

Sightseeing Information

① Amanohashidate

One of the three most scenic spots in Japan. The sandbar is about 3.6 km long and 20 m/ 170 m wide. About 8000 pine trees grow on the sandbar and are registered as one of Japan's 100 best pine tree groupings. Some of the trees have unique names derived from the land and the various shapes of the trees, which makes walking across Amanohashidate even more interesting. It takes about an hour on foot and 20 minutes by bike to go from one end of Amanohashidate to the other.



Amanohashidate

② Amanohashidate Viewland

The observatory on top of Mt. Monju from which visitors can enjoy a spectacular view of Amanohashidate. There is a small amusement park with a Ferris wheel and other rides that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. The view of Amanohashidate seen from the View Land is called "Hiryukan" since it resembles a dragon climbing into the sky. The View Land can be accessed either by chairlift (6 min) or monorail (7 min).



Amanohashidate Viewland

③ Chionji Temple

One of the three temples in Japan dedicated to the Bodhisattva Monju. It is believed that visitors can gain wisdom by visiting this temple so many students preparing for exams often visit with their families. The temple gate that faces Chaya St. is registered as Cultural Property of the City and is the biggest temple gate in the Tango area.



Chionji Temple

④ Kasamatsu Park

The park has an observatory that overlooks Amanohashidate. The view of Amanohashidate seen from the Kasamatsu Park is called "Syouryukan" since it resembles a dragon flying into the heavens. If you stand facing away from Amanohashidate, lean forward and look between your legs, the pine tree covered sandbar looks like a bridge to heaven. This way of looking at Amanohashidate is called "Matanozoki" in Japanese. There is also another observatory that is called "The Birthplace of Matanozoki". This site is famous for its umbrella shaped pine trees called "Kasamatsu". Kasamatsu Park can be accessed by chairlift (6 min) or cable car (4 min). There is also a bus available to take visitors from Kasamatsu Park to Nariaiji Temple (7 min).



Kasamatsu Park

⑤ Nariaiji Temple

Ranked 28th out of the 33 sacred temples in Western Japan, the temple attracts many visitors each year. This temple, built in 704 AD is believed to have the power to make visitors' wishes come true. The temple's many features include a bell that has never been struck, a bottomless pond, and a mysterious dragon sculpture "Mamuki no Ryu". The dragon sculpture creates an illusion so that the dragon appears to stare back at the viewer no matter what angle it is viewed from. The five story pagoda "Goju no Tou" was included in "Amanohashidatezu" - a painting by the famous artist Sesshu and was restored in 2000.



Nariaiji Temple

⑥ Motoise Kono Shrine

According to legend, Amanohashidate used to be a ladder for the god Izanagino Omikami to come down from heaven to visit the goddess Izanaminno Omikami at Manai Shrine. However, the bridge fell down to earth and became the Amanohashidate that is seen today. Five colored ball decorations called "Suedama" can be seen on the balustrade of the shrine's main building. These "Suedama" decorations are very rare and can only be seen at one other location-Ise Jingu in Mie Prefecture.



Motoise Kono Shrine



Kyoto by the sea AMANOHASHIDATE Guide Map



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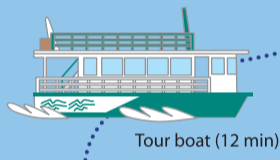
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View from Kasamatsu Park

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- parking
- inn or hotel
- inn or hotel with hot springs
- guest house
- guest house with hot springs
- bus stop
- taxi stand
- souvenir shop
- dining cafe
- bicycle rentals



Aso Sea
Tour boat (12 min)

Amanohashidate	
Length	3.6 km
On foot	(50 minutes)
By bicycle	(20 minutes)

View from Amanohashidate viewland



Amanohashidate Beach



To Toyooka and Jinno

Kyoto Tango Railway Miyatoyo Line

To Miyazu, Maizuru and Fukuchiyama