Magatama

is a stone that has been worn as decorative jewelry and amulet against evil spirits in ancient times.

At Tamatsukuri, production of magatama flourished from the Kofun period to the Heian period. Since jade of good quality was mined in Mt. Kasen near the hot spring resort, many magatamas were produced here as the Mecca of magatama craftsmen. The region was named "tamatsukuri" for this reason. The whole hillside in the eastern part of the hot spring resort is occupied by the Izumo Tamatsukuri Historic Park, where jade carving sites and tens of thousands of items relating to magatama production were excavated. Several artefacts excavated in this region are now housed in Tamatsukuri Museum and Tamatsukuriyu Shrine.

God of magatama, god of hot springs

"Tamatsukuriyu Shrine" is at the sound end of the hot spring resort, and it is where the god of magatama and the god of the hot spring resort are enshrined. There is also a round sacred stone called "Matamasama" enshrined within the shrine grounds, and legend has it that magatama craftsmen offered prayers to the sacred stone. Today, the shrine is popular for the "Kanai-ishi", which contains the power of Matamasama, which individuals can make as amulets. The shrine is also home to Yuhime Daimyojin, a deity which is believed to bring about safe childbirth, successful midwifery and beauty.

Procedures at the shrine

1. Touch the Negai-ishi with a Kanai-ishi purified with water to have it infused with power.
2. Write down your wish on the wishing cards, dedicate one to the shrine and place the other one in a pouch with the wishing stone.
3. Make a donation in the prayer hall, and offer gratitude by bowing twice, clapping twice and bowing once.

"Tamatsukuri Onsen" has been enjoyed for over 1,300 years

Tamatsukuri Onsen is recorded in history, as depicted in "Izumo Fudoki" (compiled in 733) during the Nara Period. A passage in the book reads "once one soaks in the hot spring water, one's skin shines with beauty, and when one soaks again, it cures all ailments. From ancient times to today, there was never a time when its properties failed. For this reason, locals called it hot spring water of the gods." The hot spring is one of Japan's oldest skin-beautifying hot springs, which is mentioned in The Pillow Book.

Spring quality of Tamatsukuri Onsen

Sodium, calcium, sulphate, sodium chloride (mildly alkaline)

Hydrating Sodium-sulphate spring
The spring quality is such that the water feels like a moisturizing skin toner. The skin feels silky after a bath due to the powdery effect of calcium.

Moisturizing & thermal Chloride spring
The hot spring warms the body to its core and keeps it warm as the sodium creates a veil over the skin.

▶There are places where one can experience the source of Tamatsukuri Onsen, which is known as a skin-beautifying hot spring. Along River Tamayu, which flows in the center of the hot spring resort, there is Taraiyu (Yuyakushi Hiroba) and a foot spa (along the river at Himegami Hiroba).

▲Many visitors come from across Japan in search of the skin toner-like hot spring water.

Delicious flavors of Shimane

The region blessed with the sea, mountains and lakes has a lot of rain fall and it snows in the winter. In Shimane, blessed with the abundance of the four seasons, there are fruits of the sea that can be enjoyed in each season, including snow crab, red snow crab, rosy seabass and squid. Lake Shinji, the 7th largest lake in Japan, is famous for basket clams (Japan's largest volume of catches in 2015) and offshore greasyback prawns.

Travel

From Tokyo

Flights	Haneda Airport	1 hr. 20 mins.	Izumo Enmusubi Airport	30 mins.	Matsue
Trains (JR)	Tokyo Stn.	3 hrs. 30 mins.	Okayama Stn.	2 hrs. 40 mins.	Matsue

From Osaka

Trains (JR)	Shin-Osaka Stn.	45 mins.	Okayama Stn.	2 hrs. 40 mins.	Matsue
Express Bus	Shin-Osaka Stn.	4 hrs. 30 mins.			Matsue

From Kyoto

Trains (JR)	Kyoto Stn.	1 hr.	Okayama Stn.	2 hrs. 40 mins.	Matsue
Express Bus	Kyoto Stn.	4 hrs. 55 mins.			Matsue

From Hiroshima

Trains (JR)	Hiroshima Stn.	35 mins.	Okayama Stn.	2 hrs. 40 mins.	Matsue
Express Bus	Hiroshima Stn.	3 hrs. 15 mins.			Matsue

