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"Kyoto by the Sea" is an area roughly 99 kilometers, around 90 minutes* by car or bus, from Kyoto city. Long ago, the ancient Taniha Nation, which was home to advanced culture from the continent, existed here and set the stage for the birth of Japan. The area is home to historic evidence of the origins of Toyouke-no-Okami—the oldest goddess of food, the oni of Mt. Oe, and the Ryugu Dragon Palace legends. It is a region rich with Japan's historical charm. Amanohashidate was once revered as a destination aristocrats all wished to visit during the Heian and Muromachi periods where Kyoto culture finds its roots. The Tango Chirimen Corridor is another historical place where 300 years of silk weaving history come to life. Plus, you can explore the modern industrial heritage sites of Maizuru and Ayabe, the unique boat houses shaped by the lives of fishermen in Ine, the enduring legacy of the warring states period at Fukuchiyama Castle, as well as countless ancient burial mounds. Each era has left its mark, creating a landscape brimming with cultural treasures.

The Kyoto by the Sea area is one blessed by the goddess of food (Toyouke-no-Okami), and offers Matsuba crab, Ine yellowtail, bluefin tuna, squid, Japanese egg cockle, Japanese oysters, and other seafood along with rice and vegetables grown with the pure waters of the region. Plus, with its sacred mountains and rivers believed to be home to gods, spirits and even legendary demons, the stunning landscapes of the region, including the San'in Kaigan Global Geopark, captivate travelers with mystique and soothing beauty. In this region, the ancient philosophy of harmony as the most precious virtue has long flourished, welcoming travelers with warmth and kindness. Everything you experience and all you encounter here is tied to Japan's roots. The lands and the waters here are where Japanese tradition originated.

So step out of the crowded city center and enjoy lush natural scenery and rich cultural history during a relaxing visit to Kyoto by the Sea!

(*) Kyoto Station area - Nishi-Maizuru Station area



HISTORY

- The origin of Japanese mythology
- The oldest kingdom in Japan
- The origin point of Japanese rice cultivation
- The birthplace of Japanese sake brewing
- 36,000 years of human inhabitants



NATURE

- Amanohashidate: One of the Three Views of Japan
- Two areas with the most beautiful bays in the world
- Tango Peninsula & San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark



ARTS & CULTURE

- Home to 70% of the production of the nation's highest-quality un-dyed silk fabric for kimonos
- Only surviving practice of fuki-ori textile weaving (dating back to the Jomon period) in Japan
- Ine: A unique neighborhood of boathouses built on the sea



WELLNESS & LONGEVITY

- Region with the most living centenarians
- Hot springs & organic local cuisine
- A hub for fermented foods
- Wellness experiences such as waterfall training and forest bathing

Stay, Eat, Learn, and Play in Kyoto by the Sea

A region steeped in myths and legends of the country's creation. Experience timeless, nostalgic landscapes passed down through generations and encounters with the people who call this place home. Transport yourself to an extraordinary world.



1 Unryu Washi Paper Lantern Making

Yosano



Create your own one-of-a-kind washi paper lamp by decorating a thread spool (originally used for spinning silk yarn for Tango Chirimen) with your choice of traditional washi paper.



Year-round | Hirose Creative Crafts (Yosano) | approx. 2 hr 30 min
Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)



2 Hand-formed & Spun Pottery Workshop

Kyotango



Enjoy a hands-on pottery experience using hand molding and wheel throwing techniques guided by professional ceramic artists.



March - November | Hosomi Studio (Kyotango) | approx. 2 hr
Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)



3 Hands-on Silk Weaving & Select-ingredient Cafe

Miyazu



Operate a traditional loom under the guidance of skilled weavers. After your experience, relax and enjoy specialty beverages in the cafe. *Free original cookie.



Year-round | create edara show room silk&cafe (Miyazu) | approx. 30 min
Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)



5 Amanohashidate Three Holy Sites & Two Outlook Points

Miyazu

A popular Amanohashidate sightseeing course. Visit two points looking out over the Amanohashidate sandbar as well as Chion-ji Temple, Motoise Kono Shrine, and Harai-ji Temple.



