Prefecture



## Higashihama Beach

Kugami, Iwami Town, Iwami Gun, Tottori Prefecture



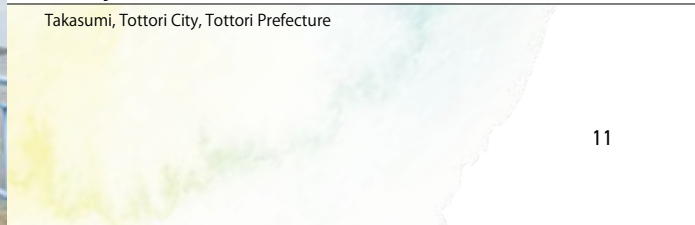
## Sengan Matsushima Observatory

Ajiro, Iwami Town, Iwami Gun, Tottori Prefecture



## Koyamaike Aoshima Park

Takasumi, Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture







## Diving

San'in Kaigan, also, has very attractive underwater scene. You can encounter unique topography and various types of fish.

Blueline Tajiri

## Activities

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The San'in Kaigan Geopark has a full of ways to play with the nature.

It is no way to complete enjoying all of the ways.

\*The activities introduced are just examples.



Check here for other activities and the latest information!



## Stand Up Paddleboard

Get on a big board and go out on the sea. The extraordinary experience of standing on the sea is addictive.

Few locations along the coast of San'in Kaigan Geopark Area



## Fat Bike

Go to places where only a bicycle with thick tires can take you. Let's run through the magnificent scenery of Tottori Sand Dunes.

Camel Cycle Club



## Lava Trekking

The lava flow caused by eruption of Mt. Kannabe is a natural athletic field. You can rest assured knowing that you are together with a nature play professional!

NPO Kannabe Nature School



## Hot Air Balloon

Rising up to 30m above the ground and enjoying the magnificent scenery of the highland! If you're lucky, you might even be able to see a sea of clouds!

Up Kannabe, Kannabe Soland





## Sand Dunes Yoga

Lectures are given by an instructor who knows everything about sand dunes.

You may be able to synchronize with the movement of the earth and discover a new self.

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Sand Dunes YOGA

## UP MTB PARK IN KANNABE

Run around the fields and mountains freely on a mountain bike and jump high using the terrain!

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Advance Co., Ltd.



## Treering

A safe way to climb a tree by using rope without putting stress on the tree. There are views you can see only from the climb.

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Uemura Naomi Memorial Museum





## Sand Board

Enjoy the sensation of speed and exhilaration as you slide down the steep slopes of the sand dunes on your board.

Tottori Sand Dunes Board School



## Surfin

Surfing is about reading to the waves and enjoying just the power of the waves. Local surfers will show you how to have fun.

Some locations along the coast of San'in Kaigan Geopark Area



## Canoe/Kayak

You can enjoy the crystal clear sea and unique topography. After receiving a instructor's lecture on how to row, head out into the ocean!

Some locations along the coast of San'in Kaigan Geopark Area







# Gourmet



San'in Kaigan Geopark, also, is a treasure-trove of delicious food. In addition to seafood that can be enjoyed everywhere in the geopark area, many local cuisines and local gourmets such as Tajima Cattle, which is breeding cattle of famous brand beef such as Kobe beef and Matsusaka beef, curry dishes of Tottori, Sarasoba noodle of Izushi, Barazushi of Tango, etc. Enjoy to your heart's content.









## Sand Pudding

A new type of pudding with caramel inspired by the sand of Tottori Sand Dunes.

Totto purin



## Sweets

Lots of attractive sweets!

Enjoy a blissful moment with sweets unique to this region, blessed with rich nature and ingredients.

\*The products introduced are just examples.



## Kyotango Fruits Trail

Now, make juices and smoothies with fruits that can be tasted only here.



## An-butter toast

The Anko (bean paste) made from 100% Mikata Dainagon Azuki bean, a specialty product grown through cultivation, is exquisite.

[aoite.azuki.base](http://aoite.azuki.base)

## Gem of Geo Sweets

Introducing sweets, with a focus on ingredients and look, that can only be tasted here.

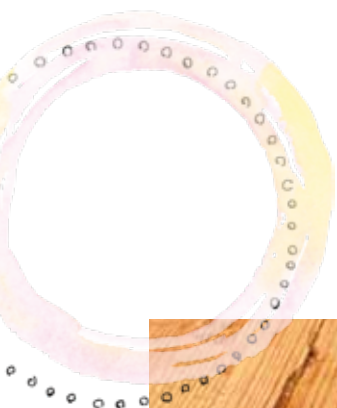




## Smoothie made with a whole Shinkansen pear

How about enjoying a smoothie made with locally produced "Shinkansen" while overlooking the highly transparent sea of Uradome coast? A photo taken at a stylish trailer cafe is sure to be Instagrammable!

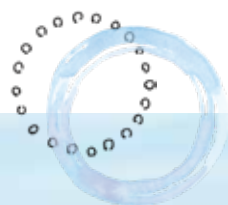
Uradome Kaigan Trailer Café



## Arayu Nama caramel cheesecake

The bittersweet taste of the creamy caramel candy made in Yumura Onsen's Arayu is very mature.

café bloom



## Sea Salt Softcream-Dango Fish-Chocolate Marshmallow-Sundae

The "Salt of Tanjo" that brings out the sweetness is locally produced. Topped with cute illustrated chocolate marshmallows.

Kinosaki Marine World Geo Café





# Access

Access to the San'in Kaigan Geopark area



Please come and visit the San'in Kaigan Geopark, which include the San'in Kaigan National Park in the center.

## Contact

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## PR movie



We have produced four PR movies to convey the diverse appeal of the San'in Kaigan Geopark.

Spectacular view



Activity edition



Digest edition



Gourmet edition



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