

神につくられた国

出雲

The Land Made by the Gods

いずも





Inasa-no-hama Beach
(稲佐の浜)

出雲大社

The Sacred Grounds Where Gods Gather

It is said that long ago, the god Yatsukamizumitsunomikoto (八束水臣津野命) found large plots of unused land on the Asian continent and pulled them across the Sea of Japan, joining them with the Izumo Province – as this area was known at the time – and expanding the country significantly.

As a result, Izumo became known as the “Land of the Gods” and the “Land of Mythology” and is even now home to Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine, which is the central point of Japan’s most ancient myths, ruins, and shrines.

Countless festivities and traditions that pertain to Japanese mythology can still be experienced in Izumo today. Festivals, traditional food and sake, and various cultural aspects of ancient Japan continue to thrive in Izumo.

Welcoming of the Gods

It is believed that hundreds of thousands of gods exist in Japan, spread throughout the country. Once a year, during the tenth month of the ancient Japanese calendar, every single god in Japan gathers at Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine for a conference, the purpose of which is to help people create new relationships and strengthen old ones.

After the visiting gods are welcomed to Izumo through a holy ritual, they spend the next two weeks deep in conversation at Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine. Residents of Izumo always make efforts to stay quiet during these two weeks in order to avoid disturbing the gods.

It just might be thanks to the combined blessings brought on by this one-of-a-kind godly conference that Izumo sees 10 million tourists each year.



Welcoming of the Gods (神迎神事)

Seasons



Spring SAKURA Shinkawa-bank (新川土手)



Summer
Hinomisaki Lighthouse(日御碕灯台)



Autumn Gakuenji Temple (鰐淵寺)



Winter Tachikuekyo Gorge (立久恵峡)

四季

Hot Springs



Yunokawa Hot Springs (湯の川温泉)



Tachikuekyo Hot Springs (立久恵峡温泉)

温泉



Fomer JR Taisha St. (旧大社駅)



Museum of Quilt Art (キルト美術館)



Ichibata Train (一畑電車)



Hinomisaki Shrine (日御碕神社)

出雲そば

Izumo Soba



Fruits

Grape (ぶどう)

Persimmon (柿)

果物



Figs (いちじく)



Traditions



Shussai-gama (Pottery) (出西窯)



伝統



Indigo dyeing (Nagata-Dyeing factory) (長田染工場 藍染)



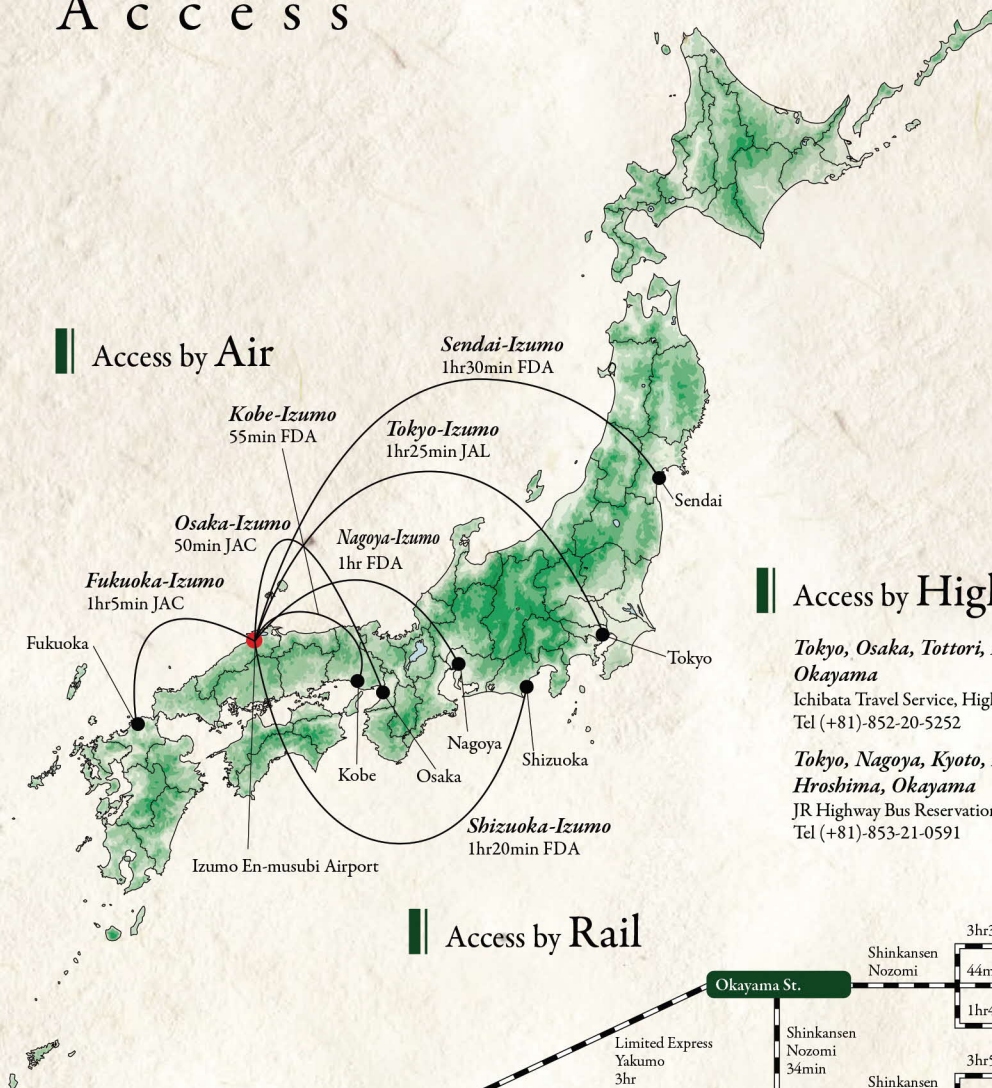
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Kagura



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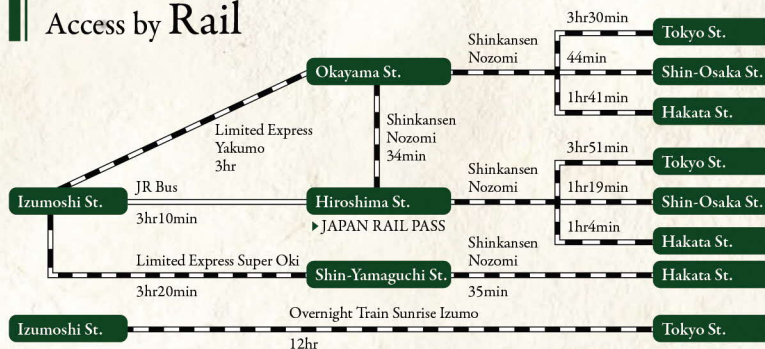


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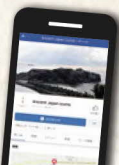
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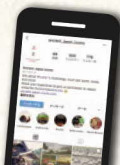
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