

TOTTORI

A WHOLE
NEW JAPAN

[TRAVEL SPOT GUIDE]



Tottori. Uniquely Yours

Traveling to Tottori

Tottori is an 80-minute flight from Tokyo and a few hours by train from Osaka and Kyoto. Nestled between the Sea of Japan and the Chugoku Mountains, this region of unparalleled natural beauty blessed with the fruits of the land and bounty of the sea is an ideal destination for travelers seeking to venture off the beaten path.



Majestic sand dunes shimmer under resplendent starry skies. Old-growth forests enshroud mountain sanctuaries long protected as the dwelling place of gods. Cultural legacies passed down through the ages lives on in historical shrines and temples. Here, local delicacies prepared with fresh seasonal ingredients punctuate every outdoor adventure. Here, a veritable mountain of unique discoveries awaits. Here, you don't have to settle for the sights that everyone has already seen.

Come to Tottori and find a whole new Japan.

A nighttime photograph of a landscape in Tottori. In the foreground, there is a grassy field. In the middle ground, several traditional Japanese-style buildings with thatched roofs are illuminated from within. In the background, a large, dark, conical mountain (Mount Tsuruta) rises against a dark blue night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

Tottori

The stage is set for your adventure.



9:00 a.m.

Mizuki Shigeru Road

Fantastical creatures from Japanese folklore called Yokai will delight children and adults alike at this popular site dedicated to the famous manga artist Mizuki Shigeru. A road stretching around 800 meters from JR Sakaiminato Station into the city proper, it features 177 bronze statues of Mizuki's characters. At nightfall, light bathes the statues and creates Yokai silhouettes which make for an otherworldly stroll.

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1:00 p.m.

Tottori Hanakairo Flower Park

Sprawling hills and valleys blanketed with flowers bloom in every season at one of Japan's largest flower parks. The main draw is the year-round exhibit of lilies showcasing 15 varieties — the largest collection of its kind in Japan. Another sublime spectacle is the 14,000 flowers across 80,000 square meters set elegantly aglow in the Moonlight Flower Garden.



3:00 p.m.

Mt. Daisen [Kitanizawa Mountain Stream]

In the heart of the deep forests of Oku-Daisen lies this site of natural splendor, home to pristine mountain springs and old-growth Japanese beeches. Walk the secluded mountain path and open your ears to the gentle murmur of the brook and the singing of the songbirds, and allow yourself to be transported to another time and place. A sacred site that is beautiful in all four seasons, it's sure to revitalize both mind and body and wash the stresses of modern life away. For those looking to explore the area to the fullest, guided tours including birdwatching in spring and snowshoeing in winter are available.

A Once-in-a-lifetime TOTTORI ADVENTURE

Sweeping vistas of nature in all its glory, treasures of historical and cultural significance, and unforgettable delicacies found only here; a sense of fascination overwhelmed us from the very start of our visit to Tottori. Over the course of just a few days, we came face-to-face with a Japan we had scarcely even imagined existed — a whole new Japan that captured our hearts...

DAY 1 The Journey Begins

Our first stop brought us to the Mizuki Shigeru Road and into a world of supernatural creatures as depicted by one of Japan's most celebrated manga artists. Next, we strolled through a rainbow of blossoms in the expansive Hanakairo Flower Park. From a hillside blanketed in scarlet blooms, we gazed up at our next destination: the snow-kissed summit of Mt. Daisen pierced through a layer of clouds. Hiking through deep forests painted in fiery red and brilliant golden hues, we discovered the beautiful Kitanizawa Mountain Stream. The murmuring of its pristine waters seemed as if an invitation for us to return and rediscover today's magic in all four seasons.

Mizuki Shigeru Road

Western Area MAP 1

From Taisho-machi until Hon-machi, Sakaiminato-shi, Tottori (Approx 800 meters long beginning at JR Sakaiminato Station)



Tottori Hanakairo Flower Park

Western Area MAP 2

110 Tsuruda, Nanbu-cho, Saihaku-gun, Tottori



Mt. Daisen (Kitanizawa Mountain Stream)

Western Area MAP 3

Mitsukue, Kofu-cho, Hino-gun, Tottori





9:00 a.m.

Goshō Aoyama Manga Factory Meet Detective Conan in Tottori!

The Goshō Aoyama Manga Factory features a host of attractions and exhibits designed to immerse visitors in the world of the popular manga and anime series Detective Conan. Opened in 2007, the Manga Factory has a wealth of information and guides available in multiple languages so guests from all over the world can enjoy the facility.

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11:00 a.m.

Kurayoshi's Shirakabe Storehouses [White Wall District]

Designated as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings, Kurayoshi's White Wall District faithfully retains the ambience of its origins in the Edo and Meiji periods. Stone bridges and red tile roofs contrast beautifully with the white mortar of the storehouses to create an elegant townscape seldom seen today. Formerly used as breweries and soy sauce breweries, the buildings here are now home to a variety of local goods shops, teahouses and cafes, galleries, and more.



2:00 p.m.

Mitokusan Sanbutsuji Temple

Temples of the Sanbutsuji compound stud the steep rocky slopes of Mt. Mitoku. Climb the mountain path that has long served as a training site for mountain ascetics and surround yourself with the splendor of nature as you cleanse your impurities and sins. At the end of this pilgrimage awaits the Nageire Hall, clinging as if by spiritual power to the side of a sheer precipice, where it has stood for over a thousand years.



