Ise Shima

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The Japanese spirit of Rei—courtesy

Rei means gratitude for the blessings of nature and people’s deeds, respect paid between people, or prayers to the gods. However, Rei has a unique place in Japanese culture, because it is believed that the god who visited the Shima Peninsula chose this place to live for the rest of his life. He was believed to have been awed by the natural beauty of the sea and the surrounding mountains, and the hidden beauty that shines through the trees in the 300-year-old Japanese pines that have grown since then. The Rei spirit has always been upheld by the Toba and Shima, located near the mouth of Jō Bay, both having excellent fishing grounds led by the warm currents of the Pacific Ocean.

According to historical archives, Toba and Shima used to make up a state responsible for supplying food to the Imperial Court, and people in this area have always appreciated the natural beauty and the peaceful life there. This Rei spirit has deeply affected both the local people who are very much attached to nature and the big cities. They have preserved this culture, helping the Japanese people’s daily lives, maintaining their way of life, and always with great courtesy.

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Ise Jingu

There are 125 buildings in total in the Ise Jingu complex, including the two main sanctuaries: Naiku and Geku. Amaterasu Omikami, ancestor of the Imperial family and deity of the sun, adored by the nation as their guardian, is enshrined in Naiku. And Toyouke-no-omikami, the deity who provides sustenance for Amaterasu Omikami and the guardian who protects people's basic necessities as well as industries, resides in Geku.

Ushibiki Bridge connects common lives and the spiritual home of the deities. Ise Jingu, and this bridge is where the spiritual journey begins.

After crossing this bridge, visitors go through the majestic torii gate, purify themselves at the ablution fountain or in the Inuagawa River, and go through the second torii gate to enter the area considered a sanctuary. This ritual is believed to let visitors feel that they have been purified not only physically but also mentally.

This bridge is replaced every 20 years as part of a 1,300 year-old ritual called Shikinen Sengu regardless of whether there is any actual damage. In this ritual, many other features of Ise Jingu, such as positions and votive objects, are also replaced, in order to continue the ritual of presenting old important items. This custom is based on the spirit of Takewaka, which is to preserve a style by showing them in a new way of life. Visiting Ise Jingu, where the spirit of connecting the dots of past, present and future will surely guide you to explore your true inner self.

1. Shikinen Sengu, a ritual conducted every 20 years to update Ise Jingu’s properties, including positions and votive objects. The next one will be in 2023.
2. Higoro Amae Omikuji (lucky sticks) are read every day; At Naiku, Nanzo-a, a shrine called Nogahara is devoted to the deity. Visitors can receive prayers (Omikuji or Omen) if they offer a donation.
Appreciation deeply rooted in the heart

We tend to forget to pay attention to and appreciate small everyday things in our busy lives. For example, we forget how blessed we are living today and can continue living tomorrow.

At Ise Jingu, as many as 1,500 religious events are held annually, and the most important one is the Kanuma-sai Festival in October, where people contribute the first rice crop of the year to the deities and give thanks for the blessing of nature.

In Japan, people have eaten rice as their staple food since ancient times, and therefore this ceremony probably means they are showing their gratitude for being alive, something we often take for granted but is very important. Ise Jingu provides us with an opportunity to be aware of the important basics in life through the form of religious events.

1. Getu, which enshrines Toyokus no Onikami, the guardian deity who protects people’s basic necessities as well as industries. 2. A spiritual moment when the sun rises from the center of Ujihashi Bridge around the winter solstice time. 3. A rice planting festival at Iwakuni-onsen, an annex jinja of Ise Jingu (one of the three greatest rice planting festivals in Japan, Nationally Designated Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property)

Mr. Asema Kongo-ji Temple is known as a hidden temple of Ise Jingu, and a historical building that represents the synchronization between Shintōism and Buddhism. It appears in a local folk song of Ise, which goes “if you go to Ise, you have to climb Mt. Asema. If you don’t, you’ve only managed half the pilgrimage.”
A casting of bright sunlight on the “married” rocks

A sunrise reflected on the surface of water is beautiful. One of the most well-known viewing spots for this in Ise is the site of Meoto-iwa (the wedded rocks). The view when the warm sunlight rises between these “husband and wife” rocks is both breath-taking and awe-inspiring. They are located just off Futamiya Beach, which is traditionally known as a sacred place to purify one’s body before visiting Ise Jingu. Some people still maintain this tradition and conduct this ritual while enjoying the morning sun. Japan followed the lunar calendar until 1872, along with the Ise Calendar created for local agricultural practices.

