# **Event Information (Annual)**





## **Utazu Aloha Night**

A popular hula festival takes place with beautiful views of the Seto Inland Sea and sunsets. Dance ensembles within the prefecture and beyond perform spectacular



## UTAZU Summer Festival

Various events take place on stage, including live comedy shows and karaoke competitions. Food pavilions with various kinds of food attract large crowds.



### Daimatsu Volleyball Tournament

This tournament is held to honor the achievements of Utazu-born Hirofumi Omatsu, who contributed to the development of women's volleyball in Japan.



During the fall festivals associated with Ubushina Shrine and Shiogama Shrine floats are paraded through the town. A dozen floats are moved through the old district of Komachi, an area lined with traditional-style houses.



## Utazu Autumn Harvest Festival

Under the theme of "harvesting", a large selection of fall



## JR Utazu St. Plaza Winter Illuminations

The north and south sides of Utazu St. are decorated

# ourist Attractions

"Lovers' Sanctuary' (popular dating spot)

· · · · Scenic Locations

## Roadside Rest Area ("Lover's Sanctuary") Utazu Rinkai Seafront Park



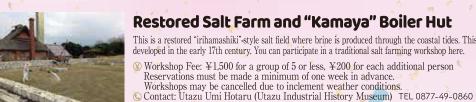
## Utazu Umi Hotaru Industrial History Museum

Four-screen projection system shows the history of Utazu and salt making. You can enjoy the FM adio satellite studio, the café, and the restaurant. ivenirs are also available in the museum shop. | Utazu Umi Hotaru Museum | 9:00 ~ 21:00 | Sky and Sea Café | 9:00 ~ 19:00 | (L.0.18:00)

Closed on Mondays (for Monday public holidays, the following day is closed)

### Playground and Open Lawn Space

This playground has 16 unique and colorful playground structures for children from age 3 to 12.

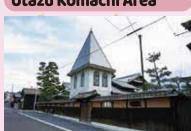


## Restored Salt Farm and "Kamaya" Boiler Hut

This is a restored "irihamashiki" style salt field where brine is produced through the coastal tides. This style was leveloped in the early 17th century. You can participate in a traditional salt farming workshop here.

Workshop Fee: ¥1,500 for a group of 5 or less, ¥200 for each additional person \( \) Reservations must be made a minimum of one week in advance. Workshops may be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions.

## Utazu Komachi Area



Temples and shrines with distinguished histories as well as traditional Japanese houses called "machiya" can still be found in this area. It is an ideal location to go on walks, with few hills and roads paved in brick. South side of Route 33 (Utazu Town Office area)

Ubusina Shrine

ancient building of Takanomiya

Goshoden, the first annex to the outer

shrine of the Ise Jingu Shrine. Many

other buildings have been designated

Nanryuji Temple

The Soto Zen Buddhist temple was

established during the Muromachi

Period (1392-1573). You are free to

participate in early morning Zen

meditation every Sunday.

as National Cultural Properties.

Honmyoji Temple

during the Muromachi Period (1392-1573). The

Banshindo Hall on the premises is one of six

Sanuki deities. This temple has many attractions

such as cycad palm trees that are more than 350

vears old and stone walls with castle-like features.

Tamonji Temple

The Shingon Buddhist temple was

established during the early Heian Period

(794-1192). The Kannon Hall houses 33

statues of the kannon, the deity of mercy.

## Aonovama Observatory



Located 224 meters above sea level, Mt. Aonoyama offers light hiking, picnicking, and flower viewing at the summit during cherry surrounding islands and the town center.

Goshoji Temple

Shingon and Jisyu Buddhist temple was

established during the Nara Period

(710-784). This temple is the 78th site of

the Shikoku 88-Temple Pilgrimage, and

s also known as "Yakuyoke Utazu

Daishi", a temple that expels evil spirits.

Entsuji Temple

The Shingon Buddhist temple was established

This is the 30th site of the Sanuki 33 Temple

designated by the prefecture and town.

## Shotsujiyama Observatory



Scenic viewing areas are easily accessible by car. Offers dynamic views of Seto Ohashi Bridge and the surrounding ocean.

