

The serene flow of the clear Shimanto River. Cape Ashizuri with a vast 270° horizon.

Abundant nature and people's way of life since ancient times.

The Shimanto-Ashizuri area preserves Japan's original landscape.

Hop on a bus and set out on a journey connecting the last clear stream and the grand panorama of Cape Ashizuri!



Bus Stop

1 Nakamura Station

The Nakamura Station rotary is the boarding point for the Shimanto-Ashizuri Bus. The Shimanto Trolley Bus also departs from here.



※The type of vehicle used may vary depending on the day.

4 Shimano City Hall / New Royal Hotel Shimanto

Boarding / Drop-off Point

5 Ashizuri International Hotel (Ashizuri Hot Springs)

Boarding / Drop-off Point

Shimanto River Area



2 Dragonfly Park / Shimanto River Gakuyu Hall

The world's first dragonfly sanctuary. Seasonal flowers such as water lilies are also beautiful. Inside the park's "Shimanto River Gakuyukan", you can see dragonfly specimens from around the world as well as freshwater and brackish fish.

3 Shimanto River Sightseeing Boat

Stay for: 1hr 10min

Enjoy the clear stream and nature of the Shimanto River and spend a relaxing time.



Kashiwajima Area



13 Kashiwajima

Stay for: 45min

It looks as if boats are floating in the air! This hidden gem boasts incredibly clear waters. A beautiful emerald-green sea spreads out before you.

- Viewpoint on Ryugahama Beach
- Walk around Kashiwajima Bridge

14 Roadside Station / Fureai Park Otsuki



Stay for: 15min

Soft-serve ice cream made with delicious Kochi milk pairs perfectly with unique sauces! The local specialty, frozen strawberries, is also available here.



AshizuriArea

6 Ashizuri Hot Springs [Overnight stay]

Ashizuri Hot Spring is a high-quality natural radon hot spring sourced from Joki-nada (steam-beach), warming you to the core and refreshing both body and mind!

Two-day Course

7 Cape Ashizuri Guided Tour

Stay for: 55min



Enjoy a grand panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean with a 270-degree horizon right before you, as a local guide introduces you to the Seven Mysteries of Cape Ashizuri.

One-day Course

Two-day Course

8 Osaka KAIYUKAN

Marine Biological Research Institute Ibur Center

Stay for: 15min



This facility collects and cares for the creatures exhibited at the Osaka Kaiyukan, and conducts research on the surrounding marine areas. The whale sharks, the pride of the aquarium's massive tank, are also raised here, you can see these future stars up close.

One-day Course

Two-day Course

9 John Mung Museum

One-day Course

Two-day Course



Experience the dramatic life of John Mung, who lived an eventful life from the late Edo to Meiji era, recreated with dioramas and digital images!

Tatsukushi Area

Stay for: 55min

One-day Course

Two-day Course

Tatsukushi, home to Japan's largest leaf coral (shikoro) swarming with colorful fish, is the country's first designated marine park and a paradise of the sea. Centered around Ashizuri Aquarium SATOUMI, which grand-opened in 2020, the entire area serves as a vast nature museum where you can learn, play, and enjoy the idea that "all life is connected to the sea and lives with the sea."

11 Glass Bottom Boat



Take a glass-bottomed boat to Minkoshi Coast, known for its mysterious and unusual rock formations. Enjoy coral and tropical fish along the way.

12 Ashizuri Underwater Observation Tower



A 7-meter-deep underwater world you can visit in everyday clothes. Fish swim leisurely right outside the windows.



Look for this tapestry to find tasty lunch spots in Tatsukushi!

Timetable

Operation Days

Operates on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays.
Also operates daily during Golden Week, July 19-August 31, and Spring Break.(No service from December through February)
Check out the Kochi Seinan Kotsu website for details.

