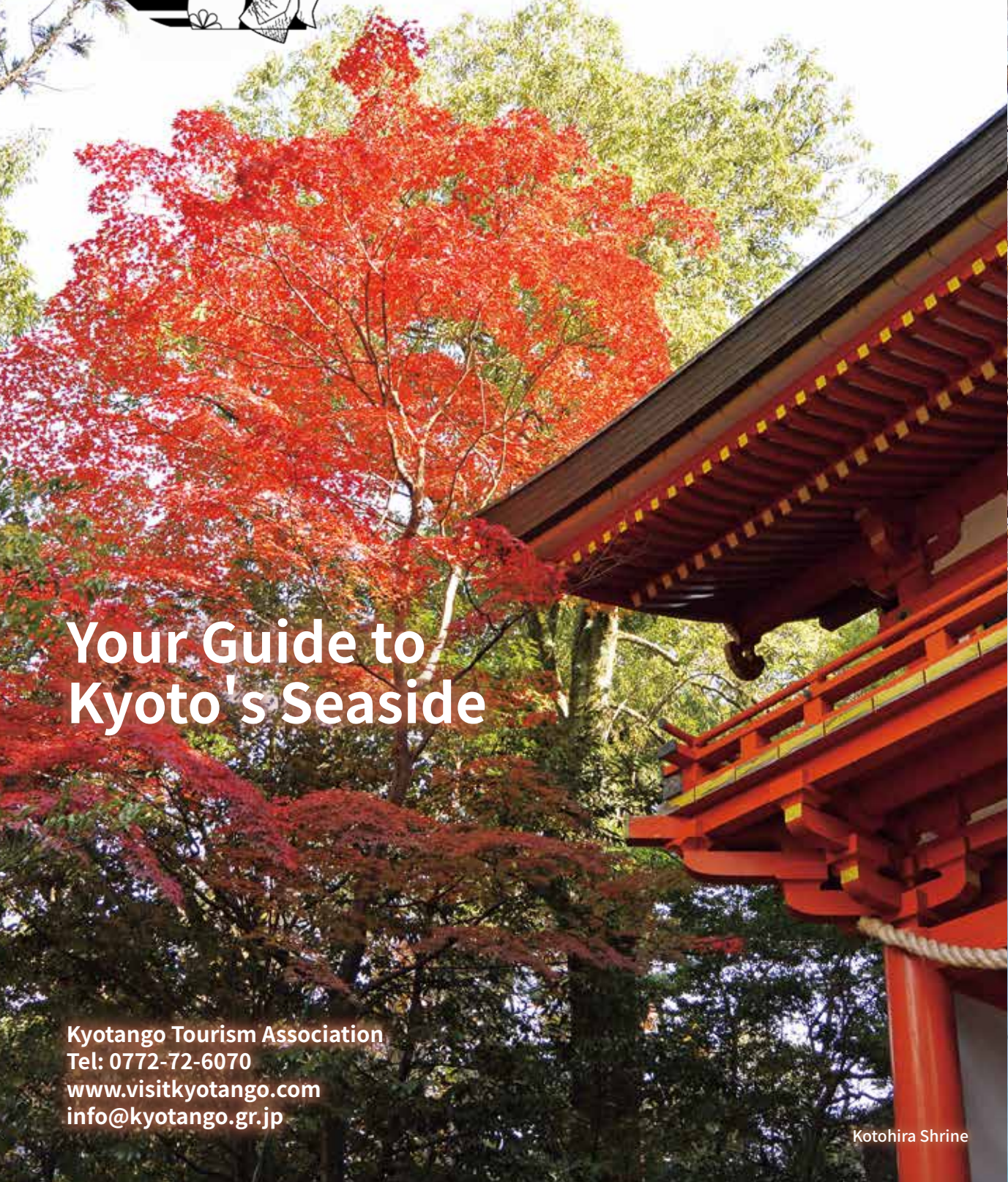




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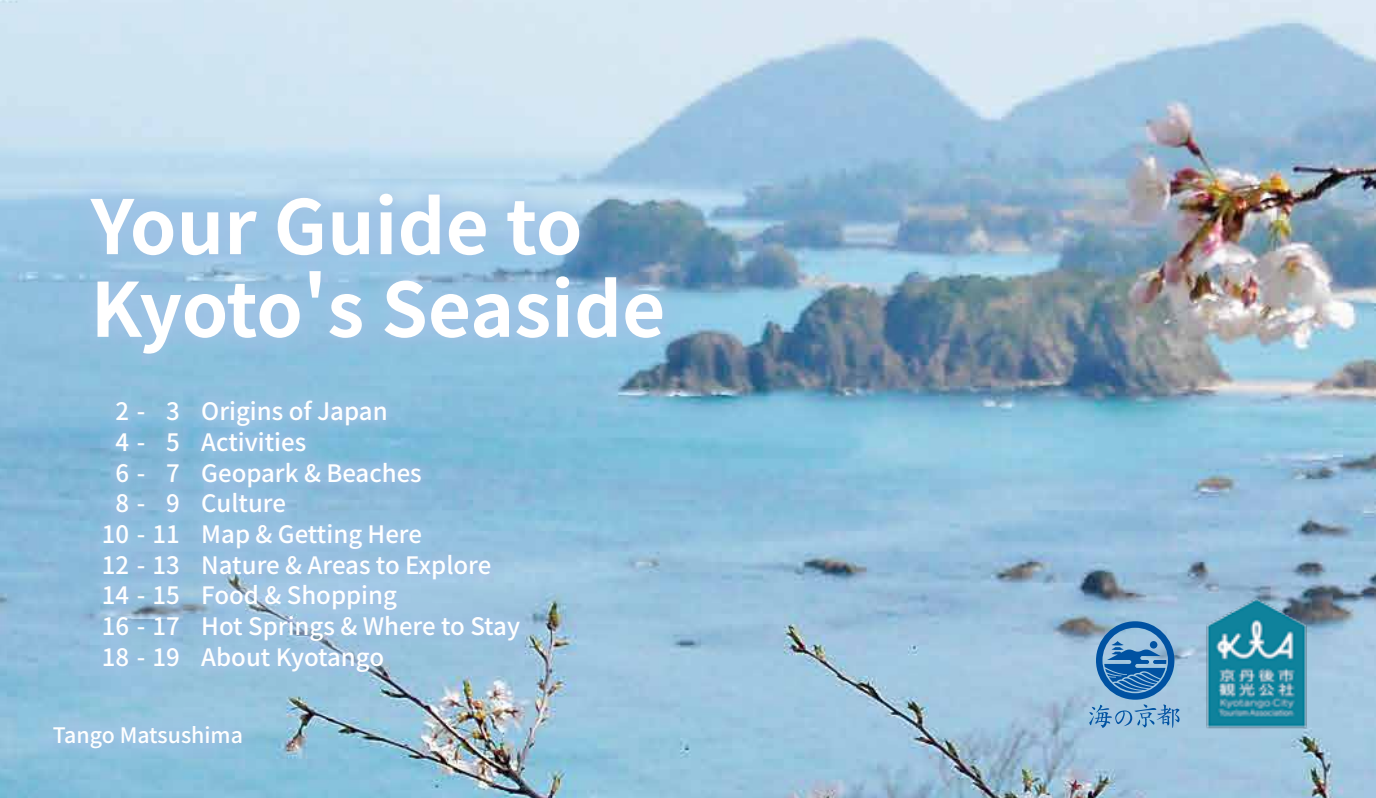
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# 和の源流 Origins of Japan



Hagoromo Legend at Mt. Isanago



Urashima Legend at Hatchohama Beach



Tsuki-no-Waden Rice Paddy



Sodeshi Rice Terraces



Jacquard Chirimen Silk



Local Sake



Hinumanai Shrine



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## Where Japan's Farming, Culture, and Fashion Began

Many aspects of Japanese culture are thought to have originated from the Kyotango area. Legends attribute the start of rice farming in Japan to Xu Fu, a Chinese explorer, with some claims that he settled near Kyotango around 200BCE. Along with the harvest of rice, the production of sake, rice wine, also started in the Kyotango area.

Ancient burial mounds in Kyotango contain evidence of extensive trade with the ancient kingdoms of China. Through this trade the Kyotango area is thought to have been one of the most influential regions on the Sea of Japan.

Some of Japan's most enduring legends can also trace their origins to Kyotango. 'Urashima Taro', the legend of a fisherman who went on a magical adventure only to find hundreds of years had passed in his village, and 'Hagoromo' the legend of an angel who came to Earth and married a hunter, can both trace their oldest written versions to the 'Tango no Kuni Fudoki'; a chronicle of legends from in and around Kyotango.

