

TOUSHI-JIMA island

Area : 6.98 km²

Coast line : 26,300m

Population : 2,133 (2017)



You can find a symbolic on every house, it is called "Maruhachi": a letter "Hachi" inside a circle. It's a charm for good hauls and peace of the family. The letter "Hachi" comes from Hachiman shrine which has a ritual in deep winter every year. During the ritual, the men bring the sacred ink called "Omato" and the other men scramble it, then they bring it back and draw Maruhachi on their houses and boats.



Most wells sometimes supply water mingled with the salt water, however, the water here is always pure because it comes from the mountain. This well was really important for inhabitants before the city water has been laid on.

NISHIGO no IDO

~ Nishigo well ~

The main shrine is installed every 20 years. The white pebbles are picked and dedicated by mothers who pray for their children's health and well growth on the hundred days celebration from the birth. The pebbles express the prayer of the mothers that's why people take their shoes off when they enter the hall of worship.

MITARASHI Shrine

Find DRAGON TREE!!

Chouonji temple

Nursery school

Tsubaki park

New Yamashichi

Wagu

Shirahama Beach

Blue Field

Odoshi Market

Odoshi Tunnel

Irido

Teiyou

Ama's hut

Toushi Market

Ama-no-shima-so

Mihama

Maruto shokudō

Boarding point

Honseiji temple

Kadosa

Post office

Tomiei

City office

brunch

Ronku Shokudō

Police

Shima

Misaki

Electric

Fruits & Vegetables

Butcher

Liquor

Tōfu

Grocery store

TOUSHI

(R) Ryokan

(P) Restaurant

(S) Shop

(T) Restroom

(Y) Night spot

Most of alleys in Toshima are super narrow and people can pass by car only a few of these. A smith Jinjiro designed a handcart which is suitable using in the alleys.

JINJIRO CART



SANDE NO SOKO
~The bottom of a turban shell~

Sande is turban shell in Toshima dialect. This alley becomes narrower so as to advance, or shapes a spiral, or is a blind alley, like a bottom of "Sande", so people call this area "Sande-no-soko".

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