

Yamaguchi Prefecture Kudamatsu City

# KUDAMATSU

## Tourist guidebook



#### Origin of a name: the "Falling Star Legend"

Around the time of Empress Suiko, a large star fell on an old pine tree in Aoyagiura where it shone brightly for seven days and seven nights, conveying the message that "the prince of Baekje (Korean kingdom) shall come to this place."

Three years later, from Baekje came Prince Imseong, reputed to be the ancestor of the Ouchi clan who would rule this land for many years to come.

A shrine was built by local residents to commemorate the star.

The location was given the name "Hoshi ga futta matsu" (pine on which a star fell) which later became "Furimatsu" and eventually "Kudamatsu."



# Kasado Island's recommended spots



Kasado Island is filled with all of the charm of the Seto Inland Sea. It's a perfect island for sightseeing and recreation,

where one can enjoy outdoor activities like hiking and camping.



### Kawazu's cherry trees

Every year, between mid-February and mid-March, these cherry trees are abloom with beautiful pink flowers. The area is lined with about 500 trees, allowing visitors to welcome the early arrival of spring.





### Hanaguri swimming beach

This artificial beach, located in Setonaikai National Park, also features an over-the-sea marine promenade and a ramp that allows wheelchair users to access the beach.



With a total length of about 300 meters, the promenade allows visitors to stroll over the sea.







#### Kasado Island Family Travel Village



Located on a hill overlooking Kasado Bay and the industrial area, it offers cabin-style accommodation, auto-camping, barbecue pits, a footbath, and more.

14-1 Kasadoshima, Kudamatsu City \$\frac{1}{2}0833-52-1001 7:30am~7:00pm \$\frac{1}{2}\$Yes HOLIDAY No



The spacious campsite here is also very popular. Enjoy the great views over the sea!



#### National lodging Ojo



Access

Experience the open-air bath overlooking the sea that gives the impression of being one with the ocean and enjoy local delicacies like Kasado flounder.

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- I. Fully reopened on November I, 2016.
- 2. All guest rooms are spacious and overlook the ocean.
- 3. In the lobby overlooking Kasado Bay, you can sit on authentic Shinkansen Green Car seats (700 series).





#### Yuhi Misaki (Sunset Cape)

Views of the sunset and nearby Hanaguri Rock, which features a large hole caused by seawater erosion, are stunning and attract many photographers.



#### Sea breeze garden

Throngs of visitors flock here to watch rapeseed flowers and cherry blossoms bloom in spring and sunflowers in summer. The Kasado Island Kawazu Cherry Blossom Festival is held here from February to March of every year.



#### Fukaura floating torii gate

The torii gate of Itsukushima Myojin Shrine stands on the west side of Fukaura, a port town in the southern part of Kasado Island. Every summer, the Kangensai Festival is held here to pray for safe seas.

#### Kasado Island's treasures

The entire island of Kasado is designated part of Setonaikai National Park.

The island is famous for being the natural habitat of the Kasado flounder andthe Kasado tiger blowfish.

Let us introduce some of the island's sightseeing spots,

gourmet foods, and special events!





You can eat both at Ojo!

Furusato tax refund

The Kasado flounder, the gastronomical pride of Kudamatsu, is a meaty fish that has plenty of fat with a slightly sweet taste and has been used as an ingredient in high-end dishes. The more you chew it, the richer the taste becomes, and farmed flounder has a reputation for being even more delicious than wild ones! Another renowned delicacy of Kudamatsu is the tiger blowfish, which is farmed on Kasado island.

Kudamatsu City Cultivation Fishery Center (Hirameki ★ Park, Kasado Island)



Access



Here you can visit flounder farming facilities, try your hand at feeding the fish, and learn about commercial fisheries and aquaculture (reservation required for groups).

At Kasado's main aquaculture facility, 13 different species of fish, including flounder, are bred and released into the wild. Visitors can tour the facilities and buy Kasado flounder directly from the source.

456-8 Kasadoshima, Kudamatsu City 40833-52-1333 PYes

#### Enjoy playing with fish!



In 2020, one of Japan's largest touching pool opened at the Kudamatsu City Cultivation Fishery Center! The pool is full of fish caugh in the waters near Kasado Island, and visitors are allowed to enter barefoo and touch them.



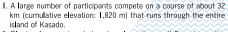




### Runners will not get bored when running this trail because it winds through a varied coastline, a mountain

Kudamatsu Kasado Island Trail

because it winds through a varied coastline, a mountain 200m above sea level, and the marine promenade, as well as a large-scale shipbuilding yard.



