Geopark Footpath in Nishi-Izu Area

Walking across Local Ports Which Have a Beautiful Striped Pattern of Sediments Formed by the Submarine Volcanoes

The beautiful white beaches surrounding the Yachiwada area tell us about the time when the Izu Peninsula was submarine volcanoes. The precious clefts with a striped pattern were formed by the uplift of the strata made of successive volcanoclastic flow sediments, and volcanic ash and pumice stones which had erupted from the ancient submarine volcanoes. The intricate landform in this area has helped develop fishery industry. You will see and visit various natural landscapes and the scenery of the port town surrounded by nature.

View Points in the Nishi-Izu Area: Landscapes with Beautiful Layers In Light and Dark Colors

01 Cape Tomiyagasaki & Tago

Cape Tomiyagasaki commands a view of the Mikuni-Izu area, Suruga Bay, and even the Southern Japanese Alps in the distance. There are traces of a shrine used to offer a light to a god, which has been replaced with a lighthouse. The intricate landform of the cape is said to have been used for the Izu navy base.

02 Futō Coast

Futō Coast has magmatic dikes (volcanic necks), which were passages of magma moving upward through the strata when the ancient submarine volcano erupted. The pearly rocks standing on the seashore were formed as the columnar joints cracked, and they used to be a passage of magma.

03 Tombolo of Sanshirojima Islands

Sanshirojima Islands are the traces of the passage of magma that was under the submarine volcano. They got their name (jaan means 3, and shi means 4) because depending on where they are seen from, they look like three or four islands. At low tide, you can see tombolo phenomena, which connects the coast and the islands.

How to Walk on the Izu Peninsula Geopark Footpaths

What is Geopark?

Geopark is a group of land and sea areas that are home to unique geological features. Geoparks are designated by UNESCO to promote the understanding of geological processes.

How to Use the Map

Before walking, it is important to get an overall sense of the course in your head by checking where it starts, goes through, and ends with the map. While walking, check your current location and the way to the next destination. As geoparks may not be available in some places, check natural features or landmarks that tell you which way to take at a fork.

Access

By Train
- 20 mins from Tokyo Station (Yamanote or Chuo Line), Yorihiko Station or Hayama Station
- 40 mins from Tokyo Station (Chuo Line), Hayama Station

By Car
- 90 mins from Tokyo

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