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Yuki Town – a peaceful valley-side village cradled in the mountains of Hiroshima, Japan.

Often called “Hiroshima’s Inner Parlor,” the land of Yuki is a place nurtured by the love of its people.

From here forward, we’ll introduce you to some information about Yuki’s rich history, as well as some of Yuki’s most famous features.

About 45 minutes away from central Hiroshima City. Yuki is a wonderful village situated in the middle of Mother Nature’s beauty! You can expect to see breathtaking places such as the Nishi-Chugoku Sanchi Quasi-National Park and the Seto Inland Sea.

Known as a hot springs town, the Yuki - Yunoyama Onsen Village boast a long and fruitful history. Along with the several onsen that this land has to its name, there’s also the Sagotani Farms, always bustling with visitors on the weekends. Around these parts you can also check out the Minochi River, that famous river that has won 2nd place 4 years in a row in Japan’s national Best Sweetfish Around competition. Just like the name implies, the competition’s aim is to find where in the country you can fish up the tastiest of all sweetfish. And speaking of natural landmarks, Yuki is home to Mt. Omine, Hiroshima City’s tallest peak! From the top of here, you can get a full panoramic view of the gorgeous Seto Inland Sea. It’s just a short hour drive in from Hiroshima City to see one of Japan’s most treasured natural beauties, so it’s no wonder that not only are tourists rising in numbers, but many people have moved in recently as well!

湯来の特徴 Yuki’s Features

Yuki Town has two distinct onsen areas, together called the “Yuki – Yunoyama Onsen Village.” The village’s founding comes from traditional folktales that speak of a time 1500 years ago when a white heron stopped to heal its wounds in the mountain’s onsen waters. It’s told that a passerby villager saw the heron, and from that point forth the area prospered as the “Yuki Onsen,” Hiroshima’s Inner Parlor. The area’s rise to fame also comes from the Yunoyama Onsen’s history as being the personal bathhouse of Lord Asano, the ruling clan member of Hiroshima during the Edo period. Starting in 1955 for the Yuki Onsen and in 1962 for the Yunoyama Onsen, each respective place was designated as a National Recreational Onsen, and due to its close proximity to central Hiroshima City, the town boomed in popularity. In 1991, both places were designated as National Health Onsen as well, due to their amazing effects on visitors’ health and because of the area’s gorgeous natural environment. Also, every year in the Yuki Onsen’s surrounding neighborhood you can spot indigenous fireflies lighting up the night sky. Not to mention, there are tons of activities planned by Yuki Town’s resident organizations that take advantage of the seasonal wonders of the mountainside’s rivers, forests, and nature in general!

湯来町の歴史

Yuki's History

In 1956, the three villages of Kami-Minochi Village, Minochi Village, and Sagotani Village merged together to form what is now Yuki Town. Later on, the place came to be lovingly revered both near and far by the name of the “Yuki Onsen.” Kami-Minochi village itself grew through the forestry industry, and tourism quickly caught on as the Yuki Onsen’s industry selling point. As far as Minochi Village goes, they have the Yunoyama Onsen, and starting in 1994 an entire recreational center themed around onsen was established and opened up for the public. Old Sagotani Village was originally popularized for its amazing dairy farming products, and Sagotani Farms’ milk is a favorite for everyone across Hiroshima City. Yuki Town merged with Hiroshima City in 2005 and became present day “Saeki Ward, Yuki Town.” After merging with Hiroshima City, the town continues to use its abundant resources to boast a healthy, gorgeous, and lively mountainside village.

湯来の特産品

Yuki's Goods

Yuki specializes in all kinds of ripe and delicious fruits and vegetables picked from a nature filled environment, and their dried rolled persimmons are especially famous as well. Several local goods such as konjac, sturgeon, wild game cuisine, and the Minochi River’s own sweetfish can all be enjoyed here in Yuki Town. Also, Sagotani Farms’ milk and their gelato are super popular!

