

# ***An American's Guide to Mikuni***

***Don't  
Miss Out***





# Oshima Island

***“The kind of experience we look for when going to Japan.”***

Cross a vermillion bridge to a God’s island.



***“Awe-inspiring!”***

***Curses, Legends, Ghost Stories, and beautiful nature, Oshima will peak your interests!***

This Island has been designated as sacred since 701 by Emperor Monmu. Furthermore, Akechi Mitsuhide, famous for his betrayal of Oda Nobunaga, spent time on Oshima and composed a tanka. “If you come to this God’s Island there’s no need to travel far to the land of legendary gods.”



***Ask the locals about the counter-clockwise curse!***

\*\*\*Bus No. 96 (木村病院経由) from Mikuni Minato Station



# ***Oshima Island***

## Things to do

### 1. Lunch at Ootoku:

11:00 - 14:00 Wednesdays Off



***With a view of Oshima and locally sourced seafood, you can't go wrong!***

### 2. Visit Brilliant Heart Museum

11:00 - 17:00 Fri/Sat/Sun



***This museum offers the best photo spot of Oshima Island!***



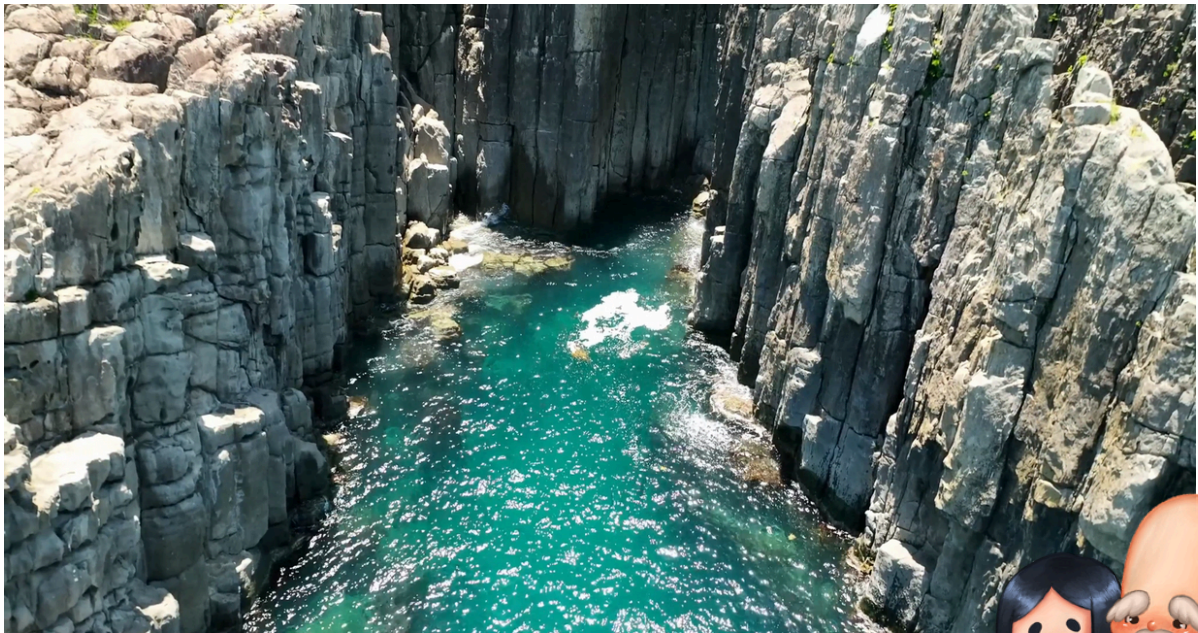
# Tojinbo

Climb to the best photo spot!

No ropes, No restrictions!



Formed some 13 million years ago in a fiery clash of lava and sea, the columnar rock formations that makeup Tojinbo are composed of andesite, and only found in three other places in the world.



***Tojinbo was named after a monk who met his end at the cliffs due to his love for Princess Aya at the hands of one of her jealous suiters.***





## 1. Tojinbo Cruise:

9:00 - 16:00 Apr - Oct.



***A fun way to get the best views of both Tojinbo and Oshima***

## 2. Shop and Stroll: Tojinbo Promenade

9:00 - 17:00 Best times.



***Packed with seafood restaurants and unique souvenir shops!***



# ***Mikuni Port Town***



Recognized as a culinary center of Japan!!



Mikuni Minato flourished under the trade of the Kitamaebune, ships bound for Hokkaido. Although those prosperous days are long gone, the traces of the wealthy ship owners can still be found in machiya style houses and fabulous temples. The town is most famous for its Echizen crab that is offered to the Imperial Household every year.

***Fit for an emperor!***



***I've never eaten so well!***



# ***Echizen Matsushima***

The kind of place where treasure is hidden!



You'll feel like you have ventured into the world of Legend of Zelda. Matsushima Shrine has two cave shrines that would excite anyone. Feel free to climb the rocks and explore! Gaze into the crystal clear waters and see if you can spot any fish. Definitely a great picnic spot.

***This place is one of Mikuni's best kept secrets!***



***Every time I go, I'm blown away by this place.***

\*\*\*From this bus stop (三国港駅前) in front of Mikuni Minato Station, ride No. 84 Get off at Echizen Aquarium stop. (越前松島水族館) It is just past the aquarium.



# ***Takidanji***

“It doesn’t get more peaceful than this!”



Founded in 1375 by Eiken, Takidanji is of the Shingon Chisan sect, a surviving East Asian branch of Vajarayana or Esoteric Buddhism. This belltower was gifted to the temple by Shibata Katsuie, a leading general of Oda Nobunaga. Come see the plum blossoms bloom in spring and take part in Kannon Festival held every year on the third Sunday of June.

***That Spirited Away Experience!***



***Can you find the treasure room?***

\*\*\*A ten minute walk from Mikuni Station



# ***Matsushima Aquarium***

A great spot to bring your kids or a date!



If you like aquariums, you'll love this one! Not only can you see all kinds of unusual sea creatures, there are also experiences such as touching octopi or feeding sea turtles. Don't miss the dolphin show! These intelligent creatures are exceptionally trained. I grew up going to SeaWorld in San Diego, so aquariums hit me right in the nostalgia.



***Squishy! Squishy!***

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# ***Sakai City Museum***

Come take a look inside!



The Sakai City Museum looks like it was drawn by Miyazaki Hayao. It's a whimsical building that overlooks the town. Surprisingly, this building was originally an elementary school and it dates back to the Meiji Era. Go to learn the history of Mikuni Minato or for the atmosphere and views at the top.



***You can see the whole town!***



# ***Local Cuisine***

Famous for Sweet Shrimp and Echizen Snow Crab,



Uoshiro: There is a reason why this restaurant is featured in every Mikuni video!

***Fit for an emperor!***



Tojinbo Promenade: Mikuni Echizen crab is a coveted delicacy offered every year to the Imperial Household.



# ***How to get around***

## ***Echizen Train***



Ride the Mikuni Awara line from Fukui Station to the end of the line for Tojinbo and Oshima.

## ***Local Bus***



Bus No 96/84 to Oshima, Tojinbo,  
and Echizen Matsushima

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