



Nostalgic Tottori

When you arrive, you will think:
Tottori, hometown of my heart.
When you step in, you will feel:
Tottori, hometown of my heart.

Tottori City, Tottori Prefecture

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The big Machilus tree in Yamamiya Amida Forest
(Ketaka-cho, Tottori City)



Nagashi-Hina (floating Hina dolls) Event
(Mochigasecho, Tottori City)

Shalot fields (Fukube-cho, Tottori City)

Tottori - a heart warming place welcoming you.



A nostalgic feeling will overcome you
while walking through the town.
Together with the atmosphere of the
four seasons...



Natsudomari Coast (Aoyacho, Tottori City)

Evening scene at Lake Koyama



Tottori Sand Dunes (Tottori City)

Tottori Shan Shan Festival (Tottori City)



Shikano Castle Ruins (Shikano-cho, Tottori City)



Spring

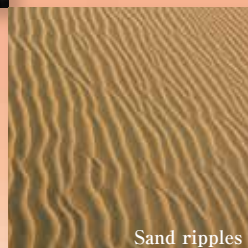
Hear the sounds of spring.
The furtively peeking kind colors
will let beat your heart faster!



Sand pillars



Sand curtain



Sand ripples

Tottori Sand Dunes

The biggest sand dune in Japan!

Located in the "Tottori Sand Dunes Area" of the San'in Kaigan Geopark, it is the biggest sand dune in Japan, extending 2.4 km from North to South and 16 km from East to West. The places deeply caved in up to 40m depth are called "mortar". The wind-wrought patterns on the sand also called "sand ripples" or the sand grains forming a curtain like pattern on the slope, and the shape of sand beautifully changing by the influence of wind and climate, will capture your heart.

Umanose (horse back)

The Tottori Sand Dunes consist of 3 hills. The second hill looks like it was especially high and is called "Umanose", meaning "horse back". When you climb up the 50m high summit of Umanose, you can enjoy a 360 degree view of the beautifully bent coastline and mountain range.



A beautiful cherry blossom tunnel Cherry blossom avenue at Fukuro River

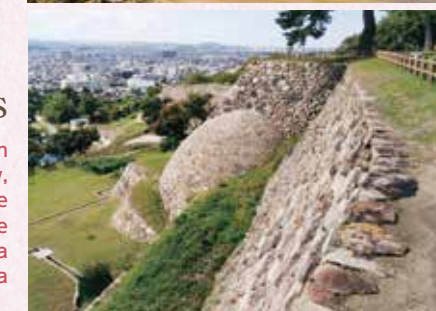
This cherry blossom avenue with a length of 2km from Wakasa Bridge to Yutokoro Bridge is a popular local cherry blossom viewing spot. During the cherry blossom season, the cherry blossoms are illuminated by lanterns at night and you can enjoy an illusory sight.

The 100 most famous castles of Japan Tottori Castle Ruins

Tottori Castle is famous for the starvation tactics of Toyotomi Hideyoshi. Even now, the castle tower and the outer citadel are preserved and here is the only winding stone wall in whole Japan. The surrounding area was consolidated to Kyusho Park, which is a famous spot for cherry blossom viewing.

A romantic mansion in western style Jinpukaku Mansion

Built in 1907 for the visit of Taisho Tenno (reign 1912 - 1926) in the San'in Region and used as lodging house. Designed in French Renaissance style, this 2 floor chalk-colored wooden building with tile-roofing is designated as National Important Cultural Property.



In the town flooded by the colors of cherry blossoms, full blooming blossoms beautifully decorate the old street scene, which is a vestige of the castle town. All the things you see are heartwarming. And everybody you meet is amiable.



A charming castle town Shikano Castle Ruins Park

These ruins were the castle of Lord Kamei Korenori during the Sengoku Period (1467-1590), famous for its cherry blossoms.



Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Tottori Prefecture Kirinjishi (Lion) Dance

A traditional folk entertainment founded by Ikeda Mitsunaka, the first lord of Tottori Clan.



