



Cherry Blossoms at the Ruins of Shingu Castle

Spring

Dwarf Azalea, A Municipal Flower



Shingu Fireworks Festival

Ogitate Fan Festival

Summer

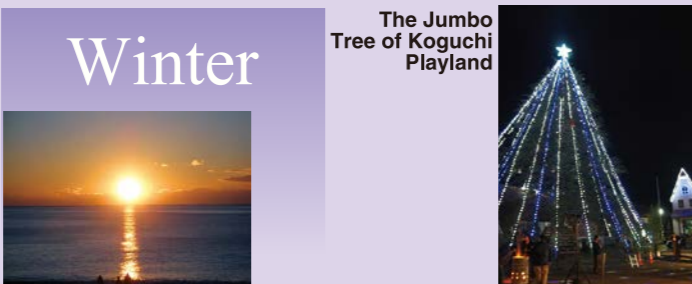
Hashiramatsu Fire Festival

The Four Seasons in Shingu



Autumn

Shinme Togyo Ceremony



Winter

The Jumbo Tree of Koguchi Playland

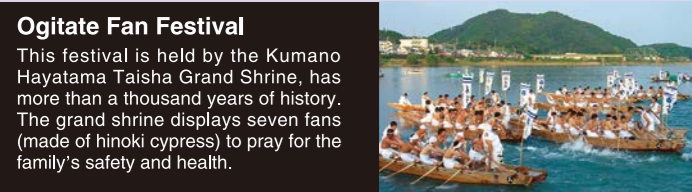


Mifune Boat Festival

Autumn leaves of Dorokyo Gorge



Oto Fire Festival



Mifune Boat Festival
This boat festival is a part of the two-day Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine annual grand festival. An intangible cultural asset of Wakayama Prefecture.

