

Takehara City Tourist Guidebook

Beginning of a journey,
beginning of a story.

If you've grown tired of using your smart phone,
become the main character of a story and explore unknown places.
"Alice" chased a cute rabbit and then arrived at ...

A wonderland beyond space and time? No, it's Takehaland.
This town is filled with an old Japanese atmosphere that will help you forget all your worries.
Start your own small adventure in this hometown of fantasy,
Takehara City in Hiroshima Prefecture!





Takehara Station

Our journey starts at JR Takehara Station.
What can we discover?



We recommend exploring the shopping district and trying the local delicacies.
Let's search for hidden treasures as we walk.

I got off at the platform of the station. When I went through the ticket gate, I discovered the words "Welcome Back" on the floor. Even though I have never visited here before, I felt as if I had come back home. "Where did that rabbit go?"

In the shopping district leading to the station, there were many cute pink signboards on the shops. There were also many round, pink creatures here and there. Were they Momoneko-sama? Were they friends of the rabbit?

I could smell a nice aroma. I peeked into a shop, where they were making deep-fried



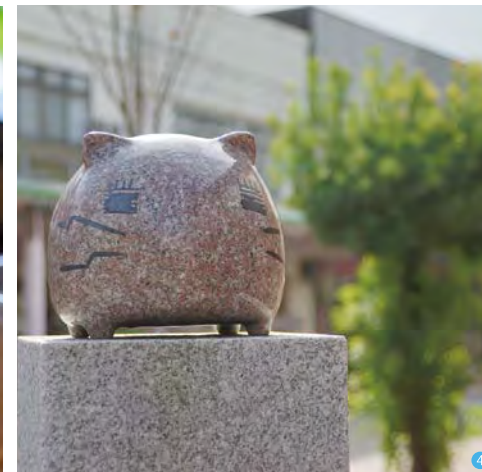
"Momoneko-sama Omikuji" fortune slips are available in the shopping district. Buy one to read your fortune for this journey!

treats. A young girl about my age had bought one and was eating it.

I worked up my courage and said, "Can I have one?"

It was very hot. Ummm ... but it tasted so good!

Now with a warm and full tummy, I felt very happy.



① "Kamaboko no Chikasue" is a delicious deep-fried snack made from fish paste. ② "Suehiro-do" is a confectionery shop in Takehara that offers both Japanese and Western sweets. "Take no Mai" and "Momoneko-sama Cake", two famous local sweets, are very popular. ③ Founded 36 years ago, "Hiro-house" has a comfortable, homey atmosphere where you can take a break. ④ "Momoneko-sama" is a popular character from the anime series "Tamayura," which is set in Takehara. Can you find all of the Momoneko-sama that are scattered around the shopping district? ⑤ The manhole covers will guide you to the Takehara Historic District.

① **Kamaboko no Chikasue** ☎ 0846-22-2376
[Address] 2-6-27 Chuo, Takehara City ☑ 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
[Closed] Wednesdays and every third Thursday

② **Suehiro-do** ☎ 0846-22-2299
[Address] 1-2-4 Chuo, Takehara City ☑ 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
(- 6:00 pm on Sundays) [Closed] Wednesdays

③ **Hiro-house** ☎ 0846-22-5418
[Address] 1-2-19 Chuo, Takehara City
☑ 11:00 am - 10:00 pm [Closed] Tuesdays

The Takehara Historic District

This district was founded 350 years ago. Experience what life was like during the Edo period.



SCENE2

Experience a blend of modern life, history, and culture.

After I walked for a while, it felt like I had traveled back in time. There were historic temples, and many wonderful homes that were built by those who had achieved success in the salt production and sake brewing industries. Buildings that have stood for a long time have a wonderful atmosphere that brings a sense of comfort. "Look, this lattice pattern seems to be in the shape of a heart!"

What a great find! Maybe the people of that era also liked cute designs. The local people have helped in preserving this district. They put flowers outside their homes as a sign of hospitality to others. Cherishing old things and living each day meaningfully are important sentiments to live by.

Anyways, where is that rabbit?



① These buildings are from the Edo period. The Takehara Historic District was selected as an "Important Traditional Building Group Conservation Area" by the Japanese government in 1982. ② Enjoy a wonderful view of Takehara from Fumeikaku, built on the hill at Saiho-ji Temple. ③ "Shukei Square" is located adjacent to Machinami Bamboo Workshop.