2. Plenty of support and cheering along the road! Experience the thrill of crossing the finish line!









#### Kudamatsu Kasado Island Marine raft race

A very unusual race that sees handmade rafts compete at sea. Win prizes for speed, design, performance, and uniqueness.



### Kudamatsu's highlights Kudamatsu City has been attracting visitors since ancient times with its reputation of a pleasant city to live in, and has thrived as a center of traditional arts and crafts.

Part of its charm is the presence of many cultural properties that define different historical eras. on Nov 3 Lots of stalls, mochi-throwing

#### Inaho Festival -Kitsune no yomeiri- (The Fox's Wedding

A bride and groom made up as foxes ride on a rickshaw, accompanied by a cortege of foxes, including some carrying a wedding chest, parading on the old road leading to Suo-Hanaoka Station.







- I. A unique festival held at Hanaoka Fukutoku Inari Shrine. Many visitors flock to the festival every year because it is said that those who participate in the procession will find a suitable marriage candidate.
- 2. Walk about I km and sign a marriage agreement.

#### Kasado Island's Itsukushima shrine

A long time ago, Ichikishimahime, the deity of water venerated at Itsukushima Shrine, fell in love with Fukaura during a sea voyage and decided to live here forever. However, it is reported that when she found out that, even though seven bays are celebrated in the area. Kasado Island was actually short of one bay, she gave up and moved to Miyajima in Akinokuni instead. \*Currently there are seven bays.





#### Hanaoka Hachimangu

Many illustrious military commanders, including Yoshitaka Ouchi and Hideyoshi Toyotomi, have worshiped at this venerable shrine built in the year 709. In the surrounding area, many historical remnants associated with the old highway, including a sake brewery, remind visitors of the bustling past times.

↑400 Suetakekami Ebisumachi, Kudamatsu City ↑0833-44-8570 ↑Yes



#### Great Evil-Crushing Blade (Haja-no-Ontachi)

Donated by parishioners who sympathized with the scholars of the Joi School of Shoin Yoshida, this sword was forged hoping that it would repel evil spirits and create a peaceful society.

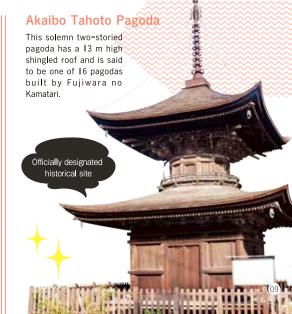
Total length: 4.65 m Weight: about 75 kg



#### Myokengujutou-ji Temple



This old temple, consecrated by Prince Imseong, ancestor of the Ouchi clan, besides being a monument to the poet Santoka Taneda, is said to be the birthplace of the Myoken worship and the Setsubun Festival.



### Outdoor activities in Kudamatsu

In Kudamatsu there are plenty of camping and cycling opportunities for enjoying nature first hand!

Outdoors activities can be enjoyed throughout the year.

Find your favorite spot and enjoy nature to your heart's content!



Hiking trails

Kudamatsu City is surrounded by abundant nature, and there are many hiking trails. Here we introduce three recommended areas!



#### [Kasado Island trails]



Kasado Island of Setonaikai National Park is blessed with a varied coastline and abundant nature collectively referred to as "Shichiura Shichimisaki" (seven bays and seven capes). Some of the trails, that can be enjoyed by both beginners and advanced hikers alike, will take you over 200 meters above sea level, like the ones going over Mt. Takatsubo or Mt. Suribachi, which was selected as one of Japan's "100 best island mountains."

Tryscanning

the QR code

Maps of each trail can be obtained in Kudamatsu City!

#### [Yonegawa trails]

Yonekawa is blessed with abundant nature, and its three mos representative trails are the Mt. Taishogu Trail, the Yonaizum Lake Trail, and the Nishihiraya Trail. The views over the sea o clouds from the top of Mt. Taishogun and those over the



surrounding landscape from the radio wave reflector platform are superb, while the Nishihiraya Course will allow you to discover the original countryside scenery of this area.



#### [Mt. Chugu trail]



This hiking trail, with a total vertical running distance of about 13 km, can be accessed through many different trailheads. It features many cultural properties (historical sites) and stunning views from the top of Mt. Chausuyama.

Many climbers from outside the prefecture come hike this course for its combination of nature and history.





#### Scan the QR code for details!





#### Leisure camping under the stars

At Kasado Island Family Travel Village, you can enjoy leisurely camping experiences. Come refresh yourself in the company of family and friends and forget the stress of everyday life.