DAY 2

To Another World and Back Again

Our second day began in Conan Town (the town of Hokuei) where we found a treasure trove of original artwork and interactive exhibits featuring characters from the beloved Detective Conan series in the Goshō Aoyama Manga Factory. Next, a stroll through the traditional streetscape of Kurayoshi's carefully preserved White Wall Storehouses District had us feeling as if we'd been transported back to Japan's olden days. After lunch, we donned pilgrim's sashes and braved the treacherous paths of Mt. Mitoku in a climb through primeval forests, up nearly vertical slopes, and passed sacred sites that culminated in breathtaking vistas of the valley below and an up-close look at a thousand-year-old feat of architectural magic.

Goshō Aoyama Manga Factory Meet Detective Conan in Tottori!

1414 Yurashuku, Hokuei-cho, Tohaku-gun, Tottori

Central Area

MAP 4



Kurayoshi's Shirakabe Storehouses (White Wall District)

Vicinity of Shinmachi 1 chome, Higashinaka-machi, Uo-machi, and Togiya-machi, Kurayoshi-shi, Tottori

Central Area

MAP 5



Mitokusan Sanbutsuji Temple

1010 Mitoku, Misasa-cho, Tohaku-gun, Tottori

Central Area

MAP 6





9:00 a.m.

Tottori Nijisseiki Pear Museum

Learn all about pears, which are Tottori's local specialty product, through interactive exhibits and informative displays. A massive pear tree with branches fanning out some 20 meters stands in the main hall as a symbol of the museum and a testament to local growing expertise. Visitors can enjoy tasting three varieties of Tottori's pears year-round, treat themselves to pear soft-serve ice cream, and purchase something for the road.



1:00 p.m.

Uradome Coast [San'in Kaigan Geopark]

The Sea of Japan toiled through the millennia to sculpt the stark rocky outcrops, tall cliff arches, and deep caves that adorn the Uradome Coast. Furthermore, the tireless working of the waves over the years has created beaches of the softest white sand making it an ideal destination for a summer trip to the seaside.



4:30 p.m.

Tottori Sand Dunes

The Tottori Sand Dunes are the most renowned destination in the prefecture. Measuring over forty meters from trough to crest, these coastal dunes stretch over such an expanse as to create the illusion of being transported to a vast desert. Winds blowing in from the Sea of Japan imprint unique markings atop the sands. Visitors are welcome to try a wide variety of activities including hiking, paragliding, camel rides, and fat-tire bike tours.



DAY 3

Singularly Sweet Delights for the Tastebuds and Eyes Alike

Our third day began at the Nijisseiki Pear Museum where, in the span of an hour, we learned more about Tottori's emblematic product than we ever dreamed possible. Most memorable was the pear tasting exhibit where the friendly staff encouraged us to try three varieties of locally grown pears to find our favorite — a surprisingly difficult task! Next, while traversing the Uradome Coast, we chanced upon a walkway that took us to a cove tucked between sheer sea cliffs and stood on a white beach just watching the waves crash upon mighty rocks adorned with black pine trees. The day's activities culminated in a climb up a hill of sand at the Tottori Sand Dunes. Out of breath, we sat on its peak and watched in awe as the sun set somewhere across the Sea of Japan.

Tottori Nijisseiki Pear Museum
198-4 Dakyoji-cho, Kurayoshi-shi, Tottori
(In Kurayoshi Park Square)

Central Area
MAP 7



**Uradome Coast
(San'in Kaigan Geopark)**
Uradome, Iwami-cho, Iwami-gun, Tottori

Eastern Area
MAP 8



Tottori Sand Dunes
2164-661 Yuyama, Fukube-cho,
Tottori-shi, Tottori

Eastern Area
MAP 9





10:00 a.m. *The Ishitani Residence*

The Ishitani Residence was the largest building in the thriving post town of Chizu during the Edo period (1603-1868). Laid out to encircle a spacious courtyard garden, the mansion comprises 40 rooms and seven earthen-walled storehouses. Renovated in the early 20th century, the surpassing craftsmanship of the structure with its sliding doors, transoms, paintings, and other decorations has earned it a place in Japan's list of Important Cultural Properties as an exemplary piece of extant traditional architecture.



12:30 p.m. *Mitaki-en*

In a setting of lovely traditional Japanese buildings with thatched roofs, open sunken hearths, and a mountain brook flowing through their gardens, Mitaki-en serves healthful and hearty cuisine prepared with a bounty of seasonal wild mountain vegetables and other locally sourced ingredients. After dining, visitors are encouraged to take a stroll around the premises to admire the beautiful forest garden and waterfall and to feel at one with nature in all of its peace and tranquility.



3:00 p.m.

Cocogarden at Oenosato Resort

Oenosato Resort is home to a farm that strictly adheres to environmentally friendly agricultural principles. The farm's signature product is a unique type of egg laid by free-range chickens. With their rich yolks and firm whites, these eggs are the magic ingredient in the Cocogarden Café's famous ultra-fluffy and extra decadent pancakes served with a variety of seasonal toppings.



DAY 4

Bounties of Nature to Sate the Stomach and Soothe the Soul

Our final day began at the Ishitani Residence. Once the mansion of a prominent family, it now stands as a striking example of traditional Japanese architectural techniques. Sitting on the veranda and admiring the vast traditional garden, we felt an indescribable sense of peace. Then it was on to lunch at Mitaki-en, a restaurant in complete harmony with the surrounding forest. The babbling of brooks and singing of birds amplified the flavor of seasonal dishes prepared with ingredients harvested from the forest. The last stop on our itinerary was Cocogarden at Oenosato Resort where we enjoyed decadently sweet and fluffy pancakes made with eggs from the on-site farm.