1. Futamiya, in the Futamiya Beach area, used to be a hotel that served the Imperial Family and a host of other VIPs from a variety of fields. This beautiful example of Japanese architecture is now open to the public.
2. The Ise Calendar was created to follow the phases of the lunar, unlike the Gregorian Calendar that is commonly used in much of the modern world.
The street of the okage-sama spirit

Before a transport system was properly established, the people of Ise were renowned for welcoming exhausted travelers with warm hospitality. Many had risked their lives to travel to Ise, which, for most, was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and the people of Ise looked after them as they believed their good deeds would be recognized by the gods when the travelers visited the shrine. This okage-sama spirit of appreciation, which engenders respect for others, is the foundation of the warm atmosphere to be found on Okage Yokocho street.

Passing through clouds of steam to get to the Akafuku store, which offers the refined tastes of Ise

At around 5:00 a.m. every morning, steam suddenly appears on the empty street. This steam comes from the head store of Akafuku, a famous kind of sweet that originated in Ise. This consists of mochi, or sticky rice cake, with a fine, moist and moderately sweet azuki bean paste covering. Long on tradition, it was first made over 300 years ago.

Just as we take certain meals every day, the deities of Ise are dedicated two of their own: breakfast and dinner, along with sake. This sake, served at a daily ritual festival, is produced by the Hakatake Brewery, and their special limited edition can be enjoyed at Hakatake Miyako-iten in Oshino-machi.

The craft beer of "The Kadoya Microbrewery," operated by the 21st generation owner of a long-established Japanese sweet shop, Kadoya Honten, famously won an IBA (International Brewing Awards), known as the Oscars of the beer industry. The Nishiki-ten Store of the Ise Kadoya Microbrewery offers craft beers and oyster dishes.
Island country Japan—
a culture connecting people with the sea

The Shima Peninsula, which features a number of ria inlets, is also home to many small fishing villages that, along with the islands in this area, boast a prosperous fishing industry. On Toshijima Island, one of the remote islands of Toba City, the local fish auctions are open to all-comers. Another small island that is part of the city, Kamiishima, is also well connected to fishing, and was the location for the novel “Shionai” written by one of Japan’s most famous authors, Mishima Yukio.

Appreciation shown for the many blessings received from nature

Ise-Shima nostalgia—looking out from a shining white lighthouse

After climbing to the top of the Daisenki Lighthouse, standing proudly atop the cape of the Shima Peninsula, you can enjoy a splendid 360-degree panoramic view of the wide ocean and the historic townscapes.

Luxury delicacy—
Mie brand Ise spiny lobsters

One of the main delicacies from the nutrition-rich Ise-Shima sea is Ise spiny lobsters. To prevent over-harvesting, about a half of the year is designated a no-fishing period to assist in controlling levels of this natural resource. This comes from a philosophy of coexistence with nature, firmly rooted in this area.

Drying seafood blends seamlessly into the scenery that attracts many artists

There are a number of shops with seafood products drying outside that line the way toward the Daisenki Lighthouse. This area with its picturesque scenery is a magnet for artists.

Fresh oysters—mill of the sea for eating right in the home of the shellfish

In Ise Shima, you can find “oyster hut” where fresh oysters are served, and some of them actually have oyster fishermen there, grilling the carefully-selected oysters to perfection.
Living together with the sea

Ama, or female diver, is one of the most famous traditional professions for women in Japan. Their policy of “live together with the sea” means they gather only the amount they really need in order to avoid damage to the balance of god-given nature. You can see evidence of this environmental effort when you view the abundance of living nature below the waves here.
The sun melting into the sea as evening approaches

Ago Bay

Ago Bay is characterized by islands of different sizes and its beautiful ria inlets. The magnificent scenery here with its lush greenery gradually turns into something quite dramatic along with the setting sun, offering the illusion of a fiery orb melting into the sea. The pearl oyster rafts floating on the calm inland sea add a peaceful, nostalgic atmosphere to the beautiful natural features of the bay.

