

# WOW! OTOYO



Otoyo  
Travel  
Guidebook



Otoyo, Kochi

## How to use a QR code

Find out the travel time and distance to tourist attractions etc. from your current location.

1 Turn on the GPS feature on your smartphone or tablet.



- ①Select settings
- ②Select privacy
- ③Turn on location services

2 Scan the desired QR code with your smartphone or tablet.



3 Tap the symbol that is displayed on the screen.



4 Touch the blue symbol at the bottom left of the screen.



5 The travel time and distance to your destination will be displayed.



\*Please note this function can only be used on smartphones and tablets.

\*This function requires an application that can read QR codes.

Use QR codes to find useful information in this guidebook.

There are two types of QR codes



One for maps and one for general information.

For help getting to tourist attractions, restaurants and souvenir Otoyō shops etc, scan the map QR code. This will tell you travel time to your destination from your current location. The general information QR code gives you information on rafting, accommodation, websites of Otoyō businesses to help you enjoy your Otoyō trip to the fullest!

Otoyō  
大豊町

# Welcome to Otoyō!

A town of friendly people  
surrounded by nature  
In the heart of Shikoku

Keep an eye out for

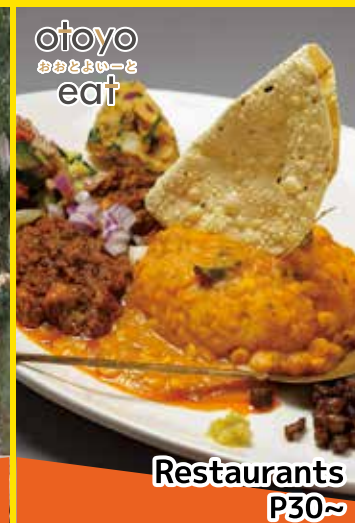
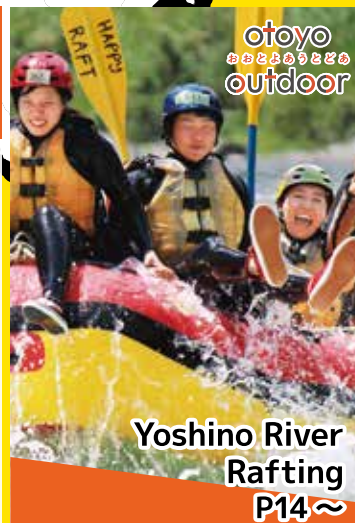
Unusual spots!  
Like this interesting bus stop



In 1955, the villages of East Toyonaga, West Toyonaga, Osugi and Amatsubo merged together to form Otoyō Village. In 1972, the name was changed to Otoyō Town, which is still used today.

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**The taste of pure buckwheat**

How about enjoying a warm meal during the cold months? One of the town's specialties, Tajikawa Soba is handmade with 100% buckwheat flour. It has a rich flavor, and a meaty, chewable texture unlike traditional soba.

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**Enjoy the thrill of river trout fishing.**

March marks the start of the trout fishing season. With numerous mountain streams to choose from many people visit Ootoyo to fish. The season runs until the end of September.

Reihoku Fishing Association ☎ 0887-76-2174



**The Tosa-Iwahara area is a holy grail for hiking.**

May brings about beautiful fresh verdure and is the perfect time to enjoy hiking. With a short (60 mins) and long (120mins) course starting from Tosa Iwahara Station on a maintained hiking trail you can enjoy all the area has to offer.

▶More info on P.29



**Twice fermented local tea.**

July is the peak period for harvesting the local delicacy of Goishi Tea. The tea is steamed, laid out, fermented, cut into squares and put out to dry in the sun. This method has been used since the Edo period, continuing for more than 400 years.

Ootoyo Goishi Tea Association ☎ 0887-73-1818



**The sea of clouds.**

Due to Ootoyo's mountainous location, in the right conditions you can enjoy this phenomenon from Mt Kajigamori or Yutorisuto Park in spring or from autumn until early winter.

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**The bean for long life.**

November is the month for harvesting the Ginburou bean. Each bean contains functional ingredients such as polyphenol and is said to have anti-ageing and long-life qualities. Also delicious in sushi and sweets.

Ginburou Production Association ☎ 090-1571-7980



**A field of the lovely yellow flowers, Pheasant's eye (Fukujuso).**

In the area of Minami-daiou a field of pheasant's eye that has over 50000 lovely yellow flowers blooms from mid- February to early March.

▶More info on P.26



**The long-awaited start of the rafting season!**

You can enjoy the charm of the Yoshino river through rafting, canyoning and river climbing with its intense rapids and overwhelmingly beautiful scenery. The fun lasts until the start of November.

▶More info on P.14



**Ancient Lotus flower**

In the garden of Jyofukuji Temple, there is a pond that was established as the seventh Manyo Botanical Garden. From late June until mid-August, in the early morning the elegant but large lotus flowers bloom.

▶More info on P.23



**Experience a national treasure and a fireworks display in one night.**

Enjoy a festival at Burakuji Temple which is recognized as a national treasure. Enjoy a traditional dance and food stalls but the main drawcard is the outstanding fireworks display.

▶More info on P.22 and P.41



**Terraced rice fields reminiscent of olden day Japan.**

The areas of Nuta, Youne and Ananai that are surrounded by steep mountains are famous for their terraced rice fields. In particular, the golden colored terraces of autumn are stunningly beautiful.

▶More info on P.24



**Ootoyo, you ought to go**

Ootoyo has a total area of 315.06km<sup>2</sup> and a population of roughly 3200. It's abundant in lush nature and crystal-clear waters. The town's bird is the varied tit, its tree the Japanese cedar, fish the amago trout and flower the pheasant's eye.

Ootoyo Town ☎ 0887-72-0450



**background**

**Kajigamori Prefectural Natural Park.**

At an elevation of 1400 meters above sea level, about an hour's hike from the Kajigamori campgrounds, the Momiji River flows through primordial forests, creating an expansive relaxing environment.



# Scenery you can experience with a bit of luck.

A trip of fortuitously experiencing stunning natural beauty.

## The sea of clouds

Clouds stream into the gaps between mountains to form this spectacular scenery. In the right conditions this phenomenon appears temporarily in spring and from autumn until early winter. If you are able to experience this, it will become a memory of a lifetime.

【雲海】



The sea of clouds can be viewed from places such as Mt. Kajigamori and Yutorisuto Park.

MAP  
Star Lodge Kajigamori



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MAP  
Yutorisuto Park



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## Cherry Blossoms【桜】

The Field of Dreams. What a lovely name. Otoyo is a town with an abundance of mountains, water and flowers. In an abandoned rice field, an Otoyo local has cultivated various plants to create the flower garden Murazato (Field of Dreams).

MAP  
Murazato



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MAP  
Fukujuso Field



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▶ For more, see page 26.



The Pheasant's Eye is the flower of Otoyo. Growing to 3-4cm, this yellow flower grows extensively in the Minami-daiou region.



# Rice 【棚田】 terraces

Stepped rice terraces, originally made on the slopes of this mountainous region by the ancestors of Otoyo, take you back to the traditional life of the olden days. Filled with water the green tinge of early summer and the golden color of autumn, these terraces are stunning in various seasons.

▶ For more, see page 24.



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The rice terraces of the Youne area have a small shrine dedicated to the gods and are known as Hachiman's (God of War) terraces.

# Landscapes

One of the appeals of Otoyo is that you can experience not only the beauty and richness of nature but also its severity. The background is winter in the Iwahara area.

【風景】



Kyobashira Pass, which borders Otoyo and Miyoshi City in Tokushima Prefecture, is said to be the mountain pass of history and romance



Autumn leaves of Jyufukuji Temple



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# Dive into all Ootoyo has to offer!

To those who have not passed through Ootoyo before without stopping, you are missing out. If you visit the exquisite Ootoyo just once, you will be hooked. Dive into all that Ootoyo has to offer with this model course!

# Nature

**START**  
OKAYAMA

**Oboke Roadside Station**

45 minutes by car

Visiting Iya Valley the previous day could be fun!

**Wow!**  
Super close to Oboke!

Get amongst nature!

**WOW** Ootoyo Model course Day trip

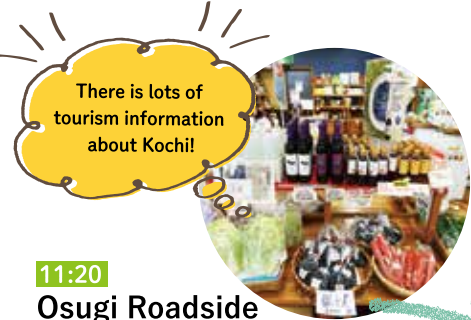


# 10:00 Yutorisuto Park Ootoyo

Great place to see the surrounding mountains with 360-degree views!



The cool breeze is so refreshing!



There is lots of tourism information about Kochi!

11:20

# Osugi Roadside Station

What are the famous products of Ootoyo?

**Wow!**  
This area is connected to Hibari Misora (a famous Japanese singer) who spent some time in Ootoyo during her youth.



# Sugi's Giant Japanese Cedar



Registered as a special natural monument of Japan

This is one powerful tree!



