

Enjoying Ieshima to its Fullest on an Electric Bicycle: Experiencing Island Living and Delicious Dining

Enjoy an island experience sandwiched between blue skies and blue seas. From island shrines to shopping areas and back alleys, Ieshima invites visitors to get lost in a nostalgic landscape that feels like it's been taken straight from history. The island is home to numerous events, including the Ieshima Tenjin Festival held every year in July. Visitors can experience fresh, unique, and amusing authentic island dishes prepared from live fish.



Ieshima Tenjin Festival



I1 Rent-a-cycle Shima-chari

Set off on a seaside cycling trip with the sea breeze against your face. Enjoy a ride on the island's first rental electric tricycle, appearing in 2017.
 Address: 590-7 Maura, Ieshima-cho, Himeji City |
 Closed: No scheduled closing days | Fee: Contact for details. |
 Tel.: [For regular bicycles] 079-325-0660 / 090-2105-4078 [Takafuku Liner] [For electric bicycles] 079-325-877 (Ieshima Tourist Information Office) | Web: <http://h-ieshima.jp>



I3 Maura-jinja Shrine

The gods enshrined at Maura-jinja Shrine are Okitsuhihiko-no-kami and Okitsuhihime-no-kami. The shrine hosts its autumn festival every year on November 2 and 3. Mt. Shiro, located just beyond the back of the shrine grounds, is a prime cherry blossom-viewing area with a wonderful view overlooking all of Ieshima Port.

Address: 597-1 Maura, Ieshima, Himeji City | Tel.: 079-325-0365 (Ieshima-jinja Shrine)



Description of Icons

- Parking
- Large groups welcome
- Non-smoking
- Eat-in dining
- Credit cards accepted
- Wi-Fi
- Pets welcome
- Lavatories
- Bidet-equipped lavatories
- Multi-purpose lavatories
- Handicapped accessibility
- English support available

I2 Dongamessan

This turtle-shaped boulder is said to be a giant turtle that turned to stone from waiting for its master. Dongamessan is counted among Japan's many Suiten-gu Shrines (water shrines) and is a prominent location in local faith. It is said that rubbing the "head" of Dongamessan will see your wish granted...
 Location: Right next to Maura Port



I4 Fishmongers

Ieshima Island is synonymous with fresh fish. Enjoy an authentic island meal of sashimi made from fish taken straight from the fishmongers' tanks! Location: Maura area



I5 Back-alley exploration

The Maura area offers a retro-style atmosphere along its many alleyways. Here, visitors will find some of the island's liveliest areas while enjoying settings reminiscent of the Showa Era and rich with culture. These back roads also offer the best opportunity to meet the island's cats. Location: Maura area



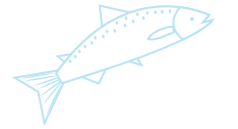
I7 Ieshima-jinja Shrine

The torii facing the sea at Ieshima-jinja Shrine makes for a beautiful sight. This mysterious shrine is surrounded by the island's only untouched forest, and because such native growth forests are all considered holy places, visitors will be hard-pressed to find human influences.
 Address: 1 Miya, Ieshima-cho, Himeji City | Tel.: 079-325-0365



I6 O-shokujidokoro Kawasaki

The authentic island dinners at O-shokujidokoro Kawasaki involve purchasing fish direct from fishmongers and then having it prepared by cooks from fishmonger families. Feel free to ask to have the fish prepared right in front of your eyes. With no set schedule for closing days, reservations are recommended. However, same-day appointments may be possible, so be sure to call ahead of time.
 Address: 1946-2 Maura, Ieshima-cho, Himeji City |
 Closed: No scheduled closing days | Tel.: 079-325-0177 |
 Web: <http://h-ieshima.jp/news/8341>



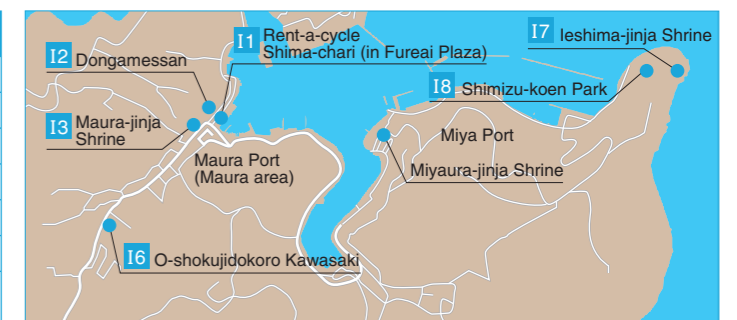
I8 Shimizu-koen Park

Visitors are encouraged to make their way to the park's highest point to enjoy the "Kankan View" offering a magnificent must-see sight! The local "Harima Kagami" magazine has this to say of the view: "The landscape as seen from the Kankan View is truly remarkable. The glittering sunset scene includes a glimpse of Himeji Castle on the opposite shore through the sea's haze."
 Location: Miya area, Ieshima-cho, Himeji City



Recommended Courses and Map

Time	Itinerary	Time	Itinerary
8:20 am	Himeji Station	12:00 pm	I6 Lunch at "O-shokujidokoro Kawasaki"
8:55 am	Himeji Port		Architectural tour around Maura Port
9:10 am	Departure from Himeji Port (via liner)		Depart Maura Port for Miya Port
9:45 am	Arrival at Ieshima (Maura)		Walking tour around Miyaura-jinja Shrine
10:00 am	I1 Start rent-a-cycle tour		I7 Ieshima-jinja Shrine
	I2 Dongamessan		I8 Shimizu-koen Park
	I3 Maura-jinja Shrine		Rent-a-cycle return
	Shopping area		
	I4 Fishmongers (Ask to watch your meal being prepared, and leave your fish in the hands of the chefs at O-shokujidokoro Kawasaki)	4:15 pm	Depart Ieshima (Maura)
		4:50 pm	Arrive at Himeji Port
		5:00 pm	Depart Himeji Port (Shinku Bus)
	I5 Back-alley exploration	5:25 pm	Arrive at Himeji Station
	Enmanzan Tokugo-ji Temple		



Contact Ieshima Tourist Information Office for inquiries

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 Closed: No scheduled closing days | Tel.: 079-325-8777 |
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