Relaxing yet exciting cruise on the calm sea

The Esperanza is a large cruise boat used for special sightseeing trips of 50 minutes around Ago Bay. This is a relaxing yet exciting cruise, featuring the calm sea and comfortable offshore breeze. During the cruise, the boat stops off at a model pearl factory to allow visitors to observe the nucleus finding process of cultured pearls.

[Kushikojima Esperanza Cruise]

Elegant experience on a lounge-style cruiser

Lounge Cruise Shima offers a trip on a compact boat around scenic Ago Bay. Enjoy the sound of the waves lapping hard against the boat, as you lounge on the open upper deck on this charter cruise. Further options, such as finger food and sparkling wine, are also available to make the experience just a little more special.

[Shima Sanda Hotel]
Shine of pearls, a natural gem cultivated by the sea

About a hundred years ago, when pearls were as valuable as they were rare, with just one pearl found in every thousand or so shells, Mikimoto set about succeeding in the culturing of pearls with the strong intention of bringing their beauty to women all over the world. Mikimoto Pearl Island in Toba City is the very place where this groundbreaking company started.

Learn the secret of the pearl’s beauty

The shop on the island has a wide selection of stunning pearl products. These include Mikimoto branded items and original jewelry sold exclusively on the island. Cosmetic products containing traces of pearl are also available here.

Get involved in the world of pearls

Shinju-no-Sato is a workshop run by a pearl culture company in the Ago Bay area, and offers the experience of extracting pearls. These pearls cultivated in a via inlet can be processed into accessories here.

Pearl oyster rafts floating on the calm sea

The scenic beauty of pearl oyster rafts is one of the main features of the home of pearls. They float on the calm sea, offering a gentle nostalgic atmosphere, somewhat unique to Japan.
Sink into a deep meditative state

Nakiri in Shima is a fishing town where visitors can enjoy a host of attractions, such as shopping, tasting local seafood, and visits to a lighthouse. Daji-ji Temple in this town is known as Shima’s Ajiai (hydrangea) Temple as it boasts approximately 1,500 hydrangea shrubs that bloom in June every year. When engaging in Zen meditation in this temple of a quiet fishing town, you will be relieved of all distracting thoughts and enter a state of deep relaxation.

Discover the taste of dashi, an important element in Japanese cuisine

Dashi is a simple and savory Japanese stock generally made from dried kelp or katsuobushi (smoked bonito flakes). As bonito used to be the most regularly caught fish by local fishermen in Nakiri, a number of katsuobushi shops existed here partly because frozen food technology had not been developed at that time. One of these shops, Katvo-no Tenpaku, has manufactured their products for decades using the same traditional method, and now offers visitors a tour to see katsuobushi making in an authentic bonito smokehouse.
Living with the sea—
the lifestyle of Ise-Shima

Sea kayaking is a really great way to navigate the calm seas around Tobu. Explore the sea inlets up close and view the fishing boats and cruise ships from a safe distance. Paddle your kayak slowly and glide effortlessly across the clear waters. This wonderful activity amidst the glory of nature will be the highlight of your travel itinerary. No need to rush to grab your camera as beautiful scenery is constantly surrounding you.

[Kaihoku Yumem Click]

Floating experience on the sea

Water balls offer a new and fun way to enjoy the sea. You can just roll and indulge, or check out what is happening below the surface.

[Shima Nature School]

Dive with Ama female diver

A deep-sea exploration experience with Ama, an expert diver on the local marine life in Ise-Shima. After landing, you can enjoy charcoal-grilled seafood lunch cooked by Ama.

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Rediscover your inner comfort zone

[Shima Spain Village]

Under the concept, "rediscovering yourself," this village offers a liberal and fun-loving atmosphere, typical to the Mediterranean. Visitors are encouraged to explore themselves to find their inner comfort zone. The complex consists of a theme park, Parque España, as well as other great resort facilities. Have fun and relax in this unique entertainment experience.

Marvelous views and warm hot springs—
Soak yourself in relaxation

Himawari-no-Yu is a natural hot spring resort, which features outdoor baths with commanding views of Inoumura Bay.
Hands-on marine life experiences

Encounter rare creatures of the deep

[Toba Aquarium]

A half century has passed since this aquarium was first established and it has continued to develop and expand. Started with just 50 species as exhibits, it has gradually grown to its current level of over 1,200, making it the aquarium with the greatest number of species in Japan. It is also well known as the only aquarium in Japan that has a dugong.

