

## Kotohira-cho Sightseeing Association

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Konpira walk

Old town with the taste of an old shrine

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Konpira Hot Spring Area

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# Let's walk! Konpira

Kotohira-gu Shrine popularly known as "Konpira-san in Sanuki."  
Local souvenir shops and eating places with a taste of the shrine line the approach to the shrine that is always bustling with worshippers and visitors.  
There remain many historic sites and cultural properties around the shrine, so you can fully enjoy historical walks.  
Why not enjoy a relaxing "Konpira walk"?

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SO many hot springs for feeling relaxed and beautiful!



If you climb all of these steps,



you will find something different...



## O-mon Gate

Entrance to the grounds of Kotohira-gu Shrine.  
"Koro" and "Kiyozuka" in front of the gate are also must visit spots.

## Pilgrimage to Konpira starts from here





# Exciting Konpira pilgrimage with 1368 stone steps on approach



**Egao Genki-kun red seal book**  
With character of Kotohira-gu

**Talisman of Konpira-san**  
This talisman and mini Konpira dog set is popular.



**Egao Genki-kun Talisman**

1368 steps to Izutama Shrine.  
Countless hopes of many are marked here.



**Ema-do Gallery**

Ema (votive picture tablets) on which a sailor's ship is drawn, and a floating barrel that picks up sailors lost at sea and safely returns them home are placed at the shrine by local folk to ensure safe passage and return.



**Gohongu (main shrine)**

The original shrine was established in the year 646. The shrine building was reconstructed in 1878. Omono-nushi no kami and Emperor Sutoku who are the deity and protector of ships and the safe passage of sailors on the sea, agriculture, industry and medicine are enshrined here.



**Walking Stick**

It can be borrowed from hotels and local souvenir shops.



**Guide**

Guide authorized by Kotohira-gu



**Palanquin**

Ride a palanquin as seen in historical dramas on long stone steps to the 365th step where O-mon Gate stands.



**Gonin Byakusho**

Large umbrellas are their landmarks. Five historical and well-known stands sell assorted candy within the grounds of the shrine. These are the only stands permitted to sell goods within the grounds.

**Gonin Byakusho**

**O-mon Gate**

365 steps

**Omotosando (front approach)**



**View from the main shrine**

On clear days, enjoy an excellent view of the Seto Ohashi Bridge and Sanuki Fuji on the observation deck on the northeast side of the main shrine on fine days.



**Mihotsuhime-sha Shrine**

Empress of Omono-nushi no kami who is the principle deity of Kotohira-gu Shrine is enshrined here.

Approx. 1,368 steps

**Izutama Shrine**



**Izutama Shrine**

The founder of the Konpira religious sect is enshrined here. Take in the birds-eye view of Kotohira town from the high ground. The tengu face on a rock is something you won't want to miss.

923 steps

**Shiromine Shrine**

**Mihotsuhime-sha Shrine**

**Ema-do Gallery**

785 steps

**Gohongu (main shrine)**

628 steps

**Asahi-sha Shrine**

**Shiseido parlor café & restaurant "Kamitsubaki"**

500 steps

**Shoin (study)**

**Konpira dog**



**Homotsu-kan (treasure hall)**

**Konpira Dog**

Legend has it that some dogs made the pilgrimage to Kotohira Daigongen in place of their owners in the Edo period. Tradition says that the owners hung a small pouch on their dogs that included a wooden tag, shrine offerings and eating expenses while making their journey being cared for by people who met them on their way.



**Shiromine Shrine**

Emperor Sutoku and Taikenmonin are enshrined here. The surrounding foliage in the autumn is a well-known attraction called Momijidani or autumn leaves valley.



**Asahi-sha Shrine** Art in the Edo period such as an attic of cirrus clouds, sculptures of people, birds, animals and flowers engraved between columns and on the doors await your discovery.

## You will encounter interesting objects on your way up to the shrine.



**Votive Propeller**

This is a propeller for a ship which was offered by a shipbuilding company.



**Copper Horse**

This is said to have been made from a collection of old coins of Japan called Ichimon-sen.



**African Elephant**

Votive object. This is located near the stable for Shinme the sacred horse.



**Shiseido parlor café & restaurant "Kamitsubaki"**

Stylish café & restaurant surrounded by greenery. Stop for a break at this parlor on the way up to the shrine.

☎0877-73-0202  
892-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
Café on the first floor 9:00 to 17:00  
(Open all year round)  
Restaurant on first basement floor  
(Day) 11:30 to 14:30 (Open all year round)  
(Night) 17:00 to 21:00  
(Closed on Mondays, reservation only)

**Egao Mirai Bridge**

Cross over a valley as if floating above a forest ceiling.