Kyotango has been at the heart of the kimono industry for over 300 years. The chirimen silk fabric produced here is of a very high quality, and has helped to shape styles and trends of this cultural icon.

In this way the Kyotango area has shaped Japanese culture for thousands of years.

### 【Timeline】

- 210BCE | Explorer Xu Fu brings farming and fermenting knowledge from China to Kyotango
- 250CE | Trade during the Kofun period makes Kyotango a local power
- 713CE | Tango no Kuni Fudoki is published sharing local legends across Japan
- 1721CE | Chirimen silk is introduced and gains popularity as a luxury kimono fabric

# Activities



Get hands on in Kyotango with marine sports, crafts, fruit picking and lots more.



## Stand-Up Paddle with Kyotango 135°

With the help of the friendly instructor from Kyotango 135° you'll be standing and gliding over the sea in no time. The summer sea in Kyotango is very calm making it the perfect place to learn how to do SUP with confidence.

**Hours :** 10am - 5pm **Open :** April - October **Fee :** From 4000 yen  
**Location :** Hamazume Beach, Amino **Access :** Get off at Yuhigaura-Kitsu-Onsen Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Hamazume 9 min walk **Reservation :** Necessary



## Make a Ballpen Herbarium

Make a beautiful and practical souvenir to remind yourself of the Kyotango Seaside. Use the shells, rocks, seaglass, or grass provided to make a unique ballpen herbarium. Bottles and other shapes are also available. Beachcombing for materials is available at an extra cost.