Year-round | Start from Amanohashidate Station (Miyazu) | approx. 3 hr 30 min
Amanohashidate Tourism Association (0772-22-8030)



4 Three Shrine Visit: From Motoise Kotai Shrine to Amanoiwato Shrine

Fukuchiyama



Take part in a guided tour and visit Motoise Kotai Shrine (Naiku shrine), Toyuke dai-jinja Shrine (Geku shrine), and Amanoiwato Shrine.



Year-round (closed for end-of-year / New Year's holidays) | Start from Motoise Tourist Information Center (Fukuchiyama) | approx. 2 hr
Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)



6 SUP Fun for Everyone!

Kyotango



Try out SUP in a casual, friendly environment along the Yuhigaura coast. Join at the right time, and you can even SUP in the sunset.



April - October | Yuhigaura Coast (Kyotango) | approx. 1 hr
Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)



7 Tango Peninsula Cave-exploring SUP Tour

Kyotango



Caves unreachable by land are calling to you! Enjoy sea-side views of a region made part of the San'in Kaigan Geopark.



June - September Hei Coast (Kyotango) 2 - 3 hr
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

8 Fruit Picking & Special Lunch

Kyotango



Pick seasonal fruit and enjoy a special lunch made by Tango Kingdom using Kyoto's brand-named pork and beef.



June - October Tango Kingdom (Kyotango) approx. 2 hr (including lunch)
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

9 Fuji Vinegar - Iio Jozo Brewery Tour & Tasting

Miyazu



Brewed in a rich natural environment, Fuji Vinegar is carefully aged using traditional methods with meticulously selected organic Kyoto rice and water. Enjoy a tour of the brewing facilities and an opportunity to shop.



Year-round Iio Jozo Vinegar Brewery (Miyazu) approx. 70 min
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

10 Yosamusume Sake Brewery Tour

Yosano



Sake is brewed (partly) using rice grown in the rice fields in front of the brewery itself. Experience the unique charm of a family-run sake brewery in Tango, offering a rustic and authentic atmosphere unlike large-scale factories!



Year-round Yosamusume Sake Brewery (Yosano) approx. 1 hr
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

11 Tango Kuro-Matsu Gourmet Tour

Miyazu



A charter plan for a popular tourist train that runs on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Features breakfast, a French lunch, and dessert courses. (Details subject to change.)



Year-round Amanohashidate Station (Miyazu) approx. 1 hr
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

12 Special Guided Tour with the Priest at Motoise Kono Shrine

Miyazu



Kono Shrine is a venerable shrine where the gods Amaterasu and Toyooké were enshrined for 4 years before moving to Ise Jingu Shrine (Naiku and Geku shrines). Join a tour led by the shrine priest and witness exhibits normally closed to the public.



Year-round Motoise Kono Shrine (Miyazu) approx. 1 hr
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

13 Gunze Museum Special Tour

Ayabe



Visit the site where Gunze was founded in 1896, see the founder's office, and view materials from that time. The Ayabe Rose Garden is also a must-visit site in the spring and fall.

*Please make reservations along with those for restaurants and other facilities listed on page 6.



Year-round Ayabe Gunze Square (Ayabe)
 approx. 1 hr 30 min Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

14 Upholding Traditional Tango Cuisine "Ugo" Tour—Cultural Heritage Cuisine

Miyazu



Ugo is a traditional food often eaten in Ise and Miyazu on ceremonial occasions and to beat the summer heat.

Learn all about Ugo on a hands-on tour, during which you will get to bottle some for yourself!



Year-round Hashidate Yamaichi (Miyazu) approx. 80 min
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

15 Kongo-in Temple Treasure House & Temple Grounds Special Tour

Maizuru



Buddhist priest Matsuo offers a guided experience with sutra chanting in the Treasure Hall, explanations of rare Buddhist statues, and a tour of temple grounds surrounded by nature. The temple is famous for its fall scenery in particular.