② Saiho-ji Temple Fumeikaku ☎ 0846-22-7745 (Takehara City Industrial Promotion Division)
[Address] 3-10-44 Honmachi, Takehara City

③ Shukei Square
[Address] 3-12-14 Honmachi, Takehara City



Look for the wide variety of cute and stylish lattice patterns on each house.



Takehara, which means "bamboo field", is really a fitting name.



④ Enjoy the beautiful garden at the Hachiro Morikawa residence, built after Morikawa achieved success in the salt industry. ⑤ The Takehara City Museum of History and Folklore is a traditional western style building with a unique light blue color. ⑥ Experience the art of bamboo crafting at "Machinami Bamboo Workshop," where you can see bamboo windmills at the entrance. ⑦ Local residents arrange flowers outside their homes as a sign of hospitality. ⑧ The Fujii Brewery is illuminated during "Shokei no Michi", a candle festival held every autumn that creates a magical atmosphere throughout the entire town.

④ Morikawa Residence ☎ 0846-22-8118 [Address] 3-16-33 Chuo, Takehara City ☑ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm [Closed] Thursdays

⑤ Takehara City Museum of History and Folklore ☎ 0846-22-5186
[Address] 3-11-16 Honmachi, Takehara City ☑ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm [Closed] Tuesdays

⑥ Machinami Bamboo Workshop ☎ 0846-22-0973 [Address] 3-12-14 Honmachi, Takehara City ☑ 9:30 am - 4:00 pm [Closed] Open everyday

⑧ Fujii Brewery ☎ 0846-22-2029 [Address] 3-4-14 Honmachi, Takehara City ☑ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm [Closed] Mondays

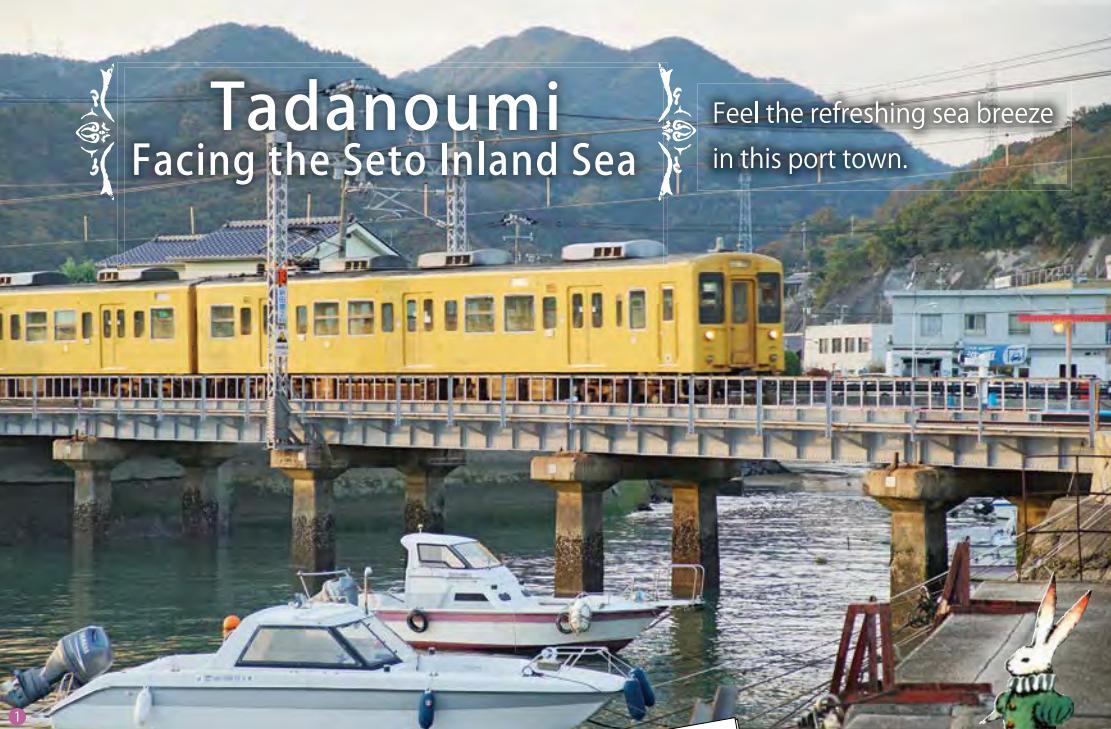


Tadanoumi

Facing the Seto Inland Sea



Feel the refreshing sea breeze
in this port town.



