



A post town where the history of the ancient Tokaido Highway remains on the west shore of Lake Hamana.

KOSAI

Kosai lies at the westernmost point of Shizuoka Prefecture. You can enjoy activities centered around Lake Hamana, a brackish lake where the sea and lake intersect, and the Pacific Ocean where you can gaze out at the horizon. It is a historical town with two post stations: Arai-Shuku and Shirasuka-Shuku of the 53 Stations of the Tokaido.

Hiking in the Kosai Mountains

The mountains that stretch from the western shore of Lake Hamana to the northern shore are called the Kosai Range. The summit of Mt. Kamiishi offers a beautiful view of Lake Hamana, and on a clear day, you can even see Mt. Fuji. This is a hiking course for beginners.

Recommended Hiking Route

Kamiishiyama Route	
Trailhead	Umedashinsui Park
Distance	6km
Time required	3 hours

Tokiwamansaku
This is a rare tree that grows naturally in Japan only in three locations, one of which is Kosai. It has narrow, long, white flowers that look like ribbons flowing around it.



Shizuoka KOSAI Travel Guide

The abundance of sunny days and blessings of Lake Hamana bring us:

KOSAI Food

Pork
Pork cutlet rice bowl made from Kosai's branded pork.

A Akebono Shokudo
855-1 Shirasuka, Kosai

Eel
When it comes to Lake Hamana's specialty, it's the eel!

B Eel Restaurant -Kanehachi
3747 Hamana, Arai-cho, Kosai

C Eel Restaurant on Station Premise -Yamayoshi
3-4-1 Shinjohara, Kosai

Shirasu
Freshly caught whitebait from the nearby fishing port.

D Hazuki
3437-10 Arai, Arai-cho, Kosai

E Michi-no-Eki (Roadside Station) Shiomizaka
1896-2 Shirasuka, Kosai

Primaru-Kosai's Branded Oyster
These delicious oysters are only available in the winter months! Don't miss out!

F Imagire Craft Workshop, Kaikokan
Arai, Arai-cho, Kosai

G Kaniden
1925-9 Uchiyama, Arai-cho, Kosai

Souvenirs

This shop sells seaweed and eel from Lake Hamana.

H Yamahei
1223 Arai, Arai-cho, Kosai

Sweets

Dorayaki pancakes, as seen in the famous anime Doraemon, use branding irons to create local designs on top.

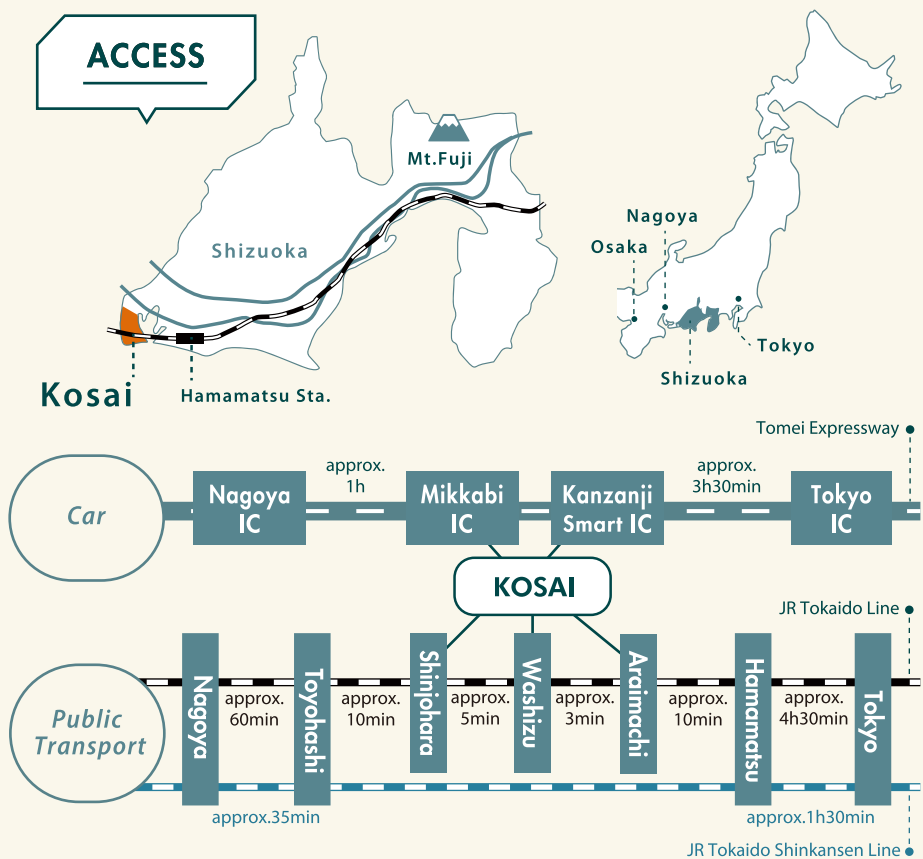
I Isagoya
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Taiyaki is a warm, sea bream-shaped sweet filled with red bean paste.