The white rabbit will deepen your love! Hakuto Beach

Stage of the local myth "The white rabbit of Inaba". At Hakuto Shrine there is the pond "Mitarashi Ike" where the rabbit is assumed to have washed its body. In addition to skin diseases, the pond is said to be effective for love knot because the marriage of Okuninushi-no-Mikoto and the unequalled beautiful Princess Yakamihime was arranged here.



A traditional event on March 3rd in the old lunar calendar Nagashi-Bina (floating Hina dolls) in Mochigase

While praying for sound health, people float a couple of paper-made Hina dolls sitting on a "Sandawara" (a straw lid covering either end of a rice container, often used in Shinto shrine ceremonies. Here it is used like a boat for the Hina dolls) on the clear stream.



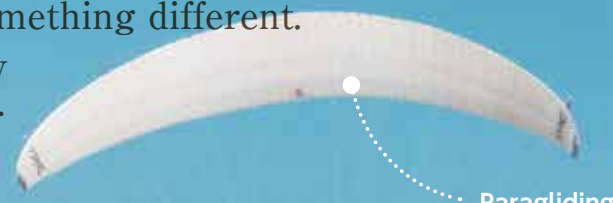
Summer

Blue sparkling sea and sky.
Even it is the same blue, it is something different.
The pleasure of discovering new impressions - this is the summer in Tottori!

Sand Dunes Experience

Sport activities in the sky, the sea and on the ground

First of all, explore the sand dunes calmly riding on a camel.
Due there are no obstacles like trees or rocks in the sand dunes, sky sports like paragliding that also can be experienced by beginners are popular.
Using the sand of the dunes and the slopes, everyone from beginner to expert can enjoy a sand board ride, resembling a snowboard.



Paragliding

Because of the sandy soil, this "Sand Dunes Experience" is safe even for beginners and easy to fly.
Let's fly in the great sky carried by the wind of the Sea of Japan!



Sandboarding



Camel Riding Experience



Cape Nagao and Natsudomari Coast (Hamamura - Aoya area)

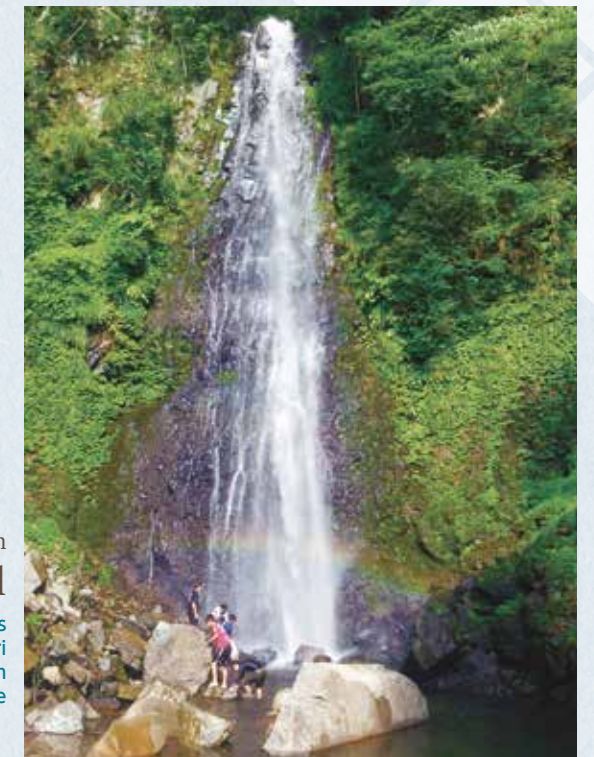
Due to the volcanic activities, lots of rocky coasts (like Nagaobana) and singing beaches (like Idegahama Beach) formed by lava in the past can be seen on the coastline. The Shikano Fault, which caused the Tottori earthquake disaster in 1943, is visible in the inland area and also several Onsen (like Shikano Onsen or Hamamura Onsen) as well as waterfalls exist here.