The Ishitani Residence

Eastern Area MAP 10

396 Chizu, Chizu-cho, Yazu-gun, Tottori



Mitaki-en

Eastern Area MAP 11

707 Ashizu, Chizu-cho, Yazu-gun, Tottori



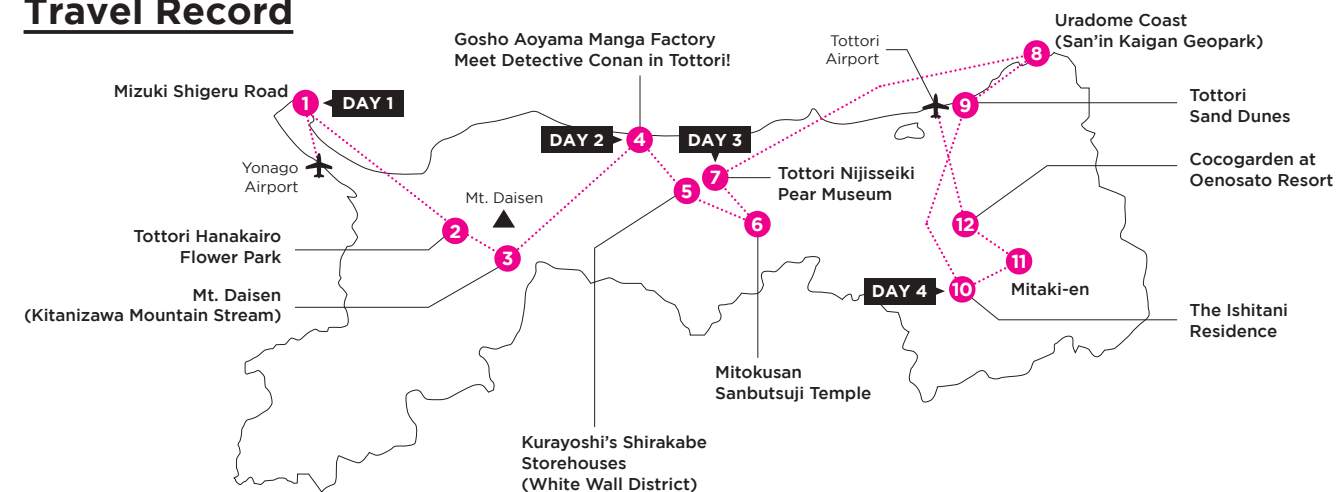
Cocogarden at Oenosato Resort

Eastern Area MAP 12

877 Hashimoto, Yazu-cho, Yazu-gun, Tottori



Travel Record



Year-Round Beauty

TOTTORI FOR ALL SEASONS

Spring, summer, fall, or winter — the wonders of nature are yours to enjoy in Tottori.



SPRING

Cherry Blossoms

Spring is one of Japan's most stunning seasons, and it's especially lovely in Tottori with all of the exquisite parks and gardens where you can admire beautiful cherry blossoms in all their glory. Home to nearly 4,000 cherry trees, Utsubuki Park in Kurayoshi is a prime destination for hanami. Located at the foot of a mountain, this forest park bursts to life with color when the trees bloom all around a peaceful pond and charming red bridge. At nightfall, traditional lanterns light up creating an ethereal scene sure to leave you breathless. At the Tottori Castle Ruins, the historical Jinpukaku, a two-story white mansion that stands as symbol of Meiji era modernization, provides a marvelous backdrop for admiring cherry blossoms.

A. Utsubuki Park
Nakano-cho, Kurayoshi-shi,
Tottori

Central Area
MAP 13



B. Jinpukaku
2-121 Higashi-machi, Tottori-shi,
Tottori

Eastern Area
MAP 14



SUMMER

Ethereal Evenings Illuminated by Fireflies

Summer in Tottori is filled with enchanting scenes, one being the fireflies of Fukumaki. After sundown, some 20,000 wild himebotaru fireflies illuminate the mountainside forest with ghostly lights that dance and flicker. It's an otherworldly experience you won't soon forget.

Luxurious Camping in Tottori

Come Glamping in Tottori! Facilities are in place to cover all the basic needs, including comfortable tents and cottages, bathing facilities, and all sorts of amenities. There is also a restaurant nestled away in the forest with good food, music and a relaxing atmosphere.

C. Fukumaki Firefly Country
Fukumaki, Nichinan-cho,
Hino-gun, Tottori

Western Area
MAP 15



D. Tottori Camp

All Areas



AUTUMN

Stunning Fall Foliage

The transformation of verdant mountain forests into a tapestry of red, orange, and gold heralds the return of Tottori's intensely beautiful autumn. The hiking trails of Oshika Gorge offer breathtaking views year-round but are particularly striking when flame-kissed leaves surround its rushing waterfalls and extraordinary rock formations. Another ideal spot to enjoy the fall is Daisenji Temple, a 1000-year-old Buddhist complex sheltered in the forest on the sacred Mt. Daisen. Take in the brilliant colors in a setting of historical architecture, mighty gates, stone paths, riverbeds, and more. At night, the temple compound is vividly illuminated in blazing-hot fiery hues giving this site of autumnal grandeur an air of sacred tranquility.

E. Oshika Gorge
Kannokura, Misasa-cho,
Tohaku-gun, Tottori

Central Area
MAP 16



F. Daisenji Temple
9 Daisen, Daisen-cho,
Saihaku-gun, Tottori

Western Area
MAP 17



WINTER

Winter Wonderland

The Mt. Daisen area offers the best skiing in all of western Japan. At Daisen White Resort, four major ski slopes boasting prime snow quality and stunning scenery — vistas of snow-covered Mt. Daisen and the Sea of Japan stretching out as far as the eye can see — await alpine enthusiasts.

Winter Sports Paradise

Mt. Hyonosen, western Japan's number one ski and snowboard destination, attracts lovers of winter sports from far and wide. Sail down the slopes and take in the otherworldly sight of the "ice monsters" (ice-covered tree formations) for which the area is famous.