From Fukuoka

Trains (JR)	Hakata Stn.	1 hr. 45 mins.	Okayama Stn.	2 hrs. 40 mins.	Matsue

From Yonago Kitaro Airport

Route Bus	Yonago Kitaro Airport	Approx. 45 mins.	Matsue

From Matsue to Tamatsukuri Onsen

Trains (JR)	Matsue Stn.	Approx. 10 mins.	Tamatsukuri Onsen Stn. (transfer to a route bus)	Approx. 7 mins.	To the Onsen resort

Check the website for details on how to find us.
[JAL] http://www.jal.co.jp/ **[ANA]** http://www.ana.co.jp/fs/dom/jp/
[FDA] http://www.fujidream.co.jp/
[JR Odekake NET] http://www.jr-odekake.net/
[Expressways] http://www.w-nexco.co.jp/
[Train Journey Across Japan JAPAN RAIL PASS]
http://www.japanrailpass.net/index.html

Izumo Taisha Shrine

Adachi Museum of Art

Matsue Castle, National Treasure

Daisen

Mizuki Shigeru Road

Tamatsukuri Onsen Association of Ryokans http://tamayado.com/

Skin-beautifying Hot Spring from 1,300 years ago

Tamatsukuri Onsen

美肌・姫神の湯 玉造温泉

Matsue City, Shimane

About 400 Yoshino cherry trees riotously bloom along River Tamayu

Cherry blossoms

Period: Late March to early April

Light

Light from the bamboo lanterns, streetlamps and the town bathe the hot spring resort in orange hues.

Hikari-no Yume Gekijo

Period: mid-July to late September

Summer Festival

Period: Mid-July to last day of August

Free Rental

Tamayura Lanterns

I want to stroll through the hot spring resort at night! Sweet items are rented out for free to make such wishes come true! Let's stroll through town in a yukata, holding a softly glowing lantern hand ♪

*Rental: At inns

Colorful Yukata

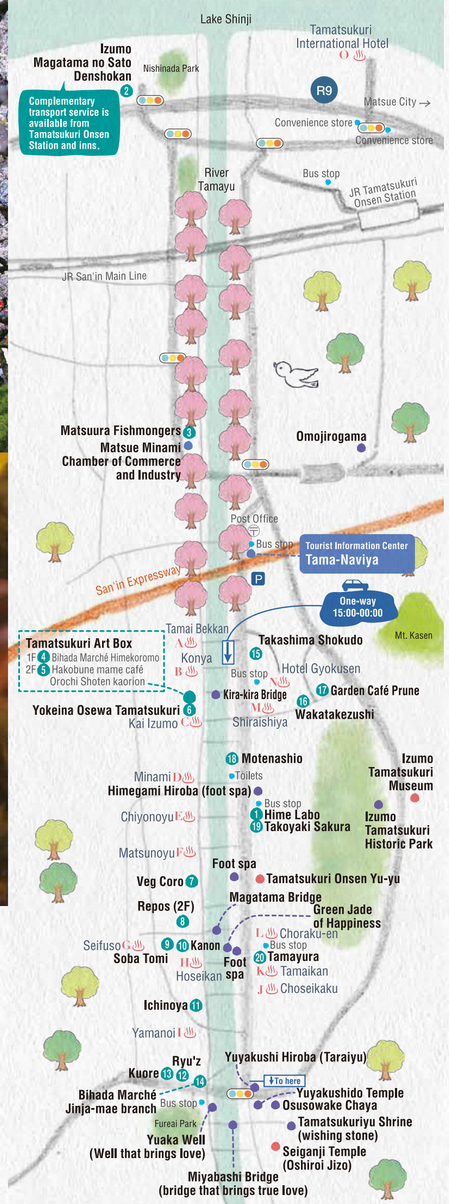
Wear a yukata and boost your holiday feeling ♪

*Free/fees depend on the inns

Japanese Parasol

Holding it makes you feel gorgeous! Stroll through town without worrying about UV rays ♪

*Rental: Inns, Tamatsukuri Art Box



From Tamatsukuri Onsen Stn. to Himegami Hiroba

Approx. 30 mins. On foot

Approx. 5 mins. By bus / taxi

Information on notable sites

Izumo Tamatsukuri Museum

The only museum in the nation which covers the skills and history of ancient magatama production. Magatamas and tools for making them which were excavated from the sites of magatama workshops are exhibited.