14-1 Kasadoshima, Kudamatsu City 10833-52-1001 Scan the OR code

Yes Administration building 9:00am - 5:00pm for equipment for rent Service building 9:30am - 4:00pm

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#### Outdoor equipment for rent

The Kudamatsu City Tourism Association rents out outdoor equipment like tents and camping stoves so that even beginners can have a pleasant camping experience.

### Cycle around the city on a rental bike

For moving around in Kudamatsu, a city of sea and mountains, we recommend renting a bicycle. You can choose between two types of bikes. Enjoy getting around town with the wind in your hair.

1247 Nishitoyoi, Kudamatsu City (Tourist Association Information Center)
3 0833-45-6911 9:00am - 4:30pm Yes

HOLIDAY Mondays and Thursdays

(or alternate days if the above are Public Holidays)

Prices *As of April 2022				
E-bikes (electrically assisted bicycles)	700 yen	I,200 yen		
Hybrid bikes	I,800 yen	3,000 yen		

- \*Prices include ta
- \*A cancellation fee will be charged if you cancel from two days in advance.
- \*Reservations required 30 days in advance
- \*7 hours and 30 minutes













We have prepared a walking map so that visitors to Kudamatsu can enjoy our charming city while leisurely strolling around. Discover the distinctive charm of each itinerary!



Scan the QR code

#### Kudamatsu's weekend life



Enjoy having a fun and relaxing time with your family and feasting on beef bone ramen noodles, a Kudamatsu specialty. Experience Kudamatsu's soul-soothing weekend life.





#### Takinoguchi River Park

This park is designed to be enjoyed throughout the year. From spring to summer, you can watch fireflies and play in the river, while in autumn you can admire autumn leaves. This healing spot can be enjoyed in the company of your family throughout the year.



#### Boken No Mori **Forest Adventure Park**

An athletic facility located in Kudamatsu Sports Park. It's full of fun playground equipment like roller slides, which are very popular with children!

10140 Kouchi, Kudamatsu City Yes













#### Kudamatsu Health Park



Tsurugahama onsen hot spring, whose waters spring from 1,200 meters below the ground, is a panoramic bathhouse with stunning views over the Seto Inland Sea below. In the large dining room you can enjoy typical Seto Inland Sea seafood dishes.

448 Hirata, Kudamatsu City \$\frac{1}{2}0833-41-2600

10:30am - 10:00pm Yes

#### Yonaizumi Lake (Suetake River Dam)



#### Koran

#### Chinese soba noodles

Established in 1952, we proudly offer you the traditional taste we inherited from the first generation of our family. Gift sets are also on sale.

1-5-10 Ekinan, Kudamatsu City 10833-41-0750

10:30am - 3:00pm (eat in) / 10:30am - 5:00pm (takeout)

HOLIDAY Wednesday (open on Public Holidays), 3rd Thursday of each mont



#### Ran Ran

#### Chinese soba noodles

Serving local beef bone ramen noodles with soy sauce, a Kudamatsu specialty. Must try at least once!

1-10-34 Tomitsucho, Kudamatsu City \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 0833-44-2366

Weekdays: 10:30am - 2:30pm / 5:00pm - 8:30pm

Public Holidays and Saturdays: 10:30am - 2:00pm (daytime only) \*Closes when sold out

HOLIDAY Thursday/Sunday



#### Chinese soba noodles

Simple Chinese noodles made the old-fashioned way. A taste that will make you crave for more.

12-19 Hokutocho, Kudamatsu City ★0833-41-1947

10:00am - 9:30pm HOLIDAY Tuesday





Torikatsu

#### Beef bone black ramen noodles

Beef bone ramen noodles in a rich yet mellow broth. Black ramen noodles made by adding mar oil (burnt garlic oil) to rich-tasting beef bone soup are a very popular dish.

1368-13 Nishitoyoi, Kudamatsu City 10833-44-1903

11:30am - 1:30pm / 5:30pm - 10:00pm HOLIDAY Monday

### Kudamatsu's souvenirs

If it's souvenirs you're looking for, we've got you covered! Introducing select foods beloved by the locals!





#### Chinese soba noodles /beef bone ramen soup]

With the distinctive aroma and rich taste of beef bones. Kudamatsu's specialty beef bone ramen is the perfect souvenir to bring home.

