



Wonders of the Itoigawa UNESCO Global Geopark

Discover the secrets hidden beneath the Japanese Islands

Start your journey at the Fossa Magna Museum, an award-winning museum dedicated to the story of the Japanese Islands. Then venture deep into the mountains of Itoigawa to see for yourself Itoigawa's stunning jade gorge and an exposed fault which splits Japan in two!



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Miyama Park & Museums

This beautiful hilltop park is home to the Fossa Magna Museum, the information center of the Itoigawa Geopark.

▼ Miyama Park



Kotakigawa Jade Gorge

This stunningly beautiful gorge at the base of Mt. Myojo is also Japan's largest jadeite deposit!



Fossa Magna Park

See an exposed part of the Itoigawa-Shizuoka Tectonic Line which splits Japan between two tectonic plates!



Takanami-no-Ike Pond

With beautiful views of Mt. Myojo, this alpine pond is a popular camping and leisure spot.

Discover more online!

Find more ideas about how to get the most out of your visit to Itoigawa by visiting us online! Sample itineraries, travel ideas, sightseeing information, hotels, local restaurant recommendations and more can be found here on our official website!

Discover Itoigawa

<http://discover-itoigawa.com>



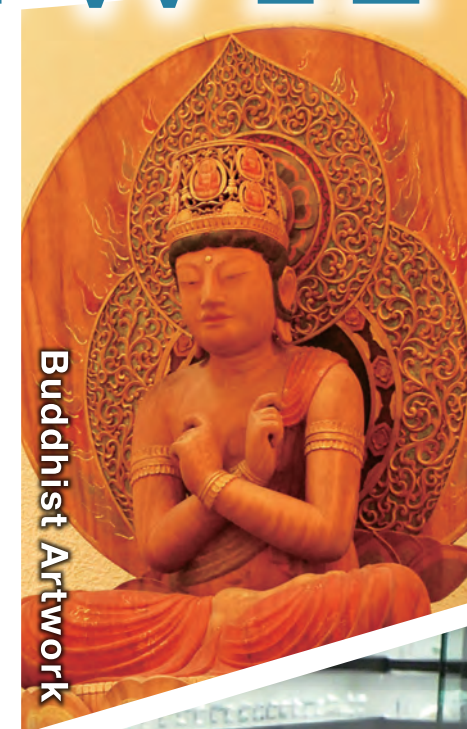
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Amatsu Shrine



Takanami-no-Ike Pond



Buddhist Artwork



Oyashirazu Cliffs



Seaside Skiing



Itoigawa Jade

Explore Itoigawa

Itoigawa is a small town hiding a lot of big surprises. Sitting atop a massive fault which splits Japan in two, Itoigawa is where Japan's towering Northern Alps collapse into the Sea of Japan. With over 7000 years of human history, including the world's oldest jadeworking culture, over 50 km of beautiful coast and Niigata Prefecture's highest mountains... Itoigawa can be a bit overwhelming at first! If you aren't sure where (or how!) to start, try out these sample itineraries or check out our homepage on the back for more ideas!



History and Beauty in Central Itoigawa

Explore Itoigawa's Old Town and more on this walking tour!

Grab a walking map at the station and stroll through old shops, sake breweries, shrines, temples and more. Afterward, enjoy the many beautiful stones of Itoigawa's Jade Coast or take a spiritual journey with the Tanimura Art Museum's Buddhist artwork and jade gardens.



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Downtown Itoigawa

Central Itoigawa is full of hidden treasures including temples, shrines, shops, cafes and sake breweries.



Jade Coast



The pebble beaches of Itoigawa are covered in many stones, including jade!



