

Where Tradition Meets Natural Beauty

Discover
Shikoa
Guide Book

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1

Popular Destinations

along the Japan Sea Coast

Shika offers many beautiful, scenic landscapes, including beautiful beaches and natural formations created by the rough waves of the Sea of Japan.



Get a close look at the rock tunnel from a cruise boat.

▶ MAP B-2



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Ganmon

A magnificent 15-meter-high natural rock tunnel carved by the rough waves. Have fun taking a cruise ride and checking out the souvenir shop. Evocative of tatami mats laid out on the ocean, Senjojiki-iwa rocks also offer great views.

-  Togiushioroshi, Shika
-  Free parking



▶ MAP B-2

Hatago-Iwa Rocks

“Wedded rocks” tied together with a sacred rope. Standing close, one is 16 meters high and the other 12 meters high. One of Shika’s best sunset spots, the rocks are lit at night during summer and winter.



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-  Togishitsumi, Shika
-  Free parking





▶ MAP B-2

The World’s Longest Bench

Once a Guinness World Records title holder, this bench is as long as 460.9 meters! A great place for enjoying the views of the Sea of Japan and sunsets. The site is decorated with light displays during summer and fall.



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-  Togiryokemachi, Shika
-  Free parking

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History and Culture

that have been nourished and protected along with nature

Many historic buildings remain in Shika. Make new discoveries through the town's history and culture which always have had a strong connection with nature.



▶ MAP B-2

Former Fukura Lighthouse

Japan's oldest wooden lighthouse built in 1876. Served as one of the filming locations of *Little Maestra*, a 2012 Japanese movie. The lighthouse is lit at night during summer and winter.



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- 📍 Fukurako, Shika
- 🅅 Free parking (Former Fukura Lighthouse Parking)



Fukura Area

In the old days of domestic sea trade, Kitamae-bune ships used to call at the Port of Fukura. Enjoy the old port town atmosphere of the 18th to 19th centuries.



▶ MAP B-3

Former Residence of Taira Family

Built on a vast compound covering roughly 20,000 square meters, this residence housed the Taira Family, a village headman for generations that ruled over lands under direct control of the Tokugawa shogunate. Designed by Hirose Manjiro, a gardener of the Shugakuin Imperial Villa in Kyoto, the rock garden (karesansui) at the rear garden is a must-see.



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- 📍 30-63 Machi, Shika
- ☎ 0767-32-1404
- 🕒 8:00 to 17:00
- 📅 Closed on random days
- 💰 Adult 500 yen
- 🅅 Free parking



▶ MAP B-4

Oshima Shogando Memorial Monument

A monument of stacked stones said to have been built in the Muromachi period (1336 – 1573), standing against a stunning backdrop of the Sea of Japan.



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- 📍 Oshima, Shika
- 🅅 Free parking

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Local Festivals

that have been passed down through generations

Many valuable folk performing arts and traditional events are still held in Shika today, including the Kiriko Festival, a dynamic, soul-stirring festival unique to Noto.



Japan Heritage logo

Pick up!

What is Kiriko?

Kiriko, short for kiriko toro, are large lantern floats. Shining on the mikoshi (portable shrine) where the deity resides, kiriko floats parade around the town as the guide of the mikoshi. In 2015, Noto Kiriko Festivals were added to the Japan Heritage list.

Annually held on the last weekend of August

Togi Hassaku Festival

The Otobi Festival on the first day features a dynamic procession of about 30 kiriko floats. At the Main Festival on the second day, portable shrines of several communities parade along the coast of Masuhogaura.

Togi, Shika



Kiriko Festival

A festival with roots in the story

of a god and goddess who could only see each other once a year

A lively festival featuring women

in yukata carrying kiriko



Annually held on August 14

Kiriko Festival

Saikai Festival

A kiriko festival held to pray for big catches and safe voyages. This festival is unique in that the kiriko floats are carried by women.

Saikai Area, Shika

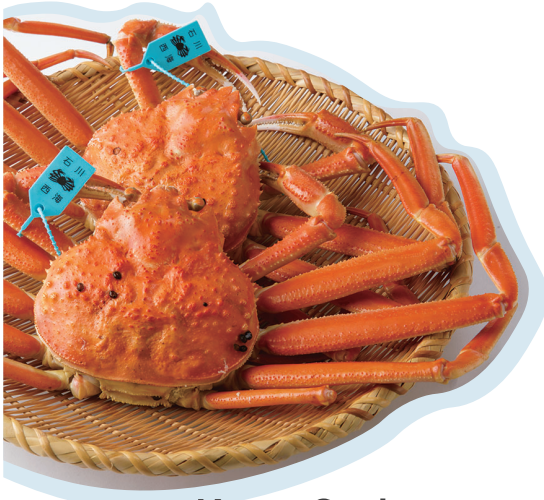
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Local Specialties

Shika's very best foods and crafts

Shika has many unique local specialties that cannot be found in any other regions. Among them, rigorously selected products are branded and sold as Shika's Very Best Specialties.



Kano Crab

The finest snow crabs from the Sea of Japan off the coast of Saikai. Look for the light blue brand tag.



Pink Shrimp

Pink shrimp caught by Saikai's traditional shrimp basket traps. Features a delicate sweetness.