Hours: 9:30-16:00
Closed on Mondays

Tamatsukuri Onsen Yu-yu

A hot spring spa in the shape of a magatama. The shop on the 1st floor sells many local souvenirs! The soft served cherry ice after a bath is also popular! You can play table tennis on the 2nd floor, too☆

Hours: 10:00-22:00 (last admission 21:20)
Closed on Mondays (closed on Tues., if Mon. is a holiday)
Admission Adults (over 13) ¥410, children (over 3) ¥200

Seiganji Temple, Oshiroi Jizo

Legend goes that in the Edo Period when a priest prayed to the Jizo about the birthmark on his face, it cleared away. Today, women visit the Jizo to powder its face and pray for beautiful skin.

Skin-beautification tablet (¥300)
Oyashiro Honten (not manned)

Shops

Tamatsukuri-onsen Skin Research Lab
1 Hime Labo
A cosmetics store selling items blended with Tamatsukuri Onsen spring water. Sells soaps, gels, toners and hot spring mist. Try the rich lather of the soap in store. Tasters are available as well as cosmetics made with 80% hot spring water!
Experience (free): Hime Labo Soap (¥1,500)
Hours: 8:30-21:30 Open all year

Magatama Jewelry-making and shop
2 Izumo Magatama no Sato Denshokan
Hours: 8:00-17:00
Open all year

Fresh fish gift
3 Matsuura Fishmongers
Hours: 9:30-12:00 (souvenir shop)
No scheduled closures

Souvenir shop
4 Bihada Marché (Tamatsukuri Art Box, 1F)
Hours: 9:00-19:00
Open all year

Shop
5 Hakobune (Tamatsukuri Art Box, 2F)
Hours: 9:00-19:00
Open all year

Fascinating gift shop
6 Yokeina Osewa Tamatsukuri
Hours: 9:00-20:00
Open all year

Fruit juice and ice
7 Veg Fruige & Ice Corotto
Hours: 10:00-18:00
Open all year

Aroma salon
8 Repos
Hours: 10:30-16:00
Closed on Sundays and holidays

Japanese bar and handmade soba
9 Soba Tomi
Hours: Lunch 11:00-14:00 Dinner 17:00-00:00
No scheduled closures

Wagyu (Japanese beef) stake from Shimane
10 Kitchen Kanon
Hours: Lunch 11:30-14:00, dinner 17:00-00:00
No scheduled closures

Glasswork
11 Tombodama Kobo Ichinoya
Hours: 9:00-19:00
No scheduled closures

Japanese bar
12 Japanese bar Ryu'z
Hours: Lunch 11:00-13:00 Dinner 17:30-00:00
No scheduled closures

Manufacturer and seller of leather goods
13 Kuore
Hours: 10:00-20:00
Closed on Tuesdays

Souvenir shop
14 Bihada Marché Jinja-mae branch
Hours: 9:00-18:00
Open all year

Japanese bar style restaurant
15 Takashima Shokudo
Hours: 18:00-00:00
Open all year

sushi
16 Wakatakezushi
Hours: Lunch 11:00-14:00 Dinner 17:30-22:00
Open all year

Fortune-telling and healing goods / Café
17 Garden Café Prune
Houses: 11:00-18:00
Closed on Wednesdays and Saturdays

Soba restaurant
18 Soba Café Motenashio
Hours: 11:30-17:00
Open all year

Takoyaki shop
19 Takoyaki Sakura
Hours: 10:00-21:00
Closed on Mondays

Seller of gemstone accessories
20 Tamayura Tamatsukuri branch
Hours: 9:00-20:00
Open all year

List of Inns at Hot Spring Resort

Izumo Kamigami Enmusubi-no-yado

B Konya

An inn where tales of coincidences give the sense of the inn's history.

Rooms: 66 Japanese style, 4 Western style
Wi-Fi: in the main lobby
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥12,000
*+ ¥3,000 on the day before holiday
URL yutei-konya.jp

Kasui-en

D Minami

Traditional flavors and hospitality of an old inn that dates back over 120 years. It prides itself on the garden which was highly praised in a Japanese garden magazine in the US.

