

# Enjoy Izu Oshima Geopark and More! Enjoy Everything Izu Oshima Has to Offer With a Guided Tour!



Why are Oshima Milk Cookies famous?  
Who is "Anko-san"?  
Why are there shrines here?



Why is there a black desert on the mountain?

How can plants survive in the lava rocks?



Your Geo Guide can help answer these questions and more as they take you around the Geopark.

Your Geo Guide is certified by Izu Oshima Geopark and open for reservations!  
Half Day Rate (2+Guests): 5,000 yen or more (excluding tax) \*Sept., 2021  
[Contact] Oshima Tourism Association (TEL:+81-4992-2-2177)

Let's go first when we arrive at Okata Port!



## Geo Station Okata Port

Above the Okata Passenger Terminal on the second floor, you can get the basic information and the latest information of Izu Oshima Geopark. Please use it when you arrive to confirm where you will go around, and when you return, to make your next plan! **[Opening]** The day when that departure port is Okada Port

## Izu Oshima Volcano Museum

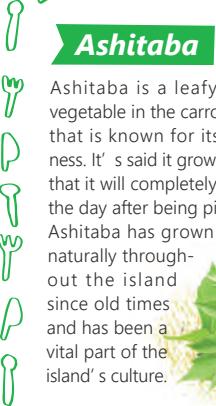
The museum introduces guests to not just Izu Oshima's volcano, but volcanoes from all over Japan and the world. Enjoy a screening of a special video that showcases all of the secrets and charm that Izu Oshima has to offer.  
**[Opening]** 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. (Closed 11 Days a Year) **[Charge]** Adults: 500 Yen, Elementary and Junior High School Students: 250 Yen



Check it out before hiking!

## Geopark Exhibition at the Summit Entrance

**[Opening]** Sat, Sun, Holiday 9:30a.m.-15:00p.m.  
Outer rim Lookout immediate side.  
Geoguide is resident. You can also see the video of the 1986 eruption!



## Ashitaba

Ashitaba is a leafy green vegetable in the carrot family that is known for its hardness. It's said it grows so fast that it will completely regrow the day after being picked. Ashitaba has grown naturally throughout the island since old times and has been a vital part of the island's culture.

## GEO FOOD

### Kusaya

Don't let the smell fool you, Kusaya is quite delicious! This dish of salt-dried and fermented fish is known for its pungent odor, but is a delicacy on Izu Oshima. While it might seem strange, kusaya's preparation is the product of harsh island life, where historically resources were hard to come by to the remote island.



### Milk

Long ago Izu Oshima was once called "Holstein Island" (after the breed of cow) because of its prosperous dairy farming industry. Holstein cattle prefer mild climates. With its gentle sea breeze and mineral-rich grass, Izu Oshima is the perfect place for them to call home.



So many amazing sights to see on Izu Oshima!



# Izu Oshima Geopark



## Access to Izu Oshima Geopark

### Getting to Izu Oshima By Ship

Tokyo/Takeshiba	Approx. 1 hr. 45 min. by high speed jet ferry	Izu Oshima Motomachi Port or Okata Port
Atami Port	Approx. 6 hr. by overnight cruise ship	
	Approx. 45 min.	

Depending on weather and ocean conditions, ships will depart from either Motomachi Port or Okata Port.

The travel route of Kurihama, Tateyama, Ito, Inatori, and Osanbashi Pier, subject to change depending on the season.

### Getting to Izu Oshima By Plane

Chofu Airport	25 min.	Oshima Airport
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Transportation and Accommodation on Izu Oshima

Contact Oshima Tourism Association (8:30am-5:00pm) TEL: +81-4992-2-2177



Search traffic on the island with "Izu Oshima Navi"



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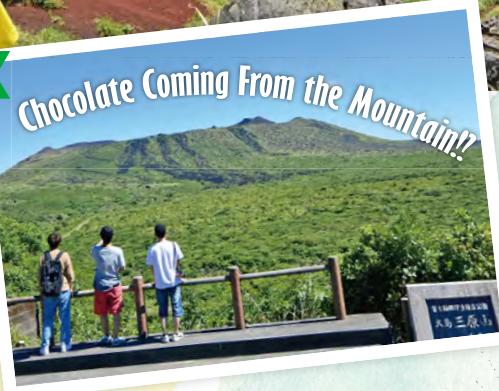
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# Summit area



## 1 Outer Rim Lookout

By viewing the black lines on Mt. Mihara you can trace the lava flow created during the eruption in 1986.



## 3 Tip of the 1986 Lava Flow

Lava overflow from the eruption stopped at the base of the mountain.