Unforgettable experience of playing with dolphins

[Dolphin Island]

On this island, named Dolphin Island because of its dolphin-like shape, visitors can enjoy a variety of interactive activities including taking photos with dolphins.

Closeup look at the creatures of the deep in a user-friendly aquarium

[JSE Sea Paradise]

The main concept of this aquarium is interaction with marine creatures. Visitors can not only see the wildlife, but also shake hands with and touch animals, like seals, otters, penguins, and sea lions.

Experience a history closely connected to the sea

[TOBA SEA-FOLK MUSEUM]

This museum introduces the past, present and future of the ocean, which the people of Ise-Shima have long coexisted closely with. It offers opportunities to learn about sea-related culture, with activities such as craft making with seaweed and seashells, and seaweed filtering.
Located on Mt. Asama, the Ise-Shima Skyline, a 16.3km stretch of road connecting Ise and Toba, is known as "driveway to the heavens." Sitting atop the mountain is the Mt. Asama Observatory, where you can enjoy panoramic views and a relaxing foot spa.

Overlapping blue and green features of Ise-Shima

[ Mt. Yokoyama Observatory]

This cypress observatory is perfectly located to overlook Ise-Shima, and offers a magnificent panoramic view of the blend of beautiful blues and greens beloved by the gods. This picturesque setting with the gorgeous ria coastline and the around 60 small islands is extremely impressive. Seasonal drinks are available in the café adjacent to the observatory.

Overlooking Ise Bay from the city of Toba at 500m above sea level—driveway to the heavens

[ Mt. Asama Observatory]

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White balls soar into the wide blue sky

A top-class resort-style golf course strategically designed to utilize the contours of the ria inlets

[Kintetsu Kashikojima Country Club]

This country club is a sophisticated, prestigious golf course, boasting a proud 50-year history since its establishment in 1969. The course, by master designer Osamu Ueda, was tactically created to take advantage of the distinctive natural coastline of ria inlets, and sits in a picturesque location surrounded by the beautiful sea and greenery of the Ise-Shima National Park. It was used for U.S. female professional tournaments for ten years from 2006.

A seaside golf course reveling views of Ago Bay and the Pacific Ocean

[Kintetsu Hamajima Country Club]

This grand resort golf course, located in Ise-Shima National Park, boasts magnificent views over Ago Bay and the Pacific Ocean. The course layout features a stark contrast between the beautifully crafted white sand bunkers and greens, highlighting the transitions between the four seasons.
For the most memorable of hotel stays

The most delicious bounty from the sea for a first-rate dining experience

[Shima Kanko Hotel]

If you are looking for a relaxing quality time away from your busy everyday life, Shima Kanko Hotel is the ideal place. Since its establishment in 1951, this hotel has maintained an elegance and tradition all its own, particularly well represented in its full course menus created by chefs using the full bounty of seafood from the waters around Shima. In 2016, it served as the venue for the G7 Joe-Shima Summit, proudly offering world leaders a variety of delicious tastes of locally produced fare.

One of the hotel's specialties is a shrill and juicy abalone steak with a rich buttery flavor, specially prepared from the hotel's traditional recipe.

Another signature dish of the hotel is a delicate serving of seafood, featuring a collaboration of the tastes of sea and land. It is served with Matsunaka Beef rice, whose texture complements beautifully with the buttery-dish stock poured over it.

In Shima Kanko Hotel’s The Bay Suite, all the rooms are spacious suites of over 100m² in size, all of which are equipped with elegant furniture and fittings to offer guests a superior staying experience.

An abundance of nature makes for the very best memories

[Miyako Resort Shima Bayside Terrace]

The outstanding feature of this hotel is its elevated location offering panoramic views of Ago Bay. Enjoy the view from a room filled with a gentle breeze, soft light, and the exquisite tastes of seasonal delicacies. Sit back and indulge yourself with all you desire.

* The hotel name has been changed from Prime Resort Kii-Taketomi.
A Japanese passion—hot spring relaxation

Observing the changing phases of Ago Bay

[Kashikojima Hotoen Japanese Inn]

Kashikojima Hotoen’s open-air baths boast stunning views of the surrounding nature of Ago Bay. Indulge yourself by relaxing in hot water and viewing the panorama of pearl oyster rafts and ria inlets.

