

# Kyushu Olle

## Amakusa-Iwajima Course



**What is “Kyushu Olle”?** With origins in Jeju Island in South Korea, “Olle,” meaning a little alley running between the street and the house, refers to a series of trekking courses. Kyushu Olle is a spin-off of the original Jeju version.

**How to Walk in Olle** The feature of Kyushu Olle is the landmarks you can find on the road including the Kanse, inspired from the horse head in Jeju, Blue and Red tied ribbons, and Wooden Arrows. Head of the horse and arrows refers to the trekking direction. How to enjoy the attractions is to feel the rich nature, coast and mountains that stimulate all five senses and to feel ease and pleasure while managing your own pace of

walking. You can also enjoy walking with the history and foods of its course.

**Kanse** Head of the horse pointing hikers direction.



**Ribbon** Blue and Red tied ribbons are the landmark of the course.



**Wooden Arrow** Blue arrow refers to forward direction. Red arrow refers to backward direction.



## 【Amakusa-Iwajima Course】

◆ Distance: 12.3km Time: 4~5 hours

Difficulty: Intermediate~Advanced

### ◆ Stamp Points:

★ Amakusa Shiro Tourism Association (8:30AM~5:30PM /

Close: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday/Dec. 30th~Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>)

★ Guest House - ChoKoEn (9AM~5PM only on weekends and  
national holidays available)

★ Iwa Post Office (9AM~5PM /Close: Every Weekend, National  
Holidays)

### ◆ Access (by public transportation):

A) Hakata Station (博多駅) ➡ «JR Kyushu-Shinkansen» ➡

Kumamoto Station (熊本駅) ➡ «Bus · Rapid (Kaisoku) Amakusa»

➡ ➡ Sun Pearl (Bus Stop) ➡ «Taxi» 20 min ➡ Senzaki (千崎)

【Start Point】

**B) Hakata Station (博多駅) ➡ «JR Kyushu-Shinkansen» ➡**

**Kumamoto Station (熊本駅) ➡ «JR Misumi (三角) Line» ➡ Misumi**

**Station ➡ ※ Cruising Taxi 〈15min〉 ➡ Zozo (蔵々) Port**

※ To make a reservation for the **Cruising Taxi**

**➡ Call 090-5935-0561 [Iwa Community Development]**

**(By cars):**

We recommend parking the car behind Iwa integrated branch office of Kamiamakusa city, located in between start and goal points. 1.4 km to go from the Iwa branch office to the each points.

### **[View Points]**

**a. Senzaki (千崎) ➡ b. Senzaki (千崎) Burial Mounds (0.1 km) ➡**

**c. ZoZo (蔵々) Fishing Port (2.5 km) ➡ d. Iwa Sakura-Hana Park**

**(5.5 km) ➡ e. Mt. Takayama (高山) (6.4 km) ➡ f. Hokabura (外浦)**

**Coast (7.8 km) ➡ g. Senzoku (千束) Tenmangu Shrine (12.3 km)**

a. **Senzaki (千崎)** is the start point of Iwajima course and the sign to get there is the blue board and Kanse as you see down below.



b. **Senzaki (千崎) Burial Mounds** were made at the beginning of the Kofun Period (Tumulus period [250~592]) and there are 26 pieces of box shaped and vertically constructed stone coffins. These burials mounds have been considered that they were made for the regional powerful clan who succeeded in a trading in the sea on the ground that they were built with an ocean view on the hill.



c. Around **ZoZo (蔵々) Fishing Port**, it has been said that mother of Shiro Amakusa (天草四郎) gave a birth to Shiro, known as Shiro Tokisada Amakusa (天草四郎時貞) led the “Shimabara- Amakusa Rebellion,” an uprising of Japanese Roman Catholics against the Shogunate. A well, sunk in 1622 when Shiro was born, is still there.



**d. At Iwa Sakura-Hana Park (維和桜・花公園),** you'll see many beautiful flowers and trees, such as cherry blossoms and daffodils, and view of Matsushima if you go up to the observation deck. There is a site of elementary and junior high school and their main gate, which is made of stone, still remains.





**e. Mt. Takayama (高山)** is the tallest mountain in Iwajima, standing at 166.9 meters respectively. On clear days, you are able to see a panoramic view of the surrounding area, such as Mt. Aso, Mt. Unzen, Kyushu mountains range, Amakusa islands, Yatsushiro Sea, and Ariake Sea.





**f. Hokabura (外浦) Coast** was formed 65 million years ago and you might be fascinated by the beautiful and dynamic view.

※Please be aware that the seawater rushes to the feet when the tide is full at the spring tide.



**g.** If you find **Senzoku (千束) Tenmangu** and Iwa post office, the goal is almost there.



### ★★★Information of Matsushima Course★★★

1\_ If you go off the course at **step-d, Iwa Sakura-Hana Park (維和桜・花公園)**, there is **Zozogama【蔵々窯】 Pottery** right next to the restrooms.



This Zozogama Pottery has something different from others!

**After the experience of pottery**, you are able to have **a lunch meal with pasta and a cup of coffee if you make a reservation beforehand**. The total cost amounts to **3,000 yen**!



The owner might play the guitar for you if he can afford to.

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