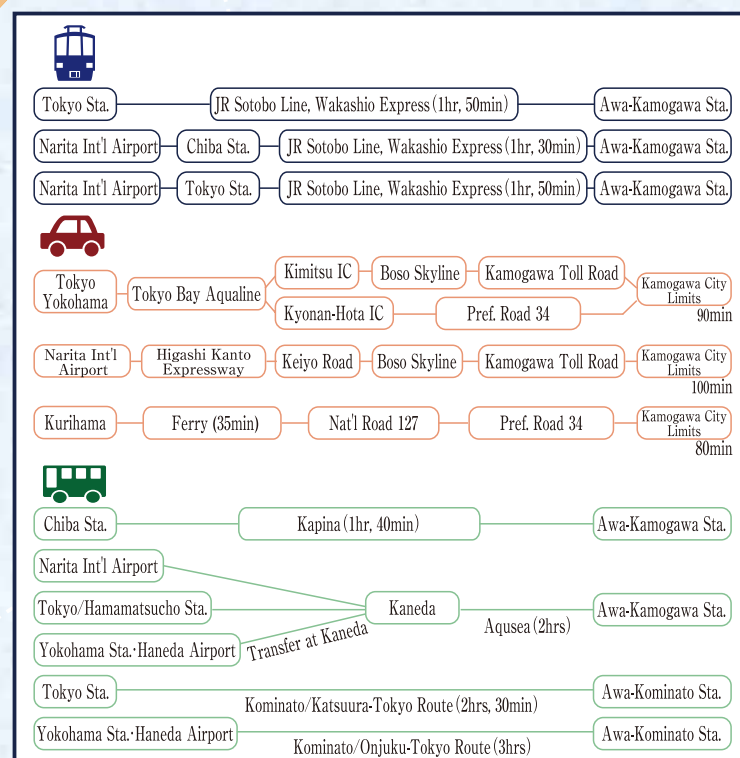


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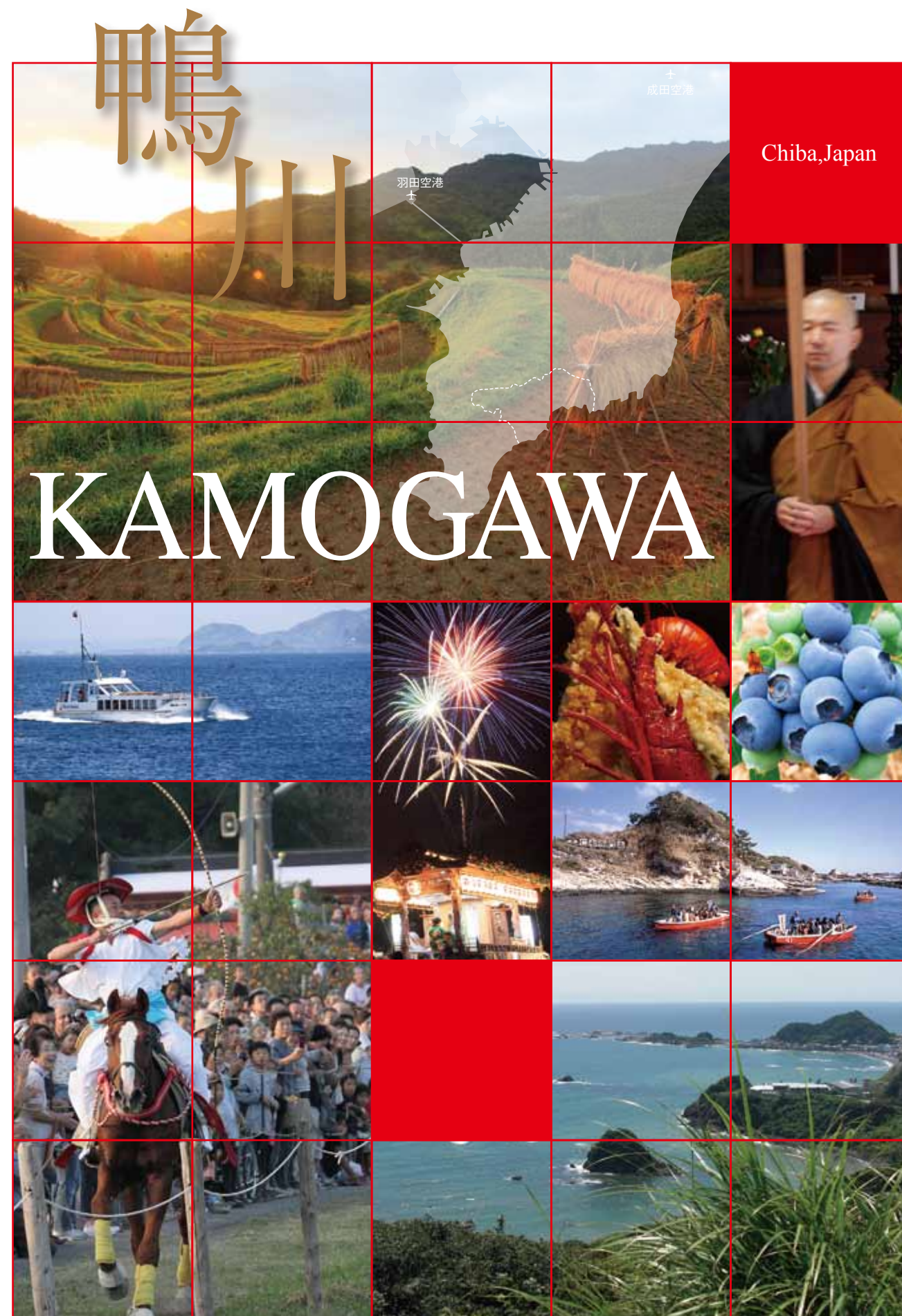