Noto Beef

Raised in the rich natural environment of Noto, this beef has fine marbling and flavorful fat.



Korogaki (dried persimmons)

A signature specialty of Noto. Soft and gently sweet. Popular as a gift.



Noto Watermelon

Grown in red soil, these watermelons are crunchy and intensely sweet.



Sazae Monaka

A Japanese sweet treat shaped like a turban shell. Red bean paste and white bean paste with aonori seaweed are sandwiched between thin, crispy rice wafers.

pick up!

Shika's Very Best Specialties are sold with a certification sticker on their package. These wonderful products are perfect as souvenirs and gifts for your special ones.



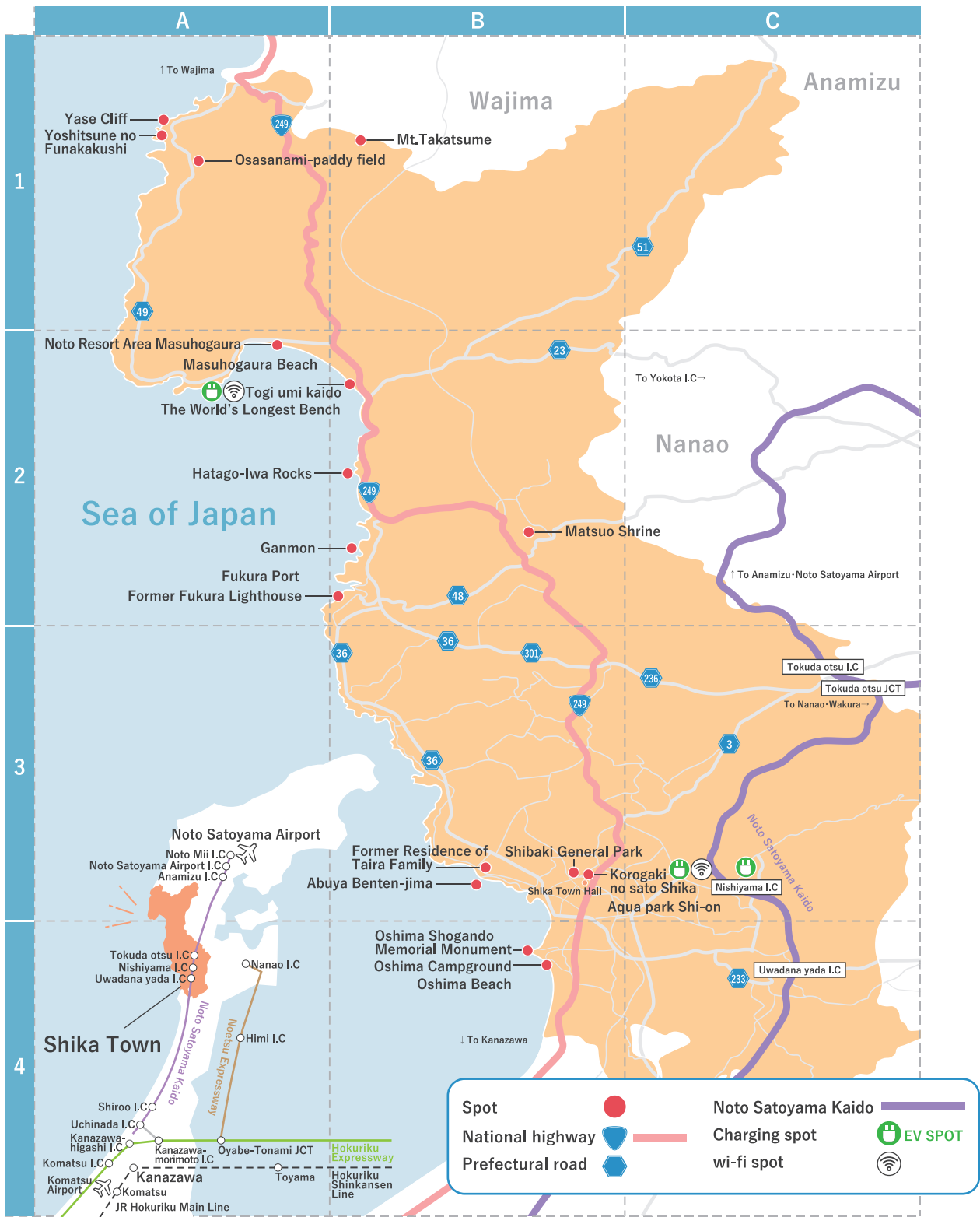
Crafts



Sakura shell flower brooch



Daifukuji stone brazier



Access to Shika Town

- By Air**
- [To Komatsu Airport]**
 - From Tokyo Approx.60min
 - [To Noto Satoyama Airport]**
 - From Tokyo Approx.60min
- By Train**
- [To Kanazawa Station]**
 - From Tokyo Approx.3hr48min
 - From Osaka Approx.2hr29min
 - From Nagoya Approx.2hr23min

- By Car**
- From Tokyo Approx.6hr30min
 - From Osaka Approx.4hr30min
 - From Nagoya Approx.3hr40min
 - From Kanazawa Station Approx.50min
 - From Komatsu Airport ... Approx.1hr15min
 - From Noto Airport Approx.45min

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