Takamiyama Observatory Deck

The observatory deck offers views on all four islands where visitors can look out over the island-dotted Seto Inland Sea to the Shikoku Mountains.

Sunrise Iyoya

After sequencing three glorious suspension bridges, take a break at the Sunset Beach. Park. There is the home of the Murakami Kaizoku after cycling for 2km. Visitors can try on kimono and armor for free.

Yoshiumi Rose Park

A popular seafood barbecue!

Miyako Tourist Information

A one hour cycling route along the Seto Inland Sea. Enjoy an iconic view of Imabari City along the way. Stop at the Hakata Sirota Channel in what is said to be the shortest ferry ride in the world.

Funai Soto Seto Straining Deck

The rusty surface of the Susaki Skyline is the site of a steep cycling course for advanced riders. Imabari is full of fascinating history, including Japan's only susaki (pirate) castle, and the former home of legendary Go master Honinbo Shusaku.

Noshima Island

Crosses over the Hakata-Ohashi Bridge to Shikoku while looking down on the ruins of Noshima Castle. Stop to watch the rapid tidal current of the Funasui Sotobaru. Enjoy an iconic view of Imabari City along the way. Stop at the Hakata 9-C Channel for some of their famous salty soft serve ice cream.

Noshima Island

Climb up to the Susaki Skyline to see the castle ruins and enjoy the views.

Dolphin Farm Shimanami

Stop at the Takamiyama Observation Deck to look out over the island-dotted Seto Inland Sea to the Shikoku Mountains.

Shimeta Bridge Memorial Park

The Shimeta Bridge of the cycling course is relatively flat, and features the most well-known bridge of the Shimanami Kaido, Tatara Bridge. The island features citrus groves, and historical and cultural attractions.

Shimeta Bridge Memorial Park

From Hakatajima to Omishima. Pass the site of Japan’s oldest pirate’s castle on Kojo-jima, and go to the Road Side Station “Tatara Shimanami Park” at the foot of the Tatara Bridge and see a beautiful view. After a brief stop at the Santo Murakami Museum Memorial of Calligraphy, travel up the gentle slope to Oyamazumi shrine. The national treasures on display at the museum offer a spiritual respite.

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Public Transport Information
(for when you just can’t cycle anymore)

- By using buses and ferries, it’s possible to leave your bicycle at the nearest rent-a-cycle terminal and take public transport back to your starting point. Ferries allow bicycles on board as well. Check the map on the reverse for locations of bus stops and ferry landings.

Rent-a-cycle Terminal Information

Type of Location

- Higashi-shima Port
- JR Imabari Station

Terminal Name

- JR Imabari Station

Location

- JR Imabari Station

Tel.

- JR Imabari Station

Parking

- JR Imabari Station

Rent-a-cycle Terminal

- JR Imabari Station

Bicycle Renting Advice

- Try to choose a bicycle and helmet that suits your physique and riding style.
- Helmets are available at no extra charge.
- All the bicycles have flat pedals. There are no clip-style pedals.
- The user application received when renting the bicycle will be needed when returning it, and in the event the bicycle breaks.

Returning a Bicycle

- Please return your bicycle to a terminal during its business hours, and give your user application form to the staff.
- If you are going to be later than your projected return time, please contact the terminal where you plan to return the bicycle and follow the instructions of the staff.
- Please contact the terminal where you plan to return the bicycle if you need to alter your return schedule. Postponed returns will be charged an additional fee, but early returns are not eligible for a discount.

Road Signs for Cyclists

- All along the recommended cycling courses, (Marked by dotted lines on the reverse map) and designated signs indicating the location of the cycling route.

Types of bicycles

- G. General Use
  - M: Mountain Bike
  - C: Cross Bike

Visit Japan Campaign Information Network Offices

- English speaking staff on duty
  - Tourist Information Center (TIC)
    - Never Closed
  - Shin-Yokohama Building 1F (Narita/Likey Tokyo Station, Exit 6)
    - Narita Airport Terminal No.2, Arrivals Lobby 1F
  - Central Japan International Airport, Arrivals Lobby 2F
  - Kansas International Airport, Arrivals Lobby 1F

Hiroshima City Tourist Information

- 1. Host House in Peace Memorial Park
  - 2. Tourist Information in JR Hiroshima Station

Fukuyama Tourist Information

- In JR Fukuyama Station

Onomichi Tourist Information

- In JR Imabari Station

Imabari Tourist Information Center

- In JR Imabari Station

Travel Information

- Imabari Castle
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    - 0898-31-9223
    - 1 person ¥3,000
  - Imabari City Hall
    - 0898-36-2118
    - 1 person ¥3,000

Japanese for Safe Cycling

- Obey safety rules.
- Obey traffic signals and road signs.
- Make sure to signal before turning.
- Do not drink driving.
- Do not ride side-by-side.
- Obey all traffic rules.
- Wear a helmet.

Boat Royalty

- Please note that ferries allow bicycles on board. Check the map on the reverse for locations of ferry landings.

Fees

- Adult: ¥1,000
- Child (Elementary and under): ¥1,000

Closed day

- Access

Open hours

- Electric assist bicycles and tandem bicycles must be returned to the terminal, but it will be retained if the bicycle is returned at a terminal on another island.

Rent-a-cycle Terminal Information

- Location No. Terminal Name Operating Hours Telephone
  - 1) Imabari City Hall Main Building Bicycle Parking Area 8:30am - 10:00pm
  - 2) Provided hotels and ryokan

- Bicycles that are returned here forfeit the deposit.

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Recommended Cycling Course

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