

A Fantastic Day at Gamagori

Waves of Happiness

— Tourist Information —



Beautiful colors of the ocean,
carefully selected for you.



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GAMAGORI INFORMATION



Navi Terrace (Gamagori City Tourist Information)

Leave the provision of information on Gamagori to us!
You will find not only sightseeing information, but also event information and special deals in the city right here. Please feel free to drop in.
Open: 09:00-19:00
No holiday except Dec.31 - Jan.3



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Rental Hours: 09:30-16:30
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Gamagori Tourism Hospitality Concierge

Approximately 1000 concierges
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Welcoming you
to a purifying forest on the sea



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-ISLAND-

Welcome to Gamagori, a City of Seasides and Hot Springs

Gamagori is located in Mikawa Bay Quasi-National Park, a region blessed with green mountains, beautiful seas, and abundant nature.

We are a "City of Seasides" that features the ocean-themed resort facility Laguna Ten Bosch, as well as a "City of Hot Springs" with four elegant hot spring districts. This pamphlet introduces famous tourist spots and special goods that have been carefully selected from Gamagori.



01 Shunzei-en Garden

MAP B-2

This garden is cultivated around a statue of Fujiwara Shunzei, who is said to have founded Gamagori. The area features a walking path and colorful flowers such as wisteria trellises, Japanese black pine, and azalea. In addition to being a popular spot among tourists visiting Takeshima, the garden is also used by Gamagori residents as a multi-purpose plaza.



04 Nishiura Onsen Palm Beach

MAP A-3

A swimming area where visitors can enjoy swimming in the sea and relaxing in hot springs. A variety of events are held during the swimming season.



02 Takeshima island

MAP B-2

Nationally-Designated Natural Treasure

Connected to land by a 387-meter bridge, this small island is a symbol of Gamagori. The entire island has been designated as a Natural Treasure of Japan. At the center of the island is Yaotomi Shrine, which is included as one of the seven Benzaiten (Buddhist goddesses) shrines in Japan. Clam digging is held from early April to early June on the Takeshima beach.



03 Mikawa Oshima island

MAP B-3

This uninhabited island is located 3 kilometers off the Gamagori coast. The island has a tropical atmosphere with warm-temperature forests. There are cliffs and caves on the coastline.

The swimming area is open from July 1 to August 31. A liner service is operated from Takeshima Pier during the swimming season.

Adult: 1,200 yen 6-15 years: 600 yen
July 1-August 31 08:30-17:00 (every 2 hours)

*Additional services will be provided in accordance with passenger numbers.
Oshima, Miya-cho, Gamagori City .



05 Yaotomi Shrine

MAP B-2

Fujiwara Shunzei, who was the provincial governor of Mikawa, relocated to the area from Chikubu Island on Lake Biwa. Since long ago, Yaotomi shrine has been widely known as the deity of good fortune, safety, and marriage. The ancient book Mikawa Suzume lists Yaotomi Shrine in Takeshima as one of the seven Benzaiten (Buddhist goddesses) in Japan together with Enoshima, Chikubushima and Itsukushima.

Annual Festival: The 3rd Saturday and Sunday of October

3-15, Takeshima-cho, Gamagori City



VIEW
GAMAGORI
(YouTube Gamagori city channel)



Area around Takeshima,
a symbol of Gamagori
**Tourism
Volunteer Guide**



(Japanese Only)



03 Gamagori Museum of Earth, Life and the Sea MAP B-2

Visitors can learn about the history of the oceans and the evolution of extinct organisms. Precious fossils of Aromalocaris (the largest carnivore in the Cambrian period) and Incajujira (recognized as a new species) are exhibited. Family workshops are held on weekends.

Admission Fee: Adult 500 yen, 6-15 years 200 yen
Open: 9:00 - 17:00 Close: Tuesdays (except August, if a Tuesday is a holiday, then the next day) and Dec. 29-Jan. 3
17-17 Minato-machi Gamagori City



04 Seaside Literary Memorial Museum MAP B-2

This hall was built to commemorate the traditional inn "Tokiwakan" which was loved by many Japanese famous authors, including Nobel Prize-winning author Kawabata Yasunari.

Admission: free Open: 9:00 - 17:00
Close: Tuesdays (if a Tuesday is a holiday, then the next day) and Dec. 28 - 31
15-62 Takeshima-cho Gamagori City



05 Gamagori City Museum MAP B-2

This museum provides extensive information on the history and people of Gamagori. There is also a gallery which can be used by individual citizens and groups to hold exhibitions. Outdoor areas feature kofun (ancient burial mounds) which have been restored and relocated, the steam locomotive D51, and ancient pottery used for lighting. The interior of the kofun and locomotive can be toured freely.