モデルコース紹介

Model Course Introduction

A relaxing E-Bike journey around Yuki

Spot 01 / Yuki Experience Center

E-Bike Rental, Cycling around Yuki.

The autumn course’s starting point is the Yuki Experience Center. Starting in 2009, the center opened to provide programs to allow visitors to enjoy nature, while also promoting Yuki’s traditional culture, agriculture and forestry, and its history. Here you can rent E-Bikes and even get handy coupons that you can use around Yuki’s several restaurants. E-Bikes are especially outfitted for smoothly climbing inclines that would normally be difficult for a regular bike, so you can take it easy and take in all the beauty that Yuki has to offer – From the gorgeous autumn leaves, to having a friendly conversation with some of the locals that you meet along the way. There’s a lot to discover out there on this course!

Average Time: 15 Minutes for Stay

Affiliated Sites: Yuki Experience Center

Spot 02 / Ishigatani-kyou (Ishigatani Canyon)

Nothing says “autumn” like rainbow colored trees and gorgeous falling leaves.

This area was actually acknowledged as one of Hiroshima District’s most scenic beauties in 1937. It’s a ravine spanning the tributary of the Minochi River, a whole 7 kilometers (4.3 miles) in length! The seasonal times for fresh green or autumn leaves are especially amazing, seeing tons of visits from hikers and tourists year-round. The clear river water and the even clearer air are sure to be a wonderful therapeutic treatment for anyone looking for a relaxer. Come on down and see what you can discover for yourself!

Average Time: 10 Minutes for Stay

Associated Sites: Ishigatani-kyou (Ishigatani Canyon)

Spot 03 / Hana Café Matsunoji

A little lesser known café that’d be perfect for a quick snack during your bike ride.

A hop and a skip away from the Yuki fishing hole is this quaint and cute restaurant named “Hana Café Matsunoji.” It has a beautiful Japanese-motif garden, lending it to be the perfect spot to take a load off and enjoy great food and a great view. Their kitchen specializes in Yuki produce such as wild game meats and fresh picked vegetables, as well as even wagyu! The couple that runs the shop tend to be super generous with serving up any fish that they catch out at the fishing hole, so if you’re lucky, you might get to try some of their freshly reeled goods. Also, we highly suggest trying out their delicious selection of sweets made from Sagotani Farms’ own fresh cream. Feel free to stay a while and chill out with your friends, family and pets!

Average Time: 40 Minutes for Stay

Associated Sites: Hana Café Matsunoji

Spot 04 / Kubo Agrifarming

Take in the wonders of nature on their vast, peaceful farmlands.

Fresh air and clear waters. The farmland is entirely self-sustained with magnificent home methods of growing the healthiest grass in order to raise the healthiest of cows. The place has its own café named “wondermilk FALO,” that operates directly with the farms, selling delicious gelato. You can also buy fresh vegetable produce here, as well as participate in fun butter churning events or even experience milking the cows firsthand!

Average Time: 25~60 Minutes for Stay

Associated Sites: Kubo Agrifarming

Spot 05/ Yuki Lodge

After enjoying the outdoors, drop on by for a rejuvenating, hot bath.

After you've finished exploring all around Yuki, come on back to the Yuki Experience Center to take a dip in the Yuki Lodge's luxurious onsen baths. The Yuki Lodge is nationally famous for the fantastic quality of its waters and for its convenient positioning next to the Minochi River. Their onsen is also well known for its therapeutic skin qualities and for how good its waters are on the body. The source spring water ranges around a crisp 28.3 degrees Celsius (83 degrees Fahrenheit), which is a little bit too chill for a proper bath, so the lodge goes ahead and preheats the source water to a warmer, comfortable temperature. Soaking in the Yuki Lodge's open-air onsen while listening to the tranquil sounds of the birds singing and the Minochi River's stream trickling on just nearby is a feeling incomparable with anything in this world! Some of the baths are also built using authentic and all natural hinoki cypress wood, possessing a potent cypress smell to match with their beautiful appearance. And if you're looking for a place to rent out, just nearby there's another great open-air onsen spot by the name of "Masa no Hinokiyu" that's available to check out.