What a beautiful voice~♪

# Hibari Rememberance Stone

12:25

# Hibari Diner

Whomping big katsudon famous for its size!



You are sure to be surprised at how big it is!



The Yakushidou is the only national treasure building in Kochi!

13:50

# Burakuji Temple

Built during the Heian period A temple with a long history



15:15

# Suehiro Supermarket Ootoyo Branch

Lots of products from the local area Sells the famous tofu of the area that has been introduced on TV before!

**GOAL**  
15:50

Ootoyo IC

**Wow!**  
Ootoyo is the best!

We loved the fresh air and delicious food! We will definitely be back!



# Active

## Otoyo Dramatic

WOW Otoyo Model course Overnight trip

1 day

Oboke Roadside Station

12:00

Kitchen-nakatoyoya Restaurant

Japanized western menu featuring old classics such as omu-rice (fried rice topped with an omelet)  
They also have a bird feeding station in the window.



13:05

## Otoyo Rafting

Happy Raft half day course

Experience the thrill in this rafting mecca!

## Star Lodge Kajigamori (overnight stay)

16:50

Watch as the golden sun slowly sets. Spectacular scenery and a relaxing time.

So majestic



2 day

9:00

Climb to the peak of Mt. Kajigamori

10:00

Depart

## Ryuou-no taki waterfall

10:15

You may even see a salamander! Selected in Tosa's famous waterfalls, a truly spiritual place.

11:20

Enjoy the special menu of homemade delights. The homemade cheese is a must try!

Great as a souvenir too!

## Farm and Cafe Leben



Photo spot!

12:30

## Youne Rice Terraces

Complete with a little shrine and beautiful golden color (in autumn)

13:20

## Otoyo Treasure House

The retro vibes are not to be missed! A look into Japan during the Showa period.

Wow!

The big red ogres mark the spot!

Wow! We had so much fun in Otoyo!

Should I go with sweet or dry sake...

It was the best! We will be back for sure.

14:30

## Family Otoyo Sake Store

Osugi Doburoku (Unrefined Sake)  
Store located in the carpark of Osugi Giant Japanese Cedar

GOAL 15:10



# Experience rafting on the Yoshino River!

Rafting is a super fun water sport full of thrills, excitement and constant exhilaration. In inflatable boats specially designed for rafting, you can ride in a group down Yoshino river. No experience or endurance necessary. Just need swimmers and a towel. To describe it in one phrase, it is the best!



**1** After receiving a safety briefing it is time to go rafting!

**Wow!** Rafting can be enjoyed at any age!

**Have an outdoor adventure!**

**10** Especially on hot days, splashing around in the river feels great.



**9** Lots of ways to enjoy yourself on the boat!

Family course is recommended!

**Wow!** Kids will love it!

With the whole family

**SPLASHHHHHH**



**2** Jumping from the boat and floating in the river

**3** The big waves of Yoshino are thrilling!

**4** Try out body rafting.

**Wow!** Unlimited fun!



**8** Rafting is super fun!

**Wow!** Rafting in Shikoku = Yoshino River!

Everyone will have a great time splashing about and playing in the pristine Yoshino river!

**Wow!**

**7** Celebrate together! Yay!

**Wow!** Great to relieve stress!

**6** Working together to get through the rapids.



**5** Try leaping from rocks into the river. As there are rocks are various heights anyone can do it!

**Wow!** An amazing experience!



Rafting shops of Otoyoto ▶▶

**Wow!!**



# Otoyo Select 8 Rafting Shops of Otoyo!!



## A Lucky Raft

Ideal for small groups, couples and families. Two-person boats, SUP, pack rafts also available!

**Wow!** Located one minute from the expressway exit.

※2-person rubber boats

Guide: Utsunomiya Nobuaki  
No off season  
2050-43 Kawaguchi, Otoyo  
0887-72-0235

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## B river people

After travelling the world and getting hooked on rafting I relocated to Otoyo. Suitable for kids two years and up. I hope your kids will enjoy it!

**Wow!** Please visit our cafe, Otaguchi Cafe too.

HP [QR Code] Off season Nov to Apr  
236-3 Teruchi, Otoyo  
0887-73-0410

Guide: Kitagawa Ryuichi

## C Rio Bravo!

For people who want to experience full scale rafting. We can show you the wild thrills of Yoshino river. Please enjoy with our laid-back staff.

**Wow!** BBQ options available!

Off season Nov to Feb  
14 Isodani, Otoyo  
0887-73-1222

HP [QR Code]

Guide: Watanabe Tetsuya

## D River Run Plus

We want everyone to experience the fun of water sports. We can teach you about any paddle sport. Our staff will support you to have a fun and safe experience.

**Wow!** Same day bookings possible!

Off season Dec to Feb  
1 Nishi-doi, Otoyo  
0887-73-1737  
090-7578-6330

Guide: Matsuoka Ran  
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## E The Blue Earth

Order made courses. Fit to what you want to do. We also offer a rafting school! Small groups welcome.

**Wow!** You can also try out a pack raft!

A one-person raft, weighing 2-3 kg that can be packed up, folded and carried in your backpack.

Guide: Fujii Yusuke  
No off season  
382-4 Nagafuchi,  
090-7765-4524

HP [QR Code]

## F TOPS

Multiple staff have taken part in rafting world championships. Come check out our beautiful facilities!

**Wow!** Possible to pre-order a meal for before or after rafting!

Off season Nov to Feb  
1-3 Okubo, Otoyo  
0887-79-0214

Guide: Yamashita Misaki  
HP [QR Code]

## H Happy Raft

Our funky and friendly staff will guide you down the river! Our shopfront was handmade by our staff and with the help of locals. Come check it out!

**Wow!** Family courses available. 3 years old and up!

Off season Dec to Feb  
221-2 Ikadagi, Otoyo  
0887-75-0500

Guide: Katsuragawa Teruhiko  
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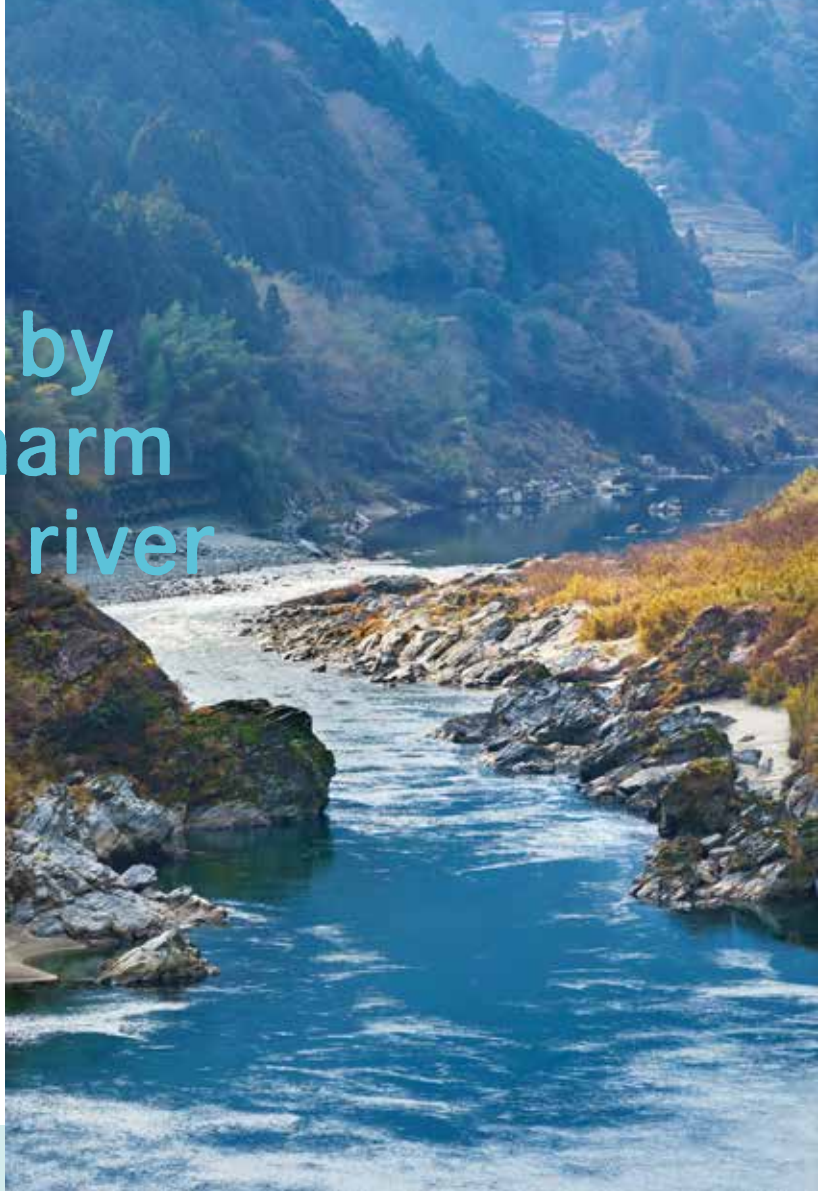
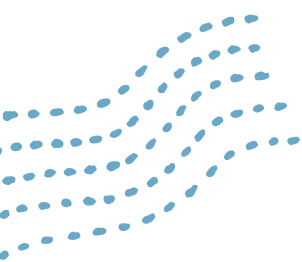
## G You Me Rafting

More than anything, the staff love rivers! We will teach you outstanding paddling technique. Having a great time while being safe is our motto.

