

Setonaikai National Park

Islands and the Sea that Keep on Shining
The Archipelago seascapes of the inland sea and islets where people live in harmony with nature.

Setonaikai National Park is one of the first national parks to be designated in Japan, along with Unzen and Kirishima in 1934. Of the area surrounded by the four straits of Kitan, Naruto, Kanmon, and Hoyo, the park area includes the vast sea area and islets of the Setonaikai Sea, as well as scenic observation points ashore overlooking the Inland Sea. Extending over 11 prefectures and covering a total area of 900,000 hectares including the sea area, the Setonaikai National Park prides itself on being Japan's largest national park. The distinct features of this

park are archipelago seascapes of the inland sea studded with numerous islands and islets of varied sizes. The coastal land area abounds with observation points. The area around the Setonaikai Sea enjoyed a flourishing culture from early times as the inhabitants coexisted with nature. Areas of terraced fields, port town awaiting a favorable tide, and other scenes of people living in a state of intimate connections to nature and creating familiar scenes are signature attributes of this park.

Date of Designation :
March 16, 1934

Area : 67,280 ha (land area)

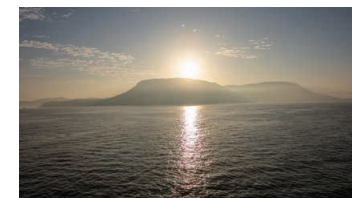
Related Prefecture :
Osaka, Hyogo, Wakayama,
Okayama, Hiroshima, Yamaguchi,
Tokushima, Kagawa, Ehime,
Fukuoka, Oita



Enjoy the ocean, rivers, and other water scenery



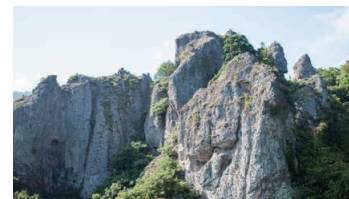
Mt. Washu



Mt. Yashima



Enjoy the mountains and flora



Kankakei Gorge



Mt. Sekizen



Experience culture and local life



Itsukushima-jinja Shrine of Miyajima



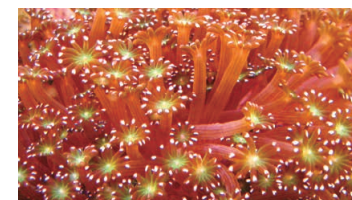
Quaint Townscape of Tomonoura



Meet the wildlife



Indo-Pacific Finless Porpoise



Alveopora japonica

Itinerary

Yacht ride in the ever-popular Seto Inland Sea, explore island living, and enjoy works of art

Setonaikai National Park is characterized by magnificent archipelago landscapes. Envoys to Japan including Philipp Franz Balthasar von Siebold, a German physician and botanist in the 19th century, were captivated by the park's beautiful scenery such as the constantly changing shadows of the islands as the ship moves, port towns, terraced ground, and landscape where flowers and sunshine are intertwined. Their travel journals reveal their fascination. Naoshima and Teshima are the venue for the Setouchi Triennale, an international art festival. A guide will explain how the art is integrated into local life and the background. In Shodoshima, feel the impressive seasonal changes of the valley and find out about the secrets behind the island's specialties that are made possible because of the area.

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Day 1

Feel Seto Inland Sea on yacht cruise and appreciate works of art created in Naoshima

- 10:50 ● Okayama Station
 Train
- 11:40 ● Uno Station
 On foot
- 12:00 ●  Setouchi chartered yacht cruise
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 13:00 Immerse yourself in the Seto Inland Sea and enjoy a yacht cruise with all five senses
 Onboard lunch
 Uno Port to Naoshima
- 13:30 ● Guided tour to visit the island, which is the venue of the Setouchi Triennale, an international art festival
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 17:00 Learn about the relationship of the art and history, nature, and life of the island
- 17:15 ● Hotel

Dinner :
 Hotel on the island (cuisine using a caught fish in Setouchi) or yacht (Course using locally produced food in Setouchi)
 Overnight stay Onboard the yacht or Naoshima

Day 2



Enjoy the art, nature, local life, and cuisine and learn about the island through interaction with the locals of Teshima

- 9:00 ●  Chartered Setouchi yacht cruise
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 10:30 Feel the wind and waves and slowly go to the island by yacht
- 10:30 ● Guided tour around the island venues of the Setouchi Triennale (international art festival)
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 15:00 Learn about the nature and history of the island from a guide and experience island life and art
 Lunch:
 Shima Kitchen where local mothers show off their culinary skills
- 15:30 ●  Chartered Setouchi yacht cruise
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 16:30 Enjoy the shadows of the islands and ships on the ocean
- 17:00 ● Arrive at the hotel

Dinner:
 Hotel on the island (Local cuisine of Shodoshima) or yacht (Course using locally produced food in Setouchi)
 Overnight stay Onboard the yacht or Naoshima

Day 3

Picturesque beauty created by the sky, ocean, and valley at Kankakei Gorge, renowned as one of Japan's three most beautiful valleys, and enjoy the local cuisine of Shodoshima

- 9:00 ●  Sightseeing by private tour car on Shodoshima
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 14:00 Lunch: Local cuisine using fish from Setouchi and local food ingredients
- 14:00 ● Drive to Tonosho port
- 14:30 ●  Ferry
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 15:30
- 15:30 ● Arrive at Takamatsu Port and later to Takamatsu Station or Takamatsu Airport

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