G. Daisen White Resort
96 Daisen, Daisen-cho,
Saihoku-gun, Tottori

Western Area
MAP 18



H. Tottori Wakasa Hyonosen Skiing Area
631-13 Tsukuyone, Wakasa-cho,
Yazu-gun, Tottori

Eastern Area
MAP 19





The Sand Museum

This is the world's first indoor exhibition of sculptures made entirely of sand. Since 2012, the museum has been dedicated to exhibiting work by artists from all over the world. Due to the nature of sand, these masterpieces cannot last forever. But indeed, it is this very transience that gives sand sculptures a sense of uniqueness. The glass walls of the main facility as well as an elevated plaza provides an excellent view of the sand dunes.

Eastern Area

MAP 20

2083-17 Yuyama, Fukube-cho, Tottori-shi, Tottori



Hakuto Shrine

In the myth of the White Rabbit of Inaba, the titular rabbit was said to have washed his wounds and healed himself in Mitarashi Pond, located in the center of the shrine. It is therefore believed that the shrine has the power to soothe burns and other skin conditions. This rabbit also plays the role of Cupid in folklore which led to the designation of Hakuto Shrine as the holy Japanese ground for lovers in 2010.

Eastern Area

MAP 21

603 Hakuto, Tottori-shi, Tottori



Tottori Shan-Shan Festival (Umbrella Dance)

Tottori Shan-Shan Festival is the largest local festival in Tottori City. Featuring the traditional Inaba Umbrella Dance, approximately 4,000 people every year take part in a grand parade, each holding an umbrella decorated with handcrafted ornaments and small bells. As they dance gracefully in unison, they create a truly magnificent spectacle.

Dates: August 13-15

Eastern Area

MAP 22

City area near Tottori Station



Yonago Gaina Festival

"Gaina" means "Colossal" or "Mighty" in Yonago's dialect. Featuring colossal *manto* lanterns and mighty taiko drums, the festival culminates in the electrifying spectacle of the *manto* lantern poles vying for dominance.

Dates: Late July to Early August

Western Area

MAP 23

Yonago City: Minatoyama Park, Yonago Station Street, and other areas



See more in Tottori

Featuring sand dunes by the sea, rocky coasts, and primeval forests, Tottori offers breathtaking sights not to be found elsewhere in Japan. Also, history thrives here in the ancient shrines and historical towns that appear in the Kojiki, one of the oldest works of literature in Japan. Explore Tottori's rich cultural history and surrender yourself to its astounding natural beauty.



Kurayoshi Figure Museum

Amidst the traditional white-walled streetscapes of Kurayoshi, you'll find a more modern attraction: the Kurayoshi Figure Museum. Inside, there are some 2,000 miniature re-creations of dinosaurs, animals, popular anime characters, and more. The museum is set in a renovated school building with distinctive circular architecture that is a sight to behold.

Central Area

MAP 24

1-2971-2 Kaji-machi, Kurayoshi-shi, Tottori



Mt. Daisen Parade of Torches

The Mt. Daisen Summer Opening Festival, held every year on the first weekend of June, is one of Tottori's signature seasonal events. After a ceremony at Ogamiyama Shrine, some 2,000 participants with torches in hand follow a Shinto priest as he descends the path to Bakuroza making it appear as if a river of flame flows down the mountainside. Anyone can join in and experience this mystical event firsthand!

Western Area

MAP 25

Daisen, Daisen-cho, Saihaku-gun, Tottori



Tottori Folk Crafts Museum

The Tottori Folk Crafts Museum, founded by the folk art activist Shouya Yoshida in 1949, displays some 5,000 masterpieces from artisans around the world. If you're looking for a unique souvenir, then visit the Folk Crafts Shop Takumi right next door. If you're hungry, drop by Restaurant Takumi where you can savor the unbeatable taste of Japan's best beef with their reasonably priced Tottori Wagyu shabu-shabu.

Eastern Area

MAP 26

651 Sakae-machi, Tottori-shi, Tottori



Fudoin Iwayado Temple

The Fudoin Iwayado Temple built inside a naturally formed cave is believed to have been completed during the Daido period (806-810). The temple was one of the few buildings that escaped damage from fire when the warlord Hideyoshi Toyotomi invaded the area in the 16th century. It is said that the Fudomyo (one of the five Buddhist Wisdom Kings) statue has protected the temple from disaster.

Eastern Area

MAP 27

Iwayado, Wakasa-cho, Yazu-gun, Tottori



Playing Under the Starry Sky Tour

Don't miss the chance to see one of Japan's most stunning night skies. This periodically held tour will guide you around the Mt. Daisen area beneath the brilliantly gleaming and unobstructed heavens providing the perfect opportunity to take romantic photos. The tour is held 2 to 3 times a month and boasts spectacular views that change with the seasons and weather conditions. Photo provided by the Daisen Tourism Organization.

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MAP 28

Daisen, Daisen-cho, Saihaku-gun, Tottori



Itabara Village

Within the natural landscape decorated by mountains in the Chizu area lies Itabara Village. The settlement is one of the very few mountain villages where authentic traditional structures are preserved as cultural heritages. A tea house and other shops opened in renovated structures built in the Edo (1603-1868) and Showa periods (1926-1989) further add to the historic atmosphere of the village.

Eastern Area

MAP 29

Itabara, Ichinose, Chizu-cho, Yazu-gun, Tottori





Wagasa Denshokan: Craft a Traditional Japanese Umbrella

In vogue during the Edo period, the traditional Japanese umbrella called *wagasa* is made from wood and oiled paper; to this day, it does not fail to charm with its whimsical and chic design. With a careful eye and a steady hand, craft your own Japanese umbrella in this challenging and fun make-your-own *wagasa* workshop. Take home your own piece of traditional Japanese culture to treasure for a lifetime.