Admission: free Open: 10:00 - 17:00 (final entry 16:30)
Close: Mondays, 3rd Tuesday of each month (open if on national holiday), and Dec. 28 - Jan. 4
10-22 Sakae-machi, Gamagori City

Five facilities for fully enjoying the seaside



01 Takeshima Aquarium MAP B-2

This aquarium exhibits 4500 sea creatures from 500 different species mainly from the Mikawa Bay and Enshunada Sea.

Admission Fee: Adult 500 yen, 6-15 years 200 yen
Open: 9:00 - 17:00 (last entry 16:30)
Close: Tuesdays (if a Tuesday is a national holiday, then the next day) and Dec. 29 - 31
1-6 Takeshima-cho Gamagori City



02 Kaihinkan Marine Center House MAP B-2

The exhibition hall celebrates the achievement of Japan's team in the America's Cup. Kaihinkan also features the shop "Yumeoribito," which sells Mikawa cotton products, as well as the restaurant "Ondina."

(Ondina)
Open: 11:00-22:00 Close: Wednesdays
1150 Minato-machi, Gamagori City
(Yume Ori Bito)
Open: 10:30-18:00 (until 17:00 from Nov. to Feb.)
Close: Wednesdays



01 Takeshima Fantasy Museum MAP B-2

A fantasy tour in which visitors walk through an undersea adventure in four mini-theaters made from 55million seashells of varying sizes.

Open: March to October 9:00-17:00,
November to February 9:00 - 16:30
(Admission is 1 hour before closing)
Close: Wednesdays
28-14 Takeshima-cho Gamagori City



02 Boat Race Gamagori MAP A-2

Night races are held in Gamagori throughout the year. New bleachers were installed in April, 2014 and this facility has become a popular nightlife spot for young people and women.

1-1 Otashinden Takenoya-cho Gamagori City

Marina

Visitors can fully enjoy marine life among rich nature. Wouldn't you like to try your ideal marine experience?



03 Nishiura Marina MAP A-3

Visitors can embark on a 30-minute cruise of Mikawa Bay that features a meeting with finless porpoises. The marina clubhouse houses a permanent exhibition of photographs by Yoichi Yabe, Japan's premier marine photographer. Enjoy experiencing the sea firsthand on a thrilling yacht cruise.

Close: Tuesdays
26 Oyama Nishiura-cho, Gamagori City



01 Laguna Marina MAP C-2

Laguna Marina has Chubu District's largest-scale mooring facilities.

Open: Oct.-Apr. 09:00-17:00 (Regardless of the day of the week)
May-Sep. Weekdays 09:00-17:00 Sat., Sun. and National holidays 08:00-18:00
Close: Thursdays (*Open from the 4th week of July to Aug. 31)
Winter holiday in the middle of Jan.
2-1 Kaiyo-cho, Gamagori City



02 Toyota Industries Corporation Kaiyo Yacht Harbor MAP C-2

This harbor has one of the largest capacities for dinghies in Japan. Rental yachts are also available.

Open: May 8:00-18:30 Jun. - Aug. 8:00-19:00
Sep. 8:00-17:30 Oct.-Apr. 8:00-17:00
Close: Wednesdays (if a Wednesday is a holiday, then the next day, and Dec. 29-Jan. 3)
* Open on Wednesday during Golden week and from July to August.
1-7 Kaiyo-cho, Gamagori City



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-PLAY-

Beautiful seaside garden facing Mikawa Bay

LAGUNA TEN BOSCH MAP C-2

Enjoy, relax and spend time by the sea! Situated on Mikawa Bay, LAGUNA TEN BOSCH is a complex marine resort facility surrounded by abundant nature. There are various ocean-related attractions including the amusement park Lagunasia, shopping and dining at the commercial facility Festival Market, thalassotherapy and cruises on Mikawa Bay.

Fees vary depending on the facility.
Open: 10:00-22:00 (vary depending on the facility and season)
Parking available (1,000 cars capacity)
Irregular holidays

Photo: Flower lagoon (Lagunasia)

LAGUNA TEN BOSCH



07 Huis Ten Bosch Revue

The Huis Ten Bosch Revue, a popular singing troupe from Huis Ten Bosch in Nagasaki, gives performances at the Laguna Ten Bosch Art Theater. Experience the power of songs performed by this glamorous group.



08 3D Mapping

Don't miss the 360-degree fantasy show La Luz from Japan, and the grand car-action mapping show Amaze. *Amaze is a seasonal show.



01 LAGUNASIA

An ocean-related amusement park where visitors can enjoy numerous rides and a pool open in the summer.



02 Festival Market

Shopping mall and restaurants in a resort atmosphere.



03 Mediterranean Restaurant & Bar "Casa"

Authentic Mediterranean-style restaurant with a superb seaside view.



04 Laguna-no-Yu Hot Spring

Natural hot springs with beautiful views of Mikawa Bay.