SCENE 3

Meet the locals, who truly love
living by the sea, as you stroll
through the town.



Clickety-clack, clickety-clack... I got off the train at the third station. I had no reason. That wasn't my plan, but I wanted to explore the area near the beautiful shimmering sea that I could see from the window. The cool breeze near the sea felt nice and refreshing.

I wondered if that rabbit was here.

I asked around if anyone had seen the rabbit. The local people were so kind and helpful. I bought some snacks at a supermarket and took a break by the sea. I could feel my mind becoming clearer as I relaxed. Time seemed to slow down.

"What? If I want to find the rabbit, I should go to the island?"

It seems there is a ferry to the island from a nearby port. I took the ferry straight to the island.



① Enjoy the view of the Seto Inland Sea on your journey to Tadanoumi Station on the JR Kure Line. ② "Tadanoumi Shoyu," a soy sauce manufacturer that takes advantage of the mild climate here, was established 90 years ago. ③ "Super Mommy" is a popular store where locals come to shop and socialize.

② Tadanoumi Shoyu

☎ 0846-26-0208

[Address] 2-20-23 Tadanoumi Nakamachi, Takehara City
☑ 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

[Closed] Sundays, public holidays and Saturday afternoons

③ Super Mommy

☎ 0846-26-0820

[Address] 2-4-15 Tadanoumi Nakamachi, Takehara City
☑ 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

[Closed] Sundays

④ Eden no Umi

[Address] 3 Tadanoumi Nagahama, Takehara City

⑤ Museum of Princess Kaguya (at Honryu-ji Temple)

☎ 0846-26-0982 (Reservations required for some exhibits)

[Address] 2-12-8 Tadanoumi Tokonoura, Takehara City

☑ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

[Closed] Irregular schedule

⑦ Café Hoxton

☎ 0846-24-2011

[Address] 3-4-10 Tadanoumi Nagahama, Takehara City

☑ 11:00 am – sundown

[Closed] Mondays (or the following day when Monday falls on a public holiday)

⑨ Megumi Pan Koubou RyuRyu

☎ 0846-26-0397

[Address] 1-2-54 Tadanoumi Nakamachi, Takehara City

☑ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

[Closed] Sundays, Mondays and public holidays

④ Enjoy a beautiful view of the Seto Inland Sea from the observatory in the "Eden no Umi" parking area. ⑤ The Museum of Princess Kaguya is located in Honryu-ji Temple. The ceiling tiles in the main hall of the temple illustrate the fairy tale of Princess Kaguya.

⑥ The nostalgic red post boxes feel right at home in Tadanoumi's quaint neighborhoods. ⑦ Enjoy a wonderful view of the sea from "Café Hoxton". ⑧ The many fishing boats here are one sign of the people's strong bond with the sea. ⑨ The "Megumi Pan Koubou RyuRyu" bakery is a popular stop for students as they wait for their train.

Forgotten Island Okunoshima

A story is conveyed through ruins.



The ruins tell us the history of the island.

While looking for the rabbit, I felt the atmosphere change, as if I had entered another world. "What is this place?" The abandoned buildings are covered in ivy, and it's so quiet and peaceful. I wonder what happened here.

Before coming here, I didn't know about this island's history from the Sino-Japanese War, the Russo-Japanese War, World War II, and the Korean War. I didn't know the dark past of this island, or that it had been erased from maps for many years because of the things that happened here.

"I am thankful to the rabbit for leading me here. I'm glad to learn about these things now."

"Come here, Alice. I will introduce my friends to you."

I knew I would find the rabbit here!



1 Power Station Ruins This power station, which provided power to the entire island during World War II, was used to store ammunition during the Korean War. You can see "MAG2" written on the walls.

2 Nagaura Poison Gas Storehouse Ruins This was the largest poison gas storehouse on the island. If you pass under the huge arch, you can see six rooms that were used to store around 100 tons of poison gas. The storehouse was originally painted in camouflage.

