

Ashizuri-Uwakai National Park

Great Nature Nurtured by the Japan Current
The dynamic and elegant coastline,
the forests, and waters where life shines bright.

Ashizuri-Uwakai National Park was initially designated a quasi-national park in 1955, and the area was extended to include the Uwakai area and marine park zone and became Ashizuri-Uwakai National Park in 1972. The park is characterized by its coastal strip dotted with islands in southwest Shikoku and the inland landscapes with variations consisting of mountains as high as 1,000 m. The Ashizuri area is marked by continuous precipitous cliffs developed from coastal terraces and the communities of subtropical marine life and coral reefs nurtured by the Japan Current. In contrast, the Uwakai area appeals to visitors with its subtle inlets unique to a submerged coast and island

seascapes, offering beautiful underwater landscapes created mainly of soft corals. The inland area is inhabited by a natural forest of giant trees including *Sciadopitys verticillata*, *Cryptomeria japonica*, and Japanese cypress, and the visitors can observe the vertical distribution of vegetation ranging from the warm-temperate zone to the cold-temperate zone. Nametoko Gorge in the upper stream of Shimanto River showcases a magnificent scenery created by a smooth riverbed of granite and a chain of waterfalls as represented by the Yukiwano-taki Falls, along with riparian trees of *Quercus salicina* and *Machilus thunbergii*, which attract a host of tourists.

Date of Designation :
November 10, 1972

Area : 11,345 ha (land area)

Related Prefecture :
Ehime, Kochi



Enjoy the ocean, rivers, and other water scenery



Cape Ashizuri



Nametoko Gorge (Yukiwano-taki Falls)



Enjoy the mountains and flora



Chrysanthemum japonense (Cape Komo)



Hoketsu Pass



Experience culture and local life



Sotodomari Ishigaki-no-sato



Kongofukuji Temple



Meet the wildlife



Green Sea Turtle



Colorful Underwater Scenery

Itinerary

Harshness and blessing of nature felt through fascinating marine landscape and dynamic and elegant rocks

The Ashizuri area is home to coral and subtropical fish and the colorful scenery unfurls beneath the water despite the high latitude due to a dynamic and elegant coastline created by major tectonic movement and the Kuroshio, the world's largest warm current. Tatsukushi National Marine Park offers diving, glass-bottom boat rides, and snorkeling. Meet the astonishingly beautiful underwater scenery including a cluster of shikorosango coral. Stroll the landscape formed over the years by earthquakes, tsunami, rain, and wind to witness the power of nature. At the Ashizuri Aquarium SATOUMI, learn about the local ecosystem of local creatures while tracing the journey of rainfall on the mountain to the ocean via satoyama (mountainous areas where people utilize forest resources) and rivers.

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Day 1

In a guided geo tour by a local experienced guide, view terrain formed after the significant turmoil of the earth

- 11:00 ● Kochi Ryoma Airport
- Private tour car
(Drive to Tatsukushi)
- 13:00 ● Lunch
- 14:00 ● Tatsukushi Visitor Center Uminowa Geo tour
- Private tour car
- 16:40 ● Hotel (Ashizuri Onsenkyo)

Day 2

View the large cluster of white coral and fish in the subtropical zone and enjoy the rich ocean created by the Kuroshio, the world's largest warm current, from a glass-bottom boat or by snorkelling

- 9:15 ● Private tour car
(Depart Ashizuri Onsen for Tatsukushi)
- 10:00 ● Glass-bottom boat and Minokoshi Beach stroll
- 11:30 Underwater and natural landscape created by nature
- 11:45 ● Lunch
- 12:45 ● Ashizuri Aquarium SATOUMI / The Seashell Gallery
- 14:30 ● Visit to Cape Ashizuri and surrounding area in a private tour car
- 16:30 ● Private tour car
- 16:40 ● Ashizuri Onsen
Overnight stay in Ashizuri Onsenkyo

Day 3

Enjoy a luxurious experience at Sakurahama Beach, the only beach resort in Tosa

- 9:00 ● Private tour car
- 9:30 ● Sakurahama Beach
- 11:20 ● Snorkeling
Relaxing "one-on-one" time with the ocean
- 12:45 ● Lunch
- 13:45 ● Private tour car
- 17:00 ● Kochi Ryoma Airport

Inquiry

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