**Closed :** Wed afternoon, Thurs, mid-July to end-August  
**Fee :** From 1320 yen  
**Location :** Mitsu Fishing Port  
**Access :** 15 min drive from Amino Station **Reservation :** Necessary



## Tateiwa Rock Guided Walk

This guided tour will take you to the 15 million year old Tateiwa rock and Onaru burial mounds and surrounding area, as you learn about the geology and the history of the area.

**Hours :** 9am - 4pm (2 hour duration) **Open :** March - November **Fee :** 5 or fewer people 2500 yen (500 yen per additional person) **Location :** Tenki Tenki Tango  
**Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Tenki Tenki Mura 1 min walk **Reservation :** Necessary



## Kamai Sea Kayaking

Setting out from a quiet beach in Kamai, you can explore some of the topography of the geopark coastline. Try and spot the seaside treehouse looking out over the bay.

**Hours :** 8:30am - 2pm **Open :** April - October  
**Fee :** From 7700 yen **Location :** Furan no Yakata Restaurant **Access :** 12 min drive from Kumihama Station **Reservation :** Necessary



## Tobiwatari Sea Kayaking

Based in the quaint Mitsu Harbour this sea kayak activity has different difficulty levels based on your skills and confidence. Whether you want a simple paddle around the harbour or you want to explore sea caves and find hidden coves, there's something for everyone.

**Hours :** 10am - 1pm **Open :** April - October  
**Fee :** From 5500 yen **Location :** Mitsu Fishing Port **Access :** 15 min drive from Amino Station **Reservation :** Necessary



## Hand Made Soba Noodles

Deep in the forested hills of Kyotango is Tennyu no Sato. Here, surrounded by nature, the staff will show you how to make soba noodles by hand. They'll then cook them up and you can enjoy them straight away.

**Hours :** 10am - 4pm **Closed :** Dec 28- Jan 3  
**Fee :** From 2500 yen **Location :** Tennyu no Sato **Access :** 20 min drive from Kyotango-Omiya IC **Reservation :** Necessary



## Chirimen Silk Kimono Experience

Soft and luxurious chirimen silk is used to make high-quality kimono. You'll be helped into the kimono by experts to make sure you're wearing it properly. Women's kimono come in many colors and patterns, men's kimono are also available.

**Open :** March - May, September - December  
**Fee :** From 10,000 yen **Location :** Taiza, Tango  
**Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus to Taiza **Reservation :** Necessary



## Chirimen Silk Handkerchief Dyeing

Dyeing a handkerchief made from chirimen silk is a great way to make a souvenir unique to you and Kyotango. Choose from a wide range of patterns and then apply color as you desire.

**Hours :** 10am - 3pm **Closed :** Tuesday  
**Fee :** From 1650 yen **Location :** Amity Tango **Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Amity/Amino Chosha Mae 1 min walk **Reservation :** Necessary



## Paint a Guardian Cat

The guardian cats of Kotohira Shrine are an important part of Kyotango's history and culture, and here you can paint your own figure in whatever design you like. Two sizes are available and you can either take them with you or leave them at the shrine with the many other painted guardian cats.

**Fee :** From 2800 yen **Location :** Kotohira-jinja Shrine or KISSUIEN Stay & Food  
**Access :** Get off at Mineyama Station, 8 min walk **Reservation :** Necessary



## Fruit Picking at Tango Kingdom

From mid June to late October Tango Kingdom has a variety of fruits available for picking. Starting with melons, then blueberries, peaches, grapes and pears, you'll be blown away by the incredible fresh taste.

**Hours :** 11am - 3pm **Open :** Mid June - end October (depending on the fruit)  
**Closed :** Tuesday (except summer holidays) **Fee :** From 700 yen (depending on the type of fruit) **Location :** Tango Kingdom Fruits Garden **Access :** 10 min drive from Amino Station or Mineyama Station **Reservation :** Necessary



## Strawberry Picking at Okazaki Farm

Thanks to the greenhouses at Okazaki Farm the strawberry season starts early in the year. The akihime brand strawberries grown there are big and sweet. At Okazaki Farm you can pick as many as you can eat in 30mins.

**Hours :** 10am - 3pm **Open :** Mid March - end May **Fee :** Adults 2000 yen  
**Location :** Okazaki Farm **Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Miyake 20 min walk **Reservation :** Necessary



# Geopark

The San'in Kaigan Geopark is registered with UNESCO and has a stunning and diverse coastline.



## Tango Matsushima Pine Islands

Bearing an uncanny resemblance to the famous Matsushima Islands, Tango Matsushima is a stunning sunrise spot. It's well worth the early wake up to see the sun rising over this island studded inlet at least once in your life.

**Location :** Tango-cho **Access :** 25 min drive from Amino Station



# Beaches



Relax on the white sand beaches and swim in the emerald blue sea in Kyotango.

## Kotohikihama Beach

Kotohikihama beach is famous as one of Japan's singing sand beaches. In dry conditions the sand squeaks as you walk on it, a curious phenomenon caused by the very high quartz content. In order for the sand to 'sing' it has to be very clean, this resulted in it being Japan's first smoke free beach. To make sure the sand keeps singing the locals spend a lot of time cleaning the beach of floatsam too.

