Geopark Footpath in Higashi-Izu Area

Walking around Jogasaki Coast, Which is a Breathtaking Artwork Formed by Lava of Mt. Omuro

About 4,000 years ago, a large amount of lava flowing from Mt. Omuro poured into the Sagami-Nada Sea and made land, whose front edge is now called Jogasaki Coast. A mysterious landscape which looks like a bundle of numerous columnar stretches in the rocky area on the coast. These columns are called "columnar joints", which are formed when lava cools down. Jogasaki Coast is a breathtaking artwork formed by lava.

**Hashidate Suspension Bridge**

The bridge is 60m long and 16m high, and it hangs over a deep gorge. A river of lava flowed on each edge of the cliffs. The bridge offers a superb view of the Sagamino-Nada Sea.

**Oyodo and Koyode Tide Pools**

Oyodo and Koyode Tide Pools are on tightly packed hexagonal rocks. The columnar joints, which were formed as lava cooled down, have been flattened by the erosion of waves. In the tidal pools, you can closely observe coral, seaweeds, various kinds of shellfish, and tropical fish such as the sea pansy.

**Geopark in the Sea**

The unique landscapes of lava stretch to the seaward. Whale in cavities and under rocks is highly nutritious thanks to the evergreen broad-leaved forests along the shore, and various kinds of sea creatures inhabit the area. Tropical fish brought by the Kuroshio Current can be also seen, and it is a perfect spot for scuba diving and snorkeling.

**Access**

**By Train**

- Hashidate Station 1km, 4-min walk
- Yawatano Station 9km, 30-min walk

**By Car**

- Nagoya Station: 45km, 50-min drive
- Tokyo Station: 144km, 2-hr drive

**How to Walk on a Pathway**

- The pathway is a walking path, easy to walk but still watch your step.
- There are some stairs and steps, so please walk carefully.

**Sightseeing Information**

- **Talima Waterfall Observation Deck**
  - 30-min walk from Higashi-Izu Area Station
  - **Long Trail**

- **Ito Visitor Center “Geoterrace Ito”**
  - 15-min walk from Higashi-Izu Area Station

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