## Takahashi Yuichi Museum

27 oil paintings by Yuichi Takahashi, the founder of modern oil painting in Japan, are exhibited here. An "Image of Hiotsune Kotooka" as a model of the chief priest of Kotohira-gu Shrine during the middle of Meiji period is also exhibited as one of the preserved pieces of this collection of artwork.



☎0877-75-2121  
Open / 8:30 to 17:00  
Close / Open all year round  
Admission fee / Adults 800 yen  
High school and university students 400 yen  
Junior high school students or younger Free



Kotohira-cho mascot character "Konpi-kun"

Small god of fortune born in Former Konpira Oshibai. He actively promotes Konpira Kabuki!



# Touching artwork and cultural properties in Kotohira

## Kotohira-gu Shrine Homotsu-kan (Treasure Hall)

The architecture is a combination of East and West using granite "Aoki-ishi" excavated in Kagawa. The exhibition includes the spectacular Portraits of Thirty-Six Immortal Poets in addition to Important Cultural Properties such as statues of Juichimen Kannon, a Noh mask and Bugaku mask.



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Close / Open all year round  
Admission fee / Adults 800 yen  
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Junior high school students or younger Free

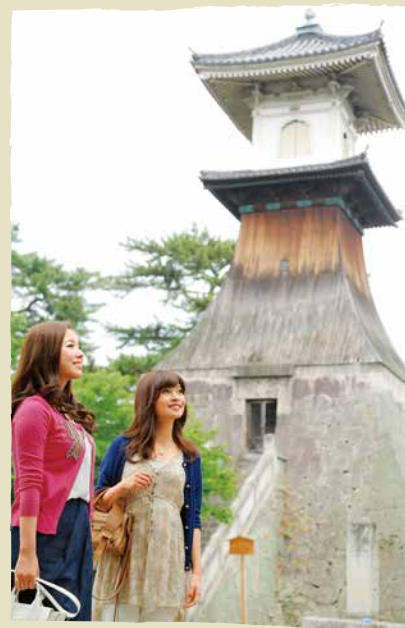


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## Nationally-designated important cultural property Omote-shoin

This was built around 1658 to 1660, and was originally used for ceremonies or as a guest hall to welcome shrine visitors. The building itself, and screen painting and sliding screen landscape painting by Okyo Maruyama are designated as important cultural properties. Among them, "Muzunomi no tora (water drinking tigers)" of "Yukozu (painting of playing tigers)" in the Tiger room is a representative work of Okyo.



## Takadoro

Built over a period of about six years, this light tower was used as a guiding light for ships sailing in the Seto Inland Sea in the Edo period. This is the highest wooden lantern in Japan at about 27m.



## Saya-bashi Bridge

This is named after a sword scabbard shape. It is a roofed floating bridge without a bridge pier, and now only used during festival ceremonies.

## Nationally-designated important cultural property

### Former Konpira Oshibai [Kanamaruza Theater]

The oldest playhouse in Japan. The former appearance has been revived through relocation, restoration and major renovation work. The Kabuki performances held each spring are popular.

1241 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001  
☎0877-73-3846  
Open / 9:00 to 17:00  
Close / Open all year round  
Admission fee / Adult 500 yen  
Junior high and high school students 300 yen  
Children 200 yen





# Find your favorite souvenirs and places!

Selecting souvenirs is fun



## Soft ice cream vs ice cream

When walking on the approach to the shrine, you'll find delicious and unique tastes everywhere!  
Why not try for them while walking?

### Yomeiri Oiri Soft Ice Cream

Topped with traditional Oiri snack of Kagawa



### Kamatama Soft Ice Cream

Ginger flavor soft ice cream topped with scallions and soy sauce



### Rare sugar Soft Ice Cream

This rare sugar soft ice cream has gained a following for its health benefits



### Honey Soft Ice Cream

Rich honey flavor



### Tofu Ice Cream

Moderately sweet and healthy



### Wasanbon (refined sugar made from sugarcane in Japan) Soft Ice Cream

Soft ice cream of Wasanbon made by traditional method



### map E3 Nakano Udon School ①

Experience class where you can make Sanuki udon by yourself and then enjoy eating it.  
☎0877-75-0001  
796 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
9:00 to 15:00  
Open all year round.  
\* Reservations required.



### map E3 Kyuman Honpo Ishidanya ③

You can taste sweets such as Kyuman, a Konpira specialty and tea.  
☎0877-75-3220  
798 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
7:15 to 18:00  
Open all year round.