**Wow!** One staff member is a former kayaking champion!

Off season Dec to Feb  
6-1 Nagafuchi, Otoyo  
0887-75-0920

Guides: Tirtha Shrestha, Hamada Sayaka  
HP [QR Code]



# Lured by the charm of the river

Otoyo is a town of water.

The Yoshino river as well as many other beautiful rivers have created this wonderful place for us.



## The pristine Yoshino river and its origins

The Yoshino River is the largest river in Shikoku and is said to originate from Mt. Kamegamori (1897m above sea level), in Ino, located in the Agawa District of Kochi Prefecture. From there it flows east along the mountainous Reihoku region of Shikoku, merging into the Ananai River at Isodani in Otoyo, before turning north at Toyonaga and continuing into Tokushima. Otoyo is located in the mid-stream of the Yoshino River, and sees many rivers such as the Ananai River, Tachikawa River, Okuotagawa River, Minami-Ogawa River and the Minami-Shougawa River flowing into it. This abundance of pristine water is one of Otoyo's most attractive features.

## Instagrammable river spots

Rice terraces, flowers, ravines, bridges etc., Otoyo has much scenery blessed by the abundance of water in the area. There are many places to take breathtaking photos. Searching for these photo spots makes for a great trip.



## Lots of places to have fun by the river!

A set of paved steps from the JR Tosa Kitagawa Station car park lead down to a great spot by the Ananai River. The waters there allow for the whole family to enjoy water activities together, as even small children can safely play in the shallows. Playing by the river is commonplace in Otoyo and many other places such as the former town hall's carpark also provide easy access down to the riverbank.



## Fishing heaven

Fun in the river is a go to activity in Otoyo! Fishing can also be considered the same. Within the town, there are numerous places with signs labelled fishing place where fisherman can head down to the river. Yoshino river is famous for having many places to do Ayu fishing, a traditional Japanese fly-fishing technique. Rivers in Otoyo are also considered a mecca for mountain stream fishing, and during the trout fishing season large crowds come from various places to partake.



## Nature's rollercoaster

Yoshino river is also a river for leisure. With intense rapids graded as 4+ on the world grading scale of 1-6 that have been used in world championships as well as calm areas perfect for a gentle cruise down the river you enjoy different levels of rafting.



Special Natural Monument

MAP



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## Mysterious spiritual hot spot! Sugi's Giant Cedar Tree

Designated as a national natural monument, it is said to be more than 3000 years old. There is a story that in ancient times, Susano-no-mitoko (a Japanese god) grew from the tree.

**Wow!** A national star and her connection to Otoyō

When Hibari Misora (a famous Japanese singer) was still unknown, she was involved in a bus accident in Otoyō. Narrowly avoiding death, she spent 6 weeks in Otoyō recovering. It is said that she prayed at Sugi's giant cedar before returning to Tokyo.

**Wow!** Nicknamed Good Luck Tree

After praying to become the greatest singer in Japan at Sugi's giant cedar, Hibari Misora went on to leave a large footprint on Showa musical history in Japan.

### Hibari Misora Remembrance Stone



So that her songs remain in our hearts always... This area was built next to Sugi's giant cedar. So that people are able to listen to her tunes for evermore.

**Wow!** Hibari's actual voice♪

Standing in front of the remembrance stone, you can listen to some of her famous songs by pressing any of the red buttons.

794 Sugi, Otoyō ☎ 0887-72-1585 (Osugi Ticket Booth)  
 ⌚ 8:00~18:00 (Oct-Mar 8:30~17:00) Open everyday  
 🎫 Adult-200yen, Child-100yen (facility maintenance fee)  
 🚗 20 spaces available  
 🚗 5 mins drive from Otoyō IC, 15 mins walk from JR Osugi station



close by attractions!

### Hibari Diner

Popular restaurant that has been introduced on TV before!



**Wow!**

▶ For more see page 32.

### Osugi Station

Winner of Kochi Cultural Award!



**Wow!**

▶ For more see page 28.

### Osugi Roadside Station

Located at the base of the entrance to Osugi the giant cedar tree.



**Wow!**

▶ For more see page 43.



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## Playing in the wind, a park above the clouds Yutorisuto Park Otoyō

Fresh breezes constantly blow through this vast 90,000m<sup>2</sup> park that's open to the public completely for free. It's got everything required for a relaxing day with the family, including a flower garden, kids playground, kids train and Yutorisuto House, where you can buy souvenirs and enjoy warm meals.

**Wow!** 777m Sea of Clouds Deck

At an elevation of 750m above sea level, the observation deck offers a breathtaking panoramic view that stretches from Shikoku's grand mountain range, all the way to the Pacific Ocean. If you're really lucky, you might be able to experience a phenomenon known as the 'sea of clouds' in the early morning! The restaurant offers a complete café menu that includes light meals and cheesecake and there's also a store selling local specialties next door.



**Wow!** No fuss camping and BBQ

The park is equipped with 3 log cabins, 7 cottages, an RV park, and 32 tent sites, among which pet-friendly sites and cottages are also available! You can also rent sleeping bags, BBQ equipment and even place an order for BBQ ingredients through prior reservation, allowing for a full outdoor experience even if you come empty handed. Finally, an extensive Wi-Fi network covers the entire area and allows for access anywhere in the park.

**Wow!** The beauty of the stars

Experience the true beauty of a sky full of stars that are so close they appear to be falling down towards you. Come to experience nature that can't be experienced everyday.



4037-25 Nakamura-Daiou, Otoyō ☎ 0887-72-0700  
 ⌚ 10:00~17:00 🎫 No admission fee

Closed Tuesday (Closed the following Wednesday if Tuesday is a public holiday. Open through Golden Week and spring/summer holidays/May close between December - mid March due to weather)

🚗 200 spaces 🚗 20 mins drive from Otoyō IC

※Please refer to the website for lodging and BBQ costs, as well as forecasts for the sea of clouds.

<http://www.yutorisuto.jp>

MAP



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## Burakuji Yakushidou A National Treasure



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Important Cultural Property



The oldest building in Shikoku and one of the three great Bhaijayaguru temples

Burakuji, a temple many people visit to pray for good health. The main hall (Yakushidou), is the oldest in Shikoku and one of the three great Bhaijayaguru temples said to have been founded during the Nara period by the noted priest Gyoki. The outside areas including the beautifully crafted shingled roof can be viewed without a booking. However, the inside of the hall that includes various enshrined statues requires an advanced booking. Don't overlook this chance to see the interior that encapsulates the characteristics of the late Heian period and experience the beauty of Japan. Each summer, the lively Healing Buddha (Yakushi) festival is held at the old Otaguchi High School grounds. The fireworks display that rounds out the festival is hugely impressive!

- 314 Teruchi, Ootoyo
- ☎ 0887-73-0029
- 🎫 Admission 500 yen (9:00~16:00)
- Reservations required
- 🅅 20 spaces 🚗 20 mins drive from Ootoyo IC

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## Tajikawa Guardhouse- Important Cultural Property

A must see for history buffs!  
A national checkpoint.



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Tajikawa, located on the prefectural border with Ehime and Tokushima, was opened as a national road starting in the Heian Period and due to its location connecting the north and south grew from then. In the Edo Period, the Tajikawa Guardhouse was used by the sixth generation Daimyo Yamauchi Toyotaka as the last stop on the Tosa Road before entering the mountains to the north. It is also part of the big three Tosa guardhouses. In 1974, it was recognized as an important cultural property. It is preserved in the same state as 200 years ago, so you can view this magnificent building and features such as the raised bedroom, that was appropriate for nobles in the past as well as the structure of the drawing room.

- 28 Tajikawa-shimomyou, Ootoyo
- ☎ 0887-72-0450 (Ootoyo Board of Education)
- 🕒 Inside open on Sundays/Public holidays 9:00~17:00 Exterior is always available for viewing
- 🎫 Admission fee -210 yen
- 🅅 Available 🚗 20 mins drive from Ootoyo IC

### Tajikawa Guardhouse Preservation Association

This group works on the maintenance of the Tajikawa Guardhouse and also provide tours. They aim to contribute to regional development through activities such as signboard creation and hosting concerts etc.

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## Ootoyo Treasure House

Showa era nostalgia  
and house of discovery



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Located on national highway 32, when you see the two red ogres, you have reached the house of nostalgia, the Ootoyo Treasure House. The owner of the establishment who runs a photography studio, has recreated a 1950s living room and displays Showa retro products he has collected or been given over the years. The collection includes televisions complete with tuning knobs on the front and you can meet the heroes of the Showa golden age such as the pro wrestlers and baseball stars who sent Japan into a frenzy. With any luck you may be able to be guided by the owner Mr. Nakanishi and attempt to solve his mystery. Free entry for high school students and younger.