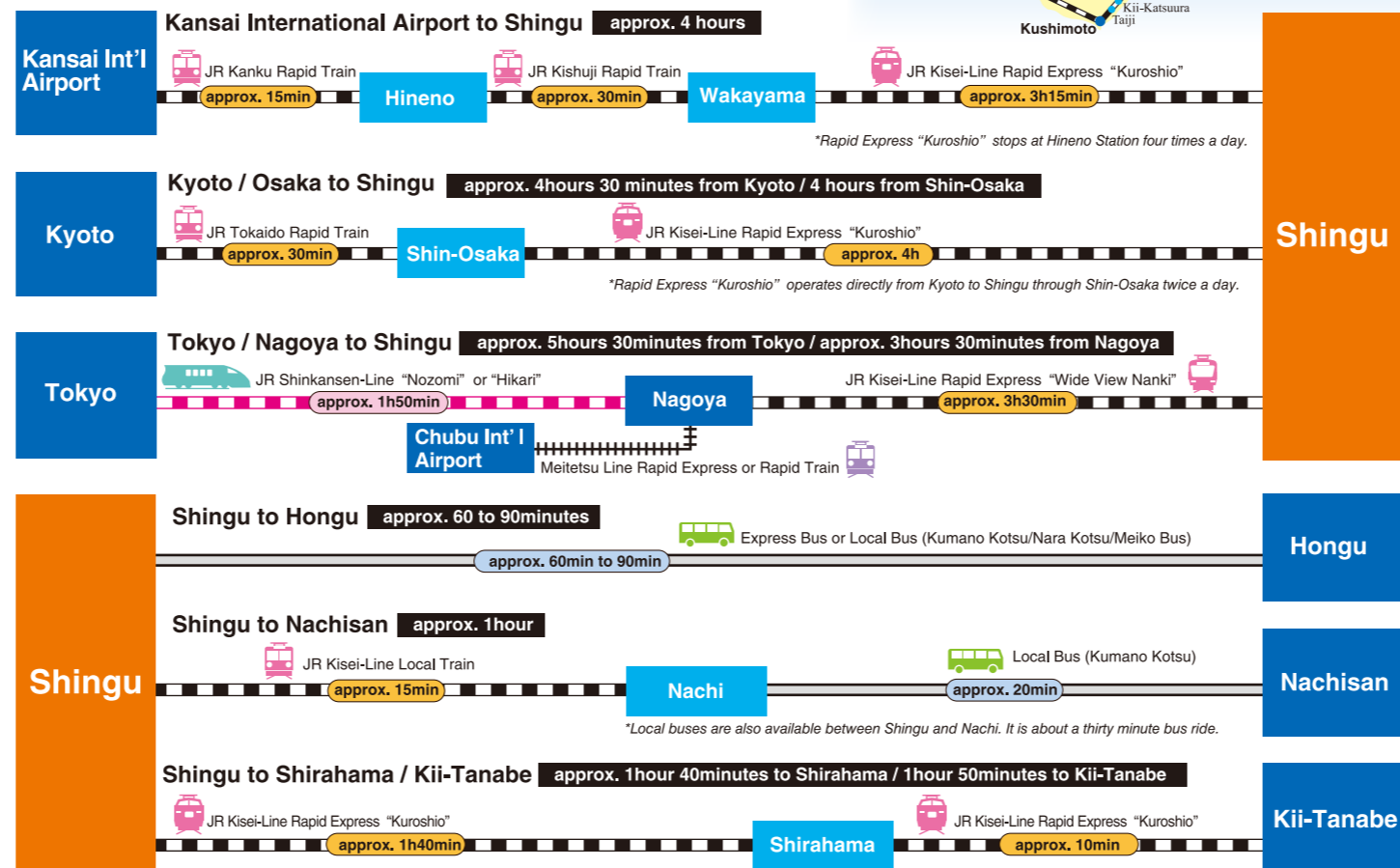
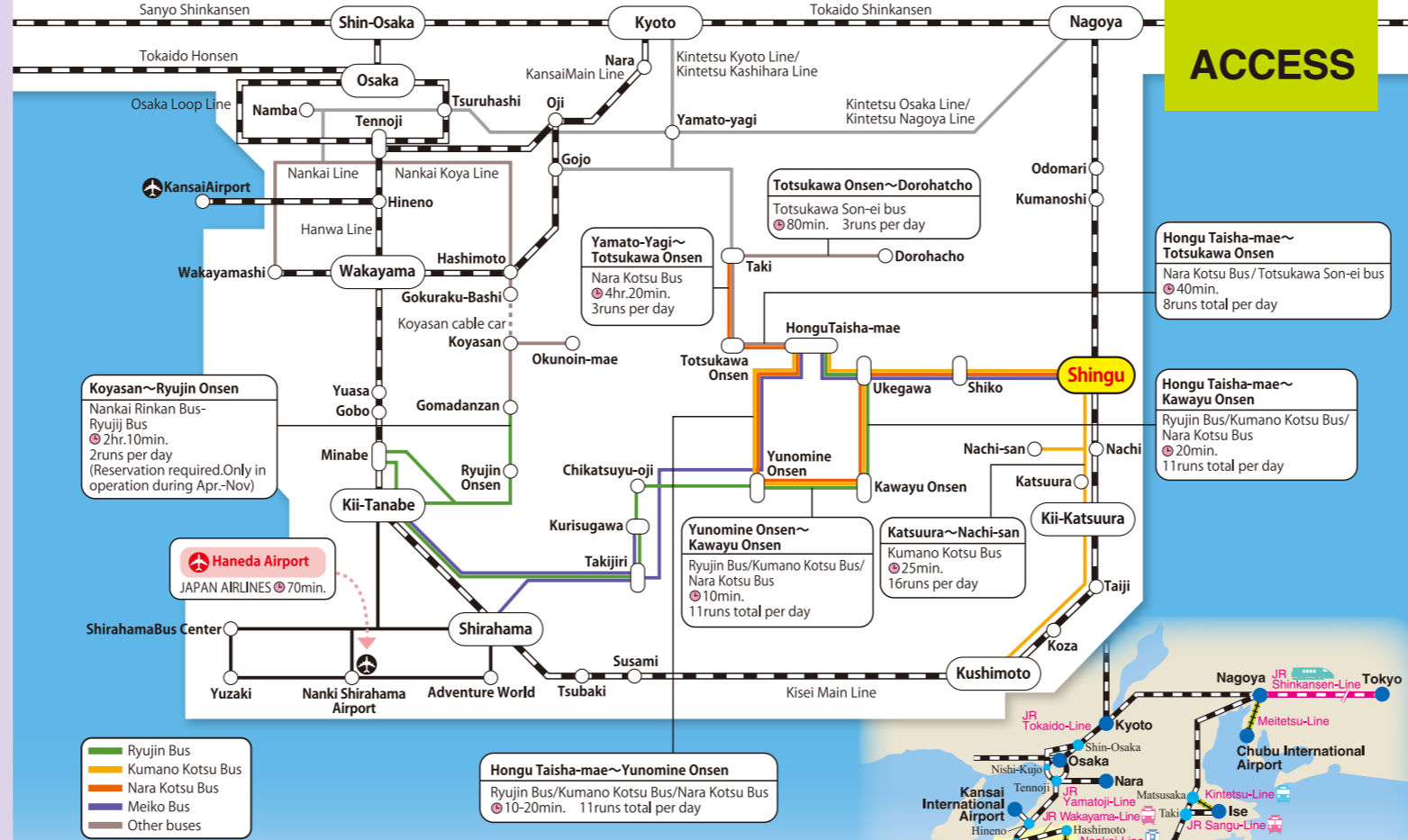


Miwasaki Whale Dance
This festival which is held annually at Miwasaki Hachiman Jinja Shrine prays for a good catch of fish. An intangible cultural asset of Wakayama Prefecture.

