

Izu Peninsula UNESCO Global Geopark

Land in motion

People say Izu is a land of poets
A historian says Izu is a miniature of Japan
I add: Izu is a land resembling the south
Izu is an art gallery that has every possible landscape
of mountains and sea in its possession
The whole Izu peninsula is one large park...

-Opening lines from "Introduction of Izu by Yasunari KAWABATA



Biodiversity

The climatic diversity of the peninsula directly contributes to its biodiversity. The Amagi Mountains is known for its forests of deciduous broadleaf trees such as Japanese Beech and Aceraceae family.

Geoconservation

At the geopark, there is an ongoing effort to understand the interrelationship between geological heritage and local society, which is reflected in the research on the heritages.



Volcanic landscape

Since the initial age of the peninsula till 20 million years before, volcanoes had erupted almost in the whole of the peninsula and large scale terrestrial volcanic eruptions were followed.



Culture

Mishima Taisha Shrine is the most important Shinto shrine. The presiding deity, or kami, is Mishima Daimyojin, a kami of fire. Mishima summer festival is one of the biggest festival.



Education

Educational programs of disaster mitigation serve saving our lives and the future possibilities because of the high risk of a natural disaster striking the region.

Tectonics

The Izu Peninsula is the only place in the world that two active volcanic arcs meet. Continuous movement of the Philippine Sea plate causes the collision orogeny and volcanisms as well as faulting activities.



Geotourism

You may enjoy many outdoor activities; guided tour, boat tour, kayaking, diving and trekking. High quality tourist services are provided by local enterprises.