05 Thalga Laguna

Authentic thalassotherapy facility using warm seawater, algae and seaweed. This therapy is effective for health and beauty.



06 Laguna Beach

Artificial beach and lawn with a total length of about 600 meters.

Specialty Foods



Crispy snack flavored with dried shrimp

Shrimp Crackers

A famous specialty of Mikawa with a long tradition, these crackers are made from fresh shrimp. This snack has a unique seafood aroma which is loved by children and adults of all ages. There are currently more than 100 types of shrimp crackers to choose from.

A premium dish

Mikawa Beef

This beef is taken from Japanese black cattle which are raised by specially-certified farmers in Mikawa, a warm region blessed with plentiful amounts of pristine water. Mikawa beef has a smooth texture, juicy tenderness, and savory flavor that lasts throughout your meal. Be sure to try Mikawa beef as steak or sukiyaki.



Two-time national champion

Gamagori Udon noodles

These udon noodles have won the Grand Prix at the National Udon Contest two times. The clam broth has rich flavor, and the noodles are topped with generous amounts of wakame seaweed and other special ingredients from Gamagori. This is a can't-miss food when visiting Gamagori.



Pick up

Blessings of the Sea

Rich savory flavor surpassing spiny lobster

Akaza Ebi Lobster

Found only in Japan, these lobsters live in deep sea regions at a depth of 200 to 400 meters. The lobsters cannot be artificially cultivated and are subject to fishing restrictions, making them a precious ingredient. The lobster caught in the Chigara and Katahara Ports of Gamagori feature a rich savory flavor. Hotels and Japanese inns in Gamagori serve these lobsters as an ingredient which is locally produced for local consumption.



Fresh seafood is the pride of Gamagori

Clams

Since long ago, clams from Mikawa Bay have been renowned for their outstanding flavor. Clam digging is a seasonal event of spring in Gamagori. The amount of clams harvested in Mikawa Bay is the largest in Japan, and the clams are featured as a specialty product of Aichi Prefecture.

Mehikari

Mehikari are a type of fish which live at a depth of 200 to 300 meters. These fish have soft flesh and rich fattiness that produces outstanding flavor. Mehikari are delicious when prepared in a variety of ways such as salt-grilled, tempura, fried, and dried.

Nigisu

Often used as an ingredient in foods such as kamaboko (boiled fish paste), these fish are also delicious when salt-grilled or fried. The flesh of these fish is watery, and they are even more delicious when dried. In Gamagori, Nigisu are often used in dumplings for soup.



Various kinds of seafood

Fish Markets

Prawns, flatfish, mantis shrimp and other fresh seafood caught in Mikawa Bay are sold at fish markets in Miya, Katahara and Nishiura.



Other

Traditional flavor and aroma

Taihaku Sesame Oil
Taiko Sesame Oil

Founded in 1725, Takemoto Oil & Fat Company has one of the longest histories and richest traditions of any cooking oil company in Japan. These sesame oils are made using carefully-selected ingredients and a unique pressing method and highly recognized by chefs throughout the world.



Beautiful white color

Kintobi Noodles

Since first released in 1917, these noodles have been made from high-quality, internally-produced flour featuring a rich aroma. The noodles are formed using special techniques based on hand-made noodles. Golden Noodles are used in souvenir sets of kishimen (flat) noodles, udon noodles in miso broth, and Gamagori Udon, which has won the Grand Prix at the National Udon Contest.



A golden sun

Edible chrysanthemum

Originally shipped from Gamagori by the Mikawa Greenhouse Horticulture Association in 1950, these were the first edible chrysanthemums in Japan. The originally-shipped flowers were nearly identical to the current chrysanthemums. In 1963, heated cultivation was introduced and production of the flowers increased.

Fruits



Fresh sweetness

Shine Muscat Grapes

Season: Late July to early August

These large seedless grapes can be eaten with the skin on. Characteristics of these high-grade grapes are a crisp texture and mild sourness/sweetness. Shine Muscat Grapes are grown in greenhouses in Gamagori, taking advantage of the warm climate and the long hours of sunlight.

Red jewel

Gamagori strawberries

Season: Late October to late June

Strawberries grown in Gamagori are called "Sun-Berry Gamagori" and have a penguin logo on their packaging. Main types of strawberries from Gamagori are "Akihime," which are sweet without sourness, and "Yumenoka," which are a balance of sweetness and sourness.



Orange jewel

Gamagori mandarin oranges
Gamagori greenhouse mandarin oranges

Season: Gamagori greenhouse mandarin oranges: Mid-April to late September
Outdoor mandarin oranges: Early November to Mid-May

Delicious Gamagori mandarin oranges are grown in the warm sea breezes of Mikawa Bay and the rich nature grown on fertile land. In particular, the amount of Gamagori orange grown in greenhouses is among the largest in Japan. The oranges are shipped throughout Japan, with a focus on markets in the Chukyo and Kanto regions. Food products and sweets made using these oranges are sold at stores throughout Gamagori.