Oto Fire Festival
On every February 6th, about 2,000 men in white, carrying torches rush down the 538 stone steps of Kamikura Jinja Shrine. The burning torches rushing together in the dark look like a dragon. An intangible cultural asset of Wakayama Prefecture.

Event Schedule

- Feb. 6th : Oto Fire Festival (Kamikura Jinja Shrine)
- Jul. 14th : Ogitate Fan Festival (Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine)
- Aug. 12th and 13th : Kumano Jofuku Manto-sai Festival
 - 13th : Fireworks Festival (Kumano River)
- Mid Aug. : Hashiramatsu Fire Festival (Shingu Port)
- Mid Sep. : Miwasaki Whale Dance (Miwasaki Hachiman Jinja Shrine)
- Oct. 15th and 16th : Kumano Hayatama Annual Festival
 - 16th : Mifune Boat Festival (Kumano River))
- Oct. 15th and 16th : Shingu Autumn Festival (Shingu City)
- Early Nov. : Tadanori Taira Festival (Kumanogawa Town)
- Mid Dec. : Koguchi Playland Festival (Koguchi)

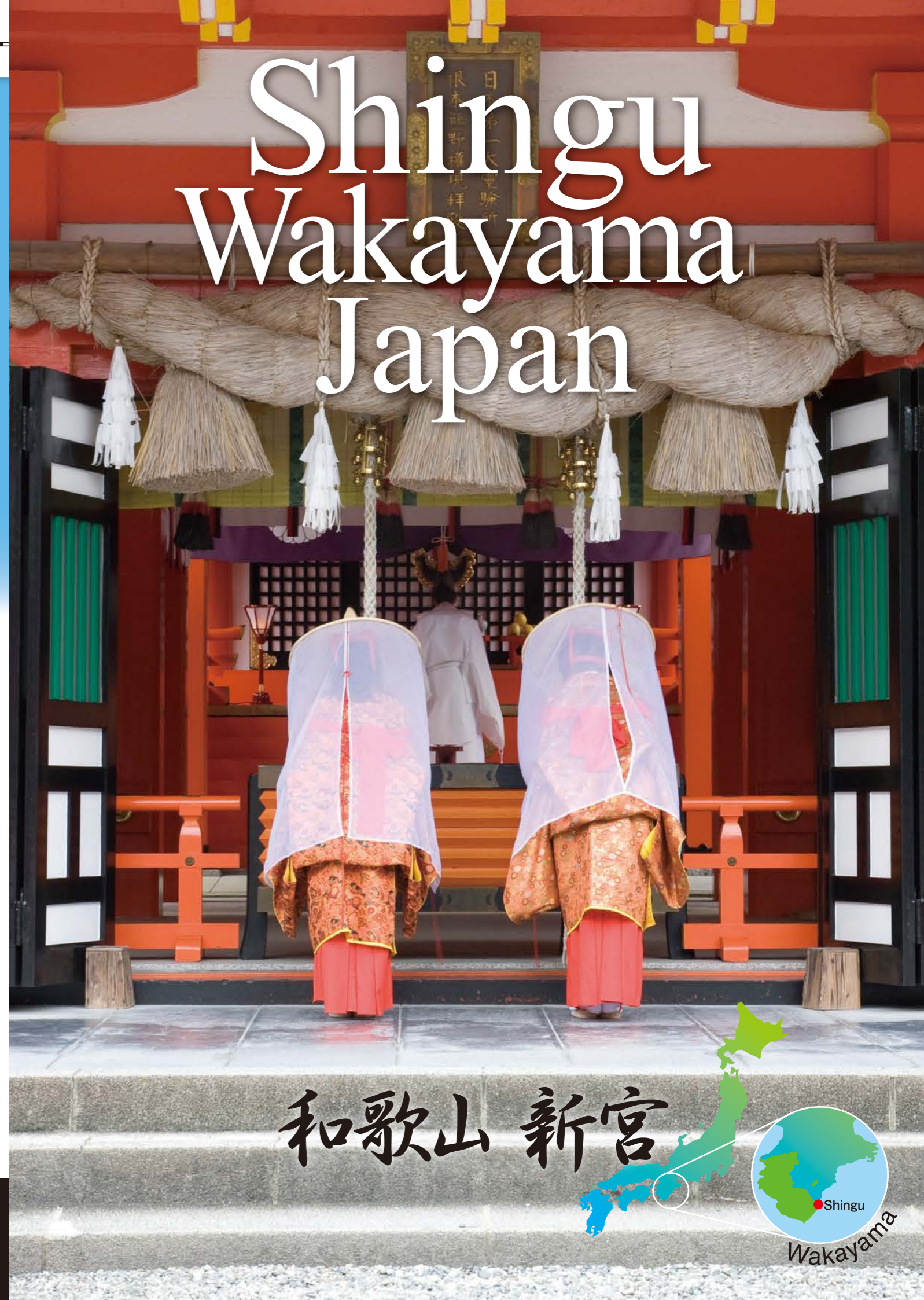


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World Heritage

~Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range~

In July 2004, the Kumano Sanzan (the Three Grand Shrines of Kumano), Koya-san, Yoshino & Omine, and the Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage Routes were registered as World Cultural Heritage under "Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range."



Kumano Hongu Taisha Grand Shrine

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Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine

Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine, together with Kumano Hongu Taisha Grand Shrine and Kumano Nachi Taisha Grand Shrine as well as Seiganto-ji Temple, comprises the Kumano Sanzan. There are over 3,000 shrines throughout Japan that bear the name Kumano, and the Kumano Sanzan is foremost among these shrines.



Kumano River (River Pilgrimage Route)

Kumano River, 183km long, is a river pilgrimage route from Hongu to Shingu and a World Heritage Site.



Kamikura Jinja Shrine

Kamikura Jinja Shrine, the original shrine of Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine, is located nearly 100 meters up a precipitous cliff of the Gongen-yama Mountains. After 538 steep stone steps, there is a huge rock called "Gotobiki-iwa," which is the object of worship.