- 2304 Ananai, Ootoyo
- ☎ 0887-73-0469 (Nakanishi Photography Studio)
- 🕒 9:00~16:00 Irregular holidays 🎫 Admission 300yen
- 🅅 Available (In front of building)
- 🚗 10 mins walk from JR Tosa-Annai station  
10 mins drive from Ootoyo IC

welcome ♡



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## Jyofukuji Temple

(Tosa Toyonaga Manyo Botanical Gardens)

A beautiful temple with a history  
more than 1000 years



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In 724 it was founded by the preist Gyoki. Concealed in a quiet mountain village, this peaceful temple is known for its beautiful autumn leaves. The temple has numerous important cultural artifacts on display such as the seated Buddha figure, a statue of the Buddhist monk Ksitigarbha that is well known around Japan, as well as Shikoku's oldest statue of Shotoku Taishi, a prince during the Asuka Period. Even within Kochi Prefecture, the Toyonaga area where Jyofukuji is located, through the pronounced preservation of various cultural items, helps us feel connected to history.



- 158 Aou, Ootoyo
- ☎ 0887-74-0301
- 🅅 Available 🚗 25 mins drive from Ootoyo IC

### Tosa Toyonaga Botanical Gardens

In the temple grounds- there are the Manyo Botanical Garden, established as the seventh botanical gardens in Japan.



Ootoyo lotus



## Toyonaga Ethnic Heritage Museum

(Run by Toyonaga Ethnic Heritage Preservation Non-Profit)

With the theme of 'people and nature, tools and technology' this museum displays items showcasing the lives of people who lived in Toyonaga and the various tools they used. The museum has collected around 12000 different articles for its display. Within the items displayed, approximately 2595 that were used in Toyonaga and the surrounding areas as tools for production, have been recognized as important tangible folk cultural properties.



- 159 Aou, Ootoyo
- ☎ 0887-74-0305
- 🎫 500 yen 🅅 Available
- 🚗 25 mins drive from Ootoyo IC

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## Ananai Rice Terraces

Wide spreading views of olden day Japan



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These rice terraces are located 25 mins from Otoyo IC by car. Located in the middle of Otoyo at a height of 350-450m these beautiful terraces at the top of a steep slope expand before your eyes like they are part of the sky. A sign marks the area with the best views. It is a prominent rice growing area and the rice grown here is highly regarded.

1097 Ananai, Otoyo

☎ 0887-79-0108 Town Tourism Development Association

🚗 15 mins drive from Otoyo IC



## Ananai Akebono Collective

The rice grown here called Osabai-sama refers to the god of the fields. This delectable rice is carefully cultivated on the Ananai rice terraces and is used as a gift for local tax payers as part of the 'hometown tax' program.

269 Annai, Otoyo

☎ 0887-72-0762(Sasaki)



## Old Yoshino River Bridge (Modern Engineering Heritage)

This red colored bridge located on national highway 32 as the Ananai river merges with the upper streams of the Yoshino river was constructed in 1911 with iron imported from England. It is the oldest existing truss bridge in the whole of Japan.

Annai, Otoyo

☎ 0887-79-0108

(Town Tourism Development Association)



otoyo view 09

## The Sea of Clouds

### A white world stretches out before your eyes

This phenomenon occurs during low temperatures due to radiative cooling when the water vapor from mountains and rivers etc. becomes fog and clouds. As Otoyo is located in a mountainous area(average of 450m above sea level) and has numerous steep slopes the sea of clouds can be experienced in numerous locations such as Mt Kajigamori and Yutorisuto Park. In the right weather conditions it can be experienced at the beginning of spring or from autumn until the start of winter in the morning. Naturally, this white dream world will become a memory you will never forget.

#### View points

● Yutorisuto Park ▶ For more see page 21.

● Star Lodge Kajigamori ▶ For more see page 36.

☎ 0887-79-0108(Town Tourism Development Association)

🚗 Approx 45 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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## Youne Rice Terraces

Idyllic scenery and a maidenhair tree



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Otoyo is surrounded by mountains and thus there is not much flat land. This means you can see rice terraces in various areas, but the Youne Rice Terraces in the area of Nuta, along with the Ananai terraces are the most famous. There is a small shrine dedicated to the gods located in the center of one of the fields. This and the idyllic scenery of the area draw tourists from both within Kochi as well as from other prefectures.



528 Youne, Otoyo(Ginkgo Tree), Youne, Otoyo(Rice terraces)

☎ 0887-79-0108 (Town Tourism Development Association)

🅐 Available 🚗 50 mins drive from Otoyo IC

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## Ryuou-no-taki waterfall – (selected as one of Japan's top 100 waterfalls)



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### Located at Mt Kajigamori station 7

Ryuou-no-taki waterfall is 20 meters in height with numerous fish such as trout living in the pool below. It has been selected as one of Japan's top 100 waterfalls as well as Tosa's 40 famous waterfalls. The noted priest Kukai is said to have trained here when he was young. Two temples (Mieido and Jyufukuji inner shrine) are located nearby. Around the waterfall are hundreds of cedar trees. You can hear the echo of the waterfall in this cool and quiet environment.

Sagayama, Otoyo ☎ 0887-79-0108(Town Tourism Development Association)

🅐 Available 🚗 50mins drive from Otoyo IC, 10mins walk from the car park

## Manai-no-taki waterfall



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If you climb up the hiking track located to the right of Ryunou-no-taki for around 20 minutes you will reach the thin zigzagging Manai-no-taki. Roughly 12 meters in height, it becomes a spectacular frozen waterfall during winter.

Sagayama, Otoyo ☎ 0887-79-0108(Town Tourism Development Association)

🅐 Available 🚗 70 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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## Pheasant's Eye (Fukujuso) field

A signal that spring is approaching

There are many places to view this 3-4cm flower at the beginning of spring. But not many of them boast a path through the surrounding fields like in Otoyo. Minamidaioi is a small village with only 12 houses but it showcases two hectares of fields that contain over 20000 Pheasant's Eye plants.



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## Pheasant's Eye (Fukujuso) Festival

Every year from late February to late March, the Pheasant's Eye Festival is held during the peak viewing season with the support of the Pheasant's Eye Growth Collective. During this period, what is on at the festival and the flower path is shared via SNS. Help yourself to grilled tofu and fish from a traditional Japanese sunken fireplace as well as udon and chirashi sushi.



Minamidaioi, Otoyo  
☎ 090-8972-6225 (Ujihara)  
During the Fukujuso festival  
Season During February  
Fee 500 yen (by donation)  
P 60 parking spaces  
🚗 30 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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## Mizakura-no-Sato Flower Field

3000 radiant Azaleas

A landscape garden tirelessly created by an Otoyo local on a mountain that contains over 3000 Kirishima Azaleas, 350 double cherry blossoms, 200 rhododendron plants and 100 Japanese rowan plants. The best time to see the azaleas is from April to May. The mountain's surface is covered in a vivid red color. These flowers in peak season are not be missed.



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283 Iwahara, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-79-0108 (Town Tourism Development Association)  
P None 🚗 35 mins drive from Otoyo IC

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## Murazato

A floral paradise and medicinal plant garden.

A beautiful garden built upon abandoned farmland, painstakingly cultivated by the couple who owns it. It's wildflowers, flora and handcrafted warmth are sure to soothe any visitor's heart. The garden includes a gallery, a reception area converted from a traditional Japanese-style home, and a medicinal plant garden. The various flowers and medicinal herbs are also labelled with pictures explaining their unique properties and effects.



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45-1 Odaira, Otoyo  
☎ 090-5965-6387 (Tsunami)  
P Available 🚗 25 mins drive from Otoyo IC

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## Crossfit Otoyo Strength

Experience Otoyo's nature firsthand with an E-bike

Opened in 2022, Crossfit Otoyo Strength is a multifaceted facility that is perfect as a sightseeing base. It has facilities for lodging, exercise, BBQ and can also be used for workclasses. We recommend renting their electric bicycles that can easily traverse Otoyo's mountain roads, giving access to panoramic views of the Yoshino River and surrounding valleys, allowing you to experience Otoyo's natural's beauty by yourself.



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317 Higashidoi, Otoyo ☎ 0887-79-0260  
🕒 Opening hours vary by day. Please refer to website.  
Fee e-bike rental/half day 3,500yen  
full day 6,000yen  
P Available 🚗 20 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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## Bengala Mud Dyeing Tsuchi to Iro

Eco-friendly dyeing using minerals from the soil.

Making waves since their open in 2019, the Bengala mud dyeing workshop uses sustainable dyes derived from minerals in the earth. With just a little bit of water, these dyes produce gentle colors that'll turn ordinary hand towels, t-shirts or eco bags into your very own unique pieces of art. Each workshop takes between 60 and 90 minutes.



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1050-2 Nagatuchi, Otoyo ☎ 090-2897-1797  
🕒 Morning workshop: 10:30~  
Afternoon workshop: 13:30~  
(Reservations required. Workshops require 2 or more people.)  
Fee Hand towel 2,500yen, T-shirt 3,500yen~, Eco bag 3,000円  
🌳 Sunday P Available 🚗 25 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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## Iwahara Vitalization Promotion Committee

Host of hiking events

Starting at the village activity center, there is a well-maintained hiking course around the area with hiking events being run to attract tourists to the area. The local committee are also involved in the production of royal fern and Japanese knotweed.



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10-4 Iwahara, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-72-0450 (Otoyo Town Project Promotion Office)  
P available 🚗 25 mins drive from Otoyo IC

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## Tajikawa Countryside Experience Group

Experience nature and life in the mountains!

