





- 1 Trekking in wetlands (Oze NP)
- 2 Diving with a dolphin (Ogasawara NP)



National Park guide **Visitor Centers**

Visitor centers are the park facilities introducing special qualities of natural objects and processes in the park, to assist visitors to understand better and enjoy the park. Park visitors can learn about the park's scenic views and wildlife from the presentation of replicas. posters, diorama and videos. Realtime wildlife information, such as about blooming flowers and bear sightings, and information on the best hiking trails are also available. Use these free visitor centers to plan your activities and destinations in the National Parks.



(Photo 1 by Toshitaka Morita; 2: Ogasawara Whale Watching Association; 3: NPO Shinetsu Trail Club)



Japan is a volcanic country, with hot springs all over the country. It has been a traditional recreation for the general public to bathe in hot springs out in the countryside, where they can enjoy scenic views and visit historical and cultural objects, temples and shrines. In old hot spring towns, rich nature and culture are preserved. The National Parks featuring volcanoes offer various types of hot springs and ways of the enjoyment. You can enjoy outdoor bathing while viewing snow, streams, oceans, and so on. Tourists may select their destinations depending on minerals dissolved in spring waters. Local foods and delicacy add more pleasure to the visitor's enjoyment of hot springs.



- 1 An outdoor bath of Nyuto Hot Spring, famous for its white spring (Towada-Hachimantai ŃP)
- 2 Seseki Hot Spring, an underwater hot spring looking out at the
- **3** A hot spring lodge surrounded by autumn leaves
- 4 Fumes from Unzen Hot Spring (Unzen-Amakusa NP)
- **5** Monkeys bathing in a hot spring, Jigokudani-yaen-kouen