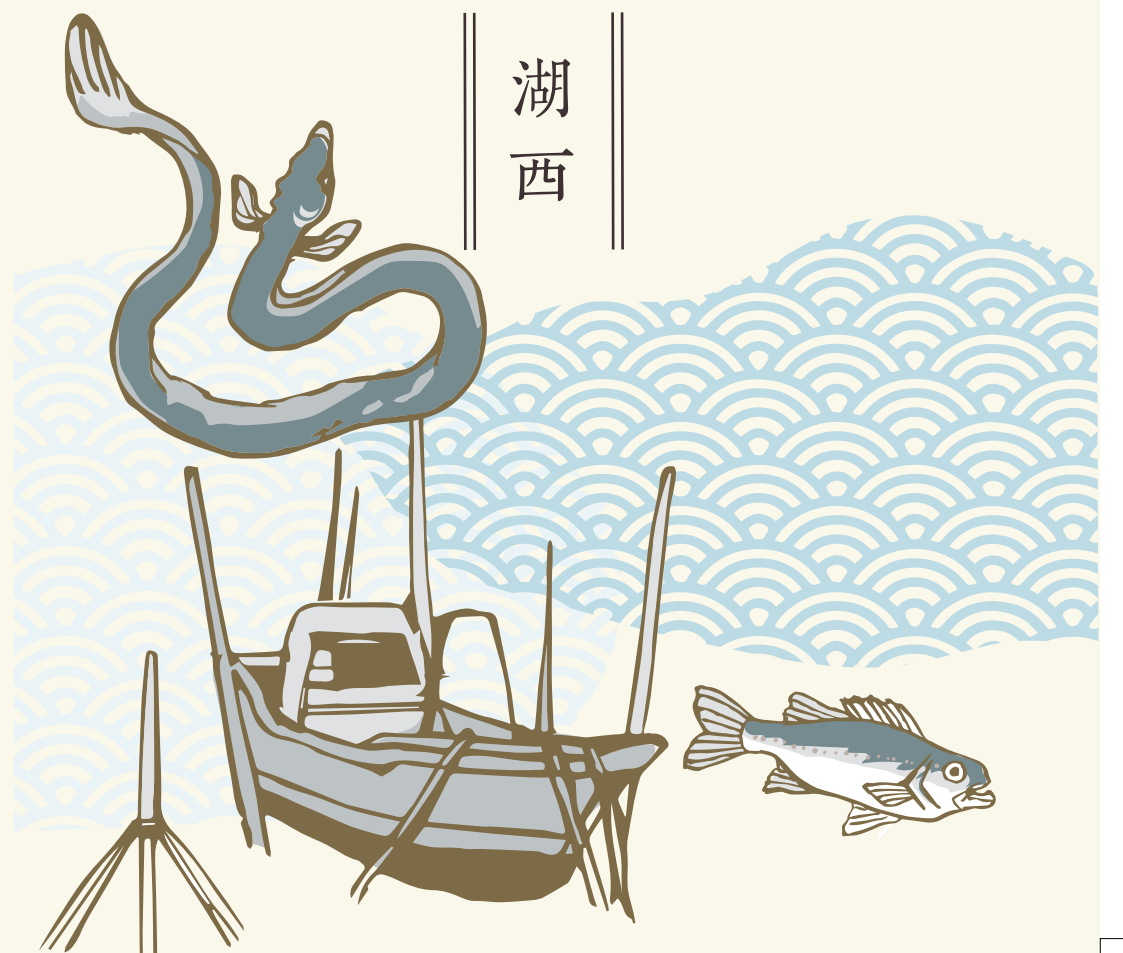
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Rental Bike Information

Hamanako Cycle	Araimachi Sta.	Kaikokan
5347 Washizu, Kosai Hours - 9am ~ 5pm Closed - Tue.	3423-26 Arai, Arai-cho, Kosai Hours - 9am ~ 4:30pm	3288-101 Arai, Arai-cho, Kosai Hours - 9am ~ 4:30pm Closed - Mon.
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※If renting from Hamanako Cycle, bikes must be returned to Hamanako Cycle.	※ If renting from Araimachi Sta. or Kaikokan, there will be an additional fee if the drop off location is different from the starting point.	



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TOKAIDO

- 東海道 -

The Old Tokaido Highway was an important route that connected Kyoto to Edo (now Tokyo). Here in Kosai, a post town located on the Old Tokaido Highway, you can travel back in time to the Edo period, interact with locals living in a small, old town, and enjoy tasting beloved local specialties from the different shops.

3 Hatago Kinokuniya Museum

Provided lodging for travelers during the Edo period. It is now a museum where visitors can experience the atmosphere of those days.

1280-1 Arai, Arai-cho, Kosai
Hours - 9am ~ 5pm
Closed - Mon, New Year holidays
Fee - Adult: ¥210, 6~15 years old: ¥100



4 Komatsuro (Old Geisha House)

A geisha house and small Japanese restaurant that prospered from 1912 (the Taisho period) to around 1945 (Showa 20).