**Fee :** Parking fee applies (year round)  
**Location :** Amino **Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Kotohikihama 5 min walk



## Cape Kyoga Lighthouse

Cape Kyoga is the most northern point in Kyoto prefecture and the site of one of five lighthouses in Japan with a first order fresnel lens. The chalk white of the lighthouse contrasts with the crystal blue of the sea and the sky. It's also a great place for spotting birds, and sometimes monkeys.

**Location :** Tango-cho **Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Fudeshi 1 min walk



## Mt. Kabuto & Shotenkyo Land Bridge

Taking only about 30 minutes to climb to the top of Mt. Kabuto, the observation deck is worth a visit for the incredible view out over Kumihama Bay. You can also see Shotenkyo, the narrow sand bar that separates the bay from the Sea of Japan. It has been used by fishermen to shelter their boats for hundreds of years.

**Location :** Kumihama **Access :** 30 min walk from the trail entrance of Kabutoyama Park



## Singing Sand Museum

The Singing Sand Museum is dedicated to preserving the natural and scientific importance of Kotohikihama 'singing sand' Beach. You can also hear the sand squeak no matter the weather conditions outside. Here you can learn about the tiny organisms that live in the sand, and the ongoing preservation work to maintain the beach.

**Hours :** 9am - 5pm **Closed :** Tuesdays **Fee :** Adults 300 yen, 6-15 years 100 yen (Group rates available)  
**Location :** Amino **Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Kotohikihama 1 min walk



## Takashima Beach & Campsite

Takashima beach has very fine grains of white sand. The beach has many reefs where you can look for small crabs or fish. The seaside campsite is well equipped and can accommodate either tents or campervans.

**Fee :** Parking fee applies (summer only) **Location :** Tango-cho  
**Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Ueno 5 min walk



## Nochigahama Beach

This white sand beach is right in the heart of the San'in Kaigan geopark. Nochigahama beach is at the foot of Tateiwa rock giving great views of it even when you're splashing around in the water.

**Fee :** Parking fee applies (summer only) **Location :** Tango-cho  
**Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Tango Chosha Mae 2 min walk



## Tateiwa and Byobuiwa Volcanic Monoliths

Tateiwa rock stands out from the coast thanks to being made from super hard volcanic rock, which allows it to withstand the harsh winter weather much better than the rest of the coast. The nearby Byobuiwa rock is made of similarly hard stone, and clearly reveals the fault line travelling in a straight line.

**Location :** Tango-cho **Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Tenki Tenki Mura 7 min walk



## Kazuranohama Beach

Located on the Shotenkyo sandbar between Kumihama Bay and the Sea of Japan this beach is part of the 8 km 'long beach'. The shallow waters here allows for safe swimming for all skill levels.

**Fee :** Parking fee applies (summer only)  
**Location :** Kumihama **Access :** 13-minute drive from Kumihama Station

## Hamazume Yuhigaura Beach



At the northern end of the 8km 'long beach' the Hamazume Yuhigaura Beach is right next to a large number of ryokan hotels making it very convenient to get from your room to the beach.

**Fee :** Parking fee applies (summer only) **Location :** Amino **Access :** Get off at Yuhigaura-Kitsu-Onsen Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Hamazume 4 min walk



## Stunning Sunsets

The 'Yurari' beach swing is one of Kyotango's premier photo spots, and is perfect for watching the gorgeous sunsets, which this area was named after.



Uncover the unique culture of Kyotango at historic properties, shrines and temples.



## Inaba Family Merchant House

The main wing of this historic property, called the omoya, was built over 130 years ago and was registered as a National Tangible Cultural Property in 2003. It has been meticulously re-built with features from the Edo period. The restaurant Ginshosha was built over 219 years ago, here you can enjoy the local red-bean sweet 'Botamochi' while looking at the quaint Japanese style garden.

**Hours :** 9am-4pm **Closed :** Wednesdays  
**Location :** Kumihama **Access :** 7-minute walk from Kumihama Station



## Kotohira-jinja Shrine

The main shrine of the Mineyama area, it is famous for being the only shrine in Japan to feature 'guardian cat' statues, usually they are dogs. The cat statues were created to show the importance of cats in catching mice, who were a danger to the local silk industry.

**Location :** Mineyama **Access :** 20-minute walk from Mineyama Station



## Nyoiji Temple

This temple is famous for its three-leaved azaleas, they cover the hillside in purple blossoms in April. Perfect for flower lovers this flower temple always has gorgeous flowers in bloom.

**Location :** Kumihama **Access :** 15-minute walk from Kumihama Station



## Sennichie Festival

This summer festival takes place on August 9th, it showcases some of the highlights of summer in Kyotango, including a fireworks display, floating lanterns and 'daimonji', large character, light up on Mt. Kabuto nearby.

**Location :** Kumihama  
**Access :** 15-minute walk from Kumihama Station



## Kamitani-jinja Shrine

This shrine has a giant rock 'Iwakura' where a god is said to reside. The rock has been split to line up with the polestar and it was likely used by ancient people to mark the passage of time.

**Location :** Kumihama **Access :** 5-minute walk from Kumihama Station



## Takano-jinja Shrine

Named in the 'Engishiki', an 8th century document, as the only large shrine in the Takano area, it is thought to have a connection to the emperor. The presence of the Imperial Chrysanthemum Emblem and the neighbouring burial mound, Shinemeizan, used as an imperial tomb, supports this claim.