Rooms: 89 Japanese style, 2 Japanese-Western style, 28 Western style
Wi-Fi: in the main lobby
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥18,000
*+ ¥4,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL www.kasuien-minami.jp/

F Matsunoya

A vortex of energy associated with Japan's largest matchmaking magatama and an inn specializing in gourmet fare and skin-beautifying hot spring water.

Rooms: 61 Japanese style, 1 Japanese-Western style, 12 Western style
Wi-Fi: in the main lobby
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥14,000
*+ ¥3,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL matsunoyu.jp

H Hoseikan

The guestrooms, including the "Yusenkaku" in which Emperor Showa had stayed, and the lush Japanese garden provide much ambience.

Rooms: 55 Japanese style
Wi-Fi: in the main lobby
¥ ¥3,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL www.hmi-ryokan.jp/hoseikan/

Tamatsukuri Grand Hotel

J Choseikaku

Enjoy the hot springs in a bath paved with jade or in an open-air bath.

Rooms: 78 Japanese style, 6 Western style
Wi-Fi: in the main lobby
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥17,000
*+ ¥3,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL www.choseikaku.co.jp

Yunosuke-no-yado

L Choraku-en

Inn specializing in hot spring water from the source, which flows in abundance. Relax in the ambience of Izumo after a bath by spending a luxurious time in the spacious 33,000 sqm garden.

Rooms: 59 Japanese style, 3 Japanese-Western style
Wi-Fi: All guestrooms (except some annex)
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥16,000
*+ ¥1,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL choraku.co.jp

Kyokusui no Niwa

N Hotel Gyokusen

The inn feels splendid and majestic. You will be soothed by the lit torches in the expansive garden as they make you forget time.

Rooms: 103 Japanese style, 2 Japanese-Western style, 16 Western style
Wi-Fi: in the main lobby
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥18,000
*+ ¥4,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL hotel-gyokusen.co.jp

Hoshino Resort

A Tamai Bekkan

There are five different types of foot spa in the garden. Enjoy dinner in your own private guestroom.

Rooms: 34 Japanese-style, 12 Japanese-Western style
Wi-Fi: in the front reception area
¥ Overnight from ¥15,000
*+ ¥3,000 on the day before holiday
URL tamaikan.com

Hoshino Resort

C Kai Izumo

An inn in which each of its guestrooms comes with a private open-air bath. The inn has an ambience of a hideaway for adults.

Rooms: 24 Japanese style
Wi-Fi: Front reception area & lounge
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥30,000
*+ ¥5,000 on the day before holiday
URL kai-izumo.jp

Yujin

E Chiyonoyu

An inn where you will feel elated in the scent of the hot springs. The quaint traditional building has ambience and gives the sense of history.

Rooms: 33 Japanese style
Wi-Fi: none
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥12,000
*+ ¥2,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL chiyonoyu.com

G Seifuso

Spirit of hospitality, tranquil setting and a cup of matcha tea Relaxing Japanese garden and lovingly prepared Kaiseki cuisine

Rooms: 15 Japanese style
Wi-Fi: in the main lobby
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥15,000
*+ ¥3,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL seifuso.co.jp

I Ryotei Yamanoi

A restful inn with a soothing ambience which gives a sense of nostalgia.

Rooms: 38 Japanese style
Wi-Fi: in the main lobby
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥12,000
*+ ¥3,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL www.hmi-ryokan.jp/ryotei-yamanoi/

Yunomoto

K Tamaikan

An inn with a retro feel of the Showa era, which has been providing family hospitality and warmth. There are 8 guestrooms housed within a three-story wooden building.

Rooms: 8 Japanese style
Wi-Fi: in the main lobby
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥13,000
*+ ¥2,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL tamaikan.com/yumoto

M Shiraishiya

A matchmaking live show is performed each night by the Shiraishi family! Floral patterned yukatas for women are rented out for free.

Rooms: 60 Japanese style, 2 Japanese-Western style, 3 Western style
Wi-Fi: in the main lobby
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥15,000
*+ ¥3,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL siraisiya.com

O Tamatsukuri International Hotel

The only inn by a lake in Tamatsukuri Onsen.

Rooms: 50 Japanese style
Wi-Fi: in the main lobby
¥ Overnight with two meals from ¥12,000
*+ ¥2,000 on weekends, holidays and day before holiday
URL tamatsukurikokusai.com

*Rates are per person based on two sharing a room on weekdays. *Additional sales and bathing taxes will be charged. *As of September 2016