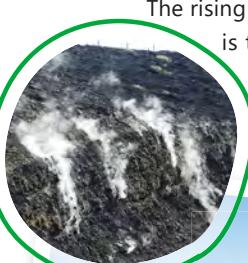


## A bumpy lava flow

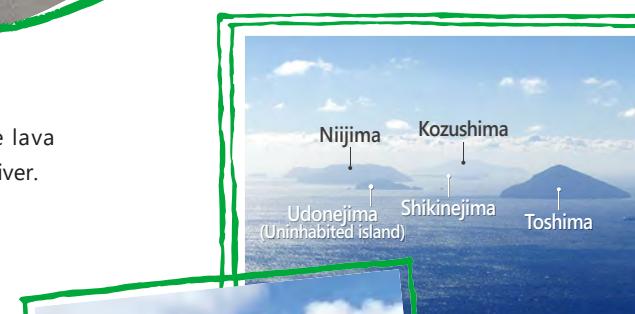


## 4 Splashes of Magma

This formation traveled down the lava flow from the crater like a raft on a river.



Magma escapes from this massive crater



## 6 Mt. Mihara Summit Pit Crater

During the 1986 eruption magma overflowed from the volcano, completely filling up the crater.

## Red Valley

### 11 Akadare

Akadare's stunning red canyons are the result of the erosion of volcanic deposits. It's a perfect spot to take view other Izu Islands on the sea spreading in front of the valley.

## 8 Ura-Sabaku Desert

Strong winds blow off plant seeds and germination, maintaining this desert landscape.

A black desert made from volcanic rock and ash

## 7 Fissure-Eruption Craters

Fissures opened in the ground and spewed out lava.



Now



## 5 Path Around the Crater

The 360° ocean view gives you a perfect opportunity to see Mt. Fuji, Izu Peninsula, Izu Islands, Boso Peninsula, and Miura Peninsula.



## 9 Geo Rock Garden

A fissure eruption has created a garden full of these strange rocks in less than a day.



## 10 Vegetation Regeneration Trail

Regeneration of life starts from pioneer plants adapted to harsh environments. Along this trail, you can take in the changing landscape as lava turns to forest ground.



## The Flowers of Izu Oshima

As the flowers bloom, the black and green wilderness becomes gorgeous.



# Coastline Area

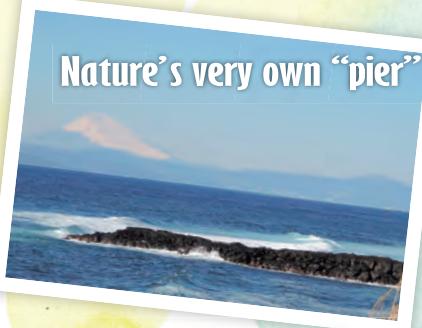
Like a giant layered cake



A red hill that rises from the sea

## 1 Akappage (Red Hill)

Erupting near the coast, low-viscosity lava splash piled up around, forming a hill.



Nature's very own "pier"

## 2 Cape Nagane

The lava flow of the fissure eruption on the hillside went down the stream and poured into the sea, after which only the hard lava remained as a cape.



## 6 Imasaki

The large and small stones are seen on the surface of the cliff, which indicates that the eruption was intense.



A soft, black beach



Boulders Lodged in the Earth

## 5 Sanohama Beach

It is a black sandy beach that is made up of broken lava and volcanic ash flowing through the swamp.

## 4 The Great Road Cut

The layers of this huge are the result of about one hundred of eruption over 20,000 years.

## 3 Motomachi Hamanoyu (Open Air Hot Spring)

Hot springs in Motomachi area are the result of 1986 eruption.

## 7 "Bomb Sags" of the Toshiki Coast

Stones that flew in the air due to intense eruptions left traces that crashed into the ground of the deposited volcanic ash. (The cliffs have been eroding and the rocks are collapsing.)



Traveling around Izu Oshima!

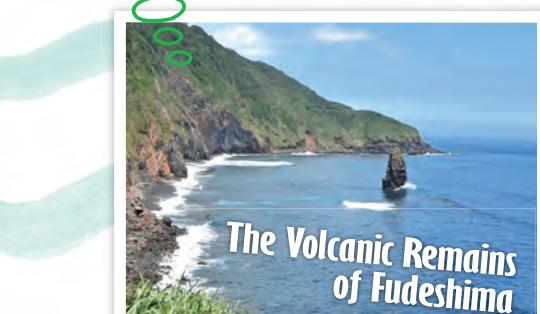


## 8 Habu Port (Explosion crater)

Originally a crater lake, a tsunami caused the lake to connect to the ocean. In 1800, Heiroku Akihiro expanded the connection, opening Habu Port.



Gray stripes on cliffs are old traces (dykes) of ancient magma that once pierced Earth.



## 9 Kakihara Beach

A lot of "volcanic beans stones" can be found in the surrounding ground.



## 10 Fudeshima

Years of waves have eroded this old volcano into the small island it is today.



Throughout the year you can view beautiful flowers peppering the coastline with their vibrant colors.



The best time to see Oshima's cherry blossoms depicting the volcanic wilderness in beautiful pale white is in April.



## 11 Sakurakkabu Cherry Tree

The giant cherry tree that survived the lava field was once a landmark for voyage.



Estimated at 800 years old!

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# The Flowers of Izu Oshima

Camellia japonica which is suitable for well-drained land with warm, heavy rain, has grown on the island since the Jomon period.

The islanders have found many uses for the resilient camellia including using them as windbreaks and for creating charcoal and oil.