1190-3 Arai, Arai-cho, Kosai
Hours - 9am ~ 5pm
Closed - Mon, New Year holidays
Fee - Free



5 Honkouji Temple (National Important Cultural Property)

Designed by a famous gardener in the Edo period, the garden, as well as the many cultural treasures found here, are worth a visit.

384 Washizu, Kosai
Hours - 9am ~ 5pm
Fee - Adult: ¥300, Child: ¥150



6 Public Bathhouse -Midoriyu-

A locally beloved public bathhouse with a retro atmosphere that has been in business for more than 140 years.

1127 Arai, Arai-cho, Kosai
Hours - 4:30pm ~ 10pm
Closed - Wed.
Fee - Adult: ¥300, 12 years old or younger: ¥150, 5 years old or younger: ¥60



We welcome people with tattoos as well!

The receptionist at the public bath →

1 Arai Checkpoint [A National Special Historic Site]

In all of Japan, this is the only checkpoint used in the past that still remains. Be sure to take a look at the beautiful landscapes depicted in the Ukiyo-e woodblock prints here.

1227-5 Arai, Arai-cho, Kosai
Hours - 9am ~ 4:30pm
Closed - Mon, and New Year holidays
(※ Open if Monday falls on a public holiday or is in August)
Fee - Adult: ¥400, 6~15 years old: ¥150



Mon. & Tue. before the last Wed. of Feb., the Mon. & Tue. before the first Wed. of Sep.
Fee - Free

Welcome!



Tezutsu Hanabi (Hand-held Fireworks)

(Hand-held Fireworks)

This ritual has been handed down since the Edo period. It is said that it is a way of paying tribute to the residents of Arai, the post town with the only remaining checkpoint that played an important role on the Old Tokaido Highway. Locals manually craft the bamboo cannons and load them with gunpowder themselves.



You can check locations using your smartphone!

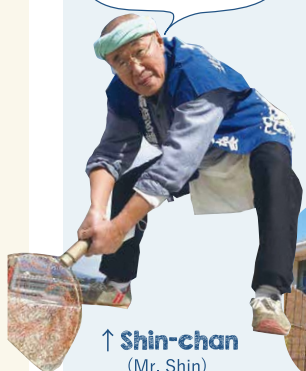


Lake Hamana

A very popular area full of unique activities that you can only experience here at Lake Hamana.

It is surprisingly difficult to stand!

Winter only! Come and eat the plump, creamy oysters!



↑ Shin-chan (Mr. Shin) of Kaikokan

7 Imagire Craft Workshop, Kaikokan

A place with something for everyone! Come and have a BBQ with friends, eat local seafood, or even experience catching eels and fish.

Arai Arai-cho, Kosai
Hours - 9am ~ 5pm
(From Jul. to Aug. until 6pm)
Closed - Mon. (※closed on the next day if Tue. is a public holiday), New Year holidays.
※Open daily in the summer. Fee - Free



8 Bell Marine

Experience exhilarating water sports such as flyboarding, jet skiing, and riding a banana boat.

482 Riki, Kosai
Hours - Weekdays 8:30am ~ 5:30pm
Sat. & Sun. 8am ~ 6:00pm
Closed - Tue.



9 Michi-no-Eki (Roadside Station) Shiomizaka

Here you can purchase souvenirs and enjoy tasting local specialties, looking out over the Pacific Ocean, and having a relaxing foot bath.

1896-2 Shirasuka, Kosai
Hours - 8am ~ 7pm
[Restaurant] 8:30am ~ 7pm (From Oct. to Apr. until 6pm)
[Footbath] 10am ~ 5pm (From Nov. to Apr. until 4pm)
[Souvenir Shop Omiyage-No-Yakata] 9am ~ 6:45pm



HAMANAKOYAKI



Soft service cream topped with Lake Hamana honey

Suggested Courses

1 A walking course into history

[Time required] approx. 2h30min
[Distance] approx. 2.6km

- Araimachi Sta. 10 min
- 1 Arai Checkpoint 2 min
- 3 Hatago Kinokuniya Museum 5 min
- Break at a sweet shop
- K Yanagiya 3354 Arai, Arai-cho, Kosai
- A stroll around the boat docking area
- Araimachi Sta. 10 min

2 A leisure course with a rental bike

[Time required] approx. 3h30min
[Distance] approx. 9km

- Araimachi Sta. 15 min
- 6 Kaikokan 20 min
- 1 Arai Checkpoint 5 min
- A stroll around the Temple Road 10 min
- A stroll around the boat docking area
- Araimachi Sta. 5 min

3 An exhilarating course with a sports bike

[Time required] approx. 4h30min
[Distance] approx. 20km

- Washizu Sta. 3 min
- Hamanako Cycle 15 min
- 2 Sakichi Toyoda Memorial House 30 min
- 9 Michi-no-Eki (Roadside Station) Shiomizaka 15 min
- Pine trees along the Tokaido Hwy. 15 min
- Araimachi Sta. 15 min
- 1 Arai Checkpoint 20 min
- Hamanako Cycle 3 min
- Washizu Sta. 3 min

Having a foot bath while overlooking the ocean.

