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# Shingu Tourist Map

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## ①World Heritage:Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine 世界遺産 熊野速玉大社

Since ancient times, many people have visited Kumano Shrines to seek forgiveness for their sins and ensure their passage to heaven. There is a matchmaking deity housed here, so lots of people come and pray to find a good match even now. In the precincts of the shrines, there is a sacred over 1000 year old Nagi tree which is considered the biggest in Japan.

## ②Teramachi Street 寺町通り

There are many historical temples along the 1km way between Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine and Kamikura Jinja Shrine. You are able to enter each temple. It is recommended you go eat shaved ice which is made from local natural water with flavored syrup at Naka Ice Shop (仲氷店).

## ③World Heritage:Kamikura Jinja Shrine 世界遺産 神倉神社

Kamikura Jinja shrine is one of the most holy places in the Kumano area because Kumano deities descended there first. After climbing up 538 stone steps, you reach the huge sacred rock called Gotobiki Iwa, which is worshipped by local people. You will be able to see whole of Shingu city and the Pacific Ocean from the top of Kamikura Jinja Shrine.

## ④The Ukijima Floating Island 浮島の森

Ukijima Island is a mysterious uninhabited island registered as a natural treasure. You must be careful not to fall into the swamp surrounding the island because it is bottomless.

### *The myth of Ukijima*

*A long time ago, a beautiful young woman named Oino came to this island with her father to pick up firewood. At lunch time, she realized that she forgot her chopsticks. So she went deep into the forest to get branches from the Kashaba tree (Mallotus tree) to use instead of chopsticks. The moment she picked up the fallen branches, she was attacked by a huge snake and taken into a bottomless well. She was never seen again.*

## ⑤Jofuku Park 徐福公園

This park commemorates Jofuku, who served the first Emperor of the Qin dynasty, who unified ancient China. Although Jofuku came to Shingu to seek for 'Tendaiuyaku' to use as an ingredient to make an elixir for eternal life, he liked the area and decided to permanently stay here. While he stayed here, he gave his advanced knowledge of agriculture, shipbuilding etc. It is said that if a gold carp approaches you when you first go close to the pond of Eternal youth, it will bring you financial good luck. If you have a good fortune, please return to feed a carp as a gesture of gratitude.

## ⑥World Heritage:Asuka Jinja Shrine 世界遺産 阿須賀神社

Remains of ritual sites, dating between the Kofun period and the Yayoi period, were excavated on the site.

## ⑦The Ruin of Shingu Castle 新宮城跡

400 years ago a big castle was constructed in Shingu city, as a result the city flourished as a castle city. Now only stone ruins are left as a reminder of those prosperous days. The beautiful masonry is registered as a national historic landmark.