**Location :** Tango-cho **Access :** 23-minute drive from Amino Station



## Heiji Jizo

At over 5 meters tall this statue is the tallest stone jizo (guardian deity of children and travellers) in Kyoto prefecture. Every year in November a ritual is held to dress it in a straw hat and coat, weighing over 60kg.

**Location :** Omiya  
**Access :** 12-minute drive from Kyotango-Omiya IC



## Keitokuin Temple

The 44 painted 'fusuma' sliding doors in Keitokuin Temple were painted by the artist Roshu Nagasawa of the Maruyama school in the early 19th century (Edo period). They are a designated cultural property and important artefacts showing the changes in painting styles at the time.

**Hours :** 9am-5pm **Location :** Mineyama **Access :** 10-minute drive from Mineyama Station **Reservation :** Required



## Komachi Park

Thought to be the final resting place of the 9th century poet Ono no Komachi. She was one of six famous poets during the Heian period. A mound in the park is said to contain her tomb.

**Hours :** 9am-4pm **Closed :** Wednesdays  
**Fee :** Park is free, 200yen/person for the exhibition **Location :** Omiya **Access :** 10-minute drive from Kyotango-Omiya IC

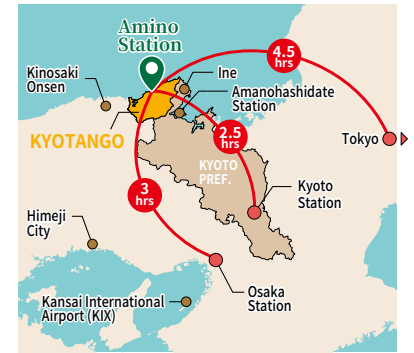
# Sightseeing & Guide Map Kyotango City



## Getting Here

### Train

**Kyoto to Kyotango**  
 >>>>>> about 2.5 hours  
**Osaka to Kyotango**  
 >>>>>> about 3 hours



Access to Kyotango by Train is convenient from either Kyoto or Osaka. There are several scenic towns on the way where you can change train lines. There is also a direct train from Kyoto, the 'Tango no Umi', which runs twice a day. Rail passes are also available for the Kansai area.

JR-West Timetable

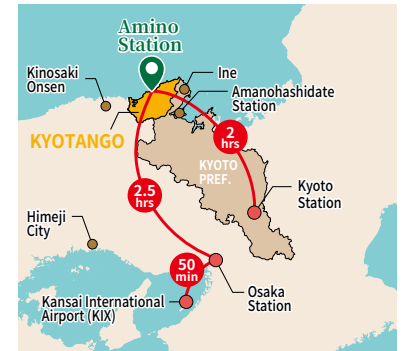


JR West Rail Pass



### Car

**Kyoto to Kyotango**  
 >>>>>> about 2 hours  
**Osaka to Kyotango**  
 >>>>>> about 2.5 hours  
**Kansai International (KIX) to Osaka**  
 >>>>>> about 50 mins



Visiting by rent-a-car gives you the freedom to explore Kyotango and the surrounding areas at your leisure. The Kyotango-Omiya Interchange (IC) makes getting here by expressway simple and efficient.

Route Map From Kyoto



Route Map From Osaka



### Bus

**Kyoto to Kyotango**  
 >>>>>> about 3 hours  
**Osaka to Kyotango**  
 >>>>>> about 3 hours



Highway buses make access from Osaka and Kyoto convenient and cost-effective. These luxury buses provide comfort, safety, and reliable service in one convenient package.

Timetable From Kyoto



Timetable From Osaka



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### Local Buses

Local buses that run throughout Kyotango City.  
 Bus fare: 200 yen





# Nature

There are many places to get close to nature in Kyotango, whether it's in the hills or by the seaside.

## Hanago OKADA Flower park

Hanago OKADA flower park is only open in the spring. It is the size of 5 baseball fields and filled with a wide range of flowers. Depending on when in spring you visit you'll be treated to waves of tulips, a wisteria terrace 300 meters long or a rose garden with lots of little nooks for romantic picnics.

**Hours:** 9:30am - 4:30pm (last entry at 4pm) **Open:** Mid April-early May, late May-mid June **Fee:** Adults 700 yen, 6-12yrs 350 yen, under 6 free **Location:** Amino **Access:** 5 min drive from Yuhigaura-kitsu-onsen Station



## Onaru Burial Mounds

Located on a plateau overlooking the sea and Tateiwa rock the Onaru Burial Mounds are a series of 13 tombs dug into the hillside. The tombs were built in the late 6th early 7th century using volcanic rocks quarried from Tateiwa rock. In the Spring the whole area is covered with little blue and white flowers from wild Japanese horseradish.

**Location:** Tango-cho **Access:** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Takano 5 min walk



## Uchiyama Beech Forest

Northern Kinki's largest beech forest is located in Kyotango, it is also at a lower altitude than other beech forests in the Kinki area due to a microclimate which allows for additional snow accumulation. Not just beech trees, there are maple, and Japanese elm and over 300 other varieties of plants. The perfect place to lose yourself in nature.

**Location:** Omiya **Access:** 15 min from Kyotango-Omiya IC



## Tenno no Sato Village

Deep in the forested hills of Kyotango is Tenno no Sato. This interactive facility has traditional cottage accommodations, as well as mountain stream fishing, and soba and konjak making activities.