Western Area MAP 30

796 Yodoe, Yodoe-cho, Yonago-shi, Tottori

Shoji Ueda Museum of Photography: Admire the Works of a Master

Delight in the photography of a man who captured an era on film at the Shoji Ueda Museum of Photography located in the picturesque fields and mountain scenery of western Tottori. Shoji Ueda is world-famous for his unorthodox works featuring the Tottori Sand Dunes as a backdrop. The museum offers a contemplative space to experience the lives of ordinary people in postwar Japan through surrealist and compelling compositions sure to inspire and stir the heart.

Western Area MAP 31

353-3 Sumura, Houki-cho, Saihaku-gun, Tottori

Pear-picking Experience: Taste the Fruit of Tottori

Tottori is famous as Japan's #1 producer of Nijisseiki (literally meaning "20th Century") Asian pears, and lovers of fresh fruit are sure to enjoy the experience of picking them straight from the tree. Pluck a ripe one, sink your teeth in, and be amazed at the crisp texture and juicy flesh that's chock full of sweetness. Numerous orchards are located throughout the prefecture, but be sure to check that the pears are in season before you go!

All Areas

Varies by location

Furusato Kenkomura Take a Pottery Workshop

Legend has it that the discovery of Misasa Hot Springs was aided by a Bodhisattva who revealed its location to a samurai, in his dream, as a reward for saving a white wolf. This gave rise to a unique form of pottery called *Hakuro-yaki* (literally meaning "white wolf ware") using clay from the area. Make your own masterpiece of traditional Japanese art with guidance from a local artisan, or purchase a piece to bring home.

Central Area MAP 32

15-1 Yokote, Misasa-cho, Touhaku-gun, Tottori

Experience Tottori

Tottori has a wealth of tradition and unspoiled natural settings. Connect with time-honored culture and the Japanese spirit through outdoor adventures and hands-on experiences. Try your hand at crafts passed down from time immemorial and engage all five senses in activities that will have you feeling at one with tradition.



Mt. Daisen Downhill Cycling

Outdoor enthusiasts won't want to miss the exhilarating experience of cycling down the winding roads of Mt. Daisen. Experienced bikers can become one with the wind as they race down a variety of both on-road and off-road trails on a mountain bike. Those looking for a more leisurely experience can choose one of the first-timer-friendly courses which include stop-overs at farms and other delightful local spots.

Western Area MAP 33

634 Akamatsu, Daisen-cho, Saihaku-gun, Tottori



Hakota Doll Workshop

For centuries, Hakota Dolls have been given to children as a protective charm. These dolls are made only in the historic city of Kurayoshi. The custom began when a traveling peddler became fascinated by the modest and simple disposition of the women he met in Kurayoshi and designed a doll in their image. Personalize this tradition by painting her face yourself! Bring her home and take care of her, and she's sure to keep you safe.

Central Area MAP 34

2529 Uomachi, Kurayoshi-shi, Tottori



Kurayoshi Kimono Stroll: Take a Step Back in Time

Kurayoshi in central Tottori boasts its own traditional cloth — a deep indigo with pure white patterning that gives off a refined air. Comfortable and stylish, experience the historical Kurayoshi White Wall District like a local by donning a distinctive and elegant Kurayoshi kimono of your choosing. In this unique garment woven with local tradition, you'll feel as if each step forward also takes you back in time.

Central Area MAP 35

2568-1, Uomachi, Kurayoshi-shi, Tottori



Aoya Washi Studio: Craft Traditional Japanese Paper

Inshu Japanese paper is the paper of choice for distinguished writers and calligraphers across the nation. Renowned for its durability, it has even been used in historical texts since ages long past. Work side-by-side with a local artisan to learn the secrets behind this legendary paper. Then, using techniques passed down through generations, create your own Inshu Japanese paper.

Eastern Area MAP 36

313 Yamane, Aoya-cho, Tottori-shi, Tottori



Watanabe Museum of Art

Travel back to the age of the samurai at this museum featuring many actual suits of samurai armor and swords. The museum also boasts a collection of 30,000 pieces of oriental antiques including Chinese art, ceramics, and Buddhist art collected over a span of 60 years by local doctor Hajime Watanabe. At this mecca for samurai enthusiasts, you can even try on genuine samurai armor for just 1,000 yen!

Eastern Area MAP 37

55 Kakuji, Tottori-shi, Tottori



Forest Bathing

Step into the pristine wilderness of Tottori and be soothed in both body and soul by nature's gentle and giving touch. With the help of a guide, reconnect with your true self away from the stresses of everyday life and experience another side of nature by learning all about the various creatures that call these untouched woods home. Meditate in sweet serenity while listening to the serenade of nighttime forest sounds.

Eastern Area MAP 38

Chizu-cho, Yazu-gun, Tottori



Snow Crab (Matsuba and Beni-zuwaigani Crab)

The sweet, succulent meat of snow crabs, the most sought-after crabs in the world, is a luxury like no other, and fresh-caught snow crab straight from a local port is the quintessential winter dish in Tottori. The variety of snow crab landed in Tottori all have local names such as Matsuba and Beni-zuwaigani; no matter the name and whether grilled or boiled, the taste is sure to delight seafood lovers one and all.

All Areas

Varies by shop



Tottori Wagyu Beef

Treat your taste buds to a culinary extravaganza like no other with tender-beyond-belief Tottori Wagyu beef. A trademark of Tottori, this beef has been produced locally for over a century. Boasting a whopping 55 percent concentration of oleic acid, the highest quality fat found in beef, this Wagyu beef has serious melt-in-your-mouth credentials sure to thrill even the most discerning tongue.