Kumotori-goe Path

The Kumotori-goe Path which consists of Ogumotori-goe and Kogumotori-goe connects Kumano Nachi Taisha Grand Shrine and Kumano Hongu Taisha Grand Shrine. This is considered the most perilous route among the Nakahechi Routes, and usually takes two days.



Kumano Nachi Taisha Grand Shrine



Nachi Falls
Nachi-san Seiganto-ji Temple
Kumano Nachi Taisha Grand Shrine



Kumano Kodo Koya-zaka

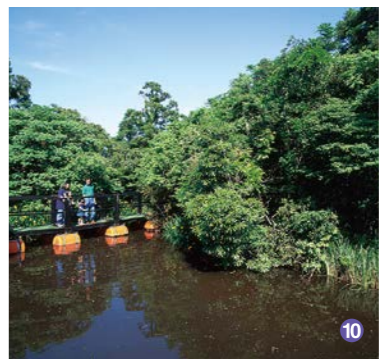
Kumano Kodo Koya-zaka, located in the suburbs of Shingu, is the only Nakahechi route where you can see the ocean and feel the abundant nature and rich history of Shingu.

Sightseeing Spots in Shingu



Doro-kyo Gorge

This foremost gorge is designated as a national treasure. You can enjoy its stunning beauty from a water-jet boat.



The Uki-shima Floating Island

Located in the center of Shingu, this entire island, which has rare ferns and aquatic plants, floats on a pond. A national treasure.



Jofuku Park

About 2,200 years ago, Jofuku came to Shingu in search of an elixir of life by the order of the first Qin Emperor of China. Jofuku taught techniques of whaling, farming, paper making, etc.



The Ruins of Shingu(Tankaku)Castle

This castle is also called "Tankaku" Castle because before Shingu Castle was built, it was where Princess Tankaku established Tosen-ji Temple, where she also spent her later years.



Asuka Jinja Shrine

The object of worship is Mt. Horai, which is located just behind the shrine. This is also one of the auxiliary shrines of Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine.



食 Foods



Mehari Zushi

A big rice ball wrapped in "takana" pickled leaf



Local Sake

Local Sake made with clear spring water which Kumano city is known for, is popular.



Well-known Japanese Confectionery

Shingu city prospered as the castle town of the Mizuno clan 35,000 koku. The city is also noted in connection with Fuhaku Kawakami, the tea master and founder of Edosenke School of Japanese Tea Ceremony and therefore many high-quality Japanese confectionery stores are located here.