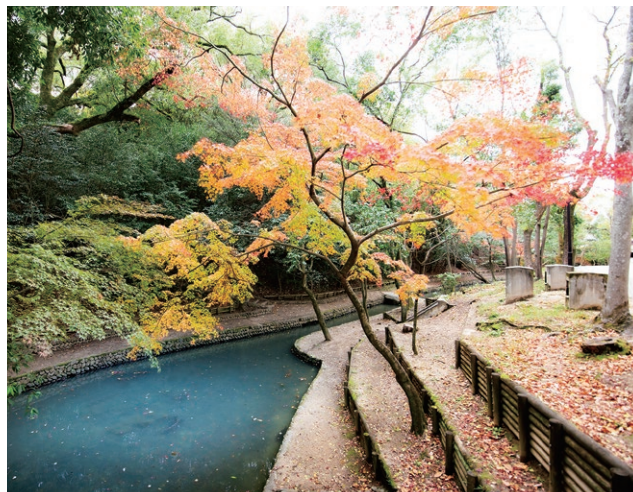


A 5-minute walk up a hill!

6 #dogokoen (observation deck)



A 360-degree view opens up at the observation deck at the top of the hill from which you can see sites like the Matsuyama Castle and, on clear days, Seto Inland Sea in the far distance.



6 #dogokoenpark

The egret is one of Dōgo Onsen's symbols



6 #dogokoenpark

The park attracts large crowds during the cherry blossom season



4 #hogonjitemple

There are two ginkgo trees whose leaves turn colors at different times

5 Notice the designs at #isaniwajinjashrine

The vibrant shrine pavilion, decorated with intricate carvings and colors, is fascinating to view. Many of the motifs are of auspicious plants and animals



A design of a dove, messenger of Shintō deity Hachiman



Ebikōryō ("shrimp-shaped" transverse tie beam) decorated with arabesque design



Many engravings can be seen above the tie beam

### Dōgo Time Exploration "Dōgo Toki (time) meguri"

Dōgo Onsen Honkan sounds the Toki Daiko ("time drum") to announce the time three times each day. Dōgo Time Exploration offers recommendations for walks around town based on the theme of "time," which may indicate the different timeframes during which various types of atmospheres can be experienced, the changing of the seasons, or cultural customs passed down over times past.



Dōgo Toki Meguri official site

### The 3 types of Dōgo town exploration ("meguri")

- (1) "Dōgo Time Exploration" for exploring the various forms of time <https://dogo.jp/tokimeguri/>
- (2) "Dōgo Village Exploration" for experiencing history and culture <https://dogo-shoutengai.jp/murameguri/>
- (3) "Dōgo Good Luck Exploration" for visiting shrines and temples <https://dogo-kaiunmeguri.info/>



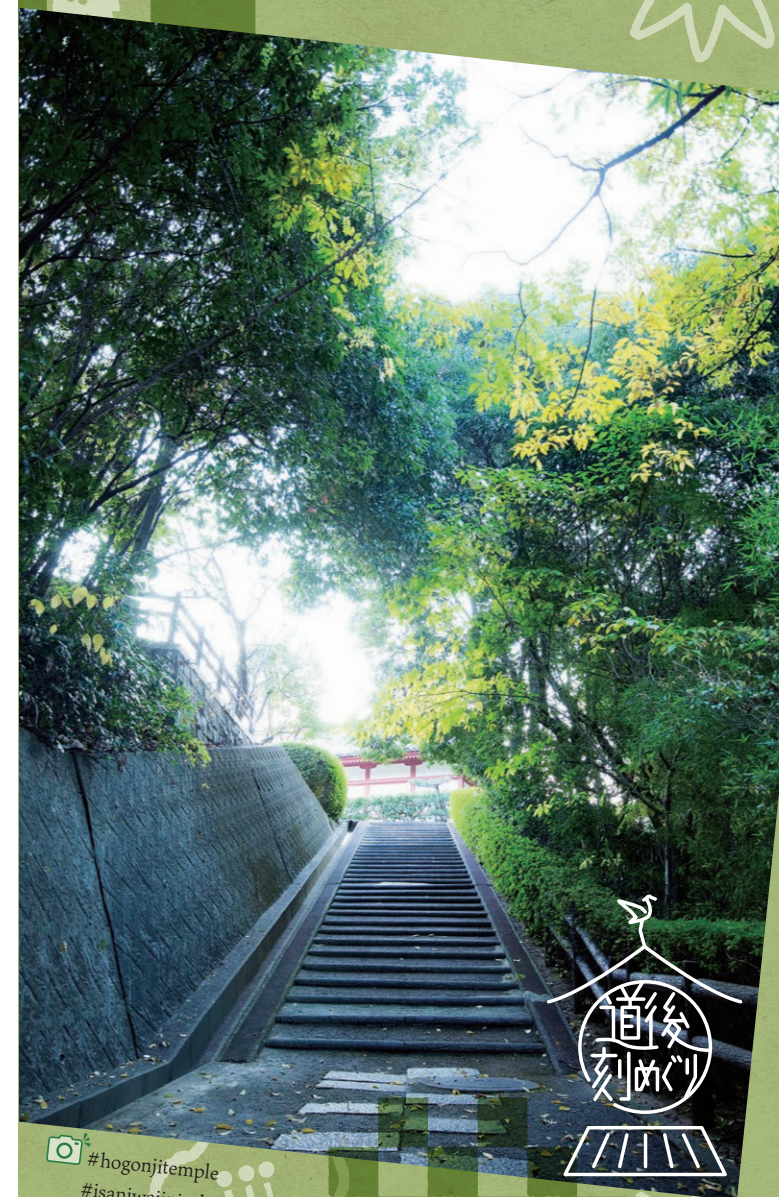
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Dōgo Time Exploration