All Areas

Varies by shop



Sakaiminato Fish Market

Seafood lovers won't want to miss Sakaiminato Fish Market, one of the liveliest in western Japan. Take in the sights, sounds, and smells as sellers and buyers vigorously bargain for the best deals on freshly landed seafood including the biggest catches of tuna and crab in all of Japan! Chat with the friendly fishmongers about the catches of the day, sample the wares, and buy something to take home and feast on for dinner.

Western Area

MAP 39

9-5 Showamachi, Sakaiminato-shi, Tottori



Fine Dining in Tottori

Tottori is a seafood lover's paradise with freshly-caught delicacies such as succulent Matsuba snow crab in the winter and Iwagaki oysters in summer. The region is also famous for its melt-in-your-mouth beef served in premium burgers and decadent hot pot dishes that are sure to delight the discerning gourmet.



Daisen G Beer

Daisen G Beer offers a wide variety of brews all made using the natural spring water flowing beneath Mt. Daisen. This water is famous for its pure flavor with just a hint of sweetness. In 2011, Daisen G Beer "Weizen" received the highly prestigious World Beer Award bestowed only upon the best beers in the world. With a smooth finish and whisper of sweetness, their prize-winning beer pairs marvelously with any dish making it Tottori's go-to local beer.

Western Area MAP 40

1740-30 Maruyama, Hoki-cho, Saihaku-gun, Tottori



Daisen Home of Milk

At the Daisen Makiba Home of Milk, the pastoral scene of idyllic pastures where cattle serenely graze calls to mind simpler times. Enjoy their signature soft-serve ice cream while taking in sweeping views of the Sea of Japan below and Mt. Daisen towering above. You'll also find a restaurant and barbeque area serving meals prepared with locally sourced milk and meat as well as a shop selling Tottori specialties.

Western Area MAP 41

2-11 Mizunashihara, Kobayashi, Hoki-cho, Saihaku-gun, Tottori



Beef Bone Ramen and Tottori Burgers

Tottori is a meat lover's paradise. First, there's the beef bone ramen. This rarity in the world of ramen features a savory beef broth, distinctive aroma, and sweetness that sets it apart. Next, there's the hamburgers. Thanks to the pristine natural environment ideal for raising cattle, these juicy patties packed with flavor have attained the status of culinary miracle.

*Actual product may differ from the photograph.

All Areas

Varies by shop



Iwagaki Oysters

These hearty morsel are the ultimate summer taste of Tottori. Traditionally caught by freedivers and dubbed the milk of the sea for their rich nutritional value, these oysters have plenty of succulent meat with a melt-in-your-mouth creamy and smooth savor. At peak size from early summer to mid-August, the short season of the oysters guarantees the taste of this rare delicacy. Best enjoyed raw with a squeeze of fresh lemon.

All Areas

Varies by shop



Pacific Bluefin Tuna

Named the king of the sea, the Tottori specialty of Pacific bluefin tuna landed fresh at Sakaiminato is prized for its smooth texture and rich flavor. From June to August, the largest Pacific bluefin haul in all of Japan is brought to port and sold at the famous Sakaiminato Fish Market. From fresh sashimi to ramen, nearly every part of each and every premium tuna is used in crafting mouthwatering local cuisine.

*Actual product may differ from the photograph. Photos provided by Karoko.

All Areas

Varies by shop



Tottori's Sublime Sake

Brewed using mineral-rich water from the snow atop Tottori's tallest peaks, the sake produced in this region has a taste of its own. Amongst the many outstanding local sake to try, Kumezakura brewed in the foothills of Mt. Daisen, Hiokizakura made from the previously extinct Gouriki brewer's rice, and Benten Musume served piping hot are not to be missed.

Photos provided by Yamamasu Saketen.

All Areas

Varies by shop





Misasa Hot Springs

Famous for their healing properties, the hot springs in Misasa contain a high level of radon which speeds up the metabolism and improves the immune system. With traditional ryokan inns lining the banks of the Mitoku River, quiet main street, and the charmingly quaint Kajika and Koitani bridges, this historic hot spring town is a delightful place to enjoy a leisurely stroll. The retro streetscape is especially enchanting after sundown when lanterns illuminate the avenues.

Photos provided by Tottori Prefecture.

Central Area MAP 42

📍 Misasa-cho, Tohaku-gun, Tottori



Kaike Hot Springs

Selected as one of Japan's 100 best spots to watch the sunrise, the view from this hot spring resort has a beautiful coastline, white sandy beaches, and green pines in the foreground and the towering form of Mt. Daisen in the background. The hot soothing water is effective against nerve pain, skin conditions, and anemia. Kaike's central location makes it a convenient base for touring Tottori and Shimane.

Photos provided by Toukouen.

Western Area MAP 43

📍 Kaike Onsen, Yonago-shi, Tottori



Hawaii Hot Springs

Appearing as if floating atop the scenic Lake Togo, the picturesque buildings of Hawaii hot spring impress with their otherworldly beauty all year round. Known as the "water of koi" (literally meaning both "carp" and "love"), these hot springs are separated from the outside world by a curtain of pristine nature to create an intimate atmosphere popular amongst couples. The water of the springs soothes immunological disorders, neuralgia, and joint pain.

Photos provided by Bokoro.

