

Henro Tour Map No.3 Daihoji & Iwayaji

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to No.46 JORURJI

WATERFALL AT OSOGOE

This is a beautiful, twenty-four-meter-high, three-tier waterfall located in the charming Osogoe valley.



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HATANOKAWA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This is the oldest wooden elementary school in Kuma town.



WHERE ST. YUKOKU FELL INTO DEEP MEDITATION

St. Yukoku was born in Masaki town, Iyo country. He studied hard and delved into the secrets of Buddhism.

KUMA HIGHLAND FURUSATO TOUR VILLAGE

This is a popular spot with tourists. There is a large astronomical telescope with 7000 magnifications at this location. You can romantically watch the stars during your visit. To our surprise, there is also a planetarium here. A lot of new stars were sighted from here.

FURUIWAYA AND VICINITY

There is a large, unusually shaped rock here, which is the remains of stratum 45 million years old. From this place, you can view the plants of the high mountains from season to season. Furuiwaya is between Daihoji Temple and Iwayaji Temple, and is used as a rest area, or place of meditation along the quiet stream.

KAWASE KABUKI

Kawase Kabuki is still performed here for the benefit of families, and to celebrate the autumn rice harvest.



OKUMA LEGEND

Long ago, when KOUBOUDAISHI was passing a village, he met a girl weaving whose name was OKUMA. When KOUBOUDAISHI asked for a cloth to wipe the sweat off his brow, OKUMA cut a piece she was weaving and generously presented it to him. KOUBOUDAISHI said, "I'll grant you one wish." OKUMA replied, "I want you to change this deserted village into a lively one." Then, the village became a splendid town. KOUBOUDAISHI named the town Kuma after the girl OKUMA.



KUMA BRONZE CORRIDOR

This is a modern art museum located at the Kuma golf course. "Must see" items include a bronze statue and engraving by Rodin and Renoir. People who visit here will surely say, "I'm lucky!" The museum is opened every day, except Tuesdays, at 10:00 AM.



KOUSAIKYO

During the Edo period, Kousai Yamanouchi hollowed out a flume from solid rock to help the rural farmers who lived at the headwaters of the Kuma River. They were suffering from a terrible water shortage. He hollowed out the rock for several years, working alone. Finally, he completed a flume that is 57 meters long, 2.2 meters wide, and 1.5 meters deep. It irrigates the rural rice fields even now.



MISHIMA SHRINE

As you go upstairs and through the archway to the Shinto shrine, you can see large Japanese cedars on either side of the street. The circumference of these trees is 7 meters, and they are 600-years-old. The trees watch over the shrine fondly.



WEEPING CHERRY AT HOURENJI TEMPLE

Because of its size and beauty, this weeping cherry tree is famous, and visited by many people.

WATER OF DOCTORS

There are many doctors from the Wakamiya area, so it is said that drinking the water here will make you smart.

HOURENJI

WATER OF DOCTORS

to KOCHI Prefecture

KUMA ART MUSEUM

This is a novel, wooden museum made of Japanese cedar and cypress from the Kuma mountains. This museum has more than 600 works painted by a great artists. You can enjoy the fresh smell of cedar while viewing the art.



MISHIMA SHRINE



IWAYAJI TEMPLE

When KOUBOUDAISHI visited this temple, the view of Iwaya mountain from IWAYAJI TEMPLE moved him, so he composed this tanka (poem):

Yamatakakei	
Taninoasagiri	an English
umininite	A high peak in the morning
Matsuhukukazewo	mist of the valley looks like
Naminitatoen	the sea. The wind which blows
	through the pine trees looks like a wave.



DAIHOJI TEMPLE

There are Japanese cedar and cypress trees that are hundreds of years old in the precincts of this temple. A person can experience an atmosphere of solemn magnificence. When you visit this temple, you are at the "half way point" on the journey of 88 temples.



SERIWARIGYOBA

We leave Iwayaji temple, climb higher into the mountains, pass through a rock, on to the top of the rocky mountain by chain, and finally reach Seriwariyoba. The climb to Seriwariyoba is very steep and dangerous, so please be careful.

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