3 Central Battery Ruins This is one of the three artillery batteries (north, central, and south) that were built to defend the Seto Inland Sea during the Russo-Japanese War and the Sino-Japanese War. During World War II it was used to store poison gas. This photo shows the ruins of the nearby army barracks.

4 Ammunition Storage Warehouse Ruins The roof of this storage warehouse was made with a light material in case of explosion. It was used to store poison gas during World War II, and as ammunition storage for U.S. forces during the Korean War.

5 Weather Beaten Storage Tank Ruins These ruins are located on the western side of the island. Only the concrete bases for the storage tanks remain.

6 North Battery Ruins This is one of the Geiyo Fortresses. The three batteries on this island worked in conjunction with three batteries on an island in Ehime Prefecture, to monitor the enemy from opposite sides of the inland sea. In later years, it was used to store poison gas.

Understanding the History of Okunoshima



Poison Gas Museum

This museum features exhibitions of materials from wartime that convey the horrors of poison gas, such as protective clothing that was worn during the production of poison gas.

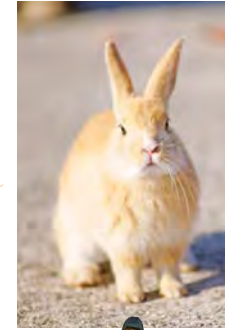
☎ 0846-26-3036 [Address](#) 5491 Tadanoumi-cho, Takehara City ☑ 9:00 am - 4:30 pm (Admission until 4:00 pm) [Closed](#) New Year holidays

* For your own safety, do not enter fenced-off areas.



"Rabbit Island" Okunoshima

This Unique Rabbit Wonderland
is a Popular Tourist Destination!



You'll never grow tired
of watching the rabbits!



Enjoy many activities while
playing with rabbits.

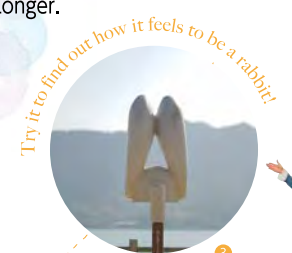
Leaving the ruins behind, I came to a place
where the sea stretched out in front of me.
Among all the rabbits here, I spot one in green
clothes who is staring back at me.

"At last we meet. Is this your home?"

"Yes. This is my home where I live with my many
friends. We can go cycling, camping, cruising,
and swimming in the sea."

"What are those strange objects that are
shaped like rabbit ears?"

"They are sound collectors. If you put your ear
up against one, you can clearly hear the sound
of the wind and waves. When I heard your voice
through one, I knew I wanted to be your friend."
This confession made the rabbit blush. He was
so cute! I was so glad to have met him. I decided
to stay in this wonderful Takehaland just a little
while longer.




- ① If you rent a bicycle, you can make your way
around the island in 30 minutes. But, please be
careful of the rabbits! ② "Lighthouse for
Lovers" is a sacred site for lovers. Enjoy a
romantic view of the lighthouse and the sea.
- ③ Sound collectors, shaped like rabbit ears, are
located on the south end of the island.
- ④ From the observatory platform at the center
of Okunoshima you can enjoy a wonderful view
of the beautiful islands dotting the sea.



Restaurant Guide

Enjoy the local cuisine that has been familiar to the people of Takehara for many years.

 "Rabbit Lunch Cafe" participating restaurant

Café Ao

MAP-P14-A

Cafe in an attractive renovated warehouse



This cafe is located in a warehouse in the Takehara Historic District. Take a break and relax while you enjoy a homemade lunch and sweets in this comfortable environment decorated with calligraphy.

☎0846-22-3073 Address 3-9-28 Honmachi, Takehara City ☑10:00 am – about 5:00 pm Closed Tuesdays, last Monday of every month

Ajidokoro Hinode

MAP-P13-C

Enjoy delicious fish from the Seto Inland Sea in set meals, sashimi rice bowls, and kama-meshi bowls!



This restaurant serves seafood dishes and tempura prepared with fish from the Seto Inland Sea. We highly recommend the Domaru (with yellowbanded red weever). The fried fish are crispy and delicious, and the fish heads are also considered a delicacy!