### map D3 Kinryo-no-sato ⑤

Sake museum where sake brewer disclosed a brewery at the time of foundation  
☎0877-73-4133  
623 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
Weekday / 9:00 to 16:00  
Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays / 9:00 to 18:00



### map D5 Sushi-Ichi ⑦

Sushi bar serving Spanish mackerel mullet roe and live horse mackerel bar sushi, Japanese set meals are popular.  
☎0877-75-2501  
655-3 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
10:30 to 23:30  
Second and fourth Thursdays closed



### map E3 Shoyumame Honpo (Beans Factory) ②

Famous shoyu bean shop. Eat and buy shoyu beans as a meal or as a souvenir.  
☎0877-75-3788  
811 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
10:00 to 17:00  
Open all year round.



### map D3 Udon Dojo ④

20 minute Udon making experience. Bring udon back home with you.  
☎0877-75-2657  
725 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
9:00 to 17:00  
(Udon experience: 10:30 to 15:30 (last))  
Closed on Wednesdays  
\* Reservations required.



### map D5 Wasanbon School (Traditional Candy Shop) ⑥

Let's try making beautiful Wasanbon. Bring home finished dried sweets as souvenirs.  
☎0877-75-3264  
696 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
9:00 to 17:00  
Irregular holidays  
\* Reservations required.



### map D6 Koubaitei Kappo Dining Maruchu Lunch Buffet ⑧

About 60 types of Japanese and Western dishes are served. A monthly change fair is also held.  
☎0877-75-1111  
977-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
11:30 to 14:00  
Open all year round.  
\* May not be available due to reserved guests.

Omotensando (front approach)



This is also described on page 14 of Kotohira MAP.



# Udon



## Meat Bukkake Udon

Sweet and salty meat goes well with soy-sauce based soup.



## Udon in Broth

Local standard udon in small sardine flavored soup



# UDON

### Recommended Udon



**map E3 Toraya**  
☎0877-75-3131  
814 Kotohira-cho,  
Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
9:00 to 17:00 Open all year round.

### Recommended Udon



**map F3 Tsurudaya**  
☎0877-73-3848  
951 Kotohira-cho,  
Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
8:00 to 17:00 Open all year round.

### Recommended Udon



**map E3 Konpira Udon**  
☎0877-73-5785  
810-3 Kotohira-cho,  
Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
8:00 to 17:00 Open all year round.

### Recommended Udon



**map B3 Ogawa Udon**  
☎0877-75-1660  
154 Kotohira-cho,  
Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
9:00 to 17:00 Closed on Wednesdays

### Recommended Udon



**map C3 Udonya Inoue**  
☎0877-75-3907  
177-2 Kotohira-cho,  
Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
10:00 to 14:00  
Closed on Mondays

### Recommended Udon



**map D3 Tentekomai**  
☎0877-75-0001  
717 Kotohira-cho,  
Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
9:30 to 17:00  
Open all year round.

### Recommended Udon



**map D4 Tanukiya**  
☎0877-73-2409  
700-8 Kotohira-cho,  
Nakatado-gun, Kagawa  
9:00 to 17:00 Irregular holidays

### Recommended Udon



**map A3 Kyuman Udon**  
☎0877-73-3751  
388 Osa-cho, Zentsuji City,  
Kagawa  
9:30 to 19:00  
Open all year round.

## Kamatama Udon

Plain hot udon mixed with a raw egg and shoyu.



# Kotohira souvenir



## Funefune Senbei

Sail-shaped senbei (rice cracker). Lyrics are marked.

## map F3 Kinokuniya Main Store

☎0877-75-2474  
983 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa

## map F3 Tomoeda Shop

☎0877-75-2530  
940-2 Kotohira-cho,  
Nakatado-gun,  
Kagawa

## map F3 Honke Funefunedo

☎0877-73-2020  
952 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun,  
Kagawa



## map D3 Konpira Manju

Baked manju filled with Naru-tokintoki sweet potato paste.

Mameya Omotesando-guchi Shop  
☎0877-73-5566  
722-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun,  
Kagawa  
10:00 to 16:00  
Open on Saturdays, Sundays and  
national holidays  
Special opening during New Year,  
Konpira Kabuki, Bon (summer holidays)



## Garlic samurai, garlic musume

Series using garlic grown in Kotohira



## map D3 Sanuki Udon Yugen

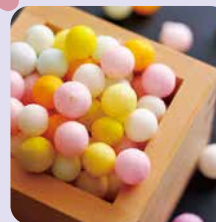
Ultimate udon sold in hotels in Kotohira

Udon Dojo  
☎0877-75-2657  
725 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun,  
Kagawa  
9:00 to 17:00  
Closed on Wednesdays



## Dried Sanuki Udon

Sanuki Udon is made as simple dried noodles.