Treasury of delicious cuisine
nestled amongst the sea
and mountains

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-FOOD-

Gamagori Orange Park MAP B-1

A fruit theme park where visitors can enjoy fruit picking throughout the year. Also features a restaurant and souvenir shop. A large parking lot is also available.

Open: Shop 09:00-17:00 / Fruit Picking 09:00-15:00
Strawberry picking Jan.-May (Reservation required)
Melon or grape picking Jun.-Sep. (Reservation required)
Mandarin orange picking Oct. - Dec. *Ends when all picked off.
Close: Open seven days a week
Parking available (100 car capacity)
1-93 Ogurimi, Seida-cho, Gamagori City

Abundant happiness of food in Gamagori,
a city of seas and mountains



Soak in hot springs while feeling the sea breeze



Relax in one of four hot springs districts

Summer

- 05 Sea bathing ▶ Jul.1- Aug. 31
Nishiura Onsen Palm Beach, Mikawa Oshima
- 06 Gamagori Festival and Fireworks Festival ▶ Late July
Gamagori Citizen's Hall Grass Square, etc.

Autumn

- 07 Miya Festival ▶ 3rd or 4th Sat. and Sun. in Oct.
Hakken Shrine, Wakamiya Shrine, etc.
- 08 Craft Fair in Gamagori ▶ Sat. and Sun of late October
Minato Oasis, Takeshima Pier

Winter

- 09 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Festival ▶ Sat. and Sun. in Feb.
Boat Race Gamagori
- 10 Mikawa Bay Health Marathon Race: around Gamagori Citizen's Hall ▶ Middle Feb.
Venue: The area around Gamagori Citizen's Hall

Various events featuring nature and tradition

Seasonal attractions in Gamagori

Spring

- 01 Clams digging ▶ early March - late June
Miya Onsen beach, Mikawa Oshima, Suijin beach, Takeshima beach, Nishiura Beach, Matsushima Fishing site
- 02 Cherry blossom viewing spot ▶ late March - early April
Nishiura-enchi, Miyakobosan, Chuo Park, Mt.Kasuga, Gamagori Classic Hotel

Early Summer

- 03 Erika Cup Yacht Race ▶ Sun. of late May
Laguna Marina, Mikawa Bay east area
- 04 Hydrangea Festival ▶ June 1- June 30
Katahara Onsen Ajsai-no-sato

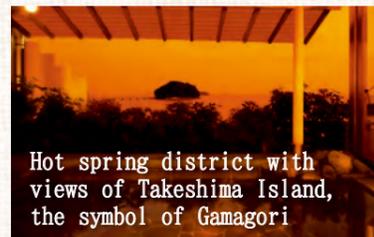


Hot spring district with panoramic sea views



Nishiura Onsen Hot Springs

Located on the tip of the Nishiura Peninsula, this scenic hot spring district offers panoramic sea views. The beauty of this area has inspired many poems. Collections of these poems are inscribed on signs along the walking paths of "Manyo-no-Komichi" and "Haiku-no-Michi." The district is also known for its marine sports and fishing.

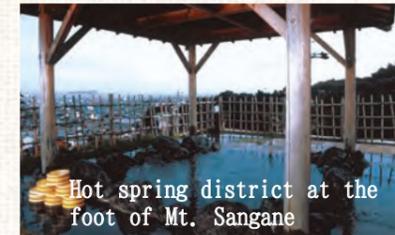


Hot spring district with views of Takeshima Island, the symbol of Gamagori



Gamagori Onsen Hot Springs

Since long ago, this historic hot spring district was visited by royalty and many literary figures. Today, the area features attractions including an aquarium, literary memorial hall, and science museum, making it popular for everyone from children to adults.

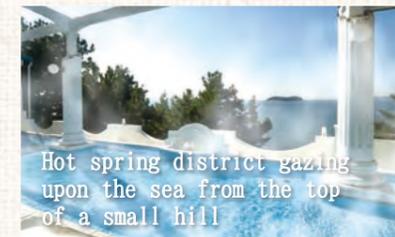


Hot spring district at the foot of Mt. Sangane



Katahara Onsen Hot Springs

Famous for its hydrangea, the entire Katahara Onsen district is colored with stunning purple in June. In this district, visitors can enjoy Mikawa Bay seafood caught at Katahara fishing Port.



Hot spring district gazing upon the sea from the top of a small hill



Miya Onsen Hot Springs

This hot springs district is said to have founded 1,200 years ago by the monk Gyoki. In the district, Japanese inns line the streets on top of a small hill. The area around Miya Onsen has a yacht harbor and is a popular site for marine sports. Laguna Ten Bosch is also located nearby, making the district a convenient base for leisure.

