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Mirages

A mysterious world shimmering in the sea

Uozu City has been famous for mirages since the Edo period. They are especially common from late March to early June, with short phenomenon lasting several minutes and longer phenomenon lasting several hours. These mirages, like natural art woven by the sun and wind, have long fascinated people and continue to mesmerize visitors today.

Uozu Buried Forest Museum [B-4]

A message from ancient times told by giant roots

The Uozu Buried Forest, which was buried about 2,000 years ago by overflowing rivers and the rising sea level, has been designated as a special national natural monument. It is a valuable source of information on environmental changes. In addition, a video at the museum explains the mechanism behind the mirages seen in Uozu.

●814 Shakado, Uozu City TEL: 0765 (22) 1049
Open: Paid zones (Buried Forest Museum, Rooftop Lookout, etc.) 9:00–17:00 (Last admission: 16:30)
Free zones (Themed Hall 1F) 9:00–19:00 (Last admission: 18:30) Closed: 12/29–1/1, Thursdays from 12/1 to 3/15

Uozu Aquarium [A-6]

The oldest m in Japan

Founded in 1913, the Uozu Aquarium is the oldest aquarium in Japan. Its regular exhibitions feature around 410 types of living organisms, including aquatic life local to Uozu, centered on the theme of "The Science of the Sea of Japan." This aquarium also hosts a variety of events, such as striped beakfish swimming through a hoop.

●1390 Sanga, Uozu City TEL: 0765 (24) 4100
Open: 9:00–17:00 (Last admission: 16:30) Closed: 12/29–1/1, Mondays from 12/1 to 3/15

Shinkiro (Mirage) Road [B-4]

Ideal for walking and cycling

Shinkiro Road is the popular name for the road that runs north to south along the Uozu City coastline. If the conditions are right, visitors can view mirages from Mirage Lookout along the road during the peak season. On sunny days, Mt. Sogadake, Mt. Kekachi, and the rest of the Northern Alps are visible from the road, making this one of the most popular driving routes in the prefecture.

●A road along the Uozu City coastline (Stretches from Kyoden to Mirage Land)

Mirage Land [A-6]

Recognizable by the large Ferris wheel

This park offers a variety of fun rides, including the largest Ferris wheel on the Sea of Japan and a merry-go-round. The seawater pool, which is open in the summer, is very popular with families and couples! And with rest areas, stalls, and a barbecue plaza looking out on the ocean, visitors can enjoy the facilities all day.

●1390 Sanga, Uozu City TEL: 0765 (24) 6999 Open: Mid-March–Late November 9:00–17:00 Closed: Wednesdays (the next weekday if Wednesday is a national holiday) Open every day 4/29–5/5 as well as July–August

Uozu Ekimae Tourist Information Center [C-4]

The first stop to learn about Uozu

A sightseeing concierge with detailed knowledge about everything Uozu has to offer is always on duty. Feel free to ask not only about tourist attractions but also about the nuanced parts of Uozu. Visitors are also free to stop by when in need of a map of the city, facility pamphlets, and so on.

●1-1-2 Shakado, Uozu City TEL: 0765 (22) 2244
Open: 9:00–18:00 Closed: New Year's holiday

Ariso Dome [B-3]

The observation deck offering views of Toyama Bay and the Tateyama Mountain Range is a must-see

This arena is a site where industry, sports, and culture come together. The tatemon floats used in Uozu's famous Tatemon Festival are also on permanent display here. In addition to industrial exhibitions, this complex also offers sports facilities. And the 46 m high observation deck offers visitors a beautiful view of Uozu.

●2898-3 Kitaonie, Uozu City TEL: 0765 (23) 9800
Open: 8:00–21:30 Closed: Tuesdays, 12/29–1/3

Suwa Shrine [B-4]

Famous as the shrine of the Tatemon Festival

A shrine whose origins are said to be in the division of the deity enshrined at Suwa Taisha in the year 701. It is famous as the site of Uozu's well-known Tatemon Festival. Every year, the day of the festival sees the shrine bustling with people.

●1-16 Suwa-machi, Uozu City

Bicycle Rentals

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Bicycles are recommended if visitors wish to wander the city freely

Bicycles with electric-assist functions—making them a breeze to pedal—are available to rent at five locations around the city. Feel free to use them for sightseeing and wandering around Uozu. These bicycles can be dropped off at any rental station.

●TEL: 0765 (22) 2244 (Uozu Ekimae Tourist Information Center) Available: 9:00–17:00 (Last rental at 15:00)
Rental stations: Uozu Ekimae Tourist Information Center, Omachi Tourist Information Center, Umi no Eki Shinkiro, Katakai Yamanomori Campsite.