Year-round Kongo-in Temple (Maizuru)
 approx. 1 hr 30 min Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

16 Kannon-ji Temple Tour Featuring Sermons and Rarely Shown Statues

Fukuchiyama



Fukuchiyama's Kannon-ji Temple is famous for its hydrangeas.

Experience an enlightening and engaging Buddhist sermon provided by Koyasan Education group former Director Priest Koyabu and get a special viewing of a sacred, normally non-public, statue of Fudo Myo-o.



Year-round Kannon-ji Temple (Fukuchiyama) approx. 1 hr 30 min
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

17 Tanryo Textile Factory Tour

Yosano



Take a tour of the Tanryo factory, a facility normally closed to the public which continues over three centuries of tradition with the production of Tango Chirimen. You can also learn more about Tango Chirimen through a video prior to the start of the tour.



Year-round
 Tanryo (Yosano)
 approx. 80 min
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

19 Silk Coaster Making

Yosano



Get hands-on with Tango Chirimen through a hand-weaving workshop. Use 100% silk yarn to create your own original silk coaster by weaving together warp and weft threads for a beautifully textured finish.



Year-round
 Yosano Tourism Association (Yosano)
 approx. 50 min
 Yosano Tourism Association (0772-43-0155)

21 Maizuru Repatriation Memorial Museum Storyteller

Maizuru



This museum is located nearby the repatriation port many Japanese people living abroad returned through after WWII. In 2015, museum materials were registered in UNESCO's Memory of the World.



Year-round
 Maizuru Repatriation Memorial Museum (Maizuru)
 approx. 80 min
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

23 SDGs Exploratory Learning—The History and Environment of Amanohashidate

Miyazu



Take part in SDGs-focused exploratory learning at Amanohashidate which covers history and environmental issues. After a lecture, participants will learn about history and conservation activities and take part in cleaning up the pine tree-lined streets and beaches.



Year-round
 Amanohashidate Tourism Association (Miyazu)
 approx. 3 hr
 Amanohashidate Tourism Association (0772-22-8030)

25 Traversing Kyoto by the Sea on Foot—The Oni Trail

Yosano



Trace ancient traditions and oni legends on the Oni Trail, a 100 km course from northern Kyoto Prefecture leading to the coast. Join a 2-day, 1-night trek on a 15 km course suited even for beginners.



April - June, September - December
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

18 Experience "The World of Refining"—Supporting Tango's Traditional Clothing Industry

Kyotango



Tour Japan's largest silk fabric refining and processing factory and take part in the Cup Chirimen workshop to learn about and experience chirimen for yourself.



Year-round
 TANGO OPEN CENTER (Kyotango)
 approx. 1 hr 45 min - 2 hr
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

20 Traditional Tango Cuisine—Barazushi Making

Kyotango



Barazushi is a traditional dish of the Tango region. It's characterized by the use of minced mackerel. Learn about the dish and try making it yourself before sitting down to eat!



Year-round
 Centrale Hotel Kyotango (Kyotango)
 approx. 70 min
 Kyoto by the Sea DMO Tour Center (0772-68-1355)

22 The Truth Urashima Taro Tale

Ine



The Honjo area is home to Urashima Shrine, the oldest shrine associated with the legend of Urashima Taro. Learn about the original legend as it has been passed down at the shrine with an explanation given by the head priest using hanging scrolls designated as Important Cultural Property.



Year-round
 Urashima Shrine (Ine)
 approx. 1 hr
 Ine Tourism Association (0772-32-0277)

24 Efforts to Utilize Marine Debris

Kyotango



Marine debris is a problem faced by the entire world. Take part in efforts to preserve beaches which can be enjoyed barefoot for future generations. Discover how waste is not just discarded material, but something that can be transformed and given new value.