Enrich yourself during your journey

[Miyako Resort Okushima Aqua Forest]*

This hotel has a variety of attractions, including Tomoyama-no-Yu (a natural hot spring), Aqua Palace (an amusement pool area containing a 25m pool), and spa treatments to enhance the beauty of the skin. There is also a telescope on the hotel premises as an added attraction on clear and cloudless nights.

Hot spa hopping experience with three large baths

[Toba Seaside Hotel]

This hotel has three kinds of large baths, Mijima-no-Yu, with sauna and jet bath; Kazami-no-Yu, overlooking Toba Bay; and Mikaki-no-Yu, with an open-air bath very close to the sea. Take your time and visit all three.
Delicacies from the mountains, plains and sea of Mie, a place blessed by nature’s bounty

Nutrient-rich water flows from the mountains, via the plains to the sea, and plays a major role in the culture that has long supported the “treasury of food” of Ise. In the past, the Shima region, especially, was known as “Mikatsu-kuni,” a state responsible for supplying food to the Imperial Court. The water of this cold region is a key ingredient in the making of Japanese Sake.

Matsusaka Beef is at the very pinnacle of meat production, and is one of the best brands of Wagyu (Japanese beef) in Japan. Due to the low cooking temperatures needed to melt the fat of this beef, it exhibits a sublime mildness that will blow you away.

[Matosaka Beef Wadakin] 1879 Nakamichi, Matsusaka City, Mie

When you view the over 200 year-old building that houses this hotel, you may feel you have traveled back in time. The hotel offers local sake in wine glasses.

[Ashiki Sake] 220 Takamatsu-cho, Ichinomiya City, Mie

This hotel offers a wide variety of seafood, including king size lobsters, from Ise-Shima in a variety of forms, e.g. sashimi, fried and grilled.

[Anna Hitotsu Hamana] 1-40 Oke, Taka City, Mie

Fishterman’s Food

Takuma Sushi is well known as fisherman’s food in the Shima region. It is made up of sashimi soaked in a soy-sauce based sauce laid over vinegared rice.

[Sashikin] 2010 Nishinomakicho, Ise City, Mie

This fisherman’s food is basically rice with bonito dashi soup. It is usually eaten straight, and then with bonito dashi soup.

[Takuma Ryusuiwa] 230-1 Naka-cho, Ise City, Mie

Signature Food

Karasu don, or fried chicken on rice, has been a very popular “signature food” for local chefs. Many students and workers in particular are major fans of this food.

[Matsuzaka Shokudo] 2-2-18 Hoshizaka, Ise City, Mie

In aged noodles have long been very popular by visitors to Ise Shima. Matsuzaka’s noodles are especially popular due to their dense house noodles that has been safeguarded over the years.

[Matsuya] 2-3-11 Miyaga, Ise City, Mie
No shortage of memory-making opportunities of the rich culture of Ise-Shima

The Ise-Shima area is packed with a wide variety of terrific features, including historical Ise Jingu and the interesting lifestock found in and around the coastal inlets. You will certainly not be short of amusing opportunities for making memories to take home with you.

The Celestial Postbox

Located at Mt. Asama Observatory on the Ise-Shima Skyline, this postbox is very popular as a “photo-op” spot. It has also been selected as a sacred spot for lovers.

[13 Uji, Ise-Shima City, Mie]

Heart-shaped Stone

A heart-shaped stone can be found near the entrance to the Okuni-machi underground passage that leads to Naka. It is believed by some that somebody recently buried this naturally shaped stone specifically to lie in this space.

[Okuni-machi Underground Passage]
1 Uji, Ise City, Mie

Ebiya’s O-dashi

This is a selected Japanese dashi stock, using products from Mie, including Ise spicy lobster. Its stylish Japanese package design is popular among foreign tourists who are seeking authentic Japanese tastes.

[Ebiya]
13 Uji, Ise-Shima City, Mie

Ebiya’s Bankoyaki Pottery

Banko-yaki is a type of traditional pottery of Mie, and this shop offers a modern version of this old favourite. This includes a tableware selection featuring Ise-Shima designs, such as crab or shrimp bowls.

