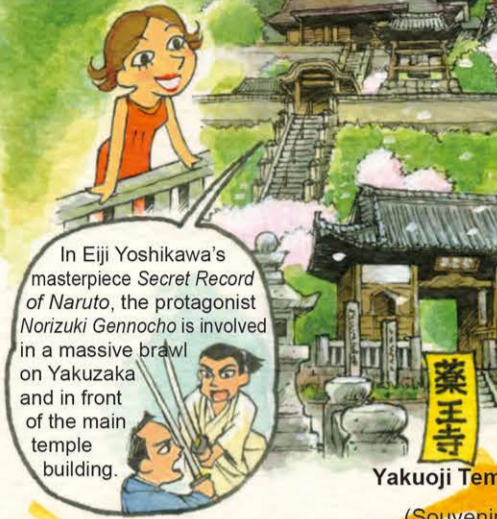


Yakuoji (OYAKUSSAN), well known as the 23rd pilgrimage temple in Shikoku. This historical temple has many charm that is commonly known. Please worth a leisurely stroll.

What a wonderful view!



In Eiji Yoshikawa's masterpiece *Secret Record of Naruto*, the protagonist Norikazu Genchocho is involved in a massive brawl on Yakuzaka and in front of the main temple building.

The beautifully carved latticework is certain to stop travelers in their tracks.

For some reason a yellow "cylindrical mailbox" is located next to the entrance.

Since the warm water in the footbath comes from hot springs, it has wonderful health benefits!

Hashimoto restaurant

Hebisemenoishi A mysterious heritage of Okita? Brings good luck for money

Wonderful Yakuoyekobashi bridge is only about five meters long, from station cross to the approach.

In the season when a cherry tree blooms, the splendid view of Yakuoji seen over the Uchigaiso bridge (arched bridge) is one of hidden treasure.

An archetypal image of Okukawachi Village (marshlands) In the old days, most of the land from Sakuramachi to here was rice field and marshlands.

Hiwasa Clean Center

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Wild birds such as wild ducks, great cormorants, and egrets fly and rest from Sandbank to the estuary area.

The strolling paths on both banks of the Hiwasa River provide pleasant walks.

The townhouse with a brilliant beam is lined.

The Tanihaya cafe, marked by its pure white storehouse, is located in a refurbished home originally built in 1868. Here you can enjoy tea while getting a feel for the town's history.

Yakuyoke bridge on the approach offers magnificent 360-degree panoramic views. There are jammed with the hests of "house martins" that, unusually, remain here through the winter under this bridge.

Yakuyoke children's center

Okamoto barber

A bit bad old man

Hiwasa Music Center

Hiwasaya, famous for Awadoudi (locally raised chicken) and local seafood

The detached former Satsuma residence in the rear, home to a famous lumber baron, evokes the romance of the Taisho Period.

The roughly 500 Someiyoshino cherry trees here are a wonderful sight!

Hiwasa Castle and the statue of the venerable Tokushima Iwakichi keeping watch over the town

Enteromorpha prolifera grows naturally around here.

An impressive "Fudo statue"

It takes about 20 minutes to reach "Oiwa", is season for walking November-June

Coordinates nature tours by kayak or bicycle

From 1807 to the Meiji Period, this area was home to a "manor house". Today, only the "stones" in front of the town office remain.

Minami Town Office

Christian church

The splendid bell tower and wall are landmarks.

Meijikan is home to a wonderful inn in an old private home relocated from the grounds of Kobo-ji Temple, along with a "irori fireplace".

Konko religion Church

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Oiwa Look-out

It takes about 10 minutes downhill (the uphill climb is a little steep).

The colors and color combinations of the futon mats on the spectacular chosa floats vary by district.

In mid-October, the town is surrounded in the enthusiasm of the Hachiman Jima Shrine's fall festival! The men of Hiwasa enthusiastically carrying the chosa float shout "Chosajaah, issanjai!"

Namikiri Fudo shrine on the hill

When the sea was the main means of transportation, steamships would anchor off Ohama Beach and passengers would ride small boats from the coast to their ships. This hill is known as "Lover's Cape," where lovers would cherish their last moments together and pray for the time they would see each other again.

A statue of the "Thousand Armed Avalokiteshwara"

Hachimansan Shrine

Umigameso Inn (Hotel)

Public Bath

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Yurukawa turtle phone booth

Minami's Ohama Beach and loggerhead turtles are natural monuments of Japan. Caretta is one of the few museums in Japan dedicated to loggerhead turtles. You can see "the world's oldest turtle in the outdoor pool."

While the view of "the first sunrise of the year" from Ohama Beach is famous, during the wintertime one also can view the fantastic phenomena of *kearashi* (steam fog) and *daruma asahi*.

Look at the ground around your feet. Here you can see numerous plants including beach pea, glehnia root, and sea bells.

It is said that in the old days, at times one could walk all the way to Tatsushima Island.

This island contributes to the wonderful scenery of Ohama Beach. At times the raging waves during typhoons have even overcome this 34-meter-high island.

Minatohashira Jinja shrine, dedicated by the fishermen's cooperative

This (hexagonal cone-shaped) brick lighthouse has been here since old times

Asahigaoka Lookout beyond this point also offers a wonderful view.

This "boat ramp" is like a secret base

Benzaitenjima Island looks just like Tatsushima

Etiquette for strolling on awae paths

Awae paths are too narrow for automobiles. These wonderful little paths make up a part of the townscapes near the wharf. While there is a number of awae not shown on this illustrated map, be careful when strolling on them because they go right up to the front of private homes. The best time for strolling is from afternoon to early-evening.

Every fisherman's house had one of these handy dollies.

During the rock-fishing season, this area is crowded with the cars of ferry passengers.

ひわさ散策絵図

Illustrated walking map to the Hiwasa district in the town of Minami Shikokunomichi

Note: Some shops are not shown on this illustrated map due to space constraints. Information shown is current as of March 2014.