Collecting wild plants in spring, laying in the river and forest thinning in summer, making soba and hiking Mt Sasagamine in autumn and making Japanese washi paper in winter can all be done in Tajikawa, an area overflowing with natural beauty. Why not get away from the hustle of city life and experience the culture of the mountains?



Tajikawa-shimomyou, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-78-0453 (Reservations required: Nagano)  
P 60 spaces 🚗 25 mins drive from Otoyo IC

# otoyo おとよすてーしょん station

# JR trip in Otoyō

大杉駅  
Osugi



## Welcome to the center of Otoyō!

With a large signpost for Osugi the giant cedar and the Hibari Misora remembrance area, Osugi station is known as the center of Otoyō. The station building has a unique triangular roof and is known as 'Tomareru Osugi'. It was built with help from students of the local Otoyō Middle School at the time. A tourist information board sits in front of the station for easy reference, and the nationally renowned 'Hibari Diner' is just a 5 minute walk away. There is also a taxi company across the bridge in front of the station.

**Tourist spots** Sugi's Giant Japanese Cedar, Hibari Diner



土佐北川駅  
Tosa-Kitagawa

## Must see for railway enthusiasts!

As this station is located on an iron bridge, it is famous amongst railway enthusiasts throughout Japan, with many people coming to photograph it. There are only four stations like this in the whole of Japan. The Ananai river flows beneath the station and national highway 32 is located on the other side of the river. From the station platform you can view the boundless natural beauty of the area. The station is complete with a car park and a sealed path down to the river. Once you see how beautiful this place is you will definitely want to visit. The Ekimae Diner is located along national highway 32 and has a pony as a mascot which is sure to put a smile on your face.



大田口駅  
Otoguchi

## See country living

Around the station there is a supermarket, bank, doctor and other businesses, attracting tourists to the country living feel of the area. Cross the orange bridge to the national highway to find the walkway up to Burakuji Temple.

**Tourist spots** Burakuji Temple

Bunrakuji Temple

Toyonaga station

Jyofukuji Temple

Town road to Kajigamori

Best Root

Youno Rice Terraces

豊永駅  
Toyonaga

## Feel the magnificence of nature

The station waiting room features a comprehensive map of the area including the route to Mt. Kajigamori prefectural natural park and average hiking times. It takes about three and a half hours to reach Star Lodge Kajigamori. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery on the way up.

**Tourist spots** Jyofukuji, Mt. Kajigamori



Tosa-Iwahara station



土佐岩原駅  
Tosa-Iwahara

## Welcome to an outdoor lover's paradise!

The thrill of rafting on the Yoshino river. A lot of the rafting shops are located around this station. These businesses attract groups of friends and young families to the area. In addition, the abundance of viewpoints and a hiking course (60-minute short course and 120-minute-long course) which is suitable even for beginners makes it a must visit for all outdoor lovers!



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Delicious

**Wow!**

Restaurants and cafes!

Start your mornings with...



① **Four different breakfast sets starting at 500 yen**

Three western style breakfasts as well as Japanese style breakfasts, so you can choose one that is the right fit. Breakfast menu available all day.



② **Choose from a wide selection of daily changing side dishes!**  
**Tajikawa soba, beef and potato stew and rice set - 920 yen**

Different dishes to choose from every day! Made with a countryside style dashi and topped with home grown onion, royal fern and eggs from the owners' chickens, Tajikawa Soba is one of Otoyo's famous dishes. with the rice also home grown, the rice is also home grown.

**Spiciness and sweetness, customizable on request!**

⑤ **Pork cutlet curry on rice -600 yen**

Made spicier or sweeter on request  
With a base dashi made from meat and vegetables, the curry is made upon ordering so your preferences for spice and sweetness can be taken into account. The large pork cutlet is another plus.

**Soba with substance**

③ **Tajikawa Soba - 540 yen**

Uniquely textured soba. This subtly flavored soba dish is complete with a soup made from kombu, small fish, shitake mushroom and dried bonito (katsubushi). The lack of wheat flour used in the soba gives it its unique texture.



**Specializing in wild game cuisine**

④ **Tacchan's special lunch set - 700 yen**

A warm home-cooked meal that showcases seasonal vegetables. An assortment of side dishes accompany the main dish and miso soup packed with many ingredients. These include vegetables prepared in soy bonito, sesame, pickled vegetables, fruits and a simmered assortment of vegetables.



① **Cafe Muran**

Located on national highway 32, on the left side of the road as soon as you have entered Otoyo from Kami city. Why not have a break, while gazing at the beautiful natural scenery of Otoyo? We recommend the breakfast menu which is available all day.

765-1 Todeno, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-57-9233

business hours 9:00~17:00 (Saturday and Sunday)  
parking 10 parking spaces available  
access 15 mins walk from JR Kakumodani station, 15 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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② **Ekimae Diner**

Located right next to Tosa-Kitagawa station. With a history of over 50 years, and dishes made from home-grown rice and vegetables such as oden and several different side dishes, there is a lot of handmade meals to try.

大豊町小川1370-1  
☎ 0887-72-0915

business hours 7:00~19:00  
Closed Sunday, public holidays  
parking 5 parking spaces available  
access 1 min walk from JR Tosa-Kitagawa station, 10 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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③ **Osugi Roadside station**

With a wide-ranging menu including the local specialty tajikawa soba, Goishi tea, wild game set meals and don (meat on rice) options, this is a must visit when in the area.

743-1 Sugi, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-72-1417

business hours 8:00~17:00 (L.O 16:30)  
Open everyday  
parking 18 parking spaces available  
access 15 mins walk from JR Osugi station, 5 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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④ **A taste of home / Karaoke Café Tacchan's Dining Table**

Following in the footsteps of our predecessors, we reopened in August 2022. We provide light meals, breakfasts, and daily lunches that revolve around seasonal vegetables and our homegrown rice. We look forward to greeting you with our homely cooking and delicious coffee.

679-2 Sugi, Otoyo  
☎ 080-5662-6932

business hours 8:00~13:00 (cafe, light meals) 13:00~17:00 (karaoke)  
(Additional hours available on reservation)  
Closed Saturday and Sunday  
parking 5 parking spaces available  
access 12 mins walk from JR Osugi station, 5 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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⑤ **Kimura Diner**

Over 50 years since first opening, it is known as a traditional Japanese restaurant. Starting with the set meal options made from local vegetables that change daily, the owner has an established reputation for creating delectable dishes.

238 Takazu, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-72-0183

business hours 9:00~21:00  
Closed Sundays, public holidays  
parking Parking unavailable  
access 5 mins walk from JR Osugi station, 5 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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Gut-punching volume



⑥ **Hibari Diner's Katsudon** - 900 yen

Known for its huge servings!  
Made with a home-made special sauce, fluffy eggs and crispy pork cutlet, this katsudon fills the bowl to the brim.

A shop loved by the locals



⑨ **Green Grass's Beef Curry** - 550 yen

A local favorite  
The curry made by the owner is a bit spicy, so it's somewhat of an acquired taste. The salad made from locally sourced vegetables is satisfyingly crunchy.



Takeout possible!

Local soba handed down by each generation since the olden days



⑦ **Tajikawa Tea house wild plant soba** - 500 yen

The local specialty Tajikawa soba began at this tea house. With a subtle, traditional flavor, it is a must visit in tandem with the Tajikawa Guardhouse.

Beautiful miso flavor served in a golden pot



⑧ **Otoyo Ramen's Miso ramen** - 750 yen

A light miso ramen

The not too heavy miso ramen, that still possesses the umami flavor of miso in spades has many fans. Light enough to be enjoyed every day.

⑩ **Otaguchi Café's Yuzu baked cheesecake and hot coffee set** - 700 yen

You can enjoy the fresh taste of Yuzu and its combination with the deep cream cheese flavor. All cakes are handmade including a Goishi Tea (a local specialty) roll cake.



⑥ **Hibari Diner**

There are constant queues in front of this diner (even on weekdays) due to its popularity with customers coming from all over Japan to visit. This is due to the serving size and flavor of the food here. The owners also run a butcher shop next door and all the meat used is sourced from there.

226 Takazu, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-72-0769

**business hours** 11:30~(Until sold out)  
Open everyday  
**parking** 30 parking spaces available  
**access** 5 mins walk from JR Osugi station,  
2 mins drive from Otoyo IC



⑦ **Tajikawa Tea House**

Located near the old Tachikawa Guardhouse, the Tachikawa Tea House is run by women determined to keep Otoyo's traditional cuisine from disappearing. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month Tachikawa soba, Konchin (a local snack made from root vegetables), and Goishi tea jelly are sold, whilst pizza and pasta are served on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

43-1 Tajikawa-shimomyou, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-78-0322

**business hours** Open Sunday 10:00~16:00  
**parking** Available  
**access** 25 mins drive from Otoyo IC



⑧ **Otoyo Ramen**

With a motto of 'rating our food is up to the customer, not us' this ramen restaurant has been in business for over 45 years. The current owner continues to strive to provide delicious food. In addition to the ramen, the karaage (fried chicken) set meal is highly recommended.