**Open:** Open year round **Fee:** Camping starting from 1000 yen per night **Location:** Mineyama **Access:** 20 min drive from Kyotango-Omiya IC **Reservation:** Necessary



## Delux Outdoor Resort

Perfect for people who want to make the most of the outdoors but still want the comfort of hotel style accommodations. The Delux Outdoor Resort also has anamnetronic dinosaurs, and LED swings to bring out the child in us all.

**Open:** Open year round **Fee:** From about 42,000 for 2 people per night **Location:** Kumihama **Access:** 17 min drive from Kumihama Station **Reservation:** Necessary



## Mt. Takaten Hiking Trail

The peak of Mt. Takaten looks out over the town of Amino and out to sea. The other way you can see over the hills all the way to Kumihama Bay, and beyond. The trail to the peak is surrounded by tall pine trees, but the final approach has a rope to help you up the steep slopes. It's a challenging climb but well worth the view.

**Location:** Amino **Access:** 15 min walk from Amino Station

# Areas to Explore

Take your time and explore Kyotango by foot or by bike to find its hidden treasures.

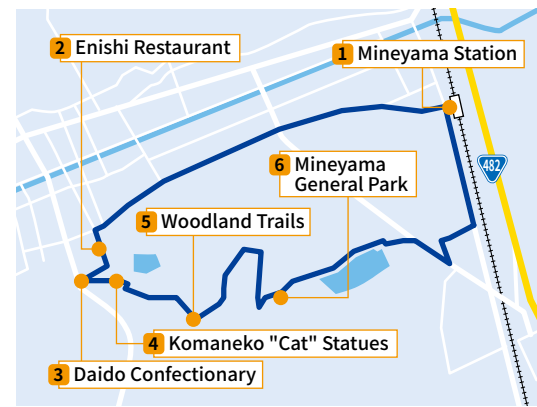
## E-bike Tour of Amino



Distance: 19.1 km (11.8 miles) / Approx travel time: 2 hrs

- 1 Hire an e-bike from Amino Station
- 2 Visit the Kotohikihama 'Singing Sand' Beach
- 3 Stop for an ice cream at Acacia
- 4 Take a rest at Hatchohama Beach
- 5 Visit Shizuka Shrine and get a stunning view over the Sea of Japan
- 6 Stop at Asamogawa hot spring before returning to Amino Station

## Walking Tour of Mineyama



Distance: 3.7 km (2.3 miles) / Approx travel time: 50 mins

- 1 Set off from Mineyama Station
- 2 Stop for a fusion lunch at Enishi restaurant
- 3 Pick up a cake for later from Daido confectionary
- 4 Visit Kotohira Shrine and see the unique Komaneko 'cat' Statues
- 5 Behind Kotohira Shrine are a series of easy woodland trails
- 6 Exit the trails at Mineyama General Park and head back to Mineyama Station

## Walking or E-bike Tour of Kumihama



**Walking Route (A)** / Distance: 3.4 km (2.1 miles) / Approx travel time: 39 mins

**E-bike Route (B)** / Distance: 13.9 km (8.6 miles) / Approx travel time: 1 hr 40 mins

- 1 Set off from Kumihama Station (For route B hire an e-bike)
- 2 Visit Kamitani Shrine, and see the Iwakura Rock
- 3 Visit the Nyoji flower temple
- 4 Have a barazushi lunch at the Inaba Historic property
- 5 Take a break at Amenity park before heading back to Kumihama Station
- 5 Get a fruit smoothie from the fruits trail
- 6 Leaving the bikes at the park, hike to the top of Mt. Kabuto for a great view (about 30 mins to summit)
- 7 Stop at Kinoshita Brewery to get a bottle for later (no tasting, drink cycling is prohibited), head back to Kumihama Station

# Food & Shopping



Kyotango produces high quality delicious foods whether it's seafood, sake, sweets or fruits.



## Daimaru Shoyu

This soy sauce brewery was recently renovated into a stylish cafe. They still produce delicious soy sauces which can be bought here, but the stylish cafe is a must try, especially the excellent curry and parfaits.

**Hours:** 10am - 6pm **Closed:** Monday  
**Location:** Yasaka **Access:** Get off at Mineyama Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Yasaka Byoin (Hospital) Mae 16 min walk



## Tango Kingdom

As the largest roadside station in western Japan there is a lot to do here, from restaurants to fruit picking, from mini-zoo to grass hill sledding.

**Hours:** 9am - 5pm (Restaurants stay open until 9pm on weekends and holidays) **Closed:** Tuesdays **Location:** Yasaka **Access:** 20 min drive from Kyotango-Omiya IC



## Taiza Crab (Try them at Hisami)

Kyotango's special variety of snow crab is Taiza crab, they are only landed in small numbers leading them to be called 'phantom crabs'. Unlike most crab Taiza crab are caught, landed, sold, and can be cooked all on the same day, making them among the freshest in Japan. The restaurant Hisami is close to the port where they are landed making it a great place to try them.

