

② Mishima Shuku the Center of Izu Province

Shinmachi Bridge, Mishima – Fushimi Ichirizuka, Shimizu Town

Introduction

Mishima Shuku is the 11th shukuba from Nihonbashi in Tokyo. Lying at the intersection of the 2 main roads (the Old Shimoda Road and the Old Koshu Road) and built in front of the Mishima Taisha Shrine, Mishima prospered as the center of Izu Province from long ago. After construction of the Hakone Barrier, Mishima played an important part in defense of Tokyo.

① 三嶋大社

The prime rank shrine in Izu Province and also the origin of the name of Mishima. It is said to be built before the 10th century. The most powerful samurai such as Minamoto-no-Yoritomo were religious. Also known throughout the country as the issuer of Mishima-Goyomi.



② 楽寿園

The villa built by Prince Komatsunomiya Akihito in the 19th century. Kohamaike (the pond made with groundwater streaming from Mt. Fuji) and the garden are designated as natural monument and place of scenic beauty of Japan.

- Open: 9:00 to 17:00 (until 16:30 from November to March)
- Closed on Mondays
- Admission: ¥300 for adults, ¥50 for children



③ 水辺の文学碑

The sidewalk along Sakura River between Shirataki Park to the Mishima Taisha Shrine is called the Minakami Street. Extracts related to Mishima from literally works of famous novelists such as Wakayama Bokusui, Dazai Osamu are made into monuments and built between the willow trees.

④ せせらぎの散歩道 源兵衛川

Genbe river is an irrigation canal having source in Kohama Pond in Rakujuen Park built in the 15th century. The people of Mishima are cleaning regularly and taking care of the nature by discharging larva of fireflies and transplanting waterweeds.



三島のうなぎは 何故おいしい? Grilled Eels
The great dinner for Japanese. Restaurants in Mishima cook eels after letting them swim in the spring water from Mt. Fuji. Then fishy smell disappears and the fish meat firms up and they will become tasty even more!

宿境 Shukuzakai
Many words exist meaning the boundary of shukuba for example 'kanente' meaning hooked-shape curved road. Otherwise built a gate or fort so that large army cannot pass through it played a role of peace keeping by preparing for the worst.

⑤ 時の鐘
A bell of the time striking in the morning and in the evening which is located at Mitsuishi Shrine along the Genbe River. It was supplied to the government during the Second World War, but revived in 1950 by the people of Mishima as a symbolic bell of peace.



⑥ 千貫樋
A water pipe for irrigation carrying spring water from Rakujuen Park in Mishima to the neighboring Shimizu Town. Sengandoi means worth 3750 kilograms of gold, in other words, extraordinary techniques of water pipe. The original was made of wood but replaced by a concrete pipe after it collapsed in 1923 by the Great Kanto Earthquake.



⑦ 伏見一里塚
The signpost built every 4 km in the old main road is called Ichirizuka. Put to use by the Tokugawa shogunate by heaping up soil on both sides of the roads and planting trees so that travelers can take a rest in their shades. Fushimi Ichirizuka is the 29th from Tokyo which was restored in 1985.



Old Tokaido Road Walking Route

- Sidewalk
- Sidewalk narrower than 70 cm

Legend

Information	Parking lot
Picturing point	Bench
Toilet	Cherry tree
Accessible toilet	
Convenience store	Bus stop
Explanatory board	
AED	
View point of Mt. Fuji	
East boundary of shukuba	
West boundary of shukuba	