74-1 Isodani, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-73-0234

**business hours** 11:00~20:00 (L.O 19:30)  
Closed Sunday, Monday  
**parking** 10 parking spaces available  
**access** 10 mins drive from Otoyo IC



⑨ **Green Grass**

Built from locally harvested wood with a log house feel, it is a much-loved shop by locals. Breakfast is served until 2pm and it becomes a bar at night.

112 Wada-tsuki, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-73-0820

**business hours** 8:00~14:00 18:00~24:00  
Closed Sunday  
**parking** 7 parking spaces available  
**access** 10 mins drive from Otoyo IC



⑩ **Otaguchi Cafe**

Wood is used throughout the interior of the café with light streaming in from a large window, allowing customers to enjoy a break in a relaxing atmosphere. You can enjoy a delightful view of the Yoshino River from the terrace seats. The lunch is finished as soon as it is sold out.

236-3 Terauchi, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-73-0410

**business hours** 11:30~16:00  
Closed Sunday, Monday, other unfixed days off  
**parking** 8 parking spaces available  
**access** 12 mins walk from JR Otaguchi station,  
13 mins drive from Otoyo IC



## Beautiful rustic flavors



### A special kind of udon

#### 11 Kondo Diner's Tosa akaushi beef udon and sushi - 800 yen

Although reservations are required for lunch, the omakase lunches and set meals prepared over a traditional charcoal hearth are lovingly filled with homegrown rice, freshly picked vegetables and trout caught by the owner himself.

## Genuinely mouth-watering curry



## The richness of Shimanto Pork

#### 14 Kitchen-nakatoyoya's grated daikon and pork cutlet set meal - 1000 yen

Thinly sliced pork cutlet topped with plenty of grated daikon. Pairs well with locally produced yuzu sauce.



#### 12 Omakase (chef's special) lunch - 1000 yen

Healthy and delicious

Filled with various delicious items and local specialties with ingredients sourced from the local area, the healthiness and taste of this set meal is sure to go down a treat.



#### 13 Shanti Non-Veg plate Authentic Indian curry - 1200 yen

Featuring a chicken curry a sabji that changes daily, a dahl and poppadum as well as salad there is a lot to like on this plate of food.



#### 11 Kondo Diner

A diner built inside the Kondo store which was founded 52 years ago. Serves udon, sushi and set meals all at a reasonable price. Known for its Sawachi dish (a local Kochi speciality consisting of one plate full of sushi, sashimi and other local foods).

841 Higashi-doi, Otoyo  
☎ 0887-75-0828

**business hours** 7:30~18:00 Diner open from 11:00-15:00  
Closed Tuesday  
**parking** 5 parking spaces available  
**access** 5 mins walk from JR Toyonaga station, 20 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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#### 12 Whimsy Coffee, Shop Bonbon

Imagine taking deep, relaxing breaths while enjoying a 360° panoramic view. Our menu includes meals prepared over a traditional charcoal hearth, Akaushi-beef lunches and our signature coffee, all of which can be enjoyed outdoors.

353 Nuta, Otoyo  
☎ 090-5140-2199

**business hours** 10:00~16:00  
Unfixed days off  
**parking** 7 parking spaces available  
**access** 23 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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#### 13 Shanti

Curries containing over ten different spices that are cooked slowly and lovingly in the juices of vegetables such as onion and tomato. A great place to relax after enjoying some delicious curry.

548 Nagafuchi, Otoyo  
☎ 080-3550-5554

**business hours** 11:00~Until sold out. (Last order: 4pm)  
Closed Wednesday, Thursday  
**parking** 2 parking spaces available  
**access** 25 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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#### 14 Kitchen-nakatoyoya restaurant

This western style restaurant was created after a local decided they wanted to contribute to their local community. With the rice and vegetables used grown in the local Iwahara area, the homely handmade meals are highly regarded.

139-4 Okubo, Otoyo  
☎ 090-9456-2987

**business hours** 11:00~15:00  
Closed Tuesday, Wednesday  
**parking** 4 parking spaces available  
**access** 5 mins walk from JR Tosa-Iwahara station, 25 mins drive from Otoyo IC



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### The secret of Otoyo's restaurants



'Most of the vegetables we use here we grow in our own fields' is a common phrase for restaurant owners in Otoyo. This is the same for rice. Isn't this amazing? The fact that most restaurants provide delicious dishes made from vegetables and rice they grew themselves is a point of great pride for Otoyo. People who live in the city might find it quite surprising. Furthermore, despite the reasonable price, each meal is well sized and full of flavor. Why not eat at a restaurant then take a break at one of the Otoyo's cafes?

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# stay

At a height of 1399 meters, boasting 360-degree views.

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## Star Lodge Kajigamori

Located at Mt Kajigamori's 8th station, this mountain villa within the stars boasts 360° panoramic views of the entire area. With a warm wooden decor and rustic wooden aroma adorning its 6 different types of guest rooms, this bright lodging has something for everyone

**Wow!** See birds and butterflies fluttering about from your window.

Surrounded by trees, you will feel like you have entered a forest.



**Wow!** This pure and fresh water is also delicious drunk straight from the tap, as well as in coffee.



Water from a pristine waterfall (selected in the Tosa top 40 waterfalls) is used in the lodge bath.

**Wow!**

close by attractions

### Kajigamori Prefectural Nature Park

Located at 1399m, from the magnificent Mt. Kajigamori, one can view the Ishuzuchi mountain range to the west, the Tsurugi mountain range to the east and the flow of the Yoshino river below.



**Wow!**

### Ryuou-no-taki waterfall

The noted priest Kukai is said to have trained here when he was young.



**Wow!**

▶ For more see page 25.



Lodge restaurant

Choose between our special '1 night 2 meals' or 'mountain villa' plans

The regular plan features a variety of dishes prepared with local ingredients, whilst the mountain resort plan offers a unique experience, allowing you to freely choose between a choice of popular pre-packaged curry and canned goods. We hope you'll enjoy some special moments in our bright and spacious restaurant that also serves a variety of alcohol.



Garden Terrace

Enjoy a drink under a star filled sky

A special time with the people special to you.



Kajigamori Terrace

Spend some time in nature on a terrace amongst the trees

Enjoy the spectacular scenery Mt. Kajigamori has to offer to the fullest.



1248-3 Sagayama, Otoyō  
☎ 0887-74-0360  
Closed during winter  
In 16:00 Out 10:00 P 20 spaces  
rooms 11 Japanese-style rooms available (5 different styles)



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## Hinodeya

A farm guesthouse run by a well-known local



Located in a quiet area amongst the mountains near Tajikawa, this private guesthouse is limited to one group per night. Surrounded by green, enjoy a meal on the open deck, explore the nearby river, as well as try making konnyaku. Perfect for families and groups. You can also bring your own tent to camp.

1239-13 Tajikawa-kamimyou, Otoyō  
☎ 0887-78-0430 ※Closed during winter  
In 16:00 Out 10:00 P 10 parking spaces  
rooms 1 group per day (up to 10 people) MAP P44 C-2



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## Let's stay at a school! The Green Clocktower

Experience a Japanese school!



This former primary school looks down over the Yoshino river. Experience an authentic Japanese school and have a BBQ in the former home economics classroom. Perfect for adults and children for both sightseeing and leisure travel. The accompanying gymnasium is also available for use (booking required).

665 Kawaguchi, Otoyō  
☎ 0887-72-0202  
In 16:00~21:00 Out 10:00  
P 15 spaces available  
rooms 5 rooms (up to 40 people) MAP P44 C-3



\*Please note that prices given are per person and that prices may differ during holiday periods.  
\*For corona measures, there are cases that services are stopped or fees are changed.

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## Guesthouse Kawakaze

A riverside lodging perfect for families



Conveniently located within a 10 minute drive from the Otoyō IC, this private house stands on the banks of the Ananai River, a tributary of the Yoshino River. With beautiful views of crystal clear waters straight from the windows and a BBQ terrace outside, the house is limited to a single group of up to 9 people per day. Also please let us know if you intend to do any river activities.

2453 Ananai, Otoyō  
☎ 0887-73-0739  
In 16:00 Out 10:00 P 7 spaces available  
rooms 2 Japanese style rooms  
1 Western style room MAP P44 D-3



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## Mountain cottage Niyada

Enjoy a private stay with your own cottage and garden



A mountain cottage located at 600 meters. As it contains a traditional Japanese sunken fireplace, it is perfect for a BBQ even on rainy days. The garden is big enough for three tents so it is also suitable for camping. In good weather you can see the sea of clouds of Mount Shiraga in the morning, the stunning rice fields of Ananai in the afternoon and starry sky in the evening.



3297-1 Ananai, Otoyō  
☎ 090-3181-7865  
In 15:00 Out 11:00  
P 10 spaces available  
rooms One group per day (up to 8 people)



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## Warakuya

Experience the hospitality of the Japanese countryside



The renovated lodging, made up entirely of Japanese style rooms, is situated right next to the Yoshino River and allows you to experience Japanese country living. Within an area possessing rich natural beauty, please enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable time while forgetting the stresses of everyday life.