[ Takei Seimen noodle market ]

4-6-1 Nozomicho, Kudamatsu City 0833-41-0277 P Yes



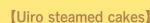
#### [Yakiniku sauce/garlic miso]

Our sauce is made from locally produced specialty kurumaki garlic, and you can choose your favorite sauce from medium spicy, sweet, miso & butter-flavored, with meat sauce and many more kinds.

[ Kudamatsu City Agricultural Park ]

601-2 Kurumaki, Kudamatsu City

0833-46-0069 P Yes



A popular delicacy with a chewy texture and a distinguished taste. You can buy freshly baked uiros on every day of the week.

[ Hoeido Ltd. ]

2-13-16 Tomitsucho, Kudamatsu City

0833-43-5988 P Yes



#### [Papaya tea]

A fragrant and pleasant-to-drink tea made by roasting safe and secure green papaya leaves cultivated organically.

[ Agricultural Association 21st Century Flower Farm ]

Made from Kasado

Island lemons!

1958 Kurumaki, Kudamatsu City 0833-57-4855

Rich in nutrients that



#### [Kinfundo (local sake)]

A renown sake that brings out all the original taste of rice, made with traditional methods that use the water from Hanaoka Hachimangu Shrine.

[ Kinfundo Sake Brewery Co., Ltd. ]

1202 Suetakekami, Kudamatsu City 0833-44-8605 P No



#### [Wish Upon a Star]

Star-shaped monaka sweets named after the "fallen star town." Made with pine nuts in a mashed bean paste and a matcha bean paste.

[ Kaho Matsu-No-Mi ]

1356-1 Higashitoyoi Matsugami-cho, Kudamatsu City \$ 0833-41-0284



#### [Iso monaka sweets]

Monaka sweets made with red bean paste packed tightly between two crispy wafers and made to look like a scallop.

[ National Dormitory Ojo ]

14-1 Kasadoshima, Kudamatsu City

0833-52-0138 P Yes





#### [Pine nut cookies]

These fragrant cookies made with abundant quantities of pine nuts, are the Japanese version of a classic French pastry called tuile.

[ Kaho Matsu-No-Mi ]

1356-1 Higashitoyoi, Matsugami-cho, 



#### [Castella rice crackers]

Slice the roll with the attached miniature tin saw and eat! Enjoy it as it is or dipping it in soy sauce.

2-13-16 Tomitsucho, Kudamatsu City 0833-43-5988



#### [Kasado Island Lemon Cider]

Made from Kasado Island lemons, a local specialty, this cider has a refreshing and slightly sour taste. It's just as delicious if you mix it with liquor.

[ Seven-Eleven Shunan Hoshi Plaza branch ] 21-3 Chuo-cho, Kudamatsu City 0833-45-1147 P Yes

#### Kudamatsu SA (inbound and outbound lanes)

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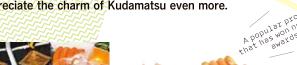
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### Items eligible for Furusato tax refund!

Introducing some items eligible for Furusato tax refunds that will make you appreciate the charm of Kudamatsu even more.





#### [Gourmet Road: Join ham and more!]

Delicacies delivered to luxury foreign-affiliated hotels made with carefully selected high-class ingredients like mallard and pistachio sausages

[ Gourmet Road Co., Ltd. ]

1-2-20 Misato-cho, Kudamatsu City 10833-45-3511 P Yes



for the Rakuten Furusato Tax Site!

Furusato Choice

#### [Hoshifurumachi: loin ham and more!]

Authentic handmade ham made with traditional German methods. It has won numerous awards. including the Monde Selection's Silver Award.

2-19-16 Mizuho-cho, Kudamatsu City **★**0833-41-0448 **★** Yes



Eligible for

**Furusato** tax refund

Visit the site!

#### [Stock for Kasado Flounder Paella]

Canned paella base made from Kasado Island's specialty product Kasado flounder. The easiest way to enjoy flounder paella!

[Kudamatsu Chamber of Commerce ] 2-1-38 Shinkawa, Kudamatsu City





#### [Railway rail paperweight]

A paperweight made from a real piece of rail from JR Shimomatsu Station on the Sanvo Main Line. The perfect symbol for a town that prides itself on being "the birthplace of railroad cars."

[ Kudamatsu City Hall's Regional Policy Department 1

23-3-3 Otemachi, Kudamatsu City ★0833-45-1802 **P**Yes





### Kudamatsu shopping spots

Convenient places for shopping, souvenirs and having a meal.



#### Kirary (Kydamatsy Town Center)

A commercial complex combining different facilities like Youme 21-3 Chuocho, Kudamatsu City Town Kudamatsu, an event hall, and more. It is also home to a ★0833-45-3033 ★9:00am -10:00pm wide variety of shops and a movie theater.