The 100 most famous waterfalls of Japan

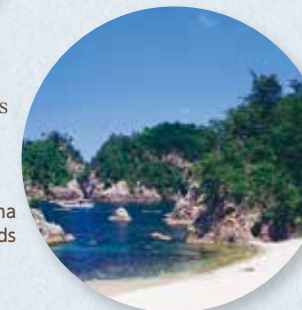
Amedaki Fall

Amedaki Fall was chosen to the "100 most famous waterfalls of Japan" in 1990 and is the biggest waterfall in Tottori Prefecture. It belongs to the Oginosen area in San'in Kaigan Geopark. Beautiful autumn-leaves and fresh green at the beginning of summer can be enjoyed here.



Enjoy places with special geological features
**Lake Koyama
Cruise Ship**

Cosily explore Lake Koyama while hearing about its legends and folklore.



The most superb views of the Geopark
**Uradome Coast
(Iwami Town)**

Caves, tunnels, a white sand beach - various geographical features can be seen here.

Light glittering in Yoshioka Onsen

Firefly Festival (June)

Enjoy firefly viewing, concerts, booths and more.



Tottori Shan Shan Festival

Named after bubbling ("shan shan") sound of the spring water gushing forth from an Onsen and the bells ting-a-ling ("shan shan") sound, Shan Shan Festival is a large festival in summer representing Tottori. The appearance of over 4000 dancers dancing simultaneously, while holding an umbrella with bells, is a highlight.



Squid and fatty tuna White squid

"Isaribi" is an annual seasonal tradition from early summer to late autumn, when the Sea of Japan is lit up by fire from the boats. The fire is used for luring fish at night. The swordtip squid fished with a pole is called "white squid" in this region. With its sweetness and rich flavour it is a famous flavour representing the summer in Tottori.



At the Kaigara-Bushi Festival held in August in Hamamura (Ketaka-cho), you can enjoy plenties of Sea of Japan culture like the sailor's song "Kaigara-Bushi" or seine fishing experience.



Finale of Shan Shan Festival Citizens' Display of Fireworks in the Summer Breeze (August)

A representative festival in Tottori, during the night sky is colored by a rich variety of fireworks.

Autumn

During this season, when the coldness can be felt, you can enjoy sceneries that look like they were colored with ink - the vivid colors of villages and mountains.

Shallot blossoms

From the end of October to the end of November the shallot flowers cover the whole sandy soil and let the field look like a reddish purple colored carpet.

Shallots from the sand dunes

Food brands Sakyu Rakkyo

The shallots grown on the ground near the sand dunes in Fukube-cho (Tottori City) are an agricultural brand representing Tottori. The shallots grow under harsh conditions with a surface temperature of 60 °C in summer and below freezing point in winter, and are harvested from the end of May to end of June. The shallots are sold in whole Japan in processed and unprocessed form. Processed shallots such as these pickled in sweet vinegar are sold throughout the year.



Unprocessed shallots



Shallot pickles



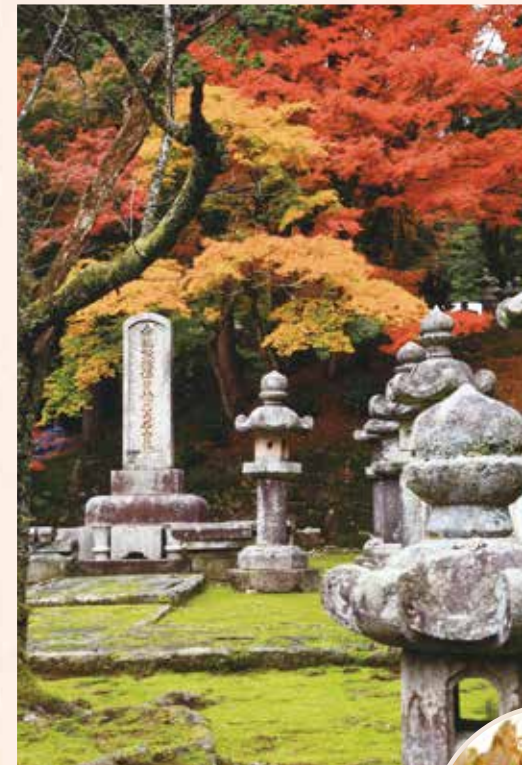
Folk kiln representing San'in Region Inshu Nakai Kiln

The bold design with green, black and white glaze was taken over from "Ushinotoyaki" and is characteristic for this earthenware.