Central Area MAP 44

📍 Yurihama-cho, Touhaku-gun, Tottori



Togo Hot Springs

The view from the Togo Hot Springs located on the southeastern shore of Lake Togo ranks amongst San'in's Top Eight Scenic Spots. These hot springs are known as the "water of love" for their power to bless bathers with an easy childbirth. Delight in elegant cherry trees in the spring, vibrant fireworks in the summer, gorgeous autumn foliage in the fall, and succulent Matsuba crab in the winter.

Photos provided by Yozyokan.

Central Area MAP 45

📍 Yurihama-cho, Touhaku-gun, Tottori



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Tottori boasts ten hot spring districts with luxury facilities to rejuvenate the body and soul. Visitors can soothe themselves in Tottori's world-famous radon hot springs which help speed up the metabolism, boost the immune system, and aid the body's natural healing ability. Surrender to the warm waters and pamper yourself at facilities that cater to your every need.



Sekigane Hot Springs

Situated at the foot of Mt. Daisen, Sekigane Hot Springs is one of the few springs in the world with a high level of radium which helps to soothe and alleviate ailments such as rheumatism, nerve pain, gout, high blood pressure, and arteriosclerosis. Despite the high mineral content, the water of the springs is so clear and odorless that it is widely referred to as "platinum water". This is an ideal destination for overnight and daytrip stays alike.

Photos provided by Yumeikan

Central Area MAP 46

📍 Sekigane-cho, Kurayoshi-shi, Tottori



Iwai Hot Springs

The Iwai hot spring, with over 1,200 years of history, is the oldest in the Sanin region. The traditional wooden buildings that have stood unchanged for so long serve as elegant reminders of the halcyon days of old. Feel a connection to this history by participating in a cultural tradition passed down from the Edo period (1603-1868) of using a wooden ladle to pour hot water over your head while singing a unique folk song in the springs.

Photos provided by Tottori Prefecture.

Eastern Area MAP 47

📍 Iwami-cho, Iwami-gun, Tottori



Shikano Hot Springs

Located in a tranquil castle town surrounded by mountains, these hot springs are named after the famous samurai Yamanaka Shikanosuke of Japan's medieval Sengoku period (1467-1600). The water of Shikano Hot Springs is known as "women's water" for its calming effect on skin conditions. Stop by the Hot Pier Kano or Sanshien parking lot to enjoy a free hot spring for your feet after a long day of sightseeing.

Photos provided by Sanshien.

Eastern Area MAP 48

📍 Shikano-cho, Tottori-shi, Tottori



Tottori Hot Springs

The hot water welling up from the ground near the Tottori prefectural government buildings supplies many hot spring facilities located within a five minute walk from Tottori Station. Even though surrounded by modern buildings, one step into this hot spring district will transport you into a different world. The four natural public baths in this area are frequented by businessmen and tourists alike on a daily basis creating a highly relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Photos provided by Kansuitei Kozeniya.

Eastern Area MAP 49

📍 Tottori-shi, Tottori



Yoshioka Hot Springs

Boasting a history of over 1,000 years, the Yoshioka Hot Springs were first discovered in 962 by the man whose name they bear. He marveled at how the waters miraculously cured his daughter's skin condition and restored her former beauty. In the Edo period, lords of the Ikeda clan frequented the spring, and it still remains popular with men and women looking to rejuvenate their skin. Don't miss the Flower Festival in April and Firefly Festival in June!

Photos provided by Yoshiokaonsenkai ichinoyu.

Eastern Area MAP 50

📍 Yoshioka Onsen-cho, Tottori-shi, Tottori



Hamamura Hot Springs

The Hamamura Hot Springs are famous for their wealth of thermal water and 500-year-long history. According to a local legend, a wounded egret fully healed after a soak in the springs which gave them their nickname of the Egret Springs. Bathers enjoy a view of quiet white sand beaches while relaxing in the rejuvenating water of these springs on the shore of the Sea of Japan.

