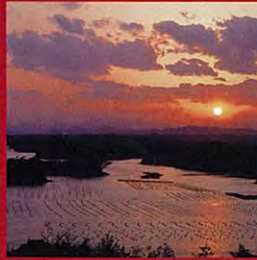
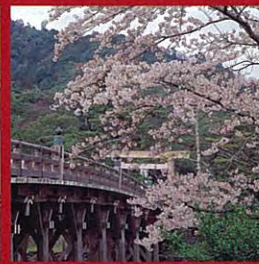


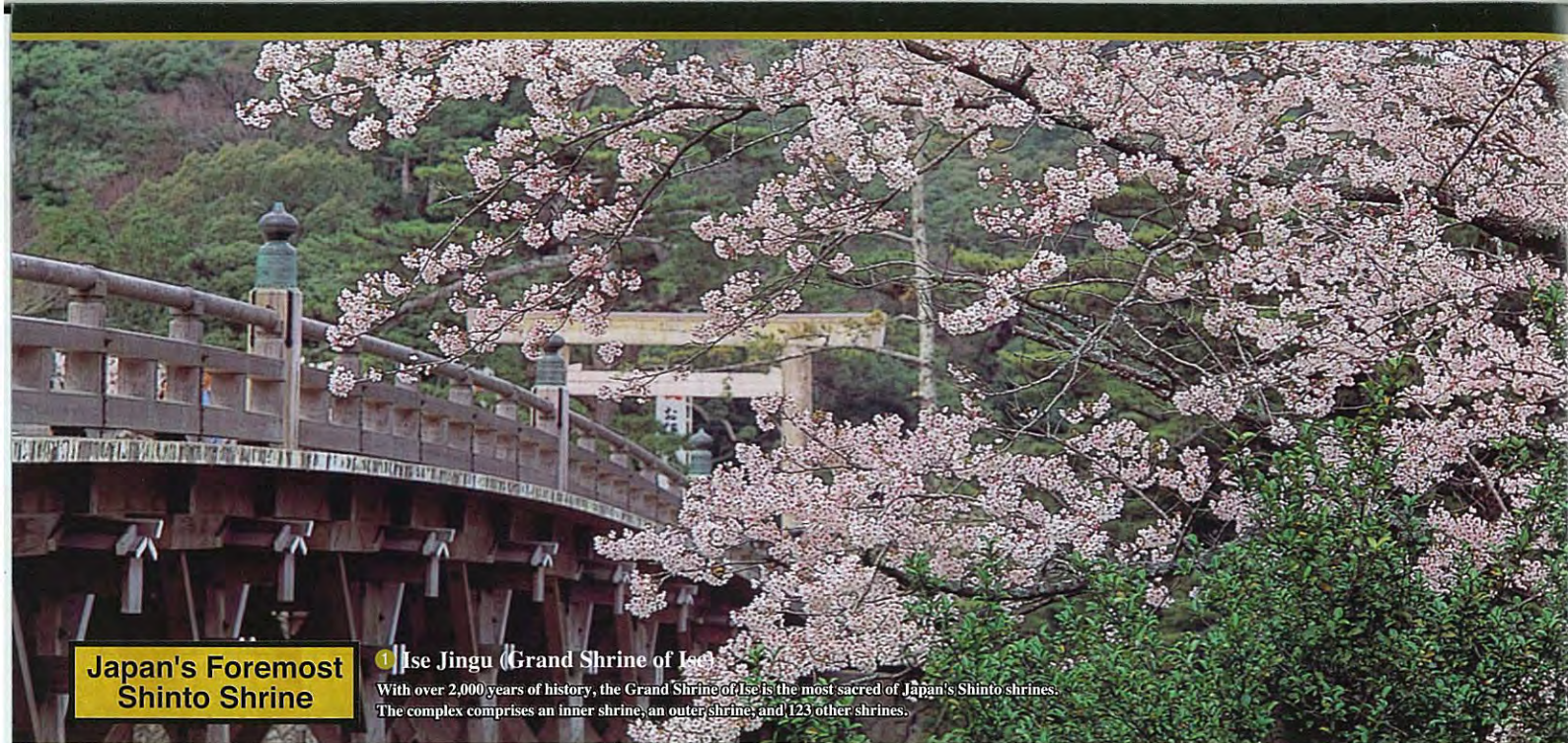
Welcome to **Japan**

MIE

Tour Guide

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Japan's Foremost Shinto Shrine

1 Ise Jingu (Grand Shrine of Ise)
 With over 2,000 years of history, the Grand Shrine of Ise is the most sacred of Japan's Shinto shrines. The complex comprises an inner shrine, an outer shrine, and 123 other shrines.


Traditional Festivals Live on in Mie Even Today

- 11 Meoto-iwa Rope-linking Ceremony**


- 12 Kumano Fireworks Festival**


Experience Japanese History Through Townscapes of Yesteryear and Traditional Culture