☎0846-26-0409 Address 3-2-12 Tadanoumi Nakamachi, Takehara City ☑11:30 am – 2:30 pm, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm (Sundays and Mondays: Open for lunch only) Closed Irregular schedule

Roadside Station Takehara

MAP-P14-A

Soft-serve Ice Cream House

Try the Popular Takehara Takenoko Teriyaki Beef Croquette Burger



This popular crispy burger offers a mouth-watering serving of select ingredients from Takehara, including Taoshitagyū beef, bamboo shoots, and potatoes.

☎0846-23-5100 Address 1-1-1 Honmachi, Takehara City ☑10:00 am – 5:00 pm (Soft-serve Ice Cream House) Closed Every third Wednesday

Matsuya Nijuyaki Honpo

MAP-P14-A

Obanyaki shop popular with local residents



This famous obanyaki shop is located near Roadside Station Takehara. Nijuyaki (mildly sweet bean paste stuffed into crispy muffs, for 120 yen) is the best snack to enjoy as you walk around town.

☎0846-22-0875 Address 2-20-33 Chuo, Takehara City ☑10:00 am – Closed Wednesdays

Choji

MAP-P14-B

Enjoy a wide variety of Japanese dishes and Junmai Ginjo (ginjo sake with no added alcohol) from all over Japan



Try the delicious spit-roasted Taoshitagyū beef seasoned with rock salt, and a variety of other dishes that are enhanced by the flavor of select ingredients. We recommend the Spit-roasted Taoshitagyū Set (a set of 4 kebabs) for 1,200 yen.

☎0846-22-2244 Address 2-12-3 Chuo, Takehara City ☑5:00 pm – 11:00 pm Closed Sundays

Aji-iroiro Masuya

MAP-P14-B

Delicious Japanese and western style dishes with fresh fish from the Seto Inland Sea



Featuring fresh fish from the Seto Inland Sea, these dishes are both additive-free and very healthy. Their specialty is Domaruru, prepared with white fish, for 1,300 yen.

☎0846-22-8623 Address 4-1-22 Chuo, Takehara City ☑11:00 am – 2:00 pm (L.O. 1:30 pm), 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm (L.O. 8:30 pm) Closed Mondays

Enjoy Special Experiences in Takehara

Add another page of special memories of your journey through Takehara by cruising on the Seto Inland Sea or strolling around the nostalgic town in a kimono ...

Bamboo Workshop

MAP-P13-A



Try your hand at traditional crafts in this remodeled warehouse!

Learn how to make a bamboo basket by weaving together individual bamboo sticks. With instruction from the friendly staff, even beginners can make baskets with ease. Bamboo crafts are displayed and sold in the workshop.

■Machinami Bamboo Workshop ☎0846-22-0973

Address 3-12-14 Honmachi, Takehara City ☑9:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Open everyday Access 15-minute walk from JR Takehara Station

Pottery Art

MAP-P14-A

Choose from a variety of programs (painting, pottery, etc.).

A wide variety of programs are available for all levels, from painting for all ages to advanced pottery techniques that include forming clay by hand. The items you make are perfect to use at home or to give to others as souvenirs.



■Pottery Studio Fudo ☎0846-22-5655

Address 3-10-25 Honmachi, Takehara City ☑10:00 am – 5:00 pm Closed Irregular schedule Access 15-minute walk from JR Takehara Station

Zazen (Meditation)

Find and refresh yourself in silence.

Experience the traditional Japanese culture of "Zazen". Sit quietly in a temple with your back straight and your mind calm. Eliminate fatigue by leaving the daily hustle and bustle behind and taking a fresh look at yourself.



■Shoun-ji Temple ☎0846-26-0880

Address 2-10-1 Tadanoumi Tokonoura, Takehara City

■Jufuku-ji Temple ☎0846-25-1801

Address 1964 Yoshina-cho, Takehara City

Kimono Wearing

MAP-P13-A

Walk around the nostalgic town dressed in a kimono.

Rent a kimono to wear as you stroll through the atmosphere of the Edo Period in the Takehara Historic District. Bamboo products and other specialty items are also available for purchase at this shop. You can also learn how to make raised cloth pictures.

■Chiku-raku ☎0846-22-1558

Address 3-11-10, Honmachi, Takehara City ☑10:00 am – 4:00 pm Closed Irregular Schedule

Access 15-minute walk from JR Takehara Station

Onsen (Hot Spring)

Warm yourself to the core at a calm onsen resort.

