

Guides

Tsukumi Kanko Volunteer no Kai
(Tsukumi Volunteer Tour Guides Association)

A walking tour of Hoto Island

Hoto, an island of romance that gives off the scent of the Black Current. Let's explore Hoto Island with the vibrant cerulean waters of Bungo Channel, home to one of Japan's largest tuna fleet!

① Kamo Shrine
The guardian deity of Kyoto's Kamigamo Shrine was divided to protect Hoto Island. The shrine is the departure point for the summer festival's mikoshi (portable shrine.)

View point
A commanding view unfolds as you hike up the mountain from Kaitokuji Temple. If you have the energy, give it a go, as you will see the Port of Hoto Island.

② Hoshō-ji Temple

③ Kaitokuji Temple
Kaitokuji Temple, a branch of Jodo sect Chion-in Temple, commands a sweeping view of the villages of Hoto Island. It houses a Jizo honoring the unidentified victims of the air raids, erected after collectively burying the victims' bones.

④ Odaishi Hall
Odaishi Well

⑤ The stone seat of Emperor Keiko

⑥ Hotojima Gyoson Center

⑦ Hoto Island Elementary School Cenotaph
Altogether 200 children and their teachers died in the U.S. air raid of July 1945. The cenotaph is inscribed with the names of the victims and is a symbol of remembrance and everlasting peace.

The back alleys of Hoto Island
The back alleys are densely packed with houses with a series of narrow steps and winding streets. Enjoy interacting with passing islanders.

Start
Yamamaru Waiting Area

Goal
Hoto Island Elementary School Cenotaph

Hoto Island Fishing Port

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When?	Throughout the year (except January to March) ※Due to an increased risk of cancellations as boats are involved.	Fee	2,000 yen per group ※Excludes boat fare and cost of lunch
Times	Starting at 10:00AM or 1:00PM. Finishing at 11:40AM or 2:40PM.		
Meet-up	In front of Yamamaru waiting area. Hoto Island, Tsukumi City.		

Customers will need to pay the round trip fare to and from Hoto Island. Be sure to wear comfortable attire as the tour involves a lot of hills.