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Eastern Area MAP 51

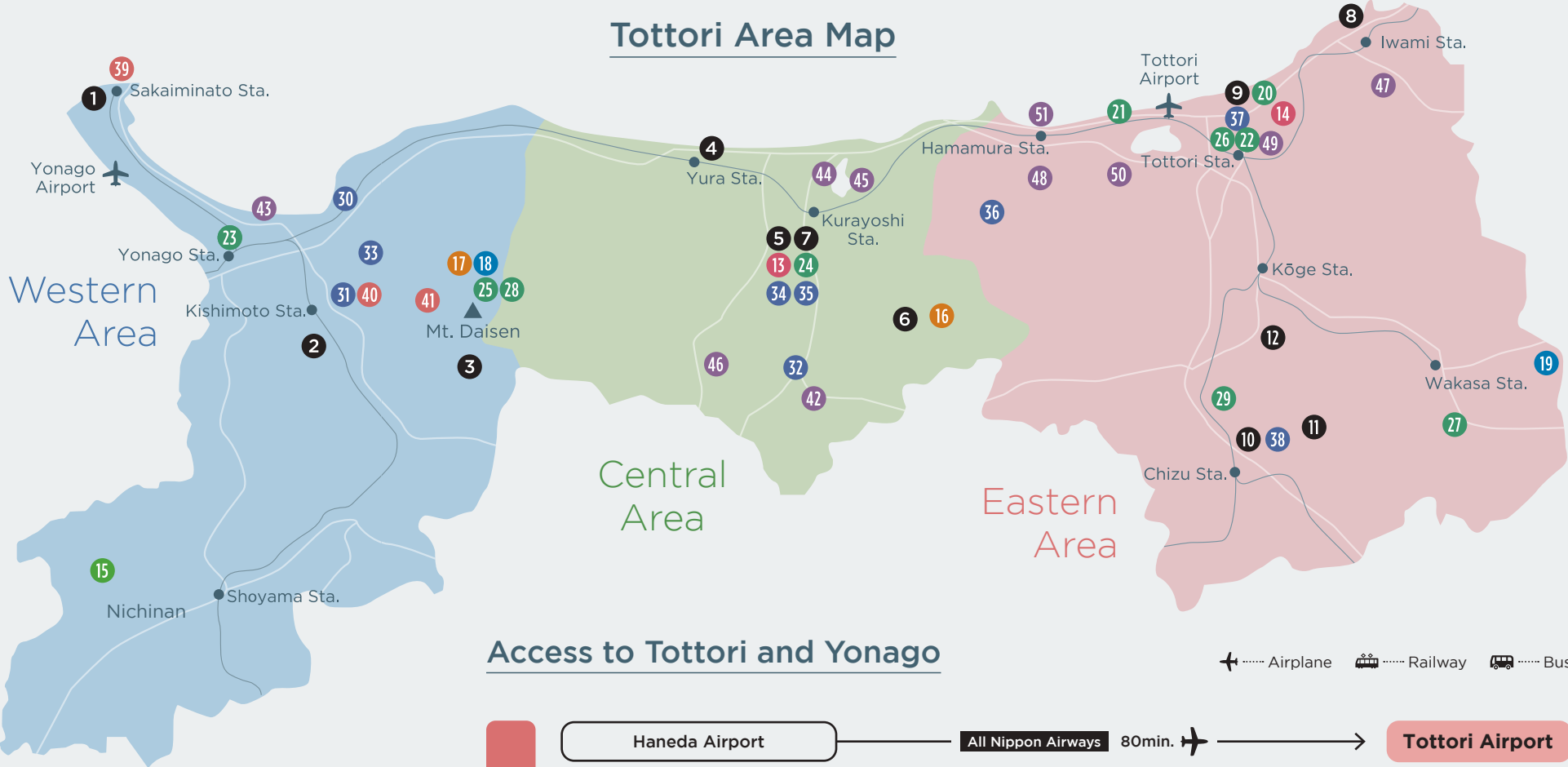
📍 Ketaka-cho, Tottori-shi, Tottori



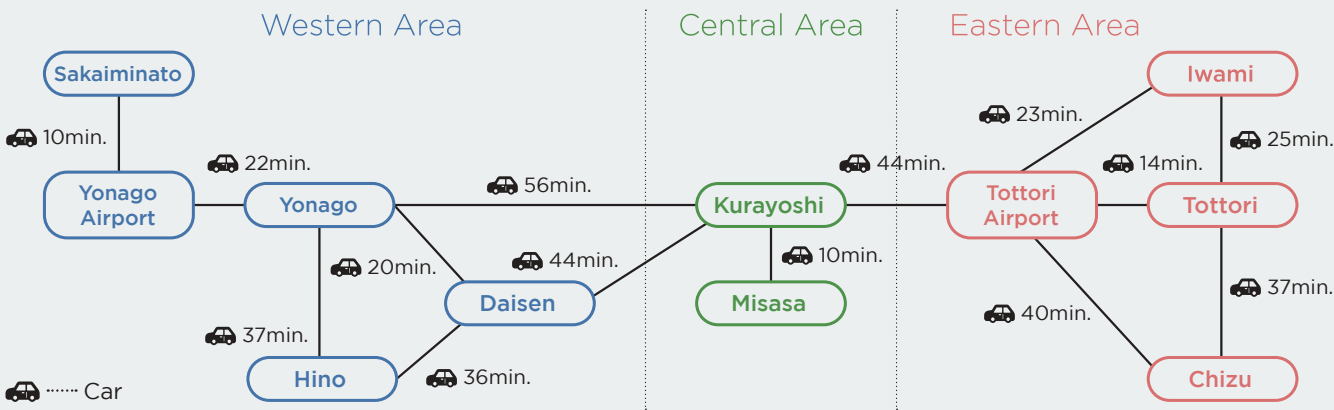
Getting to Tottori

[Access Information]

Tottori is accessible from all of Japan's major cities and airports. Refer to the maps and charts on this page to find your way to Tottori and the destinations introduced in this brochure. Estimated travel times are provided to help you plan the perfect itinerary for your own Tottori adventure!



Estimated Travel Time Within Tottori



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Tottori Free Wi-Fi Service

Tottori Prefecture offers a free public wireless LAN service with multiple access points for tourists and visitors from within Japan and abroad. Scan the QR code for details.



Access to Tottori and Yonago

To Tottori

Haneda Airport

All Nippon Airways

80min.



Kansai Airport

50min.



→

Shin-Osaka Station

150min.



→

Hiroshima Airport

50min.



→

Hiroshima Station

160min.



→

Fukuoka Airport

5min.



→

Hakata Station

240min.



→

Osaka Namba / OCAT

180min.



→

Hiroshima Bus Center

330min.



→

Tottori Airport

Tottori Station

To Yonago

Haneda Airport

All Nippon Airways

85min.



Incheon International Airport

Air Seoul

90min.



Hong Kong International Airport

Greater Bay Airlines

220min.



Shanghai Pudong International Airport

Juneyao Airlines

140min.



Taoyuan International Airport

Tigerair Taiwan

145min.



Kansai Airport

50min.



→

Shin-Osaka Station

190min.



→

Hiroshima Airport

50min.



→

Hiroshima Station

180min.



→

Fukuoka Airport

5min.



→

Hakata Station

250min.



→

Osaka Namba / OCAT

220min.



→

Hiroshima Shinkansen Exit

220min.



→

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Yonago Station



Tottori. At first, even the name was unfamiliar to me.

Little did I know that what awaited me was the adventure of a lifetime full of sights, tastes, moments, and memories that I would treasure forever...



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