Generations of clan lords resting among the mountains

Grave of Ikeda Family

Beside 11 generations of the clan lords from the first Lord Mitsunaka, also the heads of the relative families "Higashidate" and "Nishidate" are buried here. Presently, 78 tombstones are rowed up in total and the surrounding areas there are 260 stone lanterns offered by the lord's vassals.



The shrine deifying Tokugawa Ieyasu The incarnation festival

Shinto rituals at the Tottori Toshogu Shrine, the former Ouchidani Shrine. It is also known as the Inaba Toshogu Shrine.



The Tottori 320,000 Koku Castle Festival

Whether if it is a matchlock performance, traditional arts or booths - here are pleasures for young and old.

Masterpieces made by a living national treasure Yanase Kiln

With their soft and rounded shape, these white vases show a beautiful shadow on their surface.

The colors of food - the charm of culture

The local taste and tradition you can experience in Tottori during autumn. Realize the uniqueness of foods, ceramics and festivals when visiting here - have your very own discovery while strolling through Tottori.

Enjoy them as superb
Sashimi or grilled!

Mosa prawns

With their elastic texture and sweetness, they provide a richer flavour than sweet prawns.



The taste of Tottori in autumn 20th Century Pears

These juicy pears are popular for their perfect balance of sweetness and sourness.

The vanguard of Tofu Culture Tofu Chikuwa

A soft texture Chikuwa tube made from tofu and minced white fish flesh.



With an over 1000-year-old history Inshu Washi - Japanese paper from Inshu

The net production of calligraphy paper of Aoya and Saji is the biggest in whole Japan.



The mansion of the leading
village headman in Inaba Region

Yurinso

Shozo Yonehara, also known under the name Kando, was an honorary citizen of Tottori City and was once called "a superstar of Tottori Prefecture and public life". He loved this location as a place for relaxation in his last years. Now, it can be used for meals and meetings.

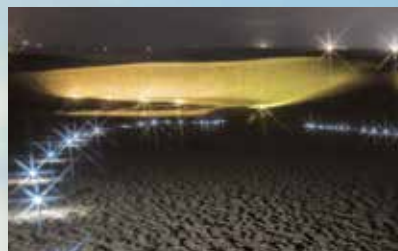


Origin of Tottori Folk Art Tottori Folklore Museum

This museum exhibits over 5000 articles of folk craft from Japan and the world, presenting the folk craft collected by folk craft activist Shoya Yoshida over many years.

Winter

“San'in Region - cut off from the world during winter”
Here is the beautiful winter world that blows off that image.



Umanose light up



Illumination



Art Performance

Tottori Sand Dunes Illusion

Annual seasonal event at Tottori Sand Dunes

Over 300,000 lights stage a fantastic scene of the Tottori Sand Dunes. Beside the illumination, there are a lot of other events like the sand sculpture performance.

The winterly sand dunes, where light and nature melt, are a popular romantic spot to spend a precious time with a precious person.

White Sand Dunes

When winter comes, the sand dunes show another face. When the sand gets completely covered by snow, the dunes turn into white sand dunes, showing a beautiful snow scenery.



A place of glittering and warmth

Trips that can be enjoyed precisely because it is winter. The warmth of the food and Onsen, and the glittering snow wrapping the sand dunes.

All these things are typical for Tottori in winter. Before you know it, your heart and body will be fulfilled with a fluffy warmth.

Soba Noodle Making Experience
Shikano Soba Dojo

Using only 100% buckwheat flour from Shikano-cho as ingredients. Soba Noodles made by yourself are something exceptional!