## Oiri

Auspicious rice cake sweets also used as a marriage package

## map F3 Juzuya Ihei

String of beads from a long-established specialty store.

Tsurudaya  
☎0877-73-3848  
951 Kotohira-cho,  
Nakatado-gun,  
Kagawa



## map D3 Kinryo-no-sake

Famous brand sake "Kon-pira sake in Sanuki"  
Kinryo-no-sato  
☎0877-73-4133  
623 Kotohira-cho,  
Nakatado-gun, Kagawa



## Shoyu-mame

Roasted broad beans dipped with a shoyu flavored sweet and salty sauce



## Marugame Uchiwa (round fan)

Uchiwa with special mark (marukin-jirushi) is a well-known souvenir when visiting Kotohira-gu Shrine.

Listed articles can be purchased in each shop, or hotels/inns and souvenir shops in Kotohira.



Konpira feeling floating in a hot spring inn that flourished in front of the shrine



**Kotohira Onsen Kotosankaku**  
Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-1000  
685-11 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001  
<http://www.kotosankaku.jp>



An inn founded 400 years ago offers fragrant gardens of four seasons loved by writers and artists.



**Kotohira Kadan**  
Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-3232  
1241-5 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001  
<http://www.kotohira-kadan.jp/>

Inn with beautiful view nearest from Kanamaruza Theater on the 22<sup>nd</sup> step of the approach



**Sakuranoshou Kotohira Grand Hotel**  
Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-3218  
977-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001  
<http://www.sakuranoshou.jp/>

Open bath with superb view at this inn that has enjoyed continuous service since 1725



**Konpira Hot Spring source Yachiyo**  
Konpira Hot Spring source ☎0877-75-3261  
611 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001  
<http://www.yachiyo.cc/>

Relaxing inn entertaining with heartwarming service and delicious food.



**Tsuruya Ryokan**  
Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-3154  
620 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001  
<http://www2.ocn.ne.jp/~turuya-r>

Inn nearest from Konpira-san convenient for visiting the shrine



**Toramaru Ryokan**  
Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-2161  
1017 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001

Heartfelt hotel that has been in service since the Meiji period below stone steps on Omotesando.



**Hotel New Wataya**  
Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-4111  
796 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001  
<http://www.new-wataya.co.jp>

High quality inn to enjoy 2 types of hot spring qualities and 15 types of baths



**Yumoto Konpira Onsen Hananoyu Koubaitai**  
Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu Yumoto Konpira Onsen Hananoyu ☎0877-75-1111  
556-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001  
<http://www.koubaitai.jp/>



**Konpira Hot Spring Area**

二ノ坪温泉郷

**Kotohira River Side Hotel**  
Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-1880  
246-1 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0002  
<http://www.hananoyu.co.jp/river/>

**Takaraya**  
Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-5195  
555 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001  
<http://www.takaraya.burari.biz>

**Fuji Ryokan**  
Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-2245  
613 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001

**Hotel Kotone**  
Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu ☎0877-75-6633  
685-21 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0002  
<http://www.yachiyo.cc/kotone>

**Kotobuki Ryokan**  
☎0877-73-3872  
245-5 Shinmachi Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0002

**Hashimotoya Ryokan**  
☎0877-75-2031  
618 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0001

**Isshinkan**  
☎0877-75-2526  
291 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa 766-0002

**Three hot spring sources in the Konpira hot spring area**

**Yumoto Konpira Onsen Hananoyu**

- Hot spring quality / Sodium, calcium, chloride spring
- Efficacy / Neuralgic pains, muscle pains, joint pains, stiff shoulders, sports paralysis, stiff joints, and more.

**Konpira Hot Spring source**

- Hot spring quality / Salty bicarbonate-earth spring
- Efficacy / Rheumatic diseases, gout, chronic digestive system diseases, allergic diseases, and more.

**Konpira Hot Spring Funefune no yu**

- Hot spring quality / Simple radioactive cold mineral spring
- Efficacy / Neuralgic pains, muscle pains, joint pains, sports paralysis, and more.

I love hot springs



# Going a little further

## 1 Sohonzan Zentsuji Temple



Birthplace of Kobodaishi. One of eighty-eight pilgrimage sites on the island of Shikoku

## 4 Marugame Castle



This castle showcases the most impressive stonewall fortification in Japan built some 400 years ago.

## 2 Sanuki Mannou National Park



Various experiences, sports and camping for your enjoyment can be enjoyed.

## 5 Marugame Genichiro-Inokuma Museum of Contemporary Art



Inokuma was born in Marugame. A children's molding class is available.

## 3 Nakazu Banshoen



Japanese garden. Combination picture gallery and pottery work museum.

## 6 Kotohiki Park



This park is famous for its giant old Japanese coin shaped sand picture.

## Access



By plane

Haneda Airport	1 hour 15 minutes	Takamatsu Airport	40 minutes by car	Kotohira
Narita Airport	1 hour 25 minutes		45 minutes by route bus	
Okinawa (Naha) Airport	1 hour 50 minutes			



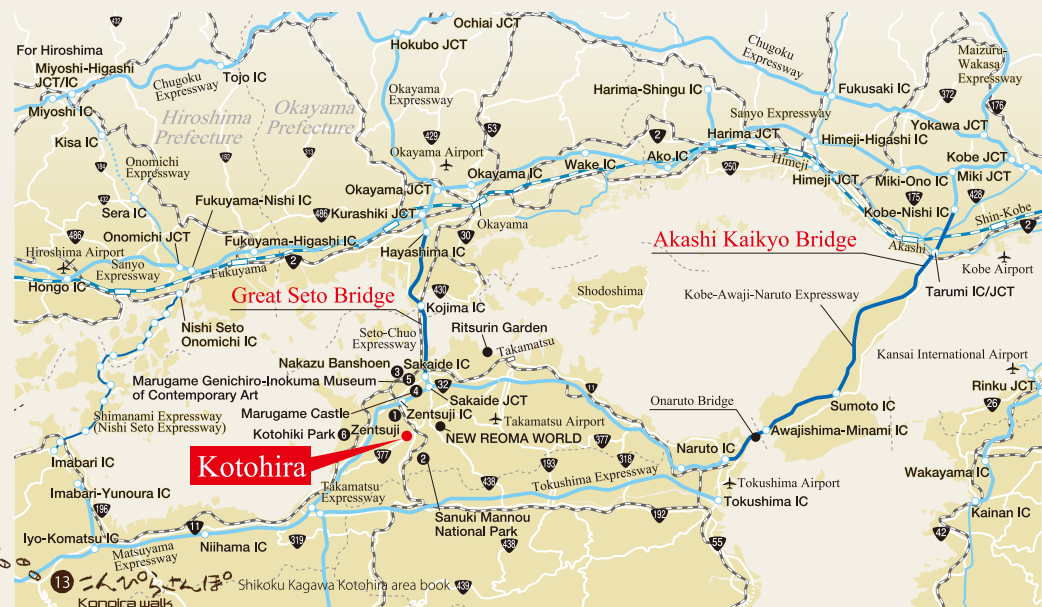
By car

<Via The Seto Ohashi Bridge>				
From Kansai	Sanyo Expressway	Kurashiki JCT	30 minutes	Sakaide IC
From Kyushu	Seto-Chuo Expressway		10 minutes	Takamatsu Expressway
				Zentsuji IC
			10 minutes	Kotohira
<Via Akashi Kaikyo Bridge>				
From Kansai	Tarumi JCT	1 hour 20 minutes	Kobe-Awaji-Naruto Expressway	Naruto IC
			1 hour	Takamatsu Expressway
				Kotohira



By train

<JR>		Tokyo Station		Shinkansen	3 hours 30 minutes	Okayama Station	1 hour by limited express train	Kotohira Station
		Nagoya Station			1 hour 40 minutes		Seto-Ohashi Line	
		Shin-Osaka Station			50 minutes		Dosan Line	
		Hakata Station			1 hour 50 minutes			
		Kagoshima-Chuo Station			3 hours 30 minutes			
<Kotoden>		Takamatsu-Chikko Station		1 hour		Kotoden		Kotoden Station



# Kotohira MAP

## map E3 Maritime Museum

Edo period dock has been recreated and real size Konpira ship exhibited.

☎0877-73-3748

953 Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa

Admission fee / Adults 800 yen

Junior high and high school students 350 yen,

Five years or older and elementary school children 250 yen

Open / 9:00 to 17:00 Close / Open all year round

## map E1 Prefectural Kotohira Park

Observation deck and walking trail that command a view of Kotohira-gu Shrine.



● Shops listed on pages 7 and 8

● Udon listed on page 9

● Kotohira souvenirs listed on page 10

● Hotels and inns listed on pages 11 and 12