



高見島 3 龍王山 Mt.Ryuosan

Mt.Ryuosan(297.3m) is the second highest mountain of Shiwaku Islands. Near the top of the mountain, there is a shrine where people hold festivals to pray for rain and large catch. The grove of the shrine is a precious laurel forest.



高見島 4 高見八幡 Takami Hachiman Shrine

An elaborate 1/10 size model of Japanese Junk (弁財船, *bezaisen*) was dedicated to the shrine in 1755. It clearly shows characteristics of traditional Japanese ships of the Edo period. ※The model of *bezaisen* is now displayed in the town museum.



The specialty of the islands

茶粥 Chagai

The rice porridge boiled in tea (*chagai*) is one of the traditional local dishes of the islands. A kind of fermented tea (*goishi-cha*) which goes with salty well-water has originally been used. Today, other herbs or roasted tea are generally used.



佐柳島 Sanagi jima
Area : 1.83 km²
The number of households: 51
Population : 72 (Census 2015)



高見島 Takami jima
Area : 2.35 km²
The number of households: 19
Population : 27 (Census 2015)

Ferry (Tadotsu~Takami~Sanagi)

Tadotsu	Takami	Sanagi Hon-ura	Sanagi Nagasaki
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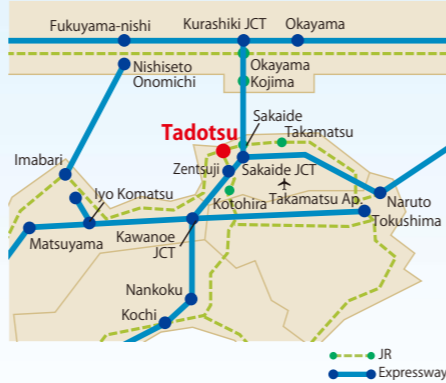
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“Shin-Nagisa 2”, San-yo Kisen



Access to Tadotsu



Attention

- ※It is about 25 minutes' walk from JR Tadotsu station to Tadotsu Port.
- ※The ferry services are limited. Don't miss the ferry.
- ※On the islands, there is no accommodation, there is restaurant nor convenience store, there is no transport.

Further Information

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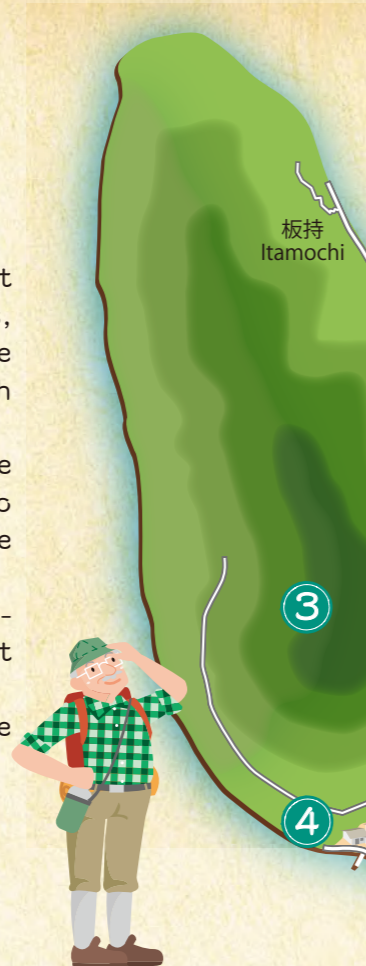
Takami Jima
高見島

Takamijima is located 7.4km northwest of Tadotsu town. There are 2 villages, Hama and Ura. There used to be another village, Itamochi, in the north of the island.

It is said that the first habitants are Heike fugitives or fishermen who migrated from Kojima, Okayama at the end of the 12th century.

Until the 1960s pyrethrums were cultivated up to the top of the hill, now most of the island is covered with forest.

The rows of old houses with stone walls make us feel quite nostalgic.



高見島 1 大聖寺
Daisho-ji Temple

It is said that the temple was founded by Kō bō -Daishi(Kū kai). The entrance gate is combined with a belfry and its roof is held by the sculpture of sumo wrestler.



高見島 2 石垣の集落
Stone walls village

The stone walls in Ura were made by randomly stacking stones of irregular shape and size. Most of these were constructed during the Edo period. Old houses with tile roofs stand on the inclination of 30 degrees, 50 meters above sea level.

Sanagi Jima
佐柳島

Sanagijima is located 14.8km northwest of Tadotsu town. There are 2 villages, Hon-ura and Nagasaki.

It is said that the first habitants migrated from Takamijima to Hon-ura at the end of the 16th century, from Fukuyama or Kasacka Islands to Nagasaki.

Mt.Takatoyama (248.5m) is situated in the middle of the island stretching her gentle slopes to the north and the south.

Many cats walking about in the village would warmly welcome you.



佐柳島 1 八幡神社
Hachiman-jinja Shrine

A model of Kitamaebune (北前船, northern-bound ship) was dedicated to the shrine in 1824.



佐柳島 2 両墓制
Ryobosei (Dual grave system)

Both islands retain Ryobosei, one to bury (uzumehaka) and the other to pray (mairibaka). The uzumehaka of Nagasaki, where round rocks are heaped on the burial ground, is a valuable folklore asset to know Japanese burial history.



佐柳島 3 大天狗神社
Daitengu-jinja Shrine

Climbing a winding stone stairs to the top, there is the stone figure of long-nosed goblin (Tengu). Legend has it that the shrine visitors could find their lost articles and repel thieves.

These islands went down in history!

Seto Inland Sea has played a key role in Japanese maritime transport since ancient times. The rapid and tricky currents brought up the islanders to be expert seamen. They were known as the Shiwaku Marine Force (Shiwaku Suigun).

Ninmyo-sei
塩飽水軍
The Shiwaku Suigun were well regarded by the ruling powers in the time. In 1590, Toyotomi Hideyoshi admitted them autonomy, tax exemption in exchange for navigating charter boats and acting as the Navy. These rights were called "Ninmyo-sei".

Shiwaku carpenters
北前船
The island seamen lost their privilege of the merchant service in 1721. Then they became fishermen or crews of trading ships. In the meantime, shipwright of the islands became migrant carpenters and built famous temples and shrines.

Pilgrimage to Konpira
弁才船
After the 5th feudal lord, Kyogoku Takateru, built the new port in 1838, Tadotsu became a leading port for the pilgrimage to Kotohira-gu Shrine (Konpira-san). The island seamen worked for shipping and supported prosperity of the town.

Sailing overseas
威風丸
When the country was reopened in the mid-19th century, the skilled sailors became the crew that sailed the first Japanese ship to America. Four men of Takamijima, two men of Sanagijima sailed to San Francisco on the Kanrinmaru in 1860.