Year-round
 Ashiato (Kyotango)
 approx. 2 hr 30 min
 Kyotango City Tourism Association (0772-72-6070)

26 Farmstay

Ayabe



Recently popular farmstays offer the chance to experience traditional rural life amid rich natural surroundings. Ayabe is host to more than 20 farmstay locations, more than anywhere else in Kyoto Prefecture. Take part in rural experiences and interactions with local people.



Year-round
 Ayabe City Tourism Association (Ayabe)
 Ayabe City Tourism Association (0773-42-9550)

A Yuhigaura Onsen Kasyouen

Kyotango



The finest onsen inn Kyotango City has to offer. Renowned for both its hot springs and seafood-centric cuisine. Enjoy access to Yuhigaura Beach, a location selected as one of the 100 best sunset views in Japan.

247 Kitsu, Aminochō, Kyotango-shi
 37 rooms (30 Japanese-Western style rooms, 7 twin rooms)

B Amanohashidate Hotel

Miyazu



An all-purpose, hot spring inn-style hotel in front of Amanohashidate Station. Located in an ideal location to allow for visits to the Amanohashidate sightseeing boat pier, strolling around Amanohashidate, or taking a leisurely trip on the Kyoto Tango Railway.

310 Munji, Miyazu-shi
 62 rooms (3 specialty rooms, 6 western-style rooms, 34 Japanese-Western style rooms, 9 Japanese-style rooms)

C Mercure Kyoto Miyazu Resort & Spa

Miyazu



A large resort hotel with hot springs which underwent rebranding in 2024. Features 311 rooms of various types. The lounge offers an all-inclusive range of alcohol and soft drinks.

58 Iwamoto, Tai, Miyazu-shi
 311 rooms (36 Japanese-style, 22 Japanese-Western style, 253 western style)

D KISSUIEN Stay&Food

Kyotango



A city hotel with a large public bath renovated in 2024. The area around Mineyama Station is host to countless izakaya bars, and even those without meal-included reservations can dine at the hotel's own izakaya "aun".

943 Sugitani, Mineyamachi, Kyotango-shi
 72 rooms (47 single rooms, 9 twin rooms, 6 double rooms, 10 four-bed rooms)

E Centrale Hotel Kyotango

Kyotango



A city hotel with a large natural hot spring bath. Located on a hillside in Kyotango, this spot offers stunning views of the countryside from its open-air baths. Offers barazushi-making sessions for groups. (See the experiences section.)

105-15 Misaka, Omiyachō, Kyotango-shi
 20 rooms (12 Japanese-Western style, 6 twin rooms, 2 Japanese style)

F Hotel BELLMARE

Maizuru



One of the largest city hotels in Maizuru City. Boasts a scenic location overlooking a beautiful ria coastline and offers easy access to local attractions such as the lively downtown area and the Maizuru Brick Park.

2002-3 Hama, Maizuru-shi
 70 rooms (20 twin rooms, 43 single rooms, 4 double rooms, 3 suites)

G Hashidate Bay Hotel

Yosano



A city hotel in Yosano. Offers a popular French lunch. Enjoy a panoramic view of Amanohashidate from the restaurant.

68 Iwataki, Yosano-chō, Yosa-gun
 40 seats
 61 rooms (14 single rooms, 42 twin rooms, 5 Japanese style rooms)

H Hashidate Yamaichi

Miyazu



A local fish restaurant located near the Amanohashidate area. Run by a professional fish broker, this restaurant offers the freshest seafood available! Be sure to try the sashimi set, which includes both fresh sashimi and simmered fish. You can get in some shopping time once you finish eating.

Mizoshiri, Miyazu-shi
 35 seats

I Hashidate Daimaru Seaside Center

Miyazu



A restaurant near Amanohashidate suited for group use. Recommended for groups with 2 or more buses. Menu highlights include blackthroat seaperch in spring and summer, and crab in fall in winter. *Parking available for up to 15 buses.