Ashizuri Highlights One-day Course

7:50AM	New Royal Hotel Shimanto	4
7:55AM	In front of Shimanto City Hall	4
8:00AM	Nakamura Station	1
9:10AM	Ashizuri International Hotel (Ashizuri Hot Springs)	5
9:15AM	Cape Ashizuri Guided Tour (by a local guide)	7
10:10AM	Marine Biological Research Institute Ibur Center	8
11:05AM	John Mung Museum	9
11:45AM	Tatsukushi National Marine Park / Ashizuri Kaiyukan Aquarium / Glass Bottom Boat / Ashizuri Underwater Observation Tower	10 11 12
1:40PM	Lunch on your own	
2:25PM	Kashiwajima Viewpoint on Ryugahama Beach / Kannon Rock / Walk around Kashiwajima Bridge	13
3:25PM	Roadside Station Fureai Park Otsuki	14
3:40PM	Sukumo Municipal Museum of History / Hayashi Residence	15
4:05PM	Shimanto City Hall	4
5:35PM	New Royal Hotel Shimanto	4
5:45PM	Nakamura Station	
5:50PM	Sunriver Shimanto	
6:15PM	Nakamura Station	
6:20PM	Limited Express Shimanto bound for Takamatsu departs at 6:47PM	1

Shimanto Highlights & Ashizuri Two-day Course

1:40PM	Nakamura Station	1
1:50PM	Shimanto River Gakuyu Hall	2
2:20PM	Shimanto River Sightseeing Boat (Yakatabune Shimanto no Ao)	3
4:00PM	▲If the boat is cancelled: Takase Chinkabashi & Observatory	
4:25PM	Shimano City Hall	4
4:30PM	Nakamura Station	1
5:45PM	Ashizuri International Hotel (Stay in Ashizuri Hot Springs)	5
5:45PM	Limited Express Ashizuri bound for Kochi departs at 4:42PM	
7:50AM	If staying in Shimanto City, the route will be the same as Ashizuri Highlights One-day Course	
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Boarding & Drop-off Guide

(You can join or leave the tour at points marked with a ○)

	Half-day Course		One-day Course		Two-day Course			
					Day 1		Day 2	
	Boarding	Drop-off	Boarding	Drop-off	Boarding	Drop-off	Boarding	Drop-off
Nakamura Station	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
New Royal Hotel Shimanto			○	○		※	○	○
Shimano City Hall		○	○	○		○	○	○
Ashizuri International Hotel			○			○	○	

※Please use the Shimanto City Hall stop.

Offer Details

Discount Ticket for Each

Sightseeing Spot

Please present the bus ticket distributed on board at the following facilities.

Name of Facilities	Offer Description			
2 Shimanto River Gakuyu Hall	Adult Regular 880yen	Discounted 700yen	Child Regular 330yen	Discounted 260yen
3 Shimano River Sightseeing Boat	Adult Regular 2,000yen	Discounted 1,500yen	Child Regular 1,000yen	Discounted 750yen
6 Ashizuri Hot Springs	The representative of the group staying will receive a gift set of Tosa-Shimizu local specialties (worth about 2,000 yen). (Ashizuri International Hotel, Ashizuri Sunnyside Hotel, The Mana Village, Hotel Ashizuri, Ashizuri Thermae) ※Please present your ticket at the facility by check-out. It cannot be accepted afterward.			
9 John Mung Museum	Adult Regular 440yen	Discounted 350yen	Child Regular 220yen	Discounted 180yen
10 Ashizuri Aquarium SATOUMI	Adult Regular 1,200yen	Discounted 960yen	Child Regular 600yen	Discounted 480yen
11 Tatsukushi Sightseeing Steamboat (Glass Bottom Boat)	Adult Regular 2,000yen	Discounted 1,600yen	Child Regular 1,000yen	Discounted 800yen
12 Ashizuri Underwater Observation Tower	Adult Regular 900yen	Discounted 700yen	Child Regular 450yen	Discounted 350yen
14 Roadside Station / Fureai Park Otsuki	Soft-serve Ice Cream 50 yen off regular price			
15 Sukumo Municipal Museum of History	Adult Regular 200yen	Discounted 160yen	Child Regular 100yen	Discounted 80yen
15 Accommodations in Sukumo City	Guests with one-night, two-meal stays receive one free drink (Akisawa Hotel, Hotel Matsuya, Hotel Asahi, Manabe Ryokan)			