3659-3 Ananai, Otoyo

☎ 090-3783-8154

In 15:00 Out 10:00

P 5 spaces available

rooms 2 rooms savailable

HP



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## Farm Guesthouse Tomio

Experience staying on a farm under a beautiful starry sky



Enjoy the Japanese countryside in a private guesthouse on a local farm. Located on the road to Mt Kajigamori from Toyonaga station, near Jyufukuji temple and the Nuta rice fields, you can enjoy the history, cultural and nature of the area to your heart's content. More than anything, you are sure to be amazed by the number of stars in the night sky.

625 Youne, Otoyo

☎ 0887-74-0704

In 16:00 Out 10:00

P 2 spaces available

rooms 1 group per day

HP



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## Teruhachi Starry Sky Inn

A countryside experience in a quiet mountain inn



Located near Minamigawa, only three minutes from Toyonaga station. Your stress will be alleviated by the clear water of the nearby river. Perfect for enjoying a BBQ or star gazing, you can also experience country living through activities like tea picking from early May and making konyaku (devil's tongue).

82-1 Ao, Otoyo

☎ 0887-74-0788, 090-5019-3481 (ogasawara)

In 16:00 Out 10:00

P 5 parking spaces available

rooms Main house: up to 9 people

annex: up to 6 people

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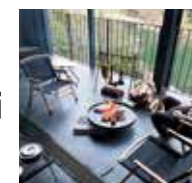
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## Forest of Otoyo Otoyo no Mori

A relaxing nature retreat



This stylish private lodging opened in 2022 and lies along Route 32, with the sprawling Yoshino River right in front of it. It features a covered semi-outdoor area where you can fully enjoy nature with beautiful scenery, BBQ, a bonfire and even spill your own firewood. The rooms accommodate up to 10 people, making it a perfect location to rest both mind and body with family and friends.

90-11 Wada, Otoyo

☎ 0887-74-0788, 090-5019-3481 (Ogasawara)

In 15:00 Out 10:00

P Available

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※For bookings and inquiries please contact otoyonomori@gmail.com  
Reservations also available through Airbnb

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## Leben Farm Lodge House (New Leben Lodge)

Have an encounter with the farm's cows in magnificent natural surroundings



Located at 800m, half way up Mt Kajigamori with panoramic views of the Yoshino river and mountains of Shikoku and spectacular views from the terrace and veranda. Various experiences available such as an encounter with the farm's cows, collecting vegetables, as well as a BBQ or pizza making. The owners speak good English and they have an English information page on their website.

1253-3 Sagayama-kichiya, Otoyo

☎ 090-1004-5611

Closed December-March

In 17:00~20:00 Out 10:00

P Available

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## An Inn Playing In The Wind Yancha

Bringing you back to your hometown



Bluer than the skies but closer than the stars. Throughout the fun times, the relaxing times and the times you simply want to have a chat, we strive to be a place always close to the heart; a place akin to the ideal hometown. Gran, gramps and our two cats, Bonbon and Yancha eagerly await your visit.

353 Nuta, Otoyoya

☎ 0887-79-0114

In Out Please inquire on reservation

P 7 spaces available

rooms 5x two people rooms

HP



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## Pension Murata

Stylish western rooms and delicious seasonal dishes



Located nearby Toyonaga station, with a view of the Yoshino river below (which acts as the starting point for rafting in the area. location playing in the river or climbing the nearby Mt. Kajigamori (located near the starting point for this hike). Dinner consists of seasonal dishes created from local produce with a breakfast of home made freshly baked bread.

231-1 Higashi-doi, Otoyo

☎ 0887-75-0010

In 16:00 Out 10:00

P 5 spaces available

rooms 4 Western style rooms (2 people)

HP



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## Guesthouse Takamotoya

An inn located on top of a mountain with stunning views



Learn about the local area from the friendly owner, Takamoto. Enjoy the scenery of the wide expanses, such as the steep Kiriishi gorge or the sea of clouds. Night time brings a sky full of stars. Experience the feeling of heading back to your own private country residence.

1107 Iwahara, Otoyo

☎ 090-9452-3985

In 15:00~20:00 Out 10:00 (Both adjustable on request)

P Available

rooms One group per night (up to 10)

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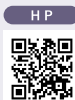
### Mountain Inn Michitsuji

Traditional fire heated Japanese bath and sunken Japanese fireplace.



Experience the way of life of the olden days in this renovated guesthouse that still possesses the charms of traditional Japan. You can enjoy the stunning scenery and way of life of the people of the mountains, as well as delicious local food. This inn puts great importance on providing its guests the opportunity for unique experiences and trying local produce.

454 Nagafuchi, Ootoyo  
 ☎ 0887-75-0390, 090-7774-5743 (Adachi)  
 In 16:00 Out 10:00  
 P Available ※Pick up and drop off from JR station available on request  
 rooms 3 rooms available, up to 8 people



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### Mountain Guesthouse boro-ya

Relax on the veranda or next to the sunken fireplace

Located in the Yakawa area, 10 minutes up a mountain road from Tosa-Iwahara station and Toyonaga station, you can enjoy looking down on the Yoshino river in this renovated guesthouse. With a Japanese style room complete with a veranda, and a living room containing a sunken fireplace, you can relax with friends and family enjoying the bright night sky and the soothing noises of the valley below.



120 Yakawa, Ootoyo  
 ☎ 070-3794-1697  
 In 17:00 Out 10:00  
 P Available  
 rooms One group per day (up to 6 people)



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### Guesthouse Hareruya

Head into this paradise of jazz and flowers



Located at 400m, with views of Yoshino river and Mt Kunimi. This viewpoint and the owner's love of jazz that plays throughout the guesthouse give it a sense of atmosphere. The area also includes a large flower garden curated by the owner that contains flowers such as cherry blossoms and azaleas, that flower into full bloom in spectacular fashion from March to April.

283 Iwaharaha, Ootoyo  
 ☎ 090-1009-8790  
 In 15:00 Out 10:00  
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 rooms 3 rooms available

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### Sea Of Clouds Inn Nakayashiki

Located at 300m, providing mouthwatering dishes

Gaze upon the mountains on the opposite shore, or with any luck, the sea of clouds expanding before your eyes in the morning. Feel the Japanese hospitality of 'omotenashi' with simple seasonal dishes. This includes a choice of one local speciality of Ootoyo such as sushi rice mixed with vegetables or sticky rice steamed with azuki beans as well as tempura.



523 Nagafuchi, Ootoyo  
 ☎ 0887-75-0571, 090-8284-8615  
 In 16:00 Out 10:00  
 P Available  
 rooms 1 group per day Up to 4 people



# Ootoyo Festivals and Events

Traditional events such as Kagura (a type of Shinto theatrical dance) are a source of culture and great pride for the people of Ootoyo. Local events bring together both locals and visitors, put a smile on everyone's face and provide great enjoyment.

## Iwahara and Nagafuchi Kagura

[Nationally recognized important intangible folk culture asset]

According to the history of Iwahara Shrine, this event can be traced back to the years 947-957. The Nagafuchi Kagura was very similar to the Iwahara Kagura and took place as one event rather than as a separate event as is custom today. The festival involved erecting a small structure in the shrine, holding a banquet, singing the song of December, while taking part in boisterous dance and finally holding the kagura in the garden of the host's home. As there is nothing similar to this precious cultural asset, even in other parts of Kochi, it has been recognized as an important intangible folk cultural asset and is referred to as Tosa's Kagura.



Iwahara Kagura  
 15 October

Nagafuchi Kagura  
 18 September (lunar calendar)

※No parking available

## Segake Lantern Festival

[Locally recognized intangible folk cultural asset]

There is a traditional Japanese event known as the feast of lanterns that takes place in summer. This event involves welcoming fire for returning spirits on the first night and a ceremonial fire on the last night to see the spirits off. In Ootoyo in keeping with this tradition this event is celebrated on an extremely large scale. In the middle of a boat 7-8m long and 2-4m wide a 10m bamboo structure is built complete with 200-300 lanterns attached. The view of the boat slowly gliding down the river is truly splendid. The quiet beauty of the world stretching out before your eyes.



Mid to late August  
 Ananai, Otaguchi, Toyonaga districts.

\* Takes place on a different day in each district

## Ootoyo Festival and Event Calender

- Mid to late February  
 Pheasant's eye (Fukujuso) flower festival
- Start of May  
 Ananai Festival, Ananai Public Hall
- Mid-August (Segake Lantern Festival also held)  
 Ananai Summer Festival, former Ananai Primary School  
 Summer festival of Toyonaga area
- Mid-August  
 Healing Buddha (Yakushi) Festival, former Ootoyo High School
- 12 September (lunar calendar)  
 Terauchi sword dance event (town intangible cultural asset)
- Mid-October (4th Sunday in the case of heavy rain)  
 Osugi rope festival, Osugi Yasaka Shrine
- 16 October  
 Osunago lion dance, Osunago-Yasaka Shrine (town intangible cultural asset)
- Start of November  
 Osugi Festival, Osugi Yasaka Shrine

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Ootoyo Tourism Development Association

☎ 0887-79-0108 (weekdays 8:30~17:15)

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**YEAH**

Locally produced food made from blessings of the land and the skill of locals

These locally made specialties form a selection of the finest products, so you can't go wrong, no matter what you choose!