Access

If visiting by car

Chugoku Expressway

- Access
- Car Icon---
- If visiting by car
- Chugoku Expressway
- Togouchi Interchange
- Yuki Lodge
- Approximately 30 Minutes from the Togouchi Interchange to Yuki Lodge
- Or

- Sanyo Expressway
 - Itsukaichi Interchange
 - Yuki Lodge
 - Approximately 30 Minutes from the Itsukaichi Interchange to Yuki Lodge
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- Shinkansen (Bullet Train)---
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- If visiting by Shinkansen
 - JA Hiroshima Station
 - Itsukaichi Station
 - Yuki Lodge
 - Approx. 15 Min. from Hiroshima Station to Itsukaichi Station by train. Approx. 75 Min. from Itsukaichi Station by bus line.
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- Plane---
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- If visiting by plane
 - Hiroshima Airport
 - Hiroshima Station
 - Itsukaichi Station
 - Yuki Lodge
 - Approx. 50 Min. from Hiroshima Airport to Hiroshima Station by bus. Approx. 15 Min. from Hiroshima Station to Itsukaichi Station by train. Approx. 75 Min. from Itsukaichi Station by bus line.
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Privacy Policy

Personal Information Protection Policy Statement

Our business is hard at work protecting the personal information of those using the sites that we manage.

In order for our business to provide our service, we require some of our customers' personal information. In order to protect the privacy of your information, our business undertakes several measures.

We respect our customers' privacy. We do not and will not in any way sell, trade, or use the customer's personal information illegitimately. By using this website and offering your personal information, you are confirming that you understand and accept the terms detailed in this privacy policy about the handling of customer personal information.

Our purpose for collecting personal information

We use the personal information that we collect for the purposes stated below.

- In order to use for promotion and for use in our services.
- In order to inform customers of services and products that may fit their preferences.
- In order to contact customers if needed.

Disclosure of Personal Information

Under the following circumstances, our business holds the right to disclose customer personal information without the customer's prior consent.

- If called, warranted, and/or ordered by police, judicial services, or any other government administration to disclose information.
- If gaining the customer's consent is difficult if ever posed with a situation concerning human life, health, or financial welfare.

Management of Personal Information

Along with managing our customers' personal information, we put forth the utmost care in preventing that personal information from being subject to destruction, damage, defamation, or being leaked.

Furthermore, in order to provide the best and most safe service for our customers, we entrust customers' personal information to an outside trustee that has been officially designated for proper handling of personal information.

The trustee uses a necessary amount of the customer's personal information in order to perform their business.

In these cases, our business forms a proper contract with the trustee involving the personal information, requesting proper handling and management of the information in question.

How we Direct our Employees

Regularly and when needed, we see that our employees are adequately educated on the importance of the protection of personal information.

Also, whenever our business is managing personal information, we provide an executive liable with responsible of the information in question, and see to it that it is handled properly and

that it is prevented from being leaked to outside entities. Furthermore, in regards to the dangers of outside improper access or falsification of information, we regularly implement safety methods for adequately and rationally protecting personal information.

Any data bases concerning personal information have their access privileges limited only to those applicable with the appropriate right to access it, and we regularly take care and consideration to assure that information is not illegally accessed by members of our own business.

About Links

For any uses of personal information in regards to site links, the use of this information will not abide by the thought process of our business' privacy policy, but rather by the privacy statement of the link destination owners in question.

Alterations of the Privacy Policy

In order to provide the best service to our customers, our business will work towards improving the entries listed above.

If we are ever to alter this document, we will make a publication about it on our website.

By publishing new privacy statements to our site, we can regularly work towards better methods for collecting and using information.

Please make sure to regularly check in on our site for any changes or updates.

Furthermore, if in any case we plan to use personal information in a way that was not previously stated when that information was first collected, we will either make a publication concerning it on our website or we will contact you via email.

The right to choose whether we are allowed to or not allowed to use this information in this circumstance is completely up to the customer.