- 13 Seki-juku**

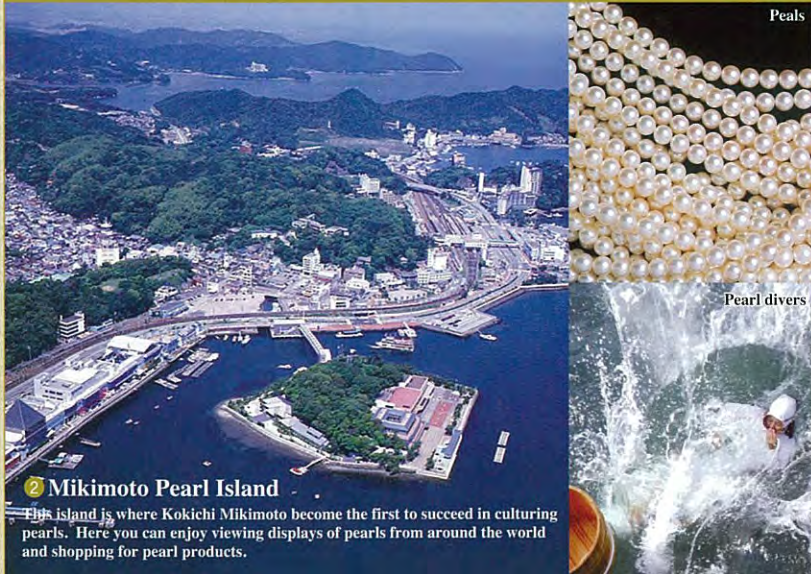

This ancient settlement flourished during Japan's feudal Edo period (1603 to 1868) as a post town along the Tokaido highway.
- 14 Hinjitsukan**


This historical building was constructed as a rest and lodging facility for visiting members of the imperial household in the Meiji period (1868 to 1912).
- 15 Iga Kumihimo (String Art)**



This traditional craft produces lovely colorful strands by braiding threads of gold and silver together with silk and other materials.
- 16 Okage Yokocho**



The townscape of time past is re-created along the streets leading to the inner shrine at the Grand Shrine of Ise. Here you can buy souvenirs and enjoy tasty local treats.

Mie – the Birthplace of Cultured Pearls, "Jewels of the Sea"





2 Mikimoto Pearl Island
 This island is where Kokichi Mikimoto became the first to succeed in culturing pearls. Here you can enjoy viewing displays of pearls from around the world and shopping for pearl products.


Peals


Pearl divers


Mie's Iga Ueno – the Home of the Ninja



5 Iga-ryu Ninja Museum


6 Iga Ueno Castle


Welcome to Mie, Japan

Located near the very center of Japan, Mie offers easy access from Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. Mie is also close to Kyoto and Nara, and enjoys visits from many people every year. If you just pass through Mie on the way to Kyoto or Nara, you'll miss out on a lot. Make Mie a destination on your visit to Japan!

7 Ago Bay
 Ago Bay, with its floating pearl-culturing rafts, is famed for its scenic evening views.

A site filled with information about Mie
 Mie Tourism Guide – the official website of Mie
<http://welcome.kankomie.or.jp/>

A Full Selection of Fun Attractions and Hands-on Experiences Available Only in Mie

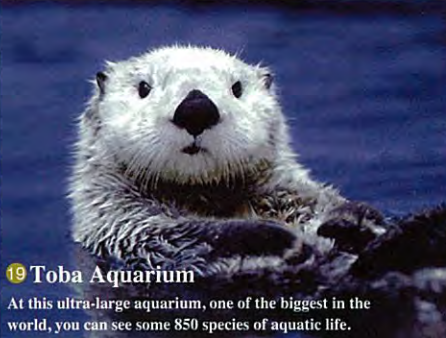
17 Experience the Huts for Women Divers
 Arzu diving is a traditional fishing method practiced by free-diving women. Enjoy the bounty of the sea in these huts used by the women to rest after returning with their catch.



18 Suzuka Circuit
 Formula One motorsport races are held at this international racing course.



19 Toba Aquarium
 At this ultra-large aquarium, one of the biggest in the world, you can see some 850 species of aquatic life.



Japan's Highest-Prized Name-brand Food Products

3 Matsusaka Beef
 This is Japan's top brand of beef, and comes from cattle raised with tender care. Savor it as sukiyaki, steaks, or more.



4 Japanese spiny lobster
 Also known as Ise-ebi, the "king of spiny lobsters" is harvested under stringent catch restrictions. It's also delicious as sashimi and prepared in Western-style dishes.



An Abundance of Nature-graced Hot Springs, Too

- 8 Tsu – Rotemburo (Open-air Hot Spring)**

- 9 Toba – Rotemburo (Open-air Hot Spring)**

- 10 Kashikojima – Rotemburo (Open-air Hot Spring)**




World Heritage

20 Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage Routes
 The Kumano Kodo were originally pilgrimage routes to the sacred Kumano mountains. Come feel the history that lives in these moss-covered stone paths.

Mie Prefecture Access Map



Railway Map



Model Courses

- Model Course 1 Full-throttle Funland Trip**
 Origin = 21 Nagashima Spa Land - Jazz Dream Nagashima = Kuwana (overnight stay)
 Kuwana = 18 Suzuka Circuit = Origin
- Model Course 2 Japanese History Experience Trip**
 Origin = 5 Iga-ryu Ninja Museum 6 Iga Ueno Castle = Tsu (overnight stay)
 Tsu = 13 Seki-juku = Origin
- Model Course 3 Ise-Shima Resort Trip**
 Origin = 3 Matsusaka (Matsusaka beef lunch) =
 = 19 Toba Aquarium 2 Mikimoto Pearl Island = Ise/Toba/Shima (overnight stay)
 Ise/Toba/Shima = 22 Nemu no Sato (golf or other recreation) = 23 Shima Spain Village = Origin
- Model Course 4 Kumano Kodo and Grand Shrine of Ise Pilgrimage**
 Origin = 20 Kumano Kodo (one-day walk - overnight stay)
 Kumano Kodo = 1 Grand Shrine of Ise 16 Okage Yokocho = Origin