Yusaka Onsen is also called "Tsuru no Yu". According to legend, a wounded tsuru (crane) was cured by drinking its hot spring waters. This good quality, mildly radioactive cold mineral spring is great for treating neuralgia, joint pain, and other afflictions. Both hotels offer day trip plans.

■Hotel Kamogawaso ☎0846-29-0211

Address 445 Nishiyusaka, Nishino-cho, Takehara City ☑10:00 am – 3:00 pm (day trip)

■Kanpo no Yado Takehara ☎0846-29-0141

Address 442-2 Nishino-cho, Takehara City ☑10:30 am – 8:00 pm (day trip)



Cruising

Relaxing cruise at a reasonable price (500 yen)

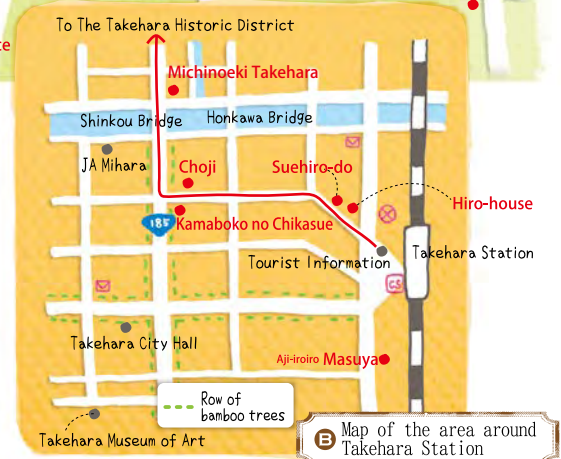
Regularly scheduled ferries offer mini cruises that allow you to enjoy beautiful views of the islands on the Seto Inland Sea. Only 500 yen for a round trip cruise. For details on departure times, etc., check the Sanyo Shosen website.

■Nottoko Cruise ☎0846-22-2133

Address 4-2-24 Minatomachi, Takehara City ☑6:05 am – 7:10 pm Closed Open everyday Access 10 minutes by car from JR Takehara Station

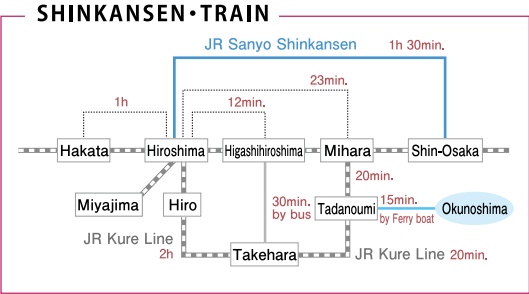
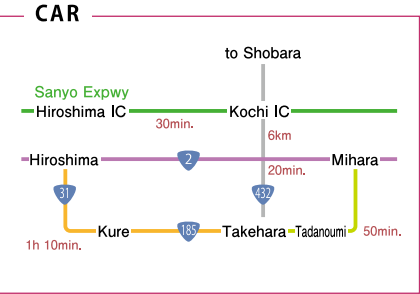


Locations in red are open for admission and/or viewing.



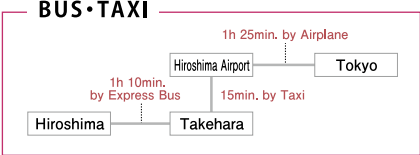
- Precautions when visiting rabbit island "Okunoshima"**
- Do not put your hand near a rabbit's mouth.
 - Do not hold or chase rabbits.
 - Do not play with rabbits on the road.
 - Do not give sweets or bread to the rabbits.
 - Do not litter.
 - Do not bring rabbits to the island and/or release them here.

ACCESS GUIDE



Takehara Hotel Guide

Area	Hotel Name	Telephone No.
Around Takehara Station	Hotel Daikoen	☎0846-22-2970
	Takehara Station Hotel Guruman	☎0846-22-2363
	Takehara City Hotel	☎0846-22-8811
	Green Sky Hotel Takehara	☎0846-22-1355
Tadanoumi	Takehara Seaside Hotel	☎0846-26-2236
Okunoshima	Kyukamura Okunoshima	☎0846-26-0321
Yusaka	Kanpo no Yado Takehara	☎0846-29-0141
	Hotel Kamogawaso	☎0846-29-0211



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