The taste of the Sea of Japan in winter
Matsuba Crabs
(from November to March)

There are various ways to enjoy the crabs: As Sashimi, broiled, grilled or as crab pot. Among the crabs, especially young and old ones are very popular.

Kitchen of Tottori Market

People outside the prefecture of course, but also the local people, use the markets “Ekimae Ichiba” and “Marine Pia Karo”, where fresh food from Tottori is available in abundance. It is also a recommended place for persons who want to buy souvenirs.

Exciting sand art The Sand Museum

Inviting sand sculptors from countries all over the world, we present top level sand sculptures with the basic concept “Travel around the World in Sand”. You can see elaborate and powerful sand sculptures here. Due the exhibition's theme changes every year, a fascinating point of this sand art is that it exists only for a limited time. Aside this, there is also a sand sculpture making class for children, as well as we do regional exchange through sand sculpture making.



Important National Intangible Folk Cultural Property
“Tondo” custom in Sakenotsu (January)

Boys only wearing a pant circle around the “Tondo”, a cone made of bamboo and straw with a height about 4 meters, and pray for sound health and big haul throughout the year.

Sparkling stars in the serene winter sky
Saji Astro Park

With its 103cm reflecting telescope and planetarium, it is a leading public observatory in Japan.



Tottori, the Onsen Paradise
Onsen

Out of the 10 Onsen in Tottori Prefecture, with Yoshioka, Tottori, Shikano and Hamamura Onsen, four of them are located in Tottori City. The many-faceted Onsen areas are perfectly melted in each of the towns, and with their simplicity and kindness they greet their guest with a heart of relaxation.





Tourist Map



Uomidai (Ketaka-cho)



Shikano Highway
(Shikano-cho)



Hakuto Shrine



Roadside Station
"Shinwa no Sato Shiro Usagi"



Warabe-kan



Pear Picking Garden
(Fukube-cho)



Aoyama Washi Studio
(Japanese paper studio in Aoyama-cho)



Coming Saji
(Japanese paper studio)



Roadside Station "Seiryu Chaya
Kawahara" (Kawahara-cho)



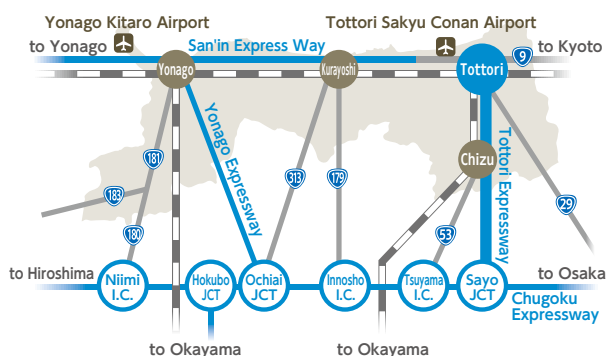
Nagashi-Bina Building
(Mochigase)



Inaba Man'yo Historical
Museum (Kokufu-cho)



Ube Shrine (Kokufu-cho)



Access to Tottori City

by car

from Kansai Region

Chugoku Expressway:
Sayo Junction - Tottori Expressway - Tottori Interchange (about 60 minutes)

from Hiroshima / Okayama

Chugoku Expressway: Tsuyama Interchange - via National Route 53
(about 60 minutes)

by express bus

Tokyo (night bus; about 10 hours)	Kyoto (about 3:25 hours)
Osaka (about 2:50 hours)	Himeji (about 2:04 hours)
Hiroshima (about 4:40 hours)	Fukuoka (night bus; about 10:30 hours)

by train

from Tokyo

Shinkansen and Super Hakuto Express
(with change in Himeji; about 5:10 hours from Tokyo)

from Kansai Region

Super Hakuto Express (2:30 hours from Osaka)

from Shikoku and Kyushu

Shinkansen and Super Inaba Express
(with change in Okayama; about 3:50 hours from Hakata)

by plane

Tokyo (Haneda Airport) - Tottori Sakyu Conan Airport (about 1:10 hours)