HOLIDAY No Pryes





#### Sunlive Kudamatsu

A lifestyle-themed supermarket that offers food, daily necessities, clothing, specialty stores, cultural information, and many more different services.

♠ 6-8-1, Minamihanaoka, Kudamatsu City **1**0833-44-3336

9:30am - 9:00pm (2nd floor until 8:00pm) HOLIDAY No PYYes









# Kudamatsu, proudly boasting world-class manufacturing.

Kudamatsu has been a bustling industrial city since the Taisho era and is now the center of the Shunan industrial zone. 

Manufacturing is at the heart of Kudamatsu as witnessed by the wide range of manufacturing industries present here.

#### Birthplace of railroad cars

### From manufacturing city Kudamatsu to Britain, the birthplace of railways

Hitachi Corporation has been receiving orders for train cars from the Intercity Express Programme (IEP) an initiative promoted by the British Department for Transport to procure new trains to replace old ones on major trunk lines. At the time of shipping, the railroad cars, which are usually transported by road at night, are transported in the daytime so as to offer the many spectators gathered here a glimpse of a very rare occurrence.



This initiative has so far been carried out twice, in March 2017 and in July 2019. The photo refers to July 2019.



### Craftmanship handed down through the years

Kudamatsu has been an industrial city for many years and the craftsmanship handed down through the years is the base of today's manufacturing.



#### Sheet metal embossing

Sheet metal embossing is a stamping process where gently-curving surfaces are made by hitting a metal plate with a hammer or other instruments. The "face" of Shinkansen bullet trains is molded using this technique.



#### Access & accommodation



#### By plane

- Tokyo (Haneda) → Approx. 90 minutes → Yamaguchi Ube Airport → Approx. 70 minutes by car from the airport
- Tokyo (Haneda) → Approx. 90 minutes → Iwakuni Kintaikyo Airport → Approx. 60 minutes by car from the airport

#### By car

- Approx. 10 minutes from Sanyo Expressway's Tokuyama Higashi IC in the direction of Hiroshima
- Approx. 25 minutes from Sanyo Expressway's Kumage IC
- Approx. 50 minutes by car from Yanai Port
- Approx. 20 minutes by taxi from Tokuyama Station
- Approx. 25 minutes by bus from Tokuyama Station
- When coming from Fukuoka, exit the Chugoku Expressway
   at Yamaguchi JCT and take the Sanyo Expressway

#### By ferry

- When coming from Shikoku, you can catch the Boyo Ferry from Matsuyama (Ehime prefecture) to Yanai Port (2.5 hours)
- When coming from Oita, you can catch the "Suonada Ferry" from Takeda Tsu (Oita prefecture) to Tokuyama Port (2 hours)

#### By train

 Get off at Tokuyama Station, transfer to the Sanyo Main Line and get off at JR Kudamatsu Station after about 10 minutes.

#### By taxi

- Shunan Kintetsu Taxi ☎ 0833-41-0100

Name of facility	Rates		Phone number	Bed capacity
Public actional lodging Ojo	I night with 2 meals	¥11,900~	TEL (0833)52-0138	121 people
Public Kasado Island Family Travel Village (Sunset cabins)	I night 2 days (5 people per cabin)	¥13,200	TEL (0833)52-1001	20 people
Business Hotel Kudamatsu	Single Semi-double Twin	¥5,280~ ¥5,500~ ¥6,600~	TEL (0833)41-0357	27 people
Business Hotel Miyako	Single Large single Twin	¥5,280 ¥5,830 ¥9,460	TEL (0833)41-0132	28 people
Rudamatsu Station Hotel	Single Double	¥6,600 ¥9,900	TEL (0833)41-5500	36 people
Rusiness HOTEL AZ Yamaguchi Kudamatsu	Single Bunk beds	¥4,950~ ¥3,520~	TEL (0833) 48-330 I	II6 people
Sun Hotel Kudamatsu	Single Twin	¥5980~ ¥12000~	TEL (0833) 44-5500	105 rooms
General ryokan Ryokan	¥3,500~		(0833)4I-I057	7 people
General ryokan Ryokan	I night with 2 meals	¥5,500~	TEL (0833)41-0374	10 people

<sup>\*</sup>All prices include taxes.

Aluminum cellos made with advanced sheet metal embossing techniques.

J. Veteran and young workers train hard honing their individual skills.

<sup>\*</sup>Please contact each facility for details.