

Where did the name “Tojinbo Cliffs” come from?

The name came from a Buddhist monk named Tojinbo who was trained at the Eiheiji Temple more than 1,000 years ago in the Heian Era. The temple is located far away, about 50 km east of the cliffs.

Tojinbo was a very violent monk and always had trouble with people. One day he was asked to come to the cliffs by a rival monk named Magarakakunen. They were both in love with a princess named Aya. He was enticed to drink so much that he became completely drunk. Then he was pushed off the cliffs into the sea and died.

After the day of his death, the sea was incredibly stormy for 49 days. Ever since then the cliffs have been called the “Tojinbo Cliffs” .



3 Literary Monuments

The Tojinbo Cliffs are appreciated by many writers such as Tatsuji Miyoshi, Jun Takami and Kyoshi Takahama. Their literary monuments are along the walkway.



1 Rock Terrace

Visitors are free to walk close to the unmarked edges of the cliffs. The sheer cliffs are truly dynamic. Please watch your step.



4 Flat Rocks

When the sea is calm, you can walk down the cliffs. The sea water is very clear and the rocks of the cliffs are sliced horizontally. There was formerly a rock quarry here for the breakwaters.

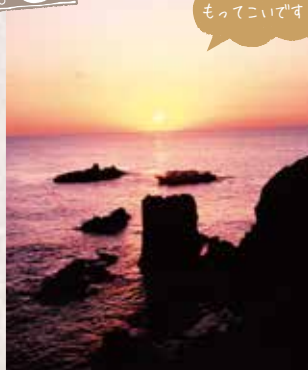


5 Lion Rock

Each andesite rock has a unique name. You can see them from the Sightseeing Ferry.

2 Sunset

The sunsets are in the top 100 most beautiful sunsets in Japan. Autumn is the best season of the year to see them. Please prepare well for the chilly and strong winds.



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One of Japan's Top 100 Most Beautiful Horizons and Sunsets

On a sunny day the horizon from the cliffs is very clear. The big stream from Kuzuryugawa River makes changes in the sea depth level which results in the sea water being different colors ranging from navy to light blue.

Tojinbo Cliffs have also been chosen to be one of the top 100 most beautiful places for sunsets in Japan. Please enjoy amazing views of the sky and the sea at any time.



There are many great sights to see

絶景!!



▼ A small island to the north of Tojinbo Cliffs called Oshima Island



10 Oshima Island

There is a small island to the north of Tojinbo Cliffs called Oshima Island. It is believed to be the island where gods dwell. Visitors can walk across the red bridge to the island. It is a 5 minute walk from the Tojinbo bus stop.



6 Sightseeing Ferry

The dynamic views from the Sightseeing Ferry are even better. Some spots can only be seen from the ferry. Beehive Rock, Couple Rock and Candle Rock are especially good views.



7 Columnar joints

The columnar joints of pyroxene andesite are a very rare geological phenomenon. These can only be seen in three places around the world. The cliffs were solidified from magma about 13 million years ago.



8 Lagoon

The most breathtaking view is the lagoon called “Oike”. The sheer 25 meter drop off the cliff is more than enough to scare visitors. Watch your step!



9 Sea Caves

The cliffs have some sea caves formed by stormy waves and strong wind from the sea. The scattered caves are fabulous.