**Hours:** 11am - 2:30pm, 5pm - 9pm **Closed:** Wednesdays  
**Location:** Tango-cho **Access:** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Taiza Shinryojo Mae 1 min walk **Reservation:** Crab plans must be reserved, reservations recommended in general



## Oysters (Try them at Furan)

The conditions in Kumihama bay are perfect for growing big tasty oysters, and they can be prepared in a variety of delicious ways, from steaming, frying, or grilling. At the restaurant Furan you can try all you can eat steamed oysters, a highly recommended way to experience this delicious shellfish.

**Hours:** 11am - 2pm, 6pm - 9:30pm (Sat only, weeknight group bookings upon request) **Closed:** Wednesdays  
**Location:** Kumihama **Access:** 12 min drive from Kumihama Station **Reservation:** Only necessary for evenings



## Dairy Kitchen Sora

Everything made at Dairy Kitchen Sora is made with the milk from the Jersey cows on site. A wide range of ice cream flavours as well as fresh cheeses and cheesecake. They also have a woodfired pizza oven operating on weekends.

**Hours:** 10am - 5pm **Closed:** Thursday  
**Location:** Kumihama **Access:** 15 min walk from Kabutoyama Station



## Sankaikan

This roadside station is bursting with local products, has a restaurant, fruit picking activities, and is part of the Fruits Trail.

**Hours:** 8am - 5pm **Location:** Kumihama  
**Access:** 13 min walk from Shotenkyo Station



## Amity Tango

This souvenir shop carries a wide range of local products, such as Japanese rice wine, craft beer, sweets, and chirimen silk products.

**Hours:** 9am - 5pm **Closed:** New Year Holidays  
**Location:** Amino **Access:** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Amity/Amino Chosha Mae 1 min walk



## Kinoshita Brewery

This brewery has made several innovations in the sake brewing world, by looking both forward and back. Their 'Time Machine' sake is made using older methods to give a taste closer to what historic sake would have tasted like. They also have ranges made using a spontaneous fermentation method which is relatively rare in the sake world.

**Hours:** 9am - 5pm **Location:** Kumihama  
**Access:** 3 min walk from Kabutoyama Station



## Matsusakaya

This sake shop has the best selection of local rice wines produced in the Kyotango area, of any shop. They also have a range of 'cold-aged' sakes for a unique taste.

**Hours:** 7am - 6pm  
**Closed:** Thursday  
**Location:** Amino **Access:** 2 min walk from Yuhigaura Station



## Fruits Trail

An alternative way to cool off in summer is with one of the delicious frozen fruit smoothies from the Fruit Trail. A number of orchards in Kumihama have collaborated to sell fruit smoothies made with in season local fruits.

**Closed:** November - June  
**Location:** Kumihama





# Hot Springs

Unwind in the soothing waters of Kyotango's natural hot springs.



## Ukawa Hot Spring Yoshino no Sato

The two baths at Ukawa Hot Spring, 'mountain view' and 'sea view' alternate between male and female every day, and both give great views while you soak in the hot water. There is a restaurant and a shop that sells local food, and a campsite and accommodations as well.

**Hours :** 11am - 8:30pm **Closed :** Thursdays **Location :** Tango-cho  
**Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Ukawa Onsen Yoshino no Sato 1 min walk



## Tango Hot Spring Hashiudoso

The outside bath of Tango hot spring has a view of the majestic Tateiwa rock. Winter is a great time to visit as you may be able to see snow resting on the top of the giant monolith.

**Hours :** 4pm - 9:30pm  
**Closed :** Tuesdays  
**Location :** Tango-cho  
**Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Tango Chosha Mae 1 min walk



## Asamogawa Hot Spring Shizuka no Sato

This hot spring has large panoramic windows looking out over the Asamogawa fishing port. There is also an observation lounge with massage chairs, a restaurant, and a gift shop.

**Hours :** 10am - 9:30pm  
**Closed :** Tuesdays  
**Location :** Amino  
**Access :** 5 mins by taxi from Amino Station



## Yasaka Ashiginu Hot Spring

The view from Ashiginu Hot Spring is out across the Yasaka plain to the forested hills in the distance. The waters here are heated by burning discarded cooking oil. There is also a gift shop and restaurant.

**Hours :** 10am - 9:30pm **Closed :** Wednesdays **Location :** Yasaka  
**Access :** Get off at Amino Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Ashiginu Onsen Mae 1 min walk



## Sotoyu Hanayumi

The outdoor bath at Sotoyu features a waterfall which provides a relaxing soundscape while you soak in the waters. They also have a lie-down bath so you can be submerged up to your neck. There is a restaurant on site making it a very convenient destination.

**Hours :** 12noon - 9:15pm  
**Closed :** Thursdays  
**Location :** Amino **Access :** Get off at Yuhigaura-Kitsu-Onsen Station, change to a local bus Bus stop: Sotoyu Hanayuumi 1 min walk



## Shirasagi Foot Bath

This foot bath located on the platform at Yuhigaura Station will soothe and relax your weary feet after a busy day of sightseeing. Great for if you want to experience hot spring culture while waiting for a train. You can get a pass just for the hot spring if you don't need to take the train.