# blossom season. The observatory offers breathtaking views of the Seto Inland Sea,

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### Jyosennji Temple Syotokuin Temple

The largest statue in Kagawa of Enma, the King of Hell, is Prince Shotoku is enshrined at this temple, the 29th site of the Sanuki enshrined in this temple dating back to the Azuchimomoyama

# 33-Temple Pilgrimage of Kannon, the deity of mercy.

A standing statue of the 2-year-old

# Saikoji Temple

The Shin Buddhist temple was during the Muromachi Period (1392-1573). established during the Kamakura Period (1192-1333). Temple highlights include a Pilgrimage of Kannon, the deity of mercy. castle-style monastery cathedral This temple has many cultural properties and funayagata-style tearoom.



# Shotsuji Temple

The Shingon Buddhist temple was established during the Nara -Period (710 784). Also known as the 31st site of the Sanuki 33 Templ Pilerimage of Kannon, the deity of mercy. It has many cultural properties, including the "Mokuzo Senju Kannon Ryuzo" (wooden \*standing statue of kannon, the deity of mercy, that has one thousan hands) which was designated as a National Cultural Property.

# Leisure Facilities

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Shikoku Aquarium



This next-generation aguarium is based on the theme of "Aguascapes of Shikoku Island". You can experience the Seto Inland Sea, Japan's largest inland sea boarding the Pacific Ocean, where one can experience the Kuroshio Current, the world's largest warmwater current, man-made lakes that have supported people's livelihoods, and a freshwater river (Shimanto River).

# soothe your body

Shikoku Kenkomura Spa



A 24-hour public bathhouse on-location provides overnight stays. This health spa boasts 10 different baths and offers meals. The facility is equipped with a popular theater inside that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and genders. It's a relaxing place to spend the day.

# Hotels and Accommodation

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ental accommodations are on-site with two traditional machiya townhouses that may be rented. The facility was renovated under the supervision of Mr. Alex Kerr, an Asian culture researcher and expert in the restoration of old townhouses. The facility has added modern conveniences such as a kitchen and a cypress bath while keeping alive the original townhouse ambience.

Utazu Grand Hotel 0877-41-1000

Hotel Anesis Seto Ohashi 🔽 0877-49-2311

Business Hotel Utazu 0877-49-4146

Shikoku Kenkomura Spa 🔽 0877-49-2600 💛 Hotel AZ Kagawa Utazu-ten 📉 0877-49-0501

# Be impressed

Gold Tower Amusement Center



This is the complex of Gold Tower, a 158-meter high observation tower with "Sorakin" aquarium facilities and an all-weather playground. the Seto Ohashi Bridge from the observatory

# Historic Sites



## Aonoyama Ancient Burial Grounds

The side stone and a large ceiling stone of the burial chamber ha existed here since the late Kofun Period (the 4th-7th century).

Tao Chausuyama Ancient Burial Ground keyhole-shaped ancient burial ground can be found on a hillside 54

meters above sea level, similar to a tea mill. ○ YUrugi Stone (prefecture-designated natural monument)

The 10-ton "yurigi" stone sits on a huge platform stone. The name originates from the Japanese word "yurugu", meaning "to sway", because when pushed by hand, the yurugi stone moves.

Shotsujiyama Ancient Burial Ground

It is said to have been built between the 4th and 5th centuries. It is constructed using natural

Special Products Salt produced at the restored irihamashiki-style salt field Utazu Town. The moderate saltiness goes well with omusubi rice by Rice This black rice is high in anthocyanin, a ntioxidant, and has a pleasant texture

# **Utazu Town Electric Bicycle Rentals**



O Hotel Anesis Seto Ohashi

7:00~21:00 300 円~ 1,000 円

The user must be at least 15 years old (high school age) and able to drive

Those under 15 years of age may use the service if they are accompanied by someone 15 years of age or older. ID is required to rent a bicycle



**Information Site** 



Check out our website!

# ACCESS How to get to Utazu



For those coming by car

- From Okayama (Seto Ohashi Bridge) Exit the Central Seto Expressway (at Sakaide-kita IC). (It takes about an 30 minutes from Hayasima IC.)
- From Kobe · Osaka (Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge) Exit the Takamatu Expressway (at Sakaide IC). (It takes about an hour and 50 minutes from Tarumi IC.)



For those coming by train (from Honshu, the main island)

- When using the rapid Marine Liner and JR Yosan Line Okayama Sta.→Sakaide Sta.→Utazu Sta. (about one hour, including When using JR Limited Express Nanpu or JR Limited Express Shimakaze
- Okayama Sta.→Utazu Sta. (about one hour, direct link)



For those coming by Air

Take the "Marugame, Sakaiede and Airport Limousine Bus", and get off at the south exit of Utazu Station

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