#4

Nature-lovers' walk



#hogonjitemple  
#isaniwajinjashrine #shortcut

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# #4 Nature-lovers' walk

While Dōgo is a hot spring district located in a downtown area, there are Dōgo Park to the south that is perfect for Nature-lovers' walk, and shrines and temples at the mountain's foothills rich with greenery to the east. It is a great area for enjoying Japan's beautiful seasons.



**Keys**

- Tourist Information Center
- Toilets
- Convenience store
- ATM for overseas issued cards
- Hot spring
- Police box
- Museum
- Historical building (shrine, temple, etc.)
- Foot and Hand-baths are free. Bringing a towel is recommended. Usage times vary.
- Handbath
- Matsuyama Free Wi-Fi available.
- Coin lockers are located next to the bus stop and the Tourist Information Center. If all lockers are full, consult the Tourist Information Center (8:30 am-5 pm).

**Matsuyama City The Shiki Museum**  
Haiku is Japanese poetry that uses 17 syllables of 5, 7 and 5, celebrating the sentiments of the four seasons. A museum at the north end of the Dōgo Park features the life and works of MASAOKA Shiki, regarded as the father of modern haiku.



Fall foliage (ginkgo, sweetgum, Chinese tallow, etc.)

A 400-year-old camphor tree

A hilly area of thickets made of such trees as Japanese blue oak, Chinese cork oak, and Chinese hackberry

Observation deck  
Can get a 360° view

Kingfishers sometimes come for a visit

The somei-yoshino cherry blossoms are beautiful in the spring

**Other recommended spots**

- ### 1 Botchan Karakuri Clock & Footbath

坊ちゃんカラクリ時計・足湯

185m  
4min.  
12kcal

There are willows and the babbling of the river nearby that add an elegant atmosphere to the hot spring district. This river, which crosses the Yu-no-Machi district, runs beneath the shopping arcade and reappears at the Promenade Nikitatsu-no-Michi.

#willow
  - ### 2 Asuka-no-Yu

飛鳥乃湯泉

280m  
6min.  
18kcal

The Tsubaki-no-Mori ("camellia forest") in the courtyard recreates the beautiful scene of Prince Shōtoku's visit to bathe here in year 596. About 160 trees of camellia, Matsuyama's city flower, were planted here, and many flowers bloom on one tree after another.

#asukanoyu
  - ### 3 Sora-no-Sanpomichi (sky promenade & footbath)

空の散歩道・足湯

370m  
7min.  
23kcal

There is a garden where visitors can enjoy seasonal flowers, including a trellis of wisteria, as well as cherry blossoms in the spring, hydrangea in summer, maple leaves in autumn, and camellias in winter. There is also a monument engraved with haiku in the original handwriting by poet MASAOKA Shiki, whose first name sounds the same as the Japanese word for "four seasons."

#soranosanpomichi
  - ### 4 Hōgon-ji Temple

宝蔵寺

150m  
3min.  
9kcal

The birthplace of Ippen Shōnin, the founder of Ji-shū, a Japanese Buddhist sect, and the creator of the roots of Bon dance. Birds chirp on the grounds, which is decorated by cherry blossoms in the spring, and by the colored foliage of two large ginkgo trees and maple in the fall.

#hogonjitemple
  - ### 5 Isaniwa-jinja Shrine

伊佐爾波神社

320m  
6min.  
20kcal

Here you will see one of only three examples in Japan of the shrine architecture Hachiman-zukuri in proper shape, and it is officially designated as an Important Cultural Property. The area is surrounded by camellia hedges. Many native trees, such as Japanese blue oak and *Kakuremino*, create a forest for the village shrine.

#isaniwajinashrine
  - ### 6 Dōgo-kōen Park

道後公園

While famous for its cherry blossoms, the park can be enjoyed for its many seasonal flowers and trees. As it was formerly a medieval castle site, you will find plants that have been growing in Japan since ancient times. There is also a camellia forest on the hill to the west.

#dogokoenpark
- |               |                |          |               |            |           |
|---------------|----------------|----------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Spring</b> | Cherry blossom | Wisteria | <b>Summer</b> | Water lily | Hydrangea |
| <b>Fall</b>   | Ginkgo         | Maple    | <b>Winter</b> | Camellia   | Nandina   |
- \*Distance, time, and energy consumption figures are approximate