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Kamogawa City is located on the Southeastern area of Chiba Prefecture’ s Boso Peninsula along the Pacific Ocean. Kamogawa possesses a warm climate and beautiful coastlines chosen as one of Japan’ s top 100 beaches and top 100 scenic coastlines. When the Japanese stone oak tree begins to bud and Kamogawa’ s mountains glisten green, the forest green tree frog, designated as a Chiba Prefecture Natural Monument, enters its breeding period. Moreover, Kamogawa is well-known as the birthplace of Japan’ s dairy industry as well as the

birthplace of historical figures such as the founder of the Nichiren sect of Buddhism, Nichiren Shonin, and the legendary sculptor of the Edo Period, Nami-no-Ihachi. These historic cultural resources will capture the hearts of visitors.

Surrounded by the rich nature and beautiful mountains and oceans as you interact with the lively local people, we would like you to enjoy an amazing trip to Minami Boso Kamogawa.



Superb Taste Made from the Fresh Natural Ingredients of Kamogawa

CUISINE

Surrounded by the Pacific Ocean blessed by the Kuroshio Current and abundantly green mountains, Kamogawa is the home of all types of delicacies.

The special product of Kamogawa is “Nagasa-mai” rice. From the Edo period, it has been highly valued as high-quality sushi rice. If you’re looking to enjoy Kamogawa gourmet, try the local fishermen’s cuisine of Namero. If folk cuisine sounds appealing, try the variously patterned, beautiful, and delicious Futomaki Matsuri Sushi. Please savor the superb taste of Kamogawa, where rice is everything!



Kamogawa Gourmet Tour: Oraga-don



You can enjoy this elaborate rice bowl dish topped with local products, each one unique to that establishment, in over 50 restaurants and hotels throughout Kamogawa.

Information Landscape



The Smell of the Sea and Incense of Tanjoji Amatsu-Kominato Area
The rocky shore around the Obenten/Kobenten islands stretches to over 100m during low tide, revealing one of the largest areas for seaweed production in the prefecture. The refreshing scent of the sea rising from the shore and the incense from Tanjoji’ s grounds earned this area a place in the Ministry for the Environment’ s “100 Most Fragrant Landscapes.”



The Yomogi Fudo Waterfalls Amatsu-Kominato Area
If you drive 1 kilometer down a road leading away from Prefecture Route 127 in the Yomogi District, and go another 150 meters into the mountains, you will find a sanctuary tucked away in the woods. There you will find a set of waterfalls 10 meters in height and 8 meters wide. The larger waterfall is aptly named Odaki “(male waterfall)” and the smaller is called Medaki “(female waterfall)”. The waterfalls are spectacular after a downpour, especially among the fresh green of early summer and the vibrant colors of early winter. A truly amazing area amongst the autumn colors, there is a waterfall observation post and hiking path built for nature walks.



Shiraiwa Autumn Colors Amatsu-Kominato Area
Cruising down the Yoro Valley Line towards Kimitsu, the road becomes steeper as the air becomes crisp. The autumn foliage of Shiraiwa, Kamogawa’ s hidden sanctuary, is best viewed between late November and December. The cliffs dyed with the lively colors of autumn are outstanding.



Shirosaki Beach’ s Glowing Sunsets Amatsu-Kominato Area
A gorgeous white sandy beach stretches across 300 meters near the mouth of the Shinmei River, towards the center of the Amatsu-Kominato District. A popular swimming spot for younger generations because of its dazzling sunshine and clear blue water, Shirosaki is said to be one of the best beaches in the Minami Boso region. In the evening, the white sands and blue waters of Shirosaki are bathed in a warm red tinge of the sunset, creating a different world where time seems to stand still.



The Town with Japan’s Earliest Sunrise Amatsu-Kominato Area
Asahigamori is located at highest point of the Seichoji Temple grounds. Asahigamori’ s exact location has been measured at latitude 35d9m21s N, longitude 140d9m20s E, and 333.636m above sea level. According to a study on the Maritime Safety Agency Hydrographic Department Homepage, the earliest sunrise that can be seen from Asahigamori is at 6:44am, the second earliest sunrise in Japan (the first being Mt. Fuji).