430 Nakano, Miyazu-shi 500 seats

J FUNAYA KAJIYA

Ine



One of the few restaurants in Ine which can accommodate large groups. Housed in a 167-year-old traditional building dating back to the 1800s, the establishment offers a menu featuring the finest black Wagyu beef, along with items which make use of the rich ingredients of the sea and mountains of Ine.

105 Hirata, Ine-chō, Yosa-gun
 40 seats

K Maizuru Chaya

Maizuru



Maizuru Chaya stands inconspicuously beside the torii gate at Ichinomiya Shrine. The establishment has earned the recommendation of the Maizuru City Fisheries Association. The menu boasts fresh seafood from Maizuru fishing port, as well as local rice and Mangari Amatori peppers.

60-1 Tokura, Maizuru-shi
 30 seats

L Restaurant Shoueikan

Maizuru



Enjoy Western-style dishes faithfully recreated from the Navy Culinary Techniques Book, a cookbook used by the former Japanese Navy. Experience authentic flavors of the past, recreated through careful research into the food culture, history, and social background of the era.

18 Hama, Maizuru-shi
 60 seats



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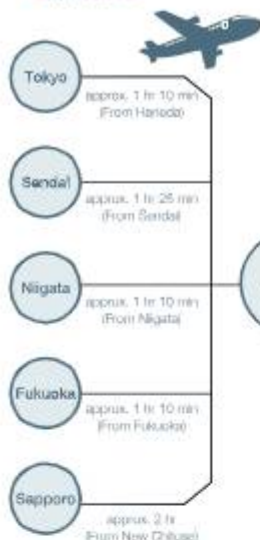
Cover: Pre-sunrise at Tateiwa Rock (Kyotango)
**List in Kagas UNESCO Global Geopark*

A: Byobuwa Rock & the Sea of Japan (Kyotango)
 B: Funaya Boathouses (Ine)
 C: Amanohashidate (Miyazu)
 D: Former Bito Family Residence (Yosano)
 E: Maizuru Brick Park (Maizuru)
 F: Dawnbreak at Mt. Oe (Fukuchiyama)
 G: Oitomi Oriental Paperbush Forest (Ayabe)

*All images are images as references.

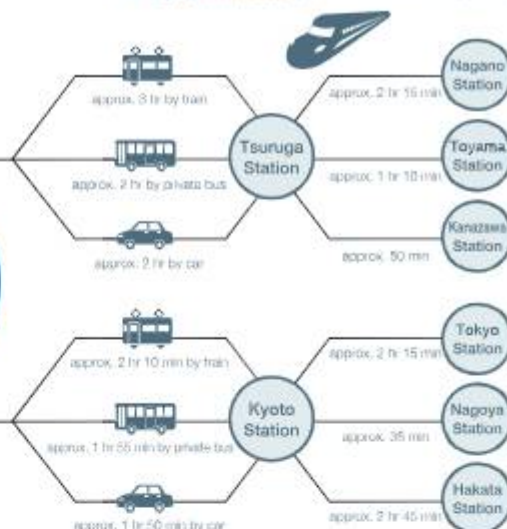
ACCESS

■ By plane



Kyoto by the Sea
(Amanohashidate)

■ By shinkansen (Hokuriku, Tokaido, Sanyo lines)



*Kansai International Airport - Itami Airport: approx. 60 km, 60 min by car or bus
*Kobe Airport - Nishimatsu: approx. 125 km, 120 min by car or bus

*Visitors coming from western Japan via shinkansen may find it convenient to use Shin-Osaka Station or Shin-Kobe Station.



Kyoto by the Sea Area

- Kyotango
- Ine • Miyazu
- Yosano
- Maizuru • Ayabe
- Fukuchiyama



Toyooka Tourism Innovation
*Toyooka, Hyogo Prefecture / Kinki Area (Osaka)



Kirinmachi Tourism Bureau
*Eastern Tottori Prefecture / Hyogo Prefecture (Kansai, Shin-Osaka)



Wakasa Bay Tourism Association
*Southwestern Fukui Prefecture

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on the Kyoto
by the Sea area.



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