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### Ginburou bean

This bean is cultivated in the West Toyonaga region, with a unique black appearance and has been known as a 'bean for long life' since many years ago. This bean is used in various dishes, such as sushi rice mixed with vegetables, roll cake, as well as ice cream.



### Unrefined Doburoku Sake - Teru

A traditional Japanese alcohol made using fermented rice and a malted rice, 'Doburoku' is the foundation of Japanese sake. 'Teru' is made from rice grown in Ootoyo, in which no agricultural chemicals are used during the cultivation period. The 2nd generation of this family currently carries on the inherited recipe and flavor of this doburoku sake.



### Locally produced rice - 'Tanada-mai' and 'Aigamo-mai'

In Ootoyo, rice is grown on rice terraces, making use of the large temperature differential between seasons that exists due to its mountainous nature. Why not try this rice which has been carefully grown on the slopes of Ootoyo?

### Yuzu products

Kochi grows the most Yuzu (type of citrus fruit) in the whole of Japan. Yuzu products are enthusiastically produced here in Ootoyo, the most in the local region, including yuzu juice, ponzu, dressings and yuzu tea.



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### Hange (summer) sweet dumpling

Wrapped in a Japanese Myoga ginger leaf, the unique and refreshing smell and sweet red beanpaste are the features of this sweet dumpling. It is sold year-round in local supermarkets and by direct sale.



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### Goishi Tea

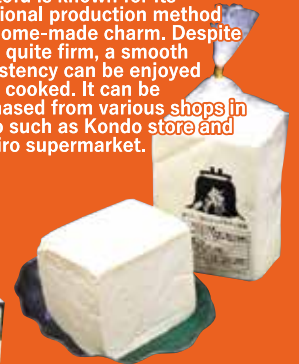
After being harvested this fermented tea is dried before being left out on a woven mat for around a week to ferment. This tea contains a lot of lactobacillus that is good for your health, as well as having a unique flavor and color.

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### Iwahara Tofu

This tofu is known for its traditional production method and home-made charm. Despite being quite firm, a smooth consistency can be enjoyed when cooked. It can be purchased from various shops in Ootoyo such as Kondo store and Suehiro supermarket.



Home to Nationally Award Winning Doburoku Sake

### Family Osugi

At the 9th National Doburoku Sake Conference in 2014, Osugi Doburoku 'Teru - Sweet' won the grand prize in the dark, full-bodied category, whilst 'Teru - Dry' received great national acclaim in the light and mellow category. We both produce and sell this unrefined doburoku sake that's taste and concentration is unmistakably the best in the prefecture. It's not sold anywhere else!

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72 Sugi, Ootoyo

☎ 0887-72-0588

business hours Sunday 11:00~15:30

access 15mins walk from JR Osugi station, 5mins drive from Ootoyo IC



Homemade sushi with a hint of yuzu

### Kondo Store

Located 5 minutes' walk from Toyonaga station, this local store with a history of over 50 years is known for its mackerel sushi complete with yuzu juice, egg roll, seaweed suhi roll, sushi wrapped in fried tofu and other homemade sushi. Cakes and sweets made with the ginburou bean can also be purchased, as well as hange sweet dumplings and other side dishes. It also has a diner located inside the store where you can try a sushi plate for one, that contains various types of sushi as well as Tosa akaushi beef udon.

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P45 E-3

841 Higashi-doi, Ootoyo

☎ 0887-75-0828

business hours 7:30~18:00

Closed Tuesday

parking 5 parking spaces available

access 5mins walk from JR Toyonaga station, 20mins drive from Ootoyo IC



Complete with a range of local souvenirs.

### Osugi Roadside Station

Find tourist information and a small restaurant that serves local specialties such as tajikawa soba. It also has a section full of local products that make great souvenirs such as goishi tea, cakes and sweets made with ginburou beans, as well as a range of yuzu products. Locally grown vegetables are also available.

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743-1 Sugi, Ootoyo

☎ 0887-72-1417

business hours 8:00~17:00

Open everyday

parking 18 parking spaces available

access 15mins walk from JR Osugi station, 5mins drive from Ootoyo IC



The local supermarket

### Suehiro Ootoyo Supermarket

Filled with well known food such as the Tosa akaushi (wagyu beef) as well as daily necessities, why not buy some locally grown vegetables as a souvenir?

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1926-7 Kawaguchi-minami, Ootoyo

☎ 0887-72-1101

business hours 9:00~19:00

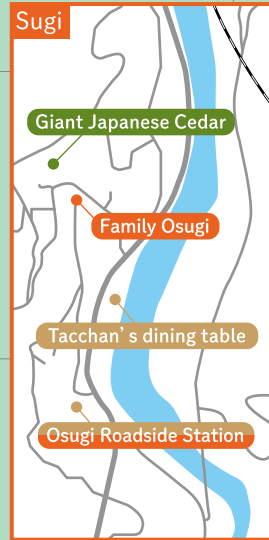
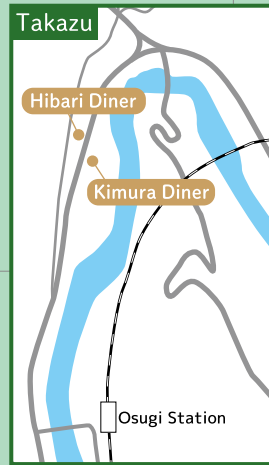
Open everyday

parking 30 parking spaces

access 1min drive from Ootoyo IC

# Otoyo Map and Acces Guide

Please use the following map along with the QRcode maps as a guide to discover all that Otoyo has to offer.



### Otoyo Taxi Company

**Otoyo Taxi**  
168-1 Takazu, Otoyo ☎ 0887-72-0143

**Osugi Taxi**  
430 Takazu, Otoyo ☎ 0887-72-0036

**Toyonaga Travel**  
212-3 Higashi-Doi, Otoyo ☎ 0887-75-0315

### Rental Car

**Ogasawara Car Shop** Offers pick-up and drop-off services to various stations and locations  
54-1 Tsuge, Otoyo ☎ 0887-72-0181

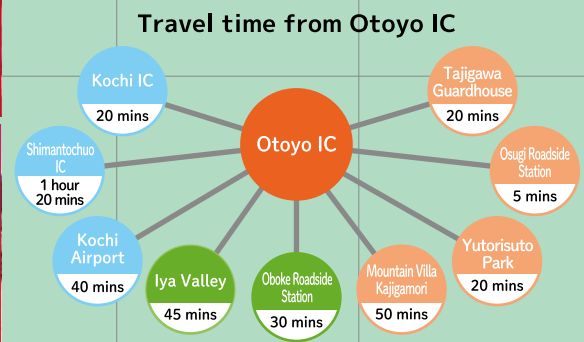
### JR Dosan Line

**JR Shikoku Centre** ☎ 0570-00-4592

Local Train	Heading to Tokushima	Heading to Kochi
	5 trains each per day	
Express train (Osugi station)	Heading to Okayama	Heading to Kochi
	9 trains each per day	

For information on local busses please use the following number.  
**(☎0887-72-0450)**

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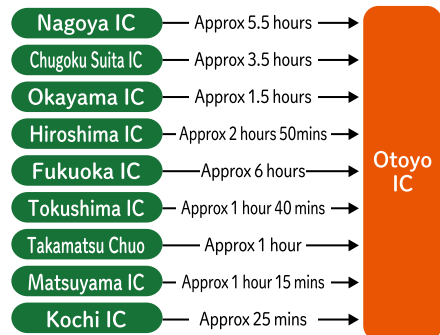
# Otoyo Access Guide

Located right in the middle of Shikoku with the JR express train stopping at Osugi station and the Otoyo interchange (located on the Kochi motorway), Otoyo is extremely easy to access.



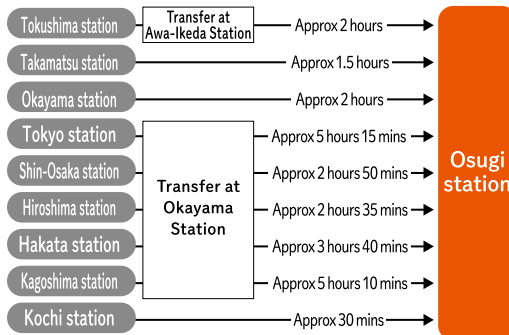
Arrive in 1 to 1.5 hours from anywhere within Shikoku.

## By car



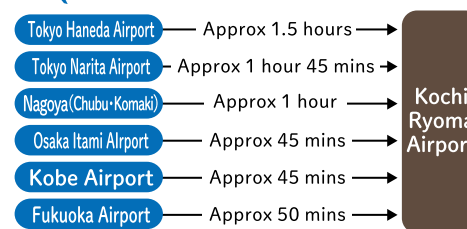
Only 3 hours from Osaka!

## By train to JR Osugi station



Come to Kochi through the skies aeroplane

## By aeroplane



### Access from Kochi Ryoma Airport to Otoyo

- ① Rental car
- ② Shuttle bus to Kochi station then onwards to Otoyo

Express busses from all over Japan depart from and arrive at JR Kochi Station in Kochi City. This includes busses from Tokyo, Nagoya, Kansai, Hokuriku, Chugoku, Shikoku and Fukuoka.





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