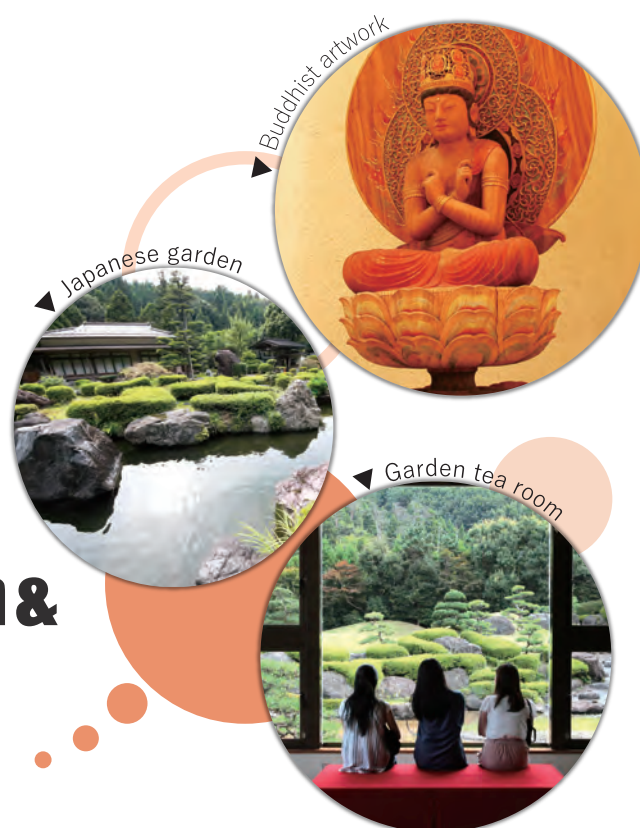
Amatsu Shrine

This shrine with 2000 years of history is one of the largest in Itoigawa.



Tanimura Art Museum & Gardens

Designed by famed architect Togo Murano and featuring the Buddhist artwork of Seiko Sawada.



Itoigawa UNESCO Global Geopark



UNESCO Global Geoparks are regions designated by UNESCO for their outstanding global geological heritage and commitment to sustainable development. At Itoigawa UNESCO Global Geopark, learn the story of the birth of the Japanese Islands, the history of the world's oldest jadeworking culture and much, much more!

Itoigawa Geopark Mascot Characters



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Treasures along the Sea of Japan!

Feel the sea breeze on this beautiful seaside cycling road!

Rent a bicycle at Itoigawa Station, grab a cycling map and head out to the Kubiki Cycling Road, a beautiful bicycle path which runs along the sea between Itoigawa and Joetsu City. Enjoy the cool breeze of the Sea of Japan while exploring the area's rich maritime culture!



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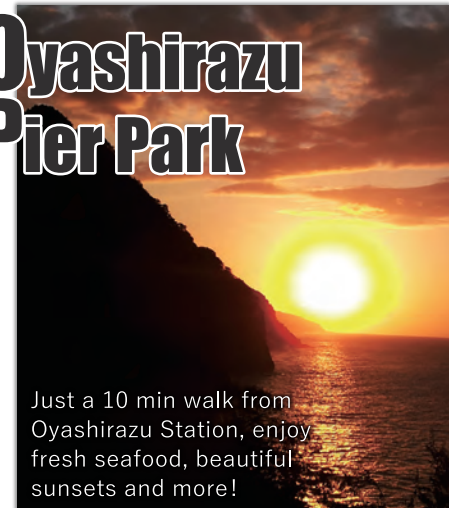
Kubiki Cycling Road

Built atop the remains of the old Hokuriku Railroad, this 33 km long path is a great way to enjoy the sea!



Oyashirazu Pier Park

Just a 10 min walk from Oyashirazu Station, enjoy fresh seafood, beautiful sunsets and more!



Hakusan Shrine

This shrine, closely connected to worship of the sea, is one of the oldest buildings in Itoigawa.



Benten-Iwa



This volcanic rock has long been revered as a goddess of the sea, protecting local fisherman at the nearby port.



Marine Dream Nou

This popular seaside market offers visitors fresh fish and crab caught at the nearby fishing ports.

[Itoigawa Benizuwai Crab]



These tasty crabs are caught in abundance off the Itoigawa Coast.

[Gourmet Cuisine]



Enjoy a variety of fresh seafood cuisine at Marine Dream Nou!