**Hours :** 9am - 5pm  
**Location :** Yuhigaura-Kitsu-Onsen Station, Amino

## Ono no Komachi Hot Spring

**Hours :** 10am - 7:30pm **Closed :** Open all Year **Location :** Omiya  
**Access :** 5-minute drive from Kyotango-Omiya IC

## Kumihama Spa Yumotokan

**Hours :** 9am - 9pm **Closed :** Open all Year **Location :** Kumihama  
**Access :** 8-minute drive from Yuhigaura-Kitsu-Onsen Station

## Where to Stay

From luxury inns, to cozy guesthouses, Kyotango has just what you're looking for.

### Luxury Accommodations



The luxury hotels in Kyotango are a cut above. From private lodges in a bamboo forest to rooms with private hot spring baths attached you'll truly have an experience like no other.



### Japanese Style Minshuku Guesthouses



Get a taste of traditional Japan with a stay in a minshuku guesthouse where the futons are laid out on soft tatami flooring. Minshuku are known for having friendly 'okami' hostesses who will give you delicious home cooking after a long day of sightseeing.



### Hotels for Foodies



Japanese inns often specialize in exquisite dining experiences, where every mouthful is bursting with flavor and every dish is immaculately styled. You'll finish the meal feeling full and with a new appreciation for simple good cooking.



### Comfortable Ryokan Inns



The ryokan inns in Kyotango combine great service with comfort. They have stunning views with plush beds and delicious food can be served right to your room.



# About *Kyotango*



Kamitani-jinja Shrine Autumn Festival



Sodeshi Rice Terraces



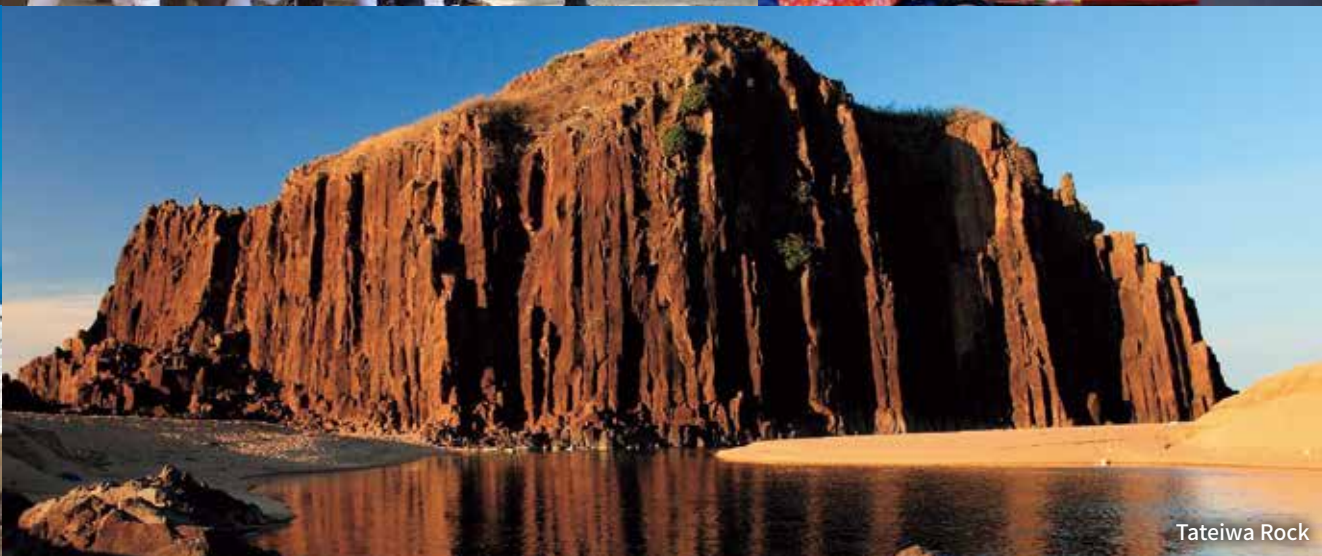
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Chirimen Products



Cape Kyoga Lighthouse



Tateiwa Rock



Fresh Peaches



Fresh Grapes



Local Speciality Barazushi



Chirimen Silk Kimono

## A Natural Playground, Waiting to be Discovered

Facing the Sea of Japan Kyotango is known as part of the 'Kyoto by the Sea' area. The wild and varied coastline is part of the San'in Kaigan National Park, a UNESCO recognized geopark. Ranging from long white sand beaches to rough and jagged cliffs and rock pools with plenty of secret coves and sea caves to explore.

Kyotango's nature extends inland with forested hills filled with wildlife, plants and rivers. The clean air and rich soil also makes it an ideal place for farming. There are lots of fruit orchards in Kyotango with many brands unique to the area. In between the orchards, and along stretches of coast, there are many rice fields, growing that important Japanese staple crop.

Kyotango is also known to have an above average number of centenarians, including the world's oldest verified man, Jiroemon Kimura. Many people think that the unusual longevity found in Kyotango is partly attributed to the variety and quality of local foods, as well as the strong sense of community found in the area.

One of Kyotango's most elegant contributions to Japanese culture is chirimen silk fabric. Used in the production of high quality kimonos for over 300 years, this fabric is made by spinning silk threads 3000 times per meter giving it a slightly bumpy texture which makes it feel extra soft. The Kyotango area still makes about 70% of the fabric used in high quality kimono.