[Ebiya]
13 Uji, Ise-Shima City, Mie

Naminori-mamori Surfing Charm

Naminori is a Japanese lucky charm available at nearly all shrines. This charm bearing the image of a shark, which often appear in Japanese myths, represents a successful ride on the wave of life.

[Asari Shinto Shrine]
4-5 Asari, Aga-cho, Ise-Shima City, Mie
[Okunitachi Nakanosei Antiques (Display only)]
1-4-8 Kawasaki, Ise City, Mie

Okage Dog Charm

This charm bears the design of a cute local character, the Okage Dog, and contains a wooden miniature dog inside. Great for you to carry, as well as your dog on its collar.

[Okage Dog Shop]
Miya, Shika-cho, Ise City, Mie

Yamasura Milk

Located in the shopping area in front of Gokasho, this milk shop offers Yamasura milk’s milk and sweets, such as ice cream and custard pudding. The retro-style exterior is very popular for photo ops.

[Yamasura Milk Gokasho]
14-2 Honmachi, Ise City, Mie

Ise Tea

Ise Tea has a quite distinctive taste and flavor. This shop sells tea powder in ball-shaped packets. Free samples are offered here.

[Uji, Ise-Shima City]
47 Uji, Ise-Shima City, Mie
### Model Course

#### Day 1
1. **Morito-ura (Wave-washed rocks)**
2. **Goka & Nakaa**
3. **Ogura Toshicho Street**
4. **Kashikojima Hiyotsu**

#### Day 2
1. **Waterfall**
2. **Mt. Azuma Observatory**
3. **Mikimoto Pearl Island**

### Seasons Calendar

#### Seasonal attractions
Ise-Shima is filled with seasonal attractions that showcase the areas' nature, food, traditional local events, and Ise Jingū's events.

#### Seasonal Events

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  - **Nature**: Seeing Mt. Fuji from Umenose along the Biwa Canal
  - **Food**: Sake tasting and sakura-themed snacks
- **June**: 
  - **Nature**: Kayaking along the Biwa Canal
  - **Food**: Fresh river fish
- **July**: 
  - **Nature**: Hiking in the mountains
  - **Food**: Ise Shima specialty dishes
- **August**: 
  - **Nature**: Beach activities
  - **Food**: Fresh sea food
- **September**: 
  - **Nature**: Viewing the leaves in full color
  - **Food**: Autumn-themed snacks
- **October**: 
  - **Nature**: Observation of the wild
  - **Food**: Thanksgiving dishes
- **November**: 
  - **Nature**: Winter sports
  - **Food**: Hot pots and soups
- **December**: 
  - **Nature**: Ice fishing
  - **Food**: Traditional winter dishes

#### Summer
- **June**: 
  - **Nature**: Sea kayaking along the Ise Bay
  - **Food**: Fresh seafood
- **July**: 
  - **Nature**: Beach activities
  - **Food**: Fresh sea food
- **August**: 
  - **Nature**: Hiking in the mountains
  - **Food**: Ise Shima specialty dishes

#### Fall
- **September**: 
  - **Nature**: Viewing the leaves in full color
  - **Food**: Autumn-themed snacks
- **October**: 
  - **Nature**: Observation of the wild
  - **Food**: Thanksgiving dishes
- **November**: 
  - **Nature**: Winter sports
  - **Food**: Hot pots and soups
- **December**: 
  - **Nature**: Ice fishing
  - **Food**: Traditional winter dishes

#### Winter
- **January**: 
  - **Nature**: Ice fishing
  - **Food**: Traditional winter dishes
- **February**: 
  - **Nature**: Snow activities
  - **Food**: Hot pots and soups

#### [Local Events]
- **May**: 
  - **May**: Mansuyama (Wave-washed rocks)
  - **May**: Hina Changing Ceremony
- **July**: 
  - **July**: Ise Jingū Festival
  - **July**: Ise-ji Temple Festival
- **August**: 
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Tourist Train—
Premium Express Shimakaze

Best hospitality for a train journey

Shimakaze is a limited express train for tourists, designed to encapsulate the cool breeze of Ine-Shima. Offering top hospitality from start to journey’s end in this region, you’ll come away from the experience with special memories of a great train ride.