Maebara-Yokosuka Beach (one of Japan’ s 100 Most Beautiful Beaches) Central Kamogawa Area
In the summer, beachgoers flock to Maebara-Yokosuka Beach, Kamogawa’ s largest beach. The “Seaside Promenade,” which runs parallel to the beach, is a popular course for morning and evening strolls.



Futomi Fishing Village Futomi Area
A tiny fishing port is surrounded by folk homes lined side by side. Experience a lifestyle that can only be found at a small fishing village where the residents live by supporting each other.

Seasonal Information



Spring
Strawberry Picking (January – early May) Flower Picking (January – late April) Cherry Blossom Viewing (late March – early April)



Summer
Swimming Beaches (mid-July – mid-August) Each of the 5 designated swimming beaches located throughout Kamogawa have their own characteristics, and can be enjoyed in many different ways.



Autumn
Fall Foliage Viewing (late November – early December)
A 20 minute drive by car from the Amatsu District, the hidden sanctuary Yomogi is located on the border of Kimitsu City. The fall leaves here in late autumn make for a wonderful sight. The vivid foliage stretching out over the white stone bluffs next to the river are a must-see.

Sightseeing

Please take your time enjoying the Kamogawa's rich nature by exploring the distinct characteristics of each area of the city.

Four Courses to Enjoy Kamogawa

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Enjoying Farm Town Scenery Nagasa Course

- From JR Awa Kamogawa Station
20 minutes by car
- Nagasa Area
Kamogawa's rice producing capital. The Nagasa area, where rice paddies stretch for as far as you can see, is a brilliant scene of vivid green after the rice planting in April and May. In August, you can enjoy the beauty of the rice ears glowing gold.
- Minnami no Sato (Length of stay: 1 hour + 1 more hour if staying for lunch)
10 minutes by car.
- Oyama Senmaida (Length of stay: 30 minutes-1 hour)
10 minutes by car, or 30 minutes by foot (one-way).
- Oyama Fudon Temple (Length of stay: 30 minutes-1 hour)

Recommended mode of transportation:
Charter Taxi (3 hours/4 passengers: 16440 yen; 3 hours/9 passengers 19320 yen)

Enjoy the Scenery of a Fishing Village • Futomi Course

- From JR Awa-Kamogawa Station
15 minutes by car. You can also take a train to JR Futomi Station, and walk 10 minutes to the tourism area.
- Futomi Area
You can enjoy a stroll along the Futomi seashore. Feeling the lifestyle of the locals as you gaze out upon the fishing port and seashore is particularly relaxing.
- Futomi Flower & Surf Fishing Center (Length of stay: 1 hour)
- Niemonjima Island (Designated as a Chiba Prefectural Site of Scenic Beauty) (Length of stay: 1 hour)

Recommended mode of transportation: Local bus (1-2 buses each hour) 270 yen one-way

Kamogawa's Popular Tourist Spot Kamogawa Sea World

- From JR Awa-Kamogawa Station
5 minutes by car, 30 minutes by foot.
- Kamogawa Sea World (Length of stay: 2-4 hours)
Kamogawa Sea World is Kamogawa's most popular tourist spot. You can view killer whales, dolphins, and other aquatic animal shows. Sea World also features outstanding aquarium facilities.

Recommended mode of transportation:
Kamogawa Sea World free shuttle bus
(2-3 buses every hour)

A Touch of History Kominato Course

- From JR Awa-Kamogawa Station
10 minutes by car. You can also take the train to Awa-Kominato Station. The Kominato area is a 20 minute walk from the station.
- Kominato Area
Kominato is the birthplace of Nichiren Shonin, the founder of the Nichiren sect of Buddhism. The area is dotted with shrines and temples related to Nichiren. Among those temples and shrines Tanjoji Temple stands out as the main attraction.

- Tai no Ura Sightseeing Boat (Riding time: 30 minutes)
- Tanjoji Temple (Length of stay: 30 minutes-1 hour)
Recommended mode of transportation:
Local bus (1 bus every hour) 480 yen one-way



Access Information

Since Kamogawa stretches wide from east to west, we recommend researching transportation before your arrival. Above anything else we recommend enjoying the trip by taking a nice drive and view from the car window.
(emergency dept. ph04(7099)2211)

Recommended Information

Kamogawa is a beautiful city, rich with nature. It is journey filled with walks in the countryside and charm. If you plan on traveling to Kamogawa, we recommend wearing comfortable clothes. An effortless, carefree trip fits the style of Kamogawa.

Just In Case

Kamogawa City is home to one of Japan's top level hospitals, Kameda General Hospital. Carefully selected doctors from Japan and broad as well as an emergency building are available, so please feel rest assured that you will receive the best care in case of an emergency. Also, resident multilingual staff is on call.
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