

Gonoura Port

Location	Gonoura, Gonoura-cho, Iki City, Nagasaki
Nearest Station	None
Access	Iki Airport : 20min. by Taxi Iki Airport : 40min. by Bus
Facilities	None
Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Length : 220m• Water Depth : -7.5m• Apron Width : 20m• Tidal Range : 2.31m
Others	Tugboat : Available
Welcome Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taiko Drumming, Brass Band Performance, Dances, Paper Tape Performance. etc.• Shore Survenior Shop (Marine Products, Shochu Liquer, *Sending Available)• Tasting of Local Products• Shuttle Buses• Other Services at Shore• Rental (Charged) : Electric assistance Bike, Fishing Rod
Tourist Information	Information Desk is located on the shore (Contact : Iki Tourism Federation TEL0920-47-3700)
City Tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Sightseeing Bus (Contact : Iki Kotsu TEL0920-47-1161) : Adults ¥1,840 Children ¥920• Taxi Tour : (Contact : Iki Kotsu Taxi TEL0920-47-1155, Genkai Taxi TEL0920-43-0880) ¥11,000~/2.5hours/ 1 taxi



Iki, an island blessed with pristine nature and ancient legends, will transport you to the ancient wonders of Japan. Iki is also a perfect place for marine sports enthusiasts, *sake* tasters and gourmands. The 133km² island is located at the northern end of Kyushu in the Genkai Sea, within the Iki-Tsushima Quasi-National Park where people and rare animals live together harmoniously.



A Treasure Trove of Ancient Myths, Pristine Nature and Good Foods

Haru-no-Tsuji Ruins

The archaeological remains at Haru-no-Tsuji are located on a flat plain between Ishida Town and Ashibe Town. The area has provided important insights into life during the Yayoi Period (approx. 300BC - 300AD) and has been designated as a site of National Historical Interest. The moated settlement is regarded as the location of the ancient capital of Iki, a country that existed in that period. It appears in a Chinese historical text "The Records of the Three Kingdoms", as the oldest kingdom in Japan. 17 buildings have been restored at the site.

Port Facilities

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Capacity	Length	220m
	Water Depth	-7.5m
	Apron Width	20m
	Tidal Range	2.31m
	Cruise Ship Records	Nippon Maru, Pacific Venus, FUJIMARU
Facilities	Overview	None
Anchorage Area	Cruise Ship Records	Asuka II
	Tender Boat	Available on Request



Ceremonies and Services at the Port

Welcome Events

- Japanese drumming
- Brass band performance
- Paper-ribbon send-off etc.

Information Desks

- Available on request

Local products for sale

- Marine Products, *Shochu*

Shuttle Bus Service

- Available on request

Services

- Electric power-assisted bicycles are available for hire at the wharf.



The Charms of Iki

Abundant with myths, ruins, and nature, Iki is the perfect destination for in-the-know travelers. Explore the remains of an ancient Japanese settlement inhabited 2000 years ago. Discover the creation myth of Japan among the mysterious shrines, and experience the natural wonder of the exquisite beaches and uninhabited islands. Iki is equally a treasure trove of food culture, boasting fresh seafood, local delicacies and *shochu* liquor.

Top spot | The Ikikoku Museum

This museum showcases a part of the Haru-no-Tsuji Ruins. Numerous artifacts and exhibits enable you to experience the ancient kingdom. The unique building with its lush green roof was designed by the late Kisho Kurokawa.



Tsukiyomi Shrine



This shrine is thought to be the origin of Shinto, the indigenous spirituality of Japan. The quiet shrine invites you to discover the mysterious creation stories of Japan.

Tsutsukihama Beach



The white sands of this beach stretch for 600m and the sea is shallow, making this a great place for kids and adults alike to enjoy. In the summer season, food and drink stalls are set up, and various water sport activities and BBQ and camping facilities are available right next to the beach.

Saruiwa (Monkey Rock)



Saruiwa is a symbol of Iki, a 45-meter-high basalt rock that resembles the form of a sitting monkey, and is therefore called *Saruiwa* (Monkey Rock). Taking a picture of the rock against the backdrop of the stunning ocean view is a MUST.

Oninoashiato (The Devil's Footprint)



The sea has gradually eroded a footprint-shaped hole in the rock, about 30m deep and 110m wide. It is said that a huge demon (*oni*) planted one of his feet here while he was trying to catch a fish. Enjoy the lush green grass of the cape with breathtaking views of the blue ocean and the sea arch.

Tatsunoshima Island



Tatsunoshima Island seems to float upon the vivid blue ocean. View the uniquely eroded stacks, caves and arches, as well as "Snake Valley", named for the narrow gorge that snakes between 50-meter cliffs. If you are a thrill-seeker, you can walk along the top of the cliff. The island's beach with its fine white sand and calm crystal-clear waters is the perfect place to relax.

Events

Gonoura Gion Yamakasa

The biggest summer festival on Iki, this ritual at the Yasaka Shrine dates back over 270 years. Men carry a large float called a *yamakasa* through the streets and stone stairways of Gonoura town.



Date: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July

Iki Fireworks Festival

At the biggest fireworks festival on Iki, you can enjoy 2200 fireworks from a viewpoint very close to the place where the fireworks are launched.



Date: Mid-August

Activities

Boat Excursion to an Uninhabited Island

This tour will take you to the scenic uninhabited island, Tatsunoshima, which is located in northern Iki. Admire the crystalline waters and the lofty cliffs, eroded over the centuries by the ocean waves.



Iki Kagura (traditional Japanese Shinto dance)

This 500-year-old shrine ritual has been designated a significant intangible folk cultural asset of Japan. The main Iki Kagura is performed by priests, who dance and play Shinto music. Some dances are performed for over 6 hours. You can view part of the dance on a tour (maximum audience of 60 people possible at Sumiyoshi Shrine). It can also be performed onboard ship as a welcome event.



Ishu Tofu workshop

Try making Ishu Tofu, a traditional local food. This huge, firm tofu was formerly made using real ocean water instead of the usual bittern (a salt solution). Discover the island's healthy foods!



Dried-squid workshop

Fresh squid is available in Iki all year round. At this workshop, a local instructor will teach you how to make dried squid.



Sake Brewery Tour

Observe the production of local liquors such as *shochu*, refined sake and liqueurs, and sample some of the products.



Model Courses

Discover Iki Tour

Discover Iki's nature, culture and history. Free *Shochu* liquor-tasting at Iki *Shochu* Distillery.

Gonoura Port ⇒ (10min) ⇒ Oninoashiato (Devil's Footprint) ⇒ (30min) ⇒ Saruiwa (Monkey Rock) Fort and Gun Battery Site ⇒ (20min) ⇒ Oninoiwaya Kofun (Demon's Grotto) ⇒ (5min) ⇒ Tsukiyomi Shrine ⇒ (5min) ⇒ Iki Shuzou Distillery ⇒ (15min) ⇒ Mt. Takenotsuji Observatory ⇒ (5min) ⇒ Shopping Lunch ⇒ (15min) ⇒ Ikikoku Museum ⇒ (10min) ⇒ Sakyoubana ⇒ (5min) ⇒ Harahoge Jizō, 6 Buddhist statues standing in the ocean ⇒ (35 min) ⇒ Gonoura Port

Travel Time: Approx 7.5 hours



Spiritual & Cultural Tour of Iki

Discover Iki's spiritual side by visiting Tsukiyomi Shrine where Shinto spirituality began. Enjoy the island's pristine nature and the ancient myths of Japan. Free *shochu* liquor tasting at Genkai Distillery.

Gonoura Port ⇒ (20min) ⇒ Ikikoku Museum ⇒ (10 min) ⇒ Sakyoubana ⇒ (25min) ⇒ Harahoge Jizō, 6 Buddhist statues standing in the ocean ⇒ (20min) ⇒ Ondake Shrine with 200 statues of monkeys ⇒ (10min) ⇒ Umeshima Beef Restaurant (Lunch) ⇒ (5 min) ⇒ Tsukiyomi Shrine ⇒ (20min) ⇒ Saruiwa (Monkey Rock) Fort and Gun Battery Site ⇒ (30min) ⇒ Genkai Distillery ⇒ (10min) ⇒ Shopping ⇒ (5min) ⇒ Mt. Takenotsuji Observatory ⇒ (10min) ⇒ Gonoura Port

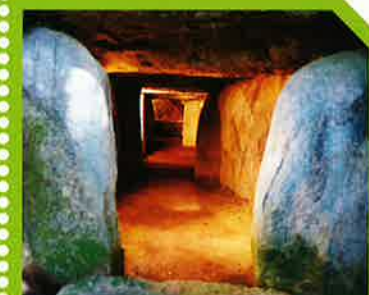
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In the Footsteps of History

Discover sites of National Historical Interest on Iki.

Gonoura Port ⇒ (15min) ⇒ Haru-no-tsuji Ruins ⇒ (5 min) ⇒ Ikikoku Museum ⇒ (15min) ⇒ Tsukiyomi Shrine ⇒ (5 min) ⇒ Oninoiwaya Kofun (Demon's Grotto) ⇒ (5min) ⇒ Suroku Kofun mounded-tomb ⇒ (20 min) ⇒ Lunch ⇒ (30min) ⇒ Saruiwa (Monkey Rock) Fort and Gun Battery Site ⇒ (20min) ⇒ Amanotanagao Shrine ⇒ (20 min) ⇒ Shopping ⇒ (10min) ⇒ Gonoura Port

Travel Time: Approx 7.5 hours



Turquoise Ocean and Ancient Shrines Tour

With over 1000 shrines on the island, Iki is called "The Island of Kami" (*kami* means 'deity' or 'god' in Japanese). Enjoy the island's glittering blue waters and ancient spirituality.

Gonoura Port ⇒ (10min) ⇒ Amanotanagao Shrine ⇒ (5min) ⇒ Sumiyoshi Shrine ⇒ (20min) ⇒ Saruiwa (Monkey Rock) Fort and Gun Battery Site ⇒ (25min) ⇒ Tatsunoshima Island excursion boat ⇒ (10min) ⇒ Lunch ⇒ (5min) ⇒ Oninoiwaya Kofun (Demon's Grotto) ⇒ (15 min) ⇒ Tsukiyomi Shrine ⇒ (15min) ⇒ Ikikoku Museum ⇒ (15min) ⇒ Shopping ⇒ (15min) ⇒ Gonoura Port

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Food and Specialty Products

Iki *Shochu* Liquor

Iki is said to be the birthplace of barley *shochu*. Using *shochu*-making methods originally brought over from China, distillers on Iki developed their own distinctive barley liquor. In 1995, Iki *Shochu* was accredited as a 'geographical indication' by the World Trade Organization, awarding it a place among the world's top liquors. There are currently 7 breweries on the island, offering factory tours and *shochu* tasting.



Iki Beef

Iki Beef was considered the best in the country as early as the year 1310, and still today is known as the best Kuroge Wagyu beef in Japan. Most calves of the well-known brands of Japanese beef are born on Iki.



Iki Squid

Iki has been nationally-renowned as a center for squid-fishing since ancient times.



Bowl of rice topped with fresh sea urchin

This delicious dish was invented by *Ama*, the traditional free divers who collect sea urchins from the ocean.

Best season: May-October



Ondako (kite with a demon motif)

Ondako is a huge kite with a demon motif. It is a traditional Iki toy that tells the legend of a hero who drove out demons from the island. This kite has been designated as a Traditional Craft of Nagasaki.

