

Shimanami kaido

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◇What is Shimanami Kaido?

Shimanami Kaido is the road between Onomichi city in Hiroshima and Imabari city in Ehime. The span of this road is 60 km. It has some bridges. The view is very beautiful and you can enjoy walking or cycling.

◇Shimanami Kaido`s MAP

The name of the bridges from Ehime Prefecture side are: Kurushima Kaikyo Bridge, Hakata - Oshima Ohashi Bridge, Omishima ohashi Bridge, Tatara Ohashi Bridge, Ikuchi Bridge, Inoshima Ohashi Bridge, and Onomichi Bridge.



◇The history of Shimanami Kaido

The Shimanami Kaido with a total length of 59.4 km has been connected throughout 31 years since construction started.

Shimanami Kaido passes, from Oshima island which is the home of Murakami pirate. He was a well known pirate in Japan, active in the Seto Inland Sea during Muromachi period (1336~1573's). Murakami pirates were conducting piracy such as plundering. However, after establishing a point of interest in key points of the route, he started collecting various toll taxes from the ship coming and going, while serving as a pilotage guaranteeing the safety of the route. We can visit Murakami pirate museum.



Picture 1 Tatara-Ohashi Bridge



Picture 2 Murakami pirate museum

◇Recommended sightseeing spot

Shimanami Kaido has a lot of sightseeing spots. We recommend Kurushima Channel sightseeing tower in Imabari. Kurushima-Channel Bridge is the first triple suspension bridge in the world.

Kurushima Channel is the one of the three greatest rapid tides, and you can see the great view that a lot of small islands create. Seto Island Sea is the place where once land was sea due to sea level rise. So there are many small islands. Moreover, this spot is famous for the night view. The bridge illumination is great.



Picture 3 Kurushima-Channel Bridge